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Two Republicans seek District 20 Senate seat

GOP, FROM 3A

lock to the ease of transportation as incentive to locate and expand.

And, as businesses come and go and are bought and sold and merged, Western Michigan University also must be a priority. "WMU isn't going to be bought or sold and the university is the second largest employer in the district. So funding is important," George said.

Both men also agree that support to education is important. "VanderRoost said it's the second most important issue, while George lists it third behind medical care and the future of Blue Cross Blue Shield. VanderRoost said legislators need to work with administrators and teachers to use increased funding.

"Overall spending should go up if schools continue to improve and are held accountable," VanderRoost said. "We need to look at increasing early childhood education to bet-

ter prepare students. I believe per-pupil grants are the best way to increase spending."

George said he supports per-pupil funding grants for public school programs. "Research clearly shows that by investing in early childhood programs today, we are saving tremendous long term costs."

He also wants to fund public schools adequately and provide prescription relief for the elderly. "I would support an

increase in per-pupil grant based on availability of sales tax revenues and budget balances," he said. "I also would consider supporting a one-time grant for technology in the schools."

LaForge is opposed to more charter schools. "I am not convinced that charter schools are the answer to our public school

Democrat runs unopposed in primary

DEM, FROM 3A

problems. The only area that I believe charter schools are a benefit to our students is as an alternative school placement for student offenders."

LaForge would cancel current tax cuts and increase the allowance for exemptions in the state income tax. "I support a reduction in

the single business tax as I believe they are unfair to small businesses. I would increase general corporate taxes — they have benefited the most in the last 20 years from state policies without being held equally responsible for governmental services."

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because of lower taxes, and thus lower prices."

"And the problem is that the smokers didn't get us into this economic problem," he said. He believes the personal income and Single Business Tax cuts should proceed.

"It sends a very important message to Michigan families and businesses worldwide looking to expand," he said. The candidates also see a difference in full-time and part-time legislators.

George continues his medical practice in Kalamazoo and said that keeps him in touch with constituents. "I think it is a valuable asset to

be working," he said. "I think that is the smart thing to do. It keeps you in touch with people. We are in session no days a year and there is no reason that I can't keep my finger in my old job."

VanderRoost said being a full-time legislator allows him time to listen to constituents and attend local meetings and gatherings.

"I am full time and this is my job," he said. "I have more experience and am able to build relationships and know people across the district."

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Charter school proponents and opponents spend heavily on races

PAC, FROM 1A

its donations in the House for the Democratic caucus.

MEAs spokeswoman Karen Schulz said the union is giving to candidates who have stood with the union on votes affecting public education.

"We are moving forward with our support of candidates who support issues that our members care about," she said. GLEP is trying to send a similar message for those who agree with its stand that parents should be given more choices about which school their child attends.

The Grand Rapids-based group has raised \$268,308 so far this year, but ended the second quarter with \$82,400 because GLEP carried over money from its balance from 2001, executive director Greg Brock said Friday.

Days before Thursday's campaign finance report deadline, the GLEP received two large donations: \$50,000 from Richard DeVos, Betsy DeVos' father-in-law and the co-founder of

Amway Corp., now known as Alticor Inc., and \$25,000 from Ron VanderPol, CEO and chairman of the board at RVP Development in Grand Rapids.

DeVos and her husband, Dick, former president of Ada-based Alticor Inc., each donated \$25,000 to the PAC. The GLEP is involved in dozens of GOP House primary races, Brock said. The primary is

"I think we're sending a powerful message," he said. The group is helping Rep. Barbara Vander Veem jump off a challenge from Sen. Leon Stille in the GOP primary for the 80th House District, which includes Spring Lake, Grand Haven and Ferrysburg.

Vander Veem first elected in 2000, received \$2,122 from the GLEP, according to campaign finance records. Stille got \$2,000 from the MEA, the union's report said.

The GLEP also is supporting Jonathan Grant in his challenge against fellow Plymouth resident Rep. John Stewart in the Repub-

lican primary for the 20th House District. The GLEP spent \$6,000 on Grant's campaign, mostly in the form of glossy campaign literature mailed to voters, according to the group's report.

Grant said the GLEP members are helping point out the difference between the candidates on the school choice issue. Stewart wants to limit the number of charter schools opened by universities until there is more accountability. Grant favors allowing universities to give the go-ahead to more open more charter schools.

School choice is an important issue to residents of the 20th House District, which includes the western Wayne County communities of Plymouth, Canton and Northville, Grant said.

Granholm leads governor hopefuls in fund-raising

Associated Press

LANSING — Governor-elect candidate Jennifer Granholm has raised more than \$5.7 million as of July 21, her campaign reports.

Granholm, the attorney general, is running against former Gov. James Blanchard and U.S. Rep. David Bonior for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in the Aug. 6 primary.

She is the only candidate not accepting state matching funds, which means she does not have to abide by the \$2 million spending limit that will affect Bonior, Blanchard and the two Republicans in the race. Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus and state

receipts and expenditures through July 21. Granholm says she raised \$5 million from Michigan residents and has received donations from 100 political action committees totaling \$18,430 — private donations and public matching funds.

All candidates running in the Aug. 6 primary election were required to file campaign finance reports Friday. It is the first look at how the gubernatorial candidates and other major financial backers are faring financially since the last campaign finance reports were filed Jan. 31 and covered

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Bonior has raised \$12 million in private donations and collected \$990,000 in public matching funds, the most allowed. He has spent \$3 million of the amount he's allowed to spend in the primary and has filed Jan. 31 and covered

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Copies of the proposed fare increases are available for public inspection at the Battle Creek Transit Office, 339 West Michigan Avenue, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. If needed, Tele-Transit transportation will be available to citizens wishing to attend the public hearing. Please call 966-3474 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., the week before the public hearing in order to make a reservation for a ride.

Minutes of the Public Hearing may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office.

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