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## Letter from the Editor

Phil Jerome



Guess who's back on the front page? Yep, it's me again. Back on Page One a whole lot sooner than I had expected. I'm not really on an ego trip. What happened is that the boss informed me that there might have been a little confusion about the subscription drive we concluded a few weeks ago.

As you might recall, we sent out free papers to everybody in Novi for three consecutive weeks so they could see what the paper is all about. The third week we inserted an envelope so people could send in their subscriptions.

The problem was that we also included a little survey, asking people what they would do differently if they were editor of the paper.

What has happened is that we're getting back a lot more surveys than we are subscriptions. So the boss said to put myself back on the front page and remind people they can subscribe to the paper by calling our circulation department at 349-3637.

Of course, you can also call our office at 349-1700. And, the invitation still stands to talk to me directly. Tell me what you like and don't like about the paper. Or how we can make it better.

The other reason the boss wanted me to get back on Page One was to give you a quick update on what we're learning from the survey. Kathy Mutch, a Novi resident, called me a couple of weeks ago and wanted to know whether I really intended to read the surveys or was it just a public relations ploy.

It's no ploy. In fact, the surveys have made for some extremely interesting reading.

Although I will make a comprehensive report at a future date, I'll hit on a few highlights right now to let you know how things are going.

The most interesting part of the survey has been the response to the very first question. I.e. "The three most interesting parts of The Novi News are:"

Right up at the top of the list are "police and crime news" and "coverage of city council and school board news." Ranking a strong third is "Opinions and Letters to the Editor."

The results are particularly interesting to me as I have been accused by my peers at times of putting more emphasis on "hard news" (police, city council and school board) than "soft news" (clubs, organizations and features about people).

Preliminary survey results indicate clearly that you want me to give you the so-called "hard news" about what's going on in our city.

Ranking at the bottom of the list to the first question were "coverage of clubs and organizations," "coverage of high school sports" and "feature stories about friends and neighbors."

Here are some other tidbits of information from the survey:

□ The majority of people think our coverage of crime in the community is about right, although some would like more emphasis on crimes in local neighborhoods.

□ In terms of more coverage of local merchants, it's about 50-50 between "yes" and "coverage is about right."

□ A strong majority of people said we should have more news about entertainment opportunities in and around Novi. We'll start working on that one right away, and you should start to see results before much more time elapses.

□ Should we devote more coverage to home improvements, interior decorating, lawn and garden, etc? The answer to this one surprised me. I thought this was one area where we could do a lot more, but the people who sent in surveys said otherwise. Most said current coverage is about right, while "no" was a strong second. Ranking a distant third were people who felt we should do more in this area.

In short, the survey results and your comments have been extremely helpful. I hope you'll be able to see the results of your comments as we make adjustments in the paper in the weeks and months ahead.

In the meantime, folks, keep those cards and letters coming. They're appreciated.

## Beck plaza fight 'not over' yet

By PHIL GINOTTI  
staff writer

Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD) has organized a new petition drive, hoping to overturn the latest commercial zoning at Ten Mile and Beck Road.

CRD leaders told a crowd of about 50 at the Novi Civic Center Monday that time is short and hard work is needed if the new petition drive is going to be a success.

"If we're going to get the other 2,500 signatures we need, we're going to have to get out there and work," CRD organizer James Shaw said.

"I assure you that it is not over,"

he added. "We've got to have the numbers. The numbers will do it."

The new drive virtually mirrors the first, which was undertaken earlier this year in an effort to overturn a B-2 zoning on a 10-acre parcel on the northeast corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection. The city council enacted the rezoning amid protests in October, paving the way for a large grocery store, shopping center, gas station and restaurant to be developed.

After CRD organized its first petition drive, the council rescinded the B-2 zoning Feb. 6, then, in a surprise move, rezoned the area to B-1 on March 6. That B-1 zoning will still permit construction of the

grocery store and shopping center, but prohibits the service station and restaurant at the corner.

