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Task force seeks ways to sell cars

Congressman William Brodhead, D-Detroit, has joined with Indiana Congressman Elwood Hillis, also a Democrat, in the formation of a bi-partisan Auto Task Force in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The task force is comprised of members of Congress from districts which are being hard hit by the slump in domestic auto sales and by the effects of high unemployment.

The objectives of the task force are to determine the effects of the auto slump on workers and related industries; to seek legislative solutions to the problems of the auto industry; and to influence the government to implement administrative solutions to the industry's problems.

In a speech before the House of Representatives last week, Brodhead blasted the International Trade Commission (ITC) for delaying a crucial investigation of damage to the U.S. auto industry from foreign imports.

The ITC is considering whether auto imports constitute a substantial cause of serious damage to the domestic market. Such a finding would be the basis (Continued from Page 8A)



Jeff Kinjorski, a Farmington High School football player, waits for the courts to decide whether he will be able to join his teammates on the field this year or if he'll have to sit out the season in the Falcon bleachers. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Court weighs player's fate on gridiron

By MARY GNEWEK

A 19-year-old Farmington High student is appealing an Oakland County Circuit Court ruling that prohibits him from playing high school football his senior year.

Jeff Kinjorski, of Farmington Hills, plans to start practice with the Farmington Falcons next Monday, Aug. 11, while his appeal is pending in the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Circuit Judge George La Plata issued an opinion July 21 upholding a Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) rule which bars students who turn 19 before Sept. 1 from participating in high school sports.

Kinjorski, who played varsity football his sophomore and junior years at Farmington, turned 19 on June 28.

His attorney, William Stackpoole, said he would file an appeal today with the state Court of Appeals because time is running out for his client.

"He didn't have any doubts he'd be a starter his senior year," Stackpoole said. "He started several games before he was injured his junior year."

In other challenges before Michigan courts since the guideline was established in 1953, the rule always has been upheld, but a MHSAA spokeswoman said Kinjorski is the first to appeal to a higher court.

"JEFF IS BEING denied due process of the law because he has been issued no hearing to see if he would endanger any of his fellow athletes," Stackpoole said.

"I've raised the issue of equal protection of the law," Stackpoole said Kinjorski was hoping for a sports scholarship to college. His banishment from the team "will cause Jeff a hardship. This is sometimes grounds for a court to give relief," the attorney said.

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Questions abound for Oakland voters on Tuesday

For Oakland County voters there is a park millage question and a new circuit judgeship.

For Republicans there are primaries for county executive, sheriff and drain commissioner.

For Democrats there is a contest for county executive.

And for those who like neither party, there is a chance to vote yes or no on one of four minor parties who want ballot status in November.

THAT'S THE ballot picture in Oakland as the county approaches Tuesday's primary election.

No statewide posts such as governor or U.S. senator are at stake.

Proposition A on the county ballot is the renewal of a quarter-mill property tax for the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission. If approved, it would be for five years, the same as

three previous millages, and for the same rate.

A quarter-mill is 25 cents per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation. For a home with a market value of \$80,000 (assessed for \$30,000), the tax cost is \$7.50 a year and raises \$2.5 million in revenue. Part covers the local share of the parks' capital budget, and the remainder is added to user fees to cover the operating budget.

Three men are seeking two nominations for a nonpartisan circuit court seat to be decided in November. They are Robert C. Anderson, a district judge from Waterford Township; James F. McCarthy, an assistant county prosecutor; and Michael Freud, who practices law in Southfield.

The November winner will succeed retiring Oakland Circuit Judge William J. Beer, 71, has filed a constitutional challenge of the state's mandato-

ry retirement law that orders judges to step down after they reach 70. The U.S. Supreme Court has yet to decide to hear Beer's appeal.

Four incumbent circuit judges are unopposed in re-election bids. They include Chief Circuit Judge John N. O'Brien of Berkley, Judge Richard D. Kuhn of Independence Township, Judge Frederick C. Ziem of Waterford Township and Judge George LaPlata of West Bloomfield Township.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE Daniel T. Murphy is expected to have no trouble recapturing the Republican nomination for a third term. Challenger William Richards, a former Democratic drain commissioner, hasn't campaigned, answered questionnaires or shown up for interviews.

Democrats will choose a county executive candidate from either Thomas

Lewand, a first-term county commissioner from Royal Oak, or George Suarez, mayor of Madison Heights.

Lewand, an attorney, has secured the support of most Democratic office holders, party groups and labor. Suarez, who is purchasing director for the Oakland County Road Commission, favors Oakland's withdrawal from the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA).

The GOP primary for sheriff pits Lewis Doyle Jr. of Orchard Lake, a captain and 15-year sheriff's department employee, against Huntington Woods Public Safety Chief James Y. Stewart.

Doyle has pledged to continue the policies of Democratic incumbent Johannes Spreen, should a fall Republican sweep push Spreen out of office. Spreen of Farmington Hills has no Democratic opponent.

Stewart is the Republican establishment candidate and carries the support of the south Oakland County police chiefs, who have had their differences with Spreen.

Republican Drain Commissioner George Kuhn of West Bloomfield has one primary opponent, Frank Ballard of Farmington.

On the Democratic side, the drain commissioner candidates are Daniel W. Barry, a former drain commissioner, of Union Lake; Shane Murphy, a deputy county treasurer, of Royal Oak; and Robert J. Garner of Clarkston.

TUESDAY'S BALLOT includes a "party qualification section" for four minor parties which hope to garner at least 0.3 percent of the vote to qualify for the November ballot.

