

Democratic hopefuls speak out on issues

Dana Wilson

Q-Who is your favorite candidate for governor? Why?

The privacy of a voter's choice is a jealousy guarded privilege, and it is no less a privilege to elected officials or those seeking public office.

I believe that the Democratic primary will bring together many able candidates for governor who, if given the opportunity, would serve with distinction. The candidate I personally know best is Congressman Jim Blanchard. Congressman Blanchard has represented me and my family for many years and has served in the U.S. Congress with distinction.

Q-Do you favor the death penalty for certain crimes? Explain.

Michigan was one of the first states to abolish the death penalty 145 years ago, and it is a distinction which speaks about our civility. However, these are somewhat different times, and they may require the application of sterner justice when a law enforcement officer is slain or when a particularly heinous crime occurs.

But the imposition of the death penalty will not stop street muggings, car thefts, breaking and entering into homes or random acts of vandalism. To create a safer and secure society we need more than tough punishment.

Q-What are the most important three (or so) measures the Michigan Legislature could enact to diversify the state economy and provide stable jobs? Please be specific (don't just say "reform something" without saying how).

Three areas for diversification of the Michigan economy are: high technology; creation of venture capital; and re-establishment of a food-processing industry.

1. High-technology industries are attracted by proximity to institutions of higher education. Therefore, I would urge the formal creation of a research triangle between the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Michigan State University to more effectively utilize the state investment in these universities, for attraction of high-technology-based industries. The future must be characterized by coop-



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eration not competition between colleges and universities. The research triangle would be strengthened and augmented by legislation I supported which facilitates the assembling of land for high-tech sites and by the Economic Development Fund, which provides \$100 million for creation of new

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Alan Feuer

Q-Who is your favorite candidate for governor? Why?

Jim Blanchard. His strong record of achievement in the House of Representatives was capped by success in the rescue of the Chrysler Corp. That victory highlighted Blanchard's strengths: a strong commitment to Michigan's citizens coupled with a capacity for hard work and ability to make the case for Michigan. Blanchard has concentrated on economic issues — the area most critical in our state — and will be well-prepared to take on the problems of the economy as his first priority as governor.

Q-Do you favor the death penalty for certain crimes? Explain.

No. Proponents have argued that the death penalty deters crime — yet states which have imposed the death penalty in the past do not have lower murder rates than states without capital punishment, such as Michigan. The finality of capital punishment leaves no room for error in our judicial system — and our courts have not achieved

perfect judgment. The government ought to seek to lower the level of violence in our society, not add to it by execution.

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Michigan must go to its strengths — skilled workers, modern plants and equipment, good transportation, available power and water. We will fail if we pursue every new high-technology industry — but can succeed if we look for Michigan's natural advantages.

We may never sell as many cars as we once did — but we can make agricultural machinery and energy equipment just as well — the skills are here, and the demand is there.

We've got first-rate universities, but too few industries have tapped their talent, and too few companies outside Michigan know what we have to offer.

The commerce department of Michigan must be directed to seek new industry in those fields that can use our



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automobile resources and promote our second- and third-largest industries, agriculture and tourism, as well. We've begun to promote tourism through the "Say Yes To Michigan" campaign, long overdue. I will support continued funding of that program as an investment. The State of New York estimates that \$8 in revenue is generated for every

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Jack Faxon

Q-Who is your favorite candidate for governor? Why?

As a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 15th Senatorial district race, I think it would be inappropriate to comment on the qualification of various gubernatorial candidates in the Democratic party. I have not sought their endorsement nor am I aware of any endorsement which they have offered to candidates in contested legislative campaigns. However, I will enthusiastically support the party nominee in the general election in November.

Q-Do you favor the death penalty for certain crimes? Explain.

The evidence compiled from decades from scholarly research would indicate that the death penalty does not deter individuals from committing violent acts. Furthermore, the history of the selective use of capital punishment reinforces the proposition that the state executes its poor and minority population.

On this sad fact alone, the U.S. Supreme Court has struck down countless state capital punishment laws as unconstitutional. In my opinion, a society that willfully takes the life of one of its members may satisfy its contempt for brutal violence, but it disgraces the quality of life which forms the basis of its content. More in spirit of St. Paul, I am inclined to hate the sin but not the sinner.