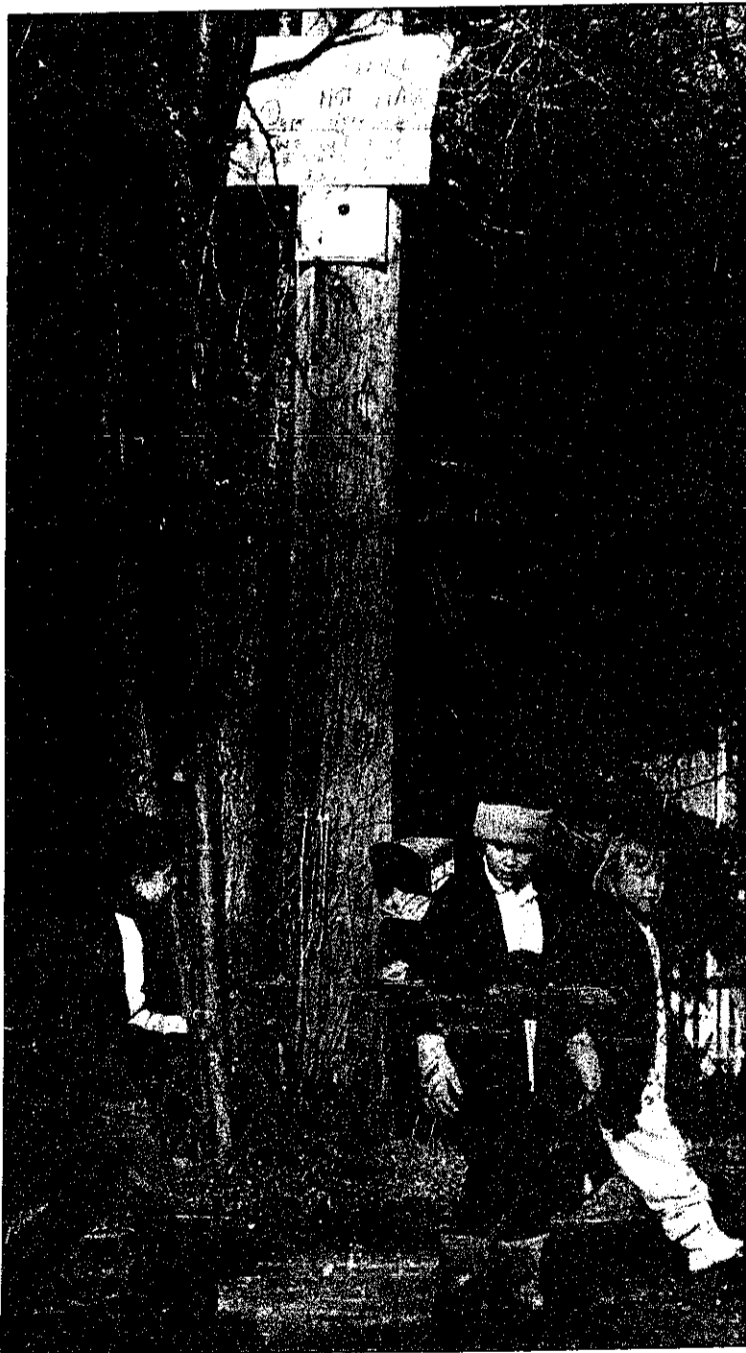
Technically, the area still retains its former B-1 and R-4 (residential) status until March 21 — 15 days after it was enacted by the city council.

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□ Citizens group seeks challenger in 1989 mayoral race/7A

□ Master plans have called for Ten/Beck shopping center since 1967/11A

**Pope: 'The people's voice is going to be heard. We're going to have curveballs thrown at us by the city and the developer.'**



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Residents on Endwell Street in northern Novi say they are deeply concerned for their own safety and the safety of the children due to the presence of an alleged "drug

house" in their neighborhood. Police confiscated a quantity of narcotics paraphernalia during a raid of the house last month but failed to turn up any drugs.

## Residents fight lake drug traffic

By AMY ROSA  
staff writer

Residents on Endwell Street in northern Novi say they are tired of the drug traffic on their street, and are fighting back the only way they know how.

About half of the 15 Endwell Street residents — a street adjacent to Walled Lake north of Thirteen Mile — have displayed "fighting back" signs on their lawns, saying they will not tolerate the reopening of a "dope house" on their street, which they say is called "Cocaine Alley."

If that doesn't work and the drug traffic resumes, residents say they will picket the alleged "dope house" to try to force the residents out of business.

"We really don't know what we can do, or what to do. We just want some help to get it done," said

Cherie Burcham, a wife and mother of three who lives just two houses down from the so-called "dope house."

The "dope house" — as referred to by Endwell residents, including their children — was raided last month by Novi and Michigan State Police after they obtained a search warrant from the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

No drugs were found in the one-story blue cottage, although Novi Police Captain Richard Faulkner reported that some drug paraphernalia was confiscated.

Taken from the house, Faulkner said, were glass smoking pipes, often called "crack pipes," and bags of white powder that may have been used as a cutting agent in the making of crack cocaine.

