

Broomfield, Kohut square off

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Kohut also said he would open six district offices rather than one office "hidden away in Birmingham" and "a telephone in Millford."

"He really has become a congressman of the (Capital) Beltway rather than of the 18th District," said Kohut.

Broomfield, who has served seven presidents and nine secretaries of state in his third-of-a-century in Washington, says he is probably proud of helping to forge a bipartisan foreign policy in his role as vice chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

THE LONE exception, he said, is Central America where he blamed

congressional meddling for establishing an inconsistent and confusing policy for the Contras which has left Nicaragua "a full-fledged Communist state."

Broomfield said Congress has an oversight responsibility for foreign affairs, "but they have no right to set foreign policy. We should only have one president at a time."

Closer to home, Broomfield said his Birmingham office is accessible to people in the 18th District and that his office handles 500 letters a day from constituents.

He voted against the Clean Water Act and the 1987 highway bill because of their excessive costs, he said. Broomfield said he did support

less expensive versions of each bill proposed by President Reagan.

The candidates both opposed the \$25 vehicle registration fee for Oakland County and they both say the U.S. deficit is a threat to American security although they see the Reagan role in the economy from different perspectives.

"WE'VE GOT to build on Reagan's achievements," said Broomfield, who pointed to the Gramm-Rudman deficit cutting law and congressional defeat of a \$30 billion bill for long-term care as evidence of growing fiscal responsibility. Such measures, he said, can continue the longest stretch of peacetime prosperity the nation has ever known.

The economic good times have been selective, countered Kohut who said the low unemployment rate includes many dead-end, low-paying and no-benefit jobs.

"A lot of people are employed, but they don't have a future to go along with it," he said.

"The fear that I have is that if the deficits continue, when there is an economic downturn we may not be able to respond to it."

Neither candidate says he is taking the election for granted. Broomfield says he is speaking before many groups and touching base with local governments. Kohut says he is not discouraged by an uphill battle.

"We don't anticipate victory here, but I'm not running to lose," he said.



☐ William Broomfield
☐ age: 66
☐ party: Republican
☐ college: attended Michigan State University
☐ profession: U.S. Congressman since 1956
☐ point of view: "I have been winning by nice margins and it gives me the flexibility to vote for what's best for the country."



☐ Gary Kohut
☐ age: 35
☐ party: Democrat
☐ college: BS, Grand Valley State; JD, Detroit Law School
☐ profession: attorney
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Police say it's been quiet at parks

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

It's been pretty quiet at Heritage and Pioneer parks in Farmington Hills so far this year.

"We began tracking on a monthly basis to determine if Heritage Park was having any problems," Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said. "We were concerned about vandalism, larceny and people drinking in the park. But so far, Heritage Park has been very quiet."

Farmington Hills police conducted 123 patrol activities with four reported incidents at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile, from January to September. Incidents include an ordinance violation, an animal complaint, suspicious circumstances and a miscellaneous complaint.

At Pioneer Park, on the northwest corner of Farmington and 13 Mile, police conducted 92 patrol activities with no reported incidents.

Walton Park on Independence in

the city's southeast section, had 15 reported incidents and police conducted 100 patrol activities. Incidents include adult loitering, indecent exposure, public nuisance, vehicle complaints, juvenile complaints and an ordinance violation.

"Walton is the same level it's been at," Dwyer said.

THE PARK statistics are part of the department's overall increase in patrol activities and reported inci-

dents for the first nine months of the year. From January to September, police conducted 112,245 patrol activities compared to 103,584 for the same period last year. Reported incidents increased also from 24,112 to 26,105 this year.

While serious crimes in Farmington Hills decreased 7.4 percent in the first nine months of this year compared to the same time last year, the less serious Part II offenses increased an overall 6.2 percent.

Significant among the increased Part II crimes was the 299 reported incidents of operating under the influence (OUIL) compared to 173 the previous year. "They're stopping more cars," Dwyer said, calling Part II crimes more "self-initiating" by officers.

On the other hand, liquor law violations decreased from 118 to 94 this year. "We've had no undercover operations for awhile," Dwyer said, explaining the decrease. "But we will have one within the next month."

Sexual assaults up in 1988

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1987 to 519 this year. Larcenies decreased from 1,459 to 1,371 this year. And motor vehicle thefts — a major problem for metro Detroit a year or more ago — decreased from 334 to 294 this year.

"That's the trend in some of our surrounding communities," Dwyer said, giving credit for the downward

trend to new legislation, the auto theft task force and law enforcement and media attention to the crime.

Armed robberies showed an increase in the first nine months of the year from 16 to 20. But there have been no armed robberies in the last four months in the city. Last October, seven armed robberies were reported compared to none this October.

"That would mean we would have 20 through October compared to 23 through October last year," Dwyer said.

Dwyer believes freeway construction this year and last, particularly the Lodge and I-696, has helped decrease serious crime. "The majority of armed robberies are committed by people traveling the expressways to Farmington Hills," he said.

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