GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Current Democratic governor Jennifer Granholm is running for reelection this year against Republican candidate Dick DeVos. Election day is November 7th. Here is a look at their different standpoints on issues of importance in Michigan.

ECONOMY: Granholm's "Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow" program plans to protect current jobs, create new ones and invest in health and education for the people of Michigan.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Since taking office, Granholm and her administration have apprehended more than 2,000 fugitive felons, created laws to protect Michigan children and made fully funded security programs in Michigan. Granholm is a pro-choice candidate.

HEALTH CARE: Granholm's administration has already invested in making prescriptions and health care plans affordable for everyone. They have also invested to help Michigan citizens pursue healthy lifestyles and health care initiatives and facilities.

EDUCATION: Granholm has already invested in K-12 education. K-12 funding is at an all time high and she signed legislation to establish more rigorous high school curriculum in Michigan.

ENVIRONMENT:Granholm's administration has kept the great lakes clean, safe from toxic waste and ecological damage as well as signing legislation to ensure clean water.

Jennifer Granholm
John Cherry

BIRTHPLACE: Vancouver Canada

BORN: Febuary 5, 1959

PROFESSION: Lawyer

SCHOOL: UC-Berkely, Harvord Law

FAST FACT: Granholm originally wanted to a hollywood actress

ECONOMY: Michigan is the only state to have lost jobs in each of the last three years which DeVos will strive to change. Devos claims to be a job maker and experienced leader who has the skills to create more jobs and change Michigan's economy for the better.

PUBLIC SAFETY: DeVos is pro-Life and believes that marriage should be between a man and a woman. DeVos will protect second amendment rights, standing up for all law-abiding Michigan gun owners.

HEALTH CARE: DeVos vows to "implement innovative solutions," such as creating a 21st century health care system, improving access to health care and making it more affordable.

EDUCATION: DeVos vows to be a "tireless advocate" of giving every child a quality education. DeVos feels that the education issue is extremely important but that it is continually being interrupted by "adult issues."

ENVIRONMENT: DeVos plans to protect natural resources. He will modernize the state Department of Environmental Quality to help it protect our environment without losing jobs or growth.

Dick DeVos
FOR GOVERNOR

BIRTHPLACE: Ada, Michigan

BORN: October 21, 1955

PROFESSION: Worked in the family business

SCHOOL: Northwood Institute (now University)

FAST FACT: In high school he wrote for his school newspaper

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One Year Later, Katrina Revisited

Damages left by hurricane Katrina, still visible and real even a year after the incident took place in 2005.

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Megan VanOrsdol
Buisness Editor

One year after Hurricane Katrina slammed into the gulf coast, work groups full of volunteers are still going to pitch in and help the local residents clean up and fix damages.

Sophomore Luke O'Bryan was one such worker this summer.

"I thought that we were going to just New Orleans but we ended up helping in Lake Charles, it was still fulfilling though," said O'Bryan.

On O'Bryan's first trip to New Orleans, he didn't see the city the way it once was, instead he saw a sea of blue tarps and red x's. The blue tarps were temporary roofs for those houses that lost there is in the storm. O'Bryan recounted that there was more than just the few tarps you would see if there was a bad storm here. "The tarps were every where, and the sad part was that some of them could have been there for that year," said O'Bryan.

The red x's were also all over the city.

"They were on almost all of the houses unless someone had painted over them, on the top of the x was the number of deceased people inside the residence, on the bottom of the x was the date that the house had been searched, there was red everywhere," said O'Bryan.

O'Bryan went on this trip with an organization called S.H.I.N.E, put together by St. Thomas Moore church; overall there were 190 participants.

"We didn't go to the bad parts of town, the parts where the most flooding occurred, because there is still violence there," commented O'Bryan, " [New Orleans] just seemed dusty or dirty."

After spending five hours in New Orleans, the group went on to Lake Charles where they stayed for the rest of the week. The spent time painting houses, fixing floors and cleaning outside the site. Even after a year there is still a lot to be done and a lot missing.

"This is one of my favorite stories," recounted O'Bryan, "while we were in Lake Charles we met a woman who had lost everything in the flood, there were two things that she wanted back more than anything, her photo albums and her wedding dress. The woman's daughter was out working a site.