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## Novi gas station target of robbery

An unspecified amount of cash was stolen from the Novi Standard Station at the Grand River/Novi Road intersection during an armed robbery which occurred Sunday, March 5.

The station attendant told police that a vehicle occupied by two suspects entered the station from westbound Grand River at approximately 2:45 a.m. After making a U-turn, the vehicle stopped in front of the station and a single white male wearing a ski mask exited the passenger's side and entered the station.

The man told the attendant he wanted all the money in the cash register, then put his hand inside his jacket and announced that he had a gun.

Although a weapon was never observed during the incident, the attendant opened the cash register and placed all the money in a brown paper bag, according to reports.

The man wearing the ski mask then ordered the attendant to give him a handful of quarters. After receiving the quarters, the

suspect ordered the attendant to lie down on the floor behind the counter. He then ran outside the station and got back into the vehicle which drove away in an unknown direction.

The attendant notified police after he heard the vehicle pull out of the station, but responding officers were unable to locate the vehicle in the vicinity of the gas station.

The attendant described the armed robber as a white male, approximately 6'3" to 6'5" tall. He was said to be wearing a brown down-filled jacket and blue jeans. He also wore gloves during the entire time he was in the station, making it impossible for police to obtain finger prints.

The attendant was unable to provide a description of the driver of the car, but described the vehicle as a late-model brown Ford Thunderbird or Mercury Cougar.

The attendant was unharmed during the incident. Police are withholding the amount of money stolen during the armed robbery.

## Jaycees honor Kureth as winner of 1988 DSA

By PHILIP JEROME  
managing editor

Chuck Kureth settled back in his chair and drew thoughtfully on his pipe in his office Sunday afternoon.

"Why do I do it? Why do I donate so much time to the city and the community?" he asked, repeating the reporter's questions.

"I like it," he said finally. "My wife said it best when she said volunteerism is my hobby."

"I suppose some sense of civic responsibility is involved, and there's a sense of having done something worthwhile at times which is very rewarding. But the biggest thing is that I truly enjoy it. . . I enjoy working with other people to try to make this community a better place to live."

Kureth's contributions to the city during the

past year were officially recognized last Saturday when he was named recipient of the 1988 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) at the annual Community Recognition Breakfast sponsored by the Novi Jaycees.

As winner of the 1988 DSA, Kureth becomes the 17th individual to receive the award — generally regarded as the highest honor in the City of Novi — since it was initiated back in 1972.

"I was totally surprised when they announced my name as the winner," reflected Kureth in his office Sunday afternoon. "I was surprised because of the other people who were nominated for the award. There were some very, very good people . . . people for whom I have a great deal of respect."

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**TONY SPINA:**  
Photojournalist speaks  
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**HI-TECH TV:**  
High Definition TV  
comes to the market soon/6C

# LEAP IN LIMERICKS

By the Ford Plant, a doctor named Jack  
Had found his way right to the back.  
He said, "Don't you see  
"Someone's calling for me."  
The ducks then repeated, "Quack,  
quack."  
—Mr. John C. Colling, Northville

There once was a dachshund named Sunny  
Whose actions were ever so funny.  
She snapped at a fly,  
And said with a sigh,  
"That sure would taste better with  
honey."  
—Andrea Parent, Novi

You thought that signing a petition  
Would do more good than just wishin'  
But in Novi you find  
Councils make up our mind  
So all we can do is keep bitchin'  
—Rawland Storm, Novi

There once was a boy named Tom  
Who had a temper of a nuclear  
bomb.  
A boy made him mad,  
Tom got very bad  
Then the little boy ran to his mom.  
—Ryan Staples, Novi

There once was a leprechaun named Shane.  
He usually carried a cane.  
His favorite color is green  
And boy is he mean  
In fact he is a great pain.  
—Brian Klem, Novi

We asked you to write limericks and you answered our request. The results of our first Limerick Contest far exceeded our expectations — a total of 146 Novi and Northville residents submitted entry forms.  
When faced with the task of selecting a winner our panel of judges decided to choose more than one winner — an adult and a child from each community.  
Here's a briefing on each of the winners. Tony Dobson, 13, is a seventh-grader at Novi Middle School. He wrote his winning limerick

as a project for English class. Dobson described the experience as "it was OK."  
Dobson has a brother and sister and lives on Christina Lane in Novi. He said his favorite hobby is playing hockey. Next year he said he hopes to play on a hockey team.  
Our adult winner, Eva Dawn Aruffo, is the wife of Novi Planning Commissioner Ernest Aruffo. She clearly enjoyed writing limericks — evident by the fact that she entered several. The Aruffos admitted that the experience of limerick writing was a lot of fun.