The Anderson Coalition Party was formed when U.S. Rep. John Anderson

of Illinois announced his independent try for the White House in the spring.

The Citizens Party is a year-old coalition of anti-nuclear and left political activists whose presidential candidate is anti-corporate environmentalist Barry Commoner.

The Libertarians, who advocate a "free market" economy without government regulation and emphasize individual rights, want to put presidential candidate Edward Clark on the November ballot.

The Socialist Workers Party has long run presidential and vice presidential candidates with little success.

Those who vote for one of the four minor parties cannot vote in the Democratic or Republican primary sections of the ballot. However, minor party voters can cast ballots in the non-partisan judicial races and on the parks millage renewal.

Legal opinion sought over name disclosures

Attorneys for the Farmington Public Schools have made a recommendation on whether to release names and addresses of 150 substitute teachers to a substitute who hopes to organize a non-union pressure group to improve their working conditions.

Police lieutenant loses his motorcycle

Farmington Police Lieutenant John Santomauro had a surprise when he walked out of his Farmington Hills home Thursday morning: his black superglide Harley Davidson advertised for sale was gone — not bought but stolen from his garage.

Santomauro advertised the fancy bike with windshield and crashboards for sale in a local publication and had two would-be purchasers from Dearborn look at the cycle Wednesday night. They left without buying it.

The next morning, Santomauro discovered the lock broken off his garage door and the cycle, valued at \$4,500, gone. Marks on the sidewalk indicated the cycle had been dragged to the street, but no one in the neighborhood heard or saw anything unusual.

Also missing from the garage were two leather jackets, three motorcycle stands, two helmets and a power tool.

If the culprit tried to make his getaway on the motorcycle, Santomauro

estimates he couldn't have gone too far. The bike had a faulty gas control valve.

Driver held

A 20-year-old Redford man was arrested and charged with drunk driving early Thursday after his southbound vehicle crossed the center line of Middlebelt near Grand River and hit a car traveling north on Middlebelt.

Timothy Blake pleaded not guilty at his arraignment before Judge Margaret Schaefer in Farmington District Court Thursday. He was released on \$50 bond.

No trial date has been set. No one required medical attention in the 3 a.m. accident, but two of Blake's three passengers suffered minor injuries.

The driver of the second car was a 52-year-old West Bloomfield Township man.

Replacement of the box will cost the school district \$125.

working conditions.

But attorneys wouldn't discuss their position until vacationing School Superintendent Lewis Schulman and the Farmington Board of Education, who will meet Tuesday night, have a chance to review it.

The recommendation was made in a Friday afternoon meeting between school personnel director Robert Coleman and representatives of Clark, Hardy, Lewis and Fine, a Birmingham law firm retained by the district for labor and personnel matters.

"We advised our client and I think it will work out in a simple, straightforward way," said Karen Kienbaum, an attorney for the firm.

Gretchen Peterson, the substitute teacher leading the month-old drive for disclosure of the names, said she will

send a representative to Tuesday's board meeting to hear the verdict.

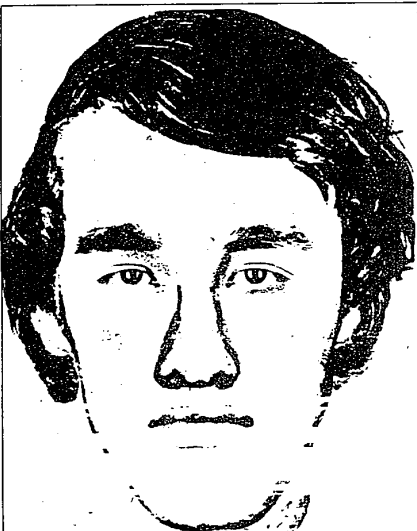
Mrs. Peterson has contacted 35 substitute teachers on her own in an effort to call a meeting where the group can discuss pay, working conditions and school policy.

Attempts to get the full list of names from administrators proved fruitless. She was told it was against school policy and an invasion of privacy.

"It's a gray ground matter," said Jack Inch, school board president. "There has been conflicting legislation at various times."

"I'm impartial and waiting for legal direction," he said.

Coleman is expected to present the legal advice Tuesday.



Police seek rape suspect

Farmington police are looking for a suspect — possibly an area resident — wanted in connection with the rape of a Farmington woman.

The victim, who received counseling from a local rape crisis center, informed police of the 3-month-old assault just last week.

According to police, she was attacked behind the Nine Grand Party Store at 9 Mile and Grand River at 10:30 p.m. on April 25. Police believe the suspect is a local

resident because he left the scene on foot. Also, a man fitting his description had been seen in the 9 Mile-Grand River area prior to the incident.

The suspect is about 25, with moles on the side of the nose and ear, last seen wearing only blue jeans — no shirt or shoes.

Police said he is possibly a heavy drug user.

Anyone with information should contact Detective Joseph Schornack at 474-4700.

Wasps nest goes up in smoke

Kenbrook Elementary School's alarm system had its power cut Wednesday evening, and police believe the culprit was just trying to snuff out a wasp's nest that called the metal alarm box home.

A police officer investigating at the school, 32180 Bonnehill, found the building secure but the Western Elec-

tric phone box on a nearby phone pole was open and wires were singed.

The wires were melted together and still smoking when the officer arrived. Apparently the target of the culprits' interest was a wasp's nest in the four-inch box.

Replacement of the box will cost the school district \$125.

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Think you like plants. Well, we would like you to meet a Farmington area resident who puts most of us to shame when it comes to raising our flogged friends. To read more, turn to Page 2A.