MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

affordable and accessible health care, and protection of our air, land and water.

JACK APOL
Republican
AGE: 63
RESIDENCE: Charlevoix
EDUCATION: Grand Valley State University, bachelor's degree; University of Michigan, law degree.
POLITICAL CAREER: None.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Taught for 28 years. A professor at Michigan State University College of Law, teaching criminal law, constitutional law (Bill of Rights) and negotiations.
TOP ISSUE/WHY?: Job creation and preservation of existing jobs. I pledge to work with business and community organizations to create an environment in which northern Michigan's economy can thrive. I will work to protect, create and preserve jobs for everyone.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: The people of northern Michigan deserve the best and my record speaks for itself. I will fight for the citizens of this district — to create jobs, lower taxes, protect families and the unborn, and preserve our cherished traditions.

KEVIN ELSENHEIMER
Republican
AGE: 38
RESIDENCE: Bellaire
EDUCATION: J.D., Wayne State University, 1993; B.A., pre-law, Michigan State University, 1987; associate's degree, Northwestern Michigan College, 1985.
POLITICAL CAREER:
Bellaire Board of Education, two terms; Antrim County Republican Party chairman, 1998-2004.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Assistant Antrim County prosecutor, 1993-96; Private practice specializing in municipalities and governmental entities.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Michigan is lagging behind the recovery that most of the nation is experiencing. Our tax burden is unfriendly to businesss and inhibits business investment, which means investment and jobs go to other states or countries. From 1994-2004, we continued to grow government by increasing our state spending well beyond inflation.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? Three things distinguish me in this primary. I am the only candidate with law enforcement experience, the only one with school board experience and I am a lifelong resident of northern Michigan. I am qualified by Right to Life, endorsed by Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Townships Association and former Sen. George McManus.

JEFF GARFIELD
Republican
AGE: 39
RESIDENCE: Gaylord
EDUCATION: No response.
POLITICAL CAREER: Otsego County commissioner; former Otsego Lake Township Board trustee.
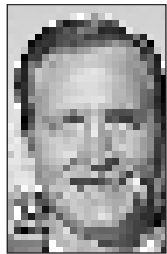**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:**
Owner of Gaylord building and development company; former Fenton restaurant owner.
TOP ISSUE/WHY?
There is no single issue that qualifies as most important. Everyone has his own idea of what's important. Job creation, the economy, affordable health insurance, pro-life legislation, roads, revenue sharing, infrastructure, smaller government, lower taxes, education, growth, personal accountability — these are all important issues to me.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? My past commitment to northern Michigan cannot be matched. I have a proven record of cutting government spending, thinking out of the box, and being a fighter for the people. I have served on more committees and organiza-

tions than all the candidates combined. I know the needs of northern Michigan.

BONNIE NOTHOFF
Republican
AGE: 62
RESIDENCE: Kewadin
EDUCATION: Delta College, registered dental hygienist; certified in local anesthesia administration.
POLITICAL CAREER: None.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 20 years as a registered dental gygienist; 17 years as a small business office manager; governmental affairs liaison and director of governmental affairs for Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association.
TOP ISSUE/WHY?
The cost of prescription drugs, health insurance and Medicaid must be addressed.
Pharmacists must be able to compete with mail-order houses. Medicaid must be retained but reworked. When we manage health care costs we'll stimulate the economy and turn the corner on economic recovery in Michigan.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I have experience representing a large constituency. I am endorsed by the Republican Party, and I am the first person in the state to declare candidacy over one year ago. I have run a tireless full-time campaign attending over 45 township meetings where I always ask "What's important to you."

JOHN RAMSEY
Republican
AGE: 60
EDUCATION: B.S., Michigan State University; M.B.A, Michigan State University.
POLITICAL CAREER: Have not held an elected office before.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER:
Started multiple small businesses, including a company that became Access

Graphics, a technology company with over $1 billion in sales in 1996.
YOUR TOP ISSUE/ WHY? Job creation is the number one issue facing northern Michigan. I am the only candidate with experience creating a large number of jobs. My plan for job creation includes bringing in new business, removing impediments to business such as the Single Business Tax, and keeping the jobs we have.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU?
There are 110 members of the State House of Representatives. Northern Michigan needs a representative whose voice will be heard. Although the candidates in this race mostly agree on the issues, only John Ramsey will have a strong voice that will be heard loud and clear in Lansing.

CRAIG RYAN
Republican
AGE: 30
RESIDENCE: Gaylord
EDUCATION: Gaylord High School graduate; B.S. political science, Michigan State University.
POLITICAL CAREER: Chief legislative aide for Rep. Ken Bradstreet, 2000- present; aide to state Sen. George McManus, 1997-99; Otsego County Republican Party treasurer, 1994-997.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Asssistant controller, Johnson Oil Co., Gaylord, 1995-1997; direct marketing manager for Dunn's Business Solutions in Gaylord in late 1990's.
TOP ISSUE/WHY? Preserving moral values and promoting limited government. We need legislators that care as much about the virtue deficit as they do about the budget deficit. I will fight for the unborn and to preserve marriage. I will also fight to keep government in check and off your back.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU?
Experience. I have worked for Rep. Bradstreet for four years and have developed an understanding of 105th District issues and an under-

standing of state government. I know how to get the job done and I can hit the ground running.

106th HOUSE DISTRICT

RICHARD FORTIER
Republican
AGE: 59
RESIDENCE: Alpena
EDUCATION: Alpena High School; one year Alpena Community College.
POLITICAL CAREER: None.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Secretary/Treasurer of Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority and Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority; electrical contractor for 30 years.
TOP ISSUE/WHY?
Northeast Michigan jobs — almost every family in the 106th District has children who left northern Michigan for employment. We continue to send southern Michigan our brightest and best. It's time to provide jobs for our children here and let them use their talents to create opportunities for future generations.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? The people of the 106th District can be assured I will work hard to preserve the values and rights they hold most dear. I believe my experience as a family man, businessman, and community leader have proven my ability to get the job done right.

MATT GILLARD
Democrat
AGE: 31
RESIDENCE: Alpena
EDUCATION: Albion College, bachelor's degree in political science; Wayne State Law School, 2000.
POLITICAL CAREER: First-