There was a young lady from Spain  
Who no one could ever call plain.  
He loved her on sight  
And keep him she might,  
She had always wanted a Great Dane.  
— Ruth Wolff, Novi

It comes once a year, along with its  
lore,  
The day that all the Irish wait for.  
St. Patrick's Day is its name,  
Makes other holidays seem tame  
As it is celebrated from shore to  
shore.  
— Michael Sarkisstan, Novi

There once was a four-leaf clover  
That sadly was deformed all over.  
There was just no way  
He would make St. Patrick's Day.  
He'll just have to wait till it's over.  
— Heather Marks, Novi

St. Patrick's Day is near,  
I'd better get out of here.  
I'll get pelted with green,  
Which I think is so mean  
And from me they'll draw a tear.  
— Chris Duprey, Novi

**A shamrock he proudly displayed.  
He'd march in the St. Pat's parade.  
With green brew inside him  
Great woe did betide him.  
He couldn't quite walk, I'm afraid.**



Adult winner: Eva Dawn Aruffo, Broquet, Northville (lives in Novi city limits)



**There once was a boy with a ball  
Who rolled it down city hall.  
It hit an old granny,  
who fell on her fanny -  
And the boy got sued for the fall.**

Child winner: Tony Dobson - 13, Christina Lane, Novi

Wearing green is for Kermit the  
Frog  
It wouldn't look good on a hog  
Now you may not think  
That I should wear pink  
So today I'm "Miss Piggy Go  
Brough!"  
— Suzanne Everett, Novi

Our readers proved they have a lot  
of Irish spirit. Thanks to everyone  
who entered our first limerick con-  
test.  
It wasn't easy to select the win-  
ners. Whether inspired by local  
issues or fictional characters, there  
were several limericks that were  
favorites among our panel of judges.  
Following is a sampling of those  
favorites:

A destitute "Lady of Chance"  
Passed many an eye with no glance  
She bet on a horse  
It tripped, of course,  
And now she's "Queen of the  
Dance!"  
— S.L.U., Northville

He came from Erin with a dream  
in his eye,  
And worked hard for his piece of  
the pie.  
After he made his money  
He said to his honey  
"Tis a shamrock, this place called  
Novi."  
— Larry Aho, Northville

I was lucky down at the track,  
Put my money in a big old sack.  
Oh, what a day!  
The sack blew away  
Guess I'll go sit on a tack!  
— Tyler McCarthy, Northville

There once was an obnoxious punk,  
Who tried his best to flunk.  
He never did his best,  
On every single test  
In the end he became a monk.  
— Karen Roach, Northville

There was an Irish lad named  
Flynn,  
Who's hair was beginning to thin.  
Magic potions he sought,  
But he finally bought  
A cigar box to keep his hair in.  
— Irv Kalb, Novi







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# Sports

**REC BRIEFS:**  
Parks & Rec hosts youth gymnastics classes/2D

**NO RESPECT:**  
Wildcat spikers blanked on All-KVC team/3D

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Health experts tout benefits of oat bran/6D

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Try these hints for coping with stress/6D

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## Cohen swims to fourth state title

