

## OUR VIEWS

# Here's a reminder of our previous picks

Voters heading to the polls Tuesday will face a full slate of candidates and issues vying for their support. Thanks to term limits, state government will feature new people in many key offices, from governor on down.

Following is a list of The Observer's endorsements in these key races:

In the race for U.S. Senate, incumbent **Carl Levin** fully deserves to be returned to Washington.

For governor, Democrat **Jennifer Granholm** is the clear choice over Republican challenger **Dick Posthumus**. We wish this race had not taken on the nasty tone it has, but most of the blame goes to the Posthumus camp and state Republican party.

For Attorney General, Democrat **Gary Peters** is preferred over Republican **Mike Cox**. Peters has a much better grasp of the duties and responsibilities of the office, and deserves support.

For Secretary of State, Democrat **Melvin "Butch" Hollowell** has the vision the office needs to improve customer service and strengthen operations.



Granholm

Peters

Hollowell

Republican **Terry Lynn Land** is a strong administrator but offers little else.

In the race for the 9th District Congressional seat, we endorse

Republican **Joe Knollenberg** who has demonstrated strong leadership skills during his time in Congress. We believe his opponent **David Fink** has raised some good issues but that Knollenberg is a better representative of the district's interests.

On the state ballot proposals, voters are urged to cast a "no" vote on Proposal 1, which would eliminate straight-party voting in general elections; "yes" on Proposal 2, which would fund a \$1 billion bond issue for water and sewer improvements; "no" on Proposal 3, which would extend binding arbitration to certain state employees; and "no" on Proposal 4, which would amend the Michigan Constitution to earmark funds from the tobacco settlement.

In addition, a "yes" vote is urged on Proposal K, which would provide funding for regional cultural institutions and local arts and recreation programs.

## What's next?

Thank you for printing Terry Sever's letter. He deserves the opportunity to address the unfortunate treatment by which he was victimized. I hope this experience will not sour him to politics. He has much to offer both Farmington Hills and Oakland County.

The letter from Mr. George Aune is an interesting reaction to the same smear. I don't believe the perpetration of the smear tactic, committed during the primary, are foolish enough to repeat that type of attack.

We witnessed an act of a sophisticated group that I believe is too smart to try the same play. I expect something more along the lines of a flyer with a number of vicious, but easy to disprove, allegations against Miss Knol.

This could be followed by a half-hearted accusation that Vagnozzi was the author. Vagnozzi's denial will be readily accepted and Aldo will be asked to join in a public condemnation of this sort of tactic. If this does occur, I hope Aldo will distance himself from a scenario designed to invoke sympathy and counter the negative effects of the tactics used in the primary.

Of course this is just one possible development of the type that has polarized the Republican party and helped to expand the ranks of "Independent voters" in Oakland County.

**Paul Molin**  
Farmington Hills

## Granholm's endorsement

As the Democratic candidate for governor, I welcome the support of all citizens, including Republicans and Independents. We must build coalitions across party lines in order to govern well.

However, Mike Rogers, the Republican candidate for Oakland County Commissioner, using my picture on his campaign literature without my knowledge or approval. The photo clearly, but incorrectly, implies my endorsement. I am in fact endorsing Democrat Ryan Gesund for Oakland County Commissioner.

While I hope unauthorized use of my photo will cease, I am of course flattered by Republican confidence in my candidacy.

**Jennifer M. Granholm**

## Disgusted by tactics

I received a disturbing taped phone call yesterday. The source of the call was not identified, and I soon realized why.

The person stated that Jennifer Granholm agreed to a list of demands made by Mayor Kilpatrick of Detroit. That is absurd since we know that Ms. Granholm has never even seen the memo in question. The caller went on to say that the way to prevent the implementation of the memo was to vote for Valerie Knol for state representative.

I am disgusted that Ms. Knol and her supporters learned nothing in the aftermath of her smear of primary opponent Terry Sever. Many member

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of her own party expressed their disgust at such tactics and not one of the 17 local elected officials is supporting Ms. Knol.

I am sure that the Farmington area voters will send a clear message to Ms. Knol and her supporters on Nov. 5. We do not like cheap smear tactics or divisive politics in our community. Maybe when Ms. Knol has a little more experience she will realize that the best road is the high road...or maybe not.

**Mark Barringer**  
Farmington Hills

## Promises, promises

My feelings and my judgment about Carl Levin hasn't changed.

He will retire with more money than I've earned in my 70-plus years of slavery for the public that I've served. Being a veteran of World War II and Korea and now the civilian tax war leads me to what I've heard Carl Levin promise every time he ran for office.

He promises to do something about the drug costs, education, etc., etc., etc. This has been what he does best for years at re-election time. Saying what the people have been loving to hear. All the people aren't that gullible.

I'll tell you one thing, he has been in office too long. I am tired of his promises. Why hasn't he done something during his long years of promises, promises, promises. They have been the same ones over, and over and over.

It's time for term limits in Washington. No more promises, either do it or get out of the way - here comes Rocky.

**George Strelczuk**  
Farmington

## Wrong-headed candidates

It troubles me very deeply when I observe a person who has the intelligence to see a veritable mountain of irrefutable scientific data and has a wealth of personal knowledge and experience...and see that person come to a conclusion that is totally contrary to the data and experience.

Such is the case for Jennifer Granholm and Aldo Vagnozzi. They know the unassailable scientific facts and they certainly know the facts of life. I am talking about the unflinching pro-abortion stand of both Granholm and Vagnozzi. They know with absolute certainty that everyone who has set foot on this earth, including Jesus, came here the same way. And yet, they endorse ending the life of the pre-born.

Our concern is, can these two candidates look at facts that come before them as office-holders, and again come to a totally wrong conclusion. Do we need these wrong-headed people serving our state. Emphatically, we do not.

Vote for integrity, truth, energy and good old American values. Vote for Dick Posthumus and Valerie Knol. We need office holders who can look at the plain truth and know what to do.

**Roy Trevisan**  
Farmington

# Here's more of our choices

As a recap for local races in Tuesday's election, the Farmington Observer is urging voters to select the following candidates:

For 47th District Court Judge race that represents the two communities, we believe magistrate **Jim Brady** is best suited for the job being vacated by retiring Judge Frederick Harris.

For U.S. Congress, we believe incumbent **Joe Knollenberg** deserves to be returned to Washington.

In the heated 37th District House

Seat, the Observer urges voters to select Democrat **Aldo Vagnozzi**, whose experience and ethical commitment will help the community while in Lansing.

In the County Commission race, voters should re-elect Republican **Dick Moffitt** for the 15th District and newcomer Republican **Michael Rogers** for the 14th District.

And finally, in the state Senate for the 14th District, we urge voters select Democrat **Gilda Jacobs**.

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