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Michigan's depressed economy. Decreased productivity, double digit unemployment and the state budget crisis are a direct consequence of the continuing recessionary forces in the state and the country. Furthermore, the legislature's efforts to turn our economy around have been thwarted by autonomous federal policies which include:



Jack Faxon

- High interest rates that have crippled our construction and auto industries. At the same time, they restrain business expansion, which is vital if we are to diversify our economy;

- An escalating unemployment insurance fund debt, which could result in a federally-imposed penalty charge against us.

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Philip Marcuse

Q-Who is your favorite candidate for governor? Why?

Jim Blanchard is my choice. He seems level-headed and determined to get to the roots of our financial problems. I support his attack on the state's accumulated deficit. His review plan for the laws which affect economics, business and jobs seem to be the right approach.

Q-Do you favor the death penalty for certain crimes? Explain.

I don't believe in the death penalty because it means taking someone's life in cold blood. I personally could never do that, and, by extension, I should think my government could never do it. Besides, life imprisonment without parole seems to me an even greater punishment.

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The Legislature can pass laws facilitating the settlement in Michigan of high-technology industries. Some of these are labor intensive with lower skill levels needed which might produce employment for many who aren't now working. All small businesses which, together, employ an enormous part of the work force should be promoted and protected. Paperwork should be reduced, if possible, by not requiring excessive reports.

Q-The Single Business Tax has been under attack from all sides. What, if anything, should be done to change it?

I believe that small and medium businesses are going to be the dominant-size business in the foreseeable future for Michigan. All business taxes, therefore, including the Single Business Tax, must be evaluated from the viewpoint of these concerns to see if we are encouraging their existence and growth.



Philip Marcuse

Q-How will you vote if an equal rights amendment comes before the Congress and Legislature again? Why? How do you feel about the enactment of an equal rights amendment to the state constitution?

I'd vote for an equal rights amendment both in Michigan and in the U.S. I

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Jacki Work

Q-Who is your favorite candidate for governor? Why?

Jim Blanchard. His ability to face current issues realistically and head-on. He has proven this ability with the Chrysler rescue bill. In addition, Jim has that rare talent of planning for the future as opposed to the Milliken administration style of crisis management which is completely outdated. It's time for change, and Jim Blanchard will bring to Michigan the courageous leadership that is desperately needed as well as a plan for the future opportunities that no one has dared to discover in Michigan.

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No. What is needed is a complete overhaul of the criminal justice system. The weakness is in the courts, the people seated on the bench and their interpretation of the law.

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a) Eliminate bureaucratic overregulation in industry. Many of our regulatory laws and certainly our tax system are no longer effective. The slush of time and monies (which the taxpayer pays for) is out of control. We need to take a good look at existing conditions in our industries today and write and support legislation that will revive our industries, not try to live with the existing laws and system which have proven to be ineffective.

b & c) Amend the Single Business Tax on Small Businesses and provide a stable environment for our educational system. I have combined these two



Jack Work

issues because the questions most often asked are, where will the money come from if there is no single business tax? and where will you get the money to provide stability to our educational system?

One answer to both questions is the graduated income tax. Another is to completely revise our state's position on workers' and unemployment compensation. "Work means jobs" is my campaign slogan. The opportunities are now for a face lift in Lansing. We cannot realistically expect the current administration to change the very laws that they created. Their leadership has obviously been ineffective.

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Dan Reedy

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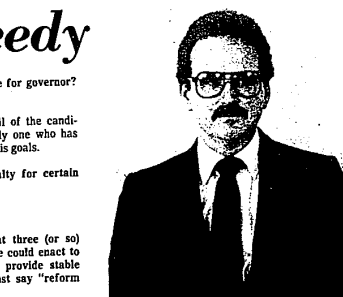
Jim Blanchard. In evaluating all of the candidates for governor, Jim is the only one who has shown a real ability to accomplish his goals.

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Retraining the unskilled labor, offering incentives to businesses that are unique to the state, and looking into reform of the Single Business Tax.



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The parts of fall you love best, at a special fashion preview with designer Lloyd Allen taking part, too.

HAUTE SWEATS

Here, a red-hat fling, \$36. Black poncho, \$44. Pants in black, \$30. Red cap, \$12. Poly cotton fleece, one size fits all. The Woodward Shops.

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