### Tankers wind up in ninth

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

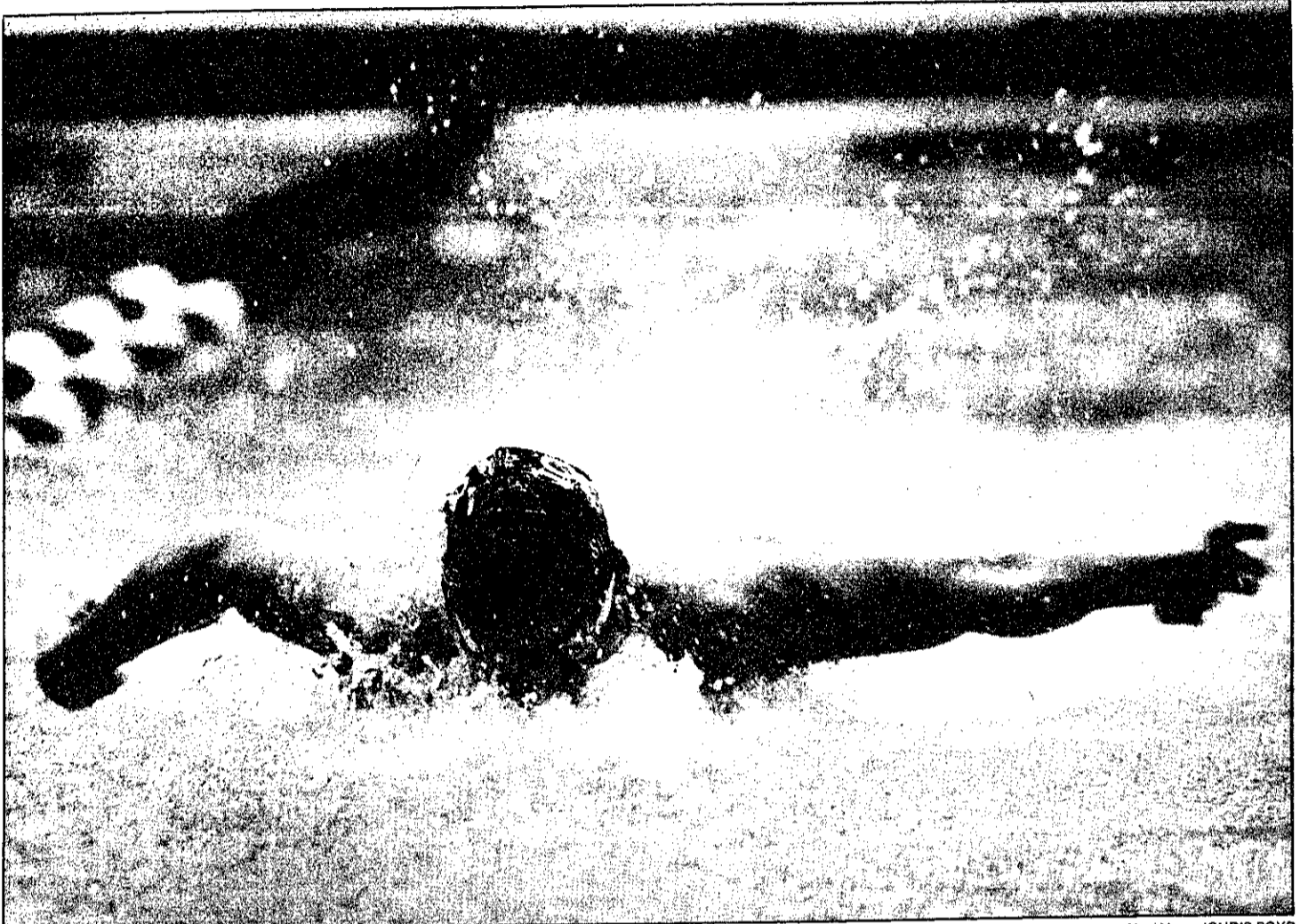
The quest to win two state swimming titles in one season eluded Novi's John Cohen for the fourth and final time last weekend at Michigan State's Charles McCaffrey Pool.

The Wildcat All-American grabbed his third state crown in the 200-yard individual medley on March 11 at the boys Class A Championship Swim Meet. But he finished second in the 500 freestyle for the third consecutive year. He fell to Lansing Eastern's Alec Mull in the finals by just 19-hundredths of a second.

As a team, the fourth-ranked Wildcats ended up finishing ninth overall with 46 points — far behind the winners from East Kentwood (118 points).