There was a fence that had clothing stuck on it from the flooding.

As they were pulling the various articles of clothing off the fence, the girl found something that looked like the dress her mother had described. Three miles away from her mothers house and a year later the dress was returned," said O'Bryan.

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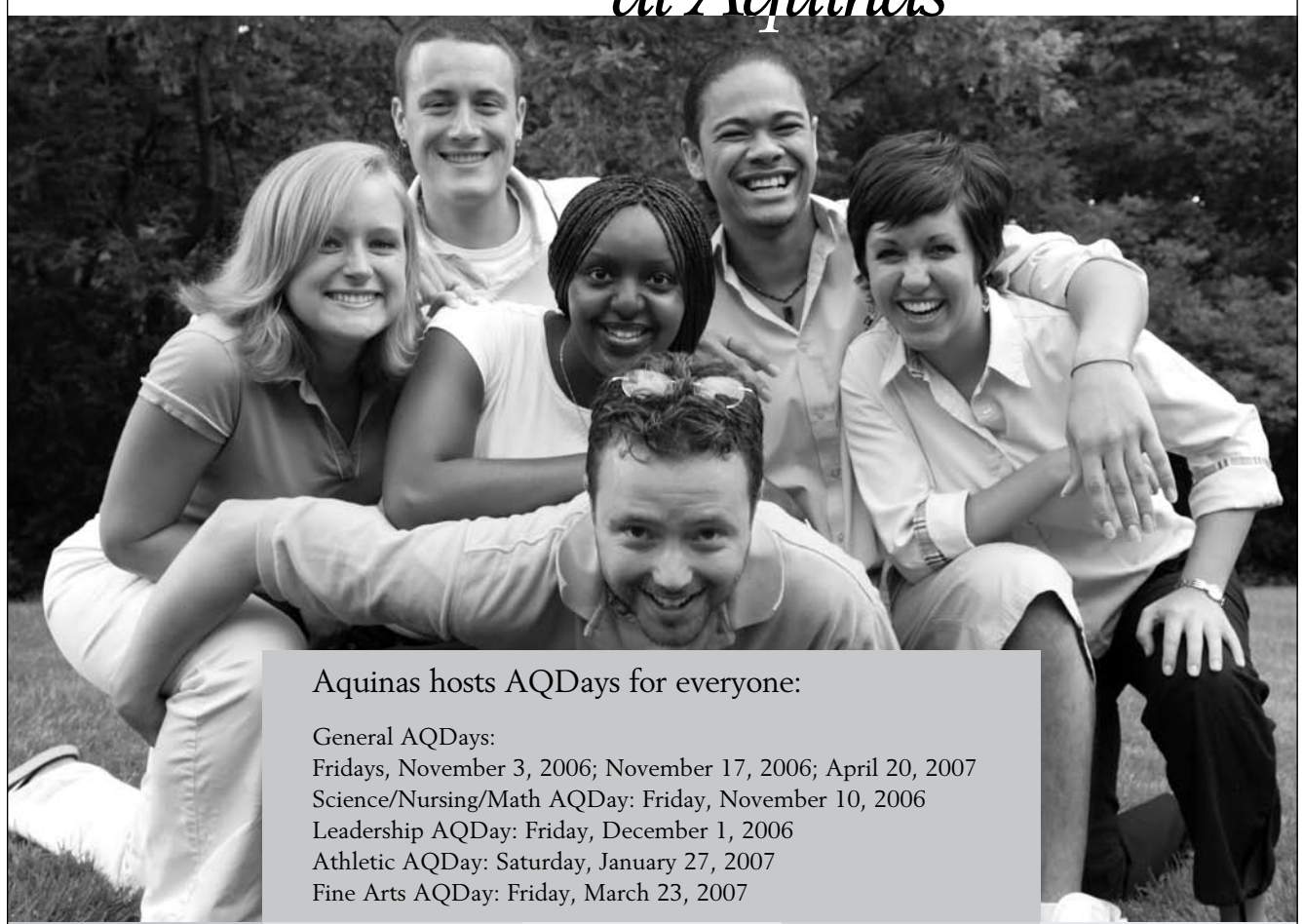

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