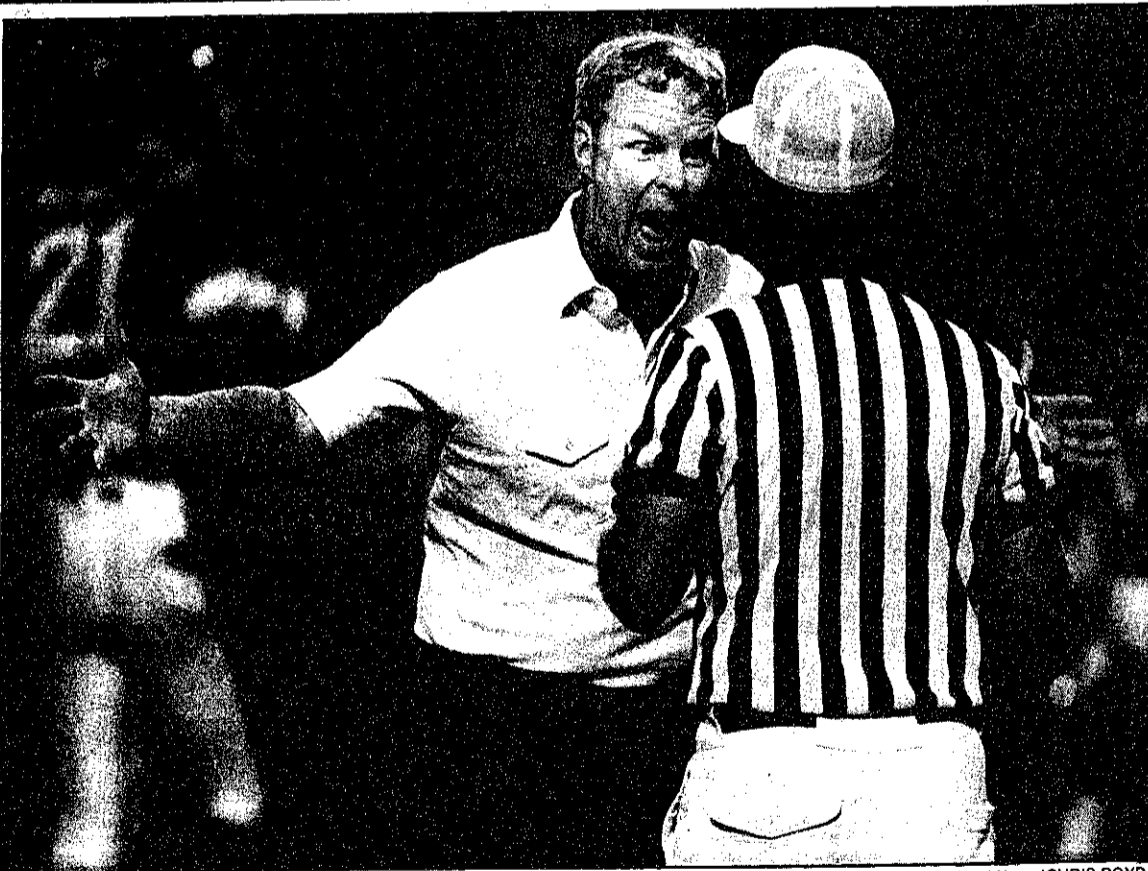
"I'm pretty happy with the way things turned out in general," Novi Coach Larry Teahan said. "We had a few bad breaks, but we knew heading in that we didn't have enough qualifiers to win the meet anyway. Last year we were eighth, and even though we moved down a slot, we swam well. Every swimmer we had in the meet — in every event — had their best times of the season."

For Cohen, it was the culmination of an incredible prep career that featured numerous school, county and state records and four state titles — one in each of the last four years.



Jon Cohen churns through the butterfly en route to a state championship in the 200 individual medley

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD



Novi Coach John Osborne has been named to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's Hall of Fame

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

## Osborne joins 'Hall of Fame'

Prep football legend John Osborne — the only grid coach in the history of Novi High School — will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's (MHSFCA) Hall of Fame on April 8.

Osborne, who led the Wildcats to the Class A semifinals last fall, will be one of 25 outstanding high school football coaches from Michigan to be inducted this year. The event is open to the public and will get underway at 6 p.m. at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena.

Criteria for induction into the Hall of Fame is 20 years of coaching and/or 100 victories. Amazingly, Osborne has accomplished both at the varsity level, and at one school. He currently sports a 121-77 record in 22 seasons at Novi — including a remarkable 27-4 mark and three straight Kensington Valley Conference titles over the last three years.

Osborne has been an MHSFCA Regional "Coach of the Year" six times and was the head coach of the 1988 East squad in last year's Michigan High School All-Star Football Game.

Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered by sending a check payable to "Hall of Fame Banquet" to Ike Muhlenkamp, 2627 Willa Drive, St. Joseph, Mich. 49085. The special

Osborne, who led the Wildcats to the Class A semifinals last fall, will be one of 25 outstanding high school football coaches from Michigan to be inducted this year.

guest speaker will be U-M Football Coach and Athletic Director Bo Schembechler. For more information call Don Lessner at 671-6072 or 285-7361.

Osborne was nominated for induction by Neil Geoghegan, sports writer for The Novi News.

## State eyes plan to expand grid playoff divisions

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

**EDITORS NOTE:** This is part one of a two-part series dealing with a proposal submitted to the Michigan High School Athletic Association to increase the prep football enrollment classifications from four to six.

A proposal that would increase the number of high school football divisions from four to six is currently under consideration in Michigan — a move that could have a big impact on the gridiron programs at Novi and Northville high schools.

The plan was submitted to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) by the Macomb County Athletic Directors Association and will, in effect, add AAA and AA enrollment designations to the current four-class system (A, B, C and D).

The proposal is designed to alleviate large enrollment spans that currently exist and would allow 32 additional participants in the post-season playoffs.

"I see a lot of advantages in the plan," said Novi Athletic Director John Fundukian. "The enroll-

ment span between the largest and smallest Class A schools has now reached 2,276 students and, in my opinion, that's too much."

The proposal is gaining support among smaller Class A schools like Novi (1,110 students) and Northville (1,195). If the plan is approved, both schools would fit into the middle of a new AA division and would not have to compete against the state's largest high schools — with enrollments over 1,366 — if they qualify for the MHSAA football playoffs.

Last fall, Novi advanced all the way to the Class A semifinals, only to lose to Traverse City — a school with a student body nearly three times its size.

"I like the fact that it would cut down on teams having to go against opponents with one or two thousand more students," Northville Athletic Director Dennis Colligan said. "I haven't studied it real closely, but it appears to be an attempt to get the enrollment breakdowns at a reasonable level."

Under the proposed system, the 623 schools in the state that offer varsity football would be divided into six classes with about 104 schools in each division. The current playoff points system would

be modified, and points awarded equally for the following three groups: a win over a AAA or AA team would be worth 80 playoff points, a win over an A or B team would be worth 64 points and a win over a C or D school would be worth 48 points.

The bonus point system and the length of the season would remain unchanged.

Currently, only 64 teams in the four classes advance to the playoffs. Under the proposal, 32 additional teams would be involved in post-season action.

"I'm generally in favor of anything that will get more kids involved in the tournament and bring more parity to the competition," Colligan said. "If (the proposal) can accomplish those things, I'd be in favor of it."

"I'm not sure what problems would arise for our conference (the Western Lakes Activities Association), but I think a plan like this would benefit us more than a large school like (Westland) John Glenn."

The enrollment discrepancy in the largest class would be reduced from more than 2,000 in the current system to just over 400 under the proposed

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### New Six-Class Proposal FOOTBALL

Class	Number of schools	Enrollment
AAA	103	3,192 - 1,366
AA	104	1,365 - 894
A	104	883 - 610
B	104	609 - 416
C	104	415 - 282
D	104	281 - 74

- Northville - 1,195
- Novi - 1,110
- South Lyon - 1,195
- Milford - 1,405
- Lakeland - 1,258

Source: Macomb County Athletic Directors Association





**Scoreboard**

**KVC: Eagle star picked for All-State**

Greg Combs of Lakeland was named to the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association Class A All-State Team last weekend.

"Bar none, Greg is the best defenseman we've ever had at Lakeland," Eagles coach Frank Zack said. "He's a great defensive defenseman, and, as he proved this season, he can also put the puck in the net. I'm sure he could have been an outstanding forward, too."

Combs, a 6-foot-1, 165-pound senior, has enjoyed success throughout his three-year prep career. He was a first-team All-KVC performer last season, earned the same honor this year and also received honorable mention status on the 1987-88 all-state squad.

Combs' career totals include 32 goals and 35 assists, with his final campaign being his most productive. He recorded 16 goals and 23 assists this past season, and his 15 points (9-10) in the KVC were second to none.

**FLEXING THEIR MUSCLES:** Daryl Rieti and Mike Herbert placed first in their respective divisions to highlight South Lyon's performance at the American Drug-Free Powerlifting Association Michigan Men's Teenage Championships last Saturday in Alma.

**Basketball**

The 1988-89 All-Kentonia Valley Conference boys basketball team, with names, heights, grades, positions and schools:

First Team	Scott Armstrong, 6'7" junior guard, Lakeland
Second Team	Matt Byrd, 6'1" senior guard, Howell
Honorable Mention	Greg Pawelski, 6'3" senior forward, Milford
Third Team	Chris Hutchins, 5'10" senior guard, Lakeland
Fourth Team	John Lapham, 6'1" senior forward, Brighton
Fifth Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Sixth Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Seventh Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Eighth Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Ninth Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Tenth Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton

**Final KVC Leaders**

Points	187
Rebounds	183
Assists	110
Blocks	19
Steals	19
Minutes	19
Field Goals	112
Free Throws	103
Three Pointers	103
Technical Fouls	103
Penalty Fouls	103
Minutes	103
Points	103
Rebounds	103
Assists	103
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Free Throws	103
Three Pointers	103
Technical Fouls	103
Penalty Fouls	103
Minutes	103



**NICK KASTEN**



**KIM BLACK**

**Team Defense**

Howell	41.5
Lakeland	37.5
Brighton	36.8
South Lyon	35.3
Novi	35.7
Howell	34.3

**Volleyball**

**Field Goal Pct.**

Howell	69.9
Lakeland	69.9
Brighton	69.9
South Lyon	69.9
Novi	69.9
Howell	69.9

**Hockey**

The 1988-89 All-Kentonia Valley Conference hockey team, with names, heights, grades, positions and schools:

First Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Second Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Honorable Mention	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Third Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Fourth Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Fifth Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Sixth Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Seventh Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Eighth Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Ninth Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton
Tenth Team	John Miller, 6'2" senior forward, Brighton

**State considering new grid divisions**

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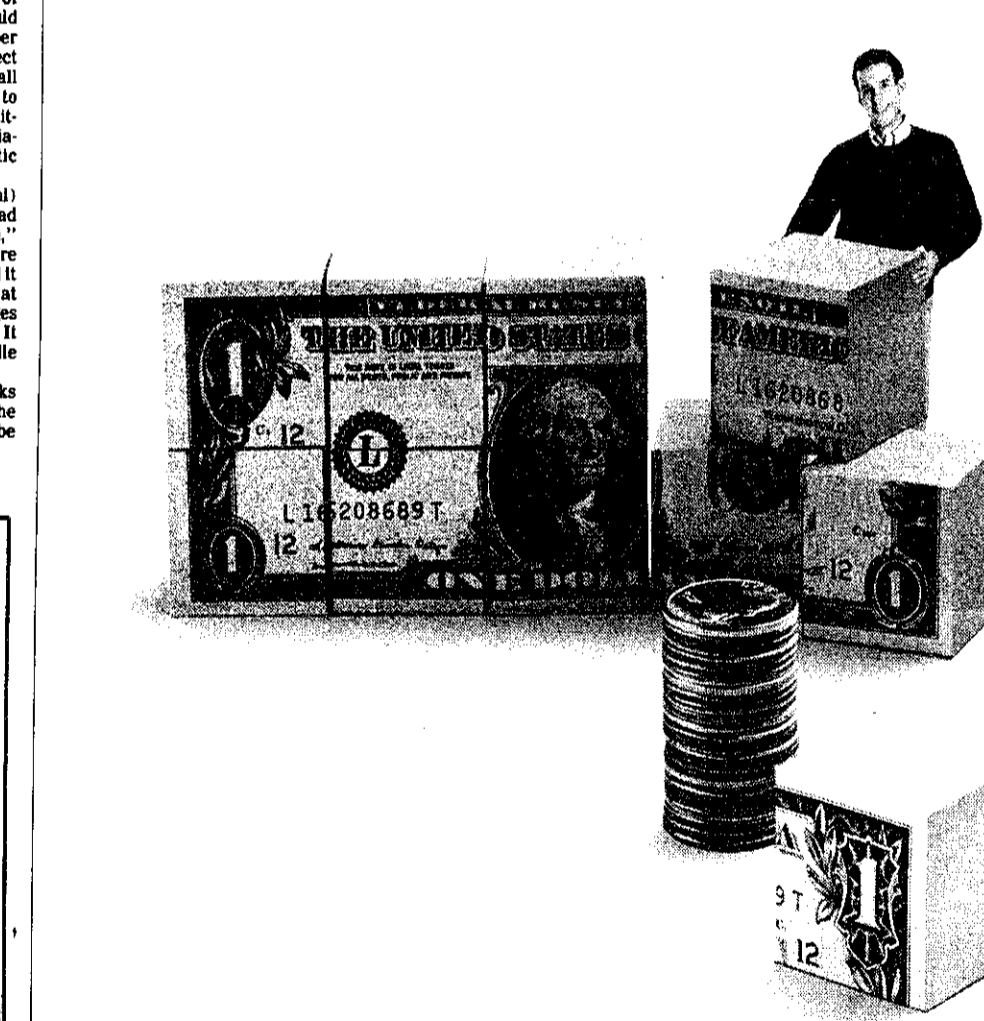
plan. There will be similar drops in all the other classes.

"I think it would be an improvement," Fundukian said. "You'd have a playoff field of 96 instead of 64, and the enrollment discrepancies would drop. But in my mind, it's not so much an issue of size, but rather the idea of getting more schools and communities involved."

Another potential advantage is that by combining playoff points for two classes, the proposal would ease pressure to selectively schedule within conferences. The proposal also points out that nearby states like Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin all have more than four football classes.

"Combining the playoff points for two classes could solve quite a few scheduling problems we have now," Fundukian said. "For instance, playing (current Class B) Hartland every year in football won't hurt our playoff chances under the proposed system. And with the way things are now, there is the possibility of a team not getting into the playoffs despite a

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