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no major changes. just waiting on the number of military personnel who will watch the departure.

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STATE ISSUES

SELFRIDGE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

Nearly TBD military personnel from Selfridge Air National Guard base will observe your departure. The 127th Wing is the host organization at the base with numerous tenant units including the 927th Air Refueling Wing, Coast Guard Air Station Detroit, Naval Air Reserve Center Selfridge, Naval Reserve Center Detroit, Marine Wing Support Group 47, the Army's 3rd Brigade, 85th Division, and the 75th Ordnance Company. The 127th has flown more than 800 sorties in the past 39 months in support of Operation Noble Eagle and is in the middle of a two-year commitment to Operation Iraqi Freedom having deployed its C-130s to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, and to Kuwait in 60-day rotations. The 127th has also deployed to Uzbekistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. At this time, approximately 100 Selfridge personnel are serving in theater in support of the Iraq effort.

ECONOMIC NUMBERS

Michigan's unemployment rate in November 2004 was 7.0 percent, 0.6 percentage point below its peak of 7.6 percent in December 2003. As of November 2004, the national unemployment rate was 5.4 percent.

MARRIAGE BILLS VETO

On December 23, Governor Jennifer Granholm (D) vetoed a package of bills to encourage premarital counseling for couples and to require counseling for married couples that are about to divorce who have children. She considered the bills too intrusive.

The bills were supported by a wide range of officials, from conservative state legislators to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick (D). It is unlikely that the bills will be taken up again in the near term because the legislative session has ended and the major sponsor of the bill, State Representative Joanne Voorhees (R), did not seek another term due to term limits.

GARBAGE IMPORTATION

Michigan ranks third nationwide among states importing trash from neighbors; it imports 5.2 million tons per year. Despite a law that took effect October 1, 2004, forcing out-of-state trash to comply with Michigan standards, only six communities that ship trash to the state have filed paperwork certifying the loads do not contain returnable bottles, yard waste, car batteries, or other junk banned from landfills in the state.

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At least 25 Michigan landfills accept trash from Ontario, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and other states. The state has yet to issue a single fine under the new law.

BORDER TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and Canadian Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan pledged to increase lane capacity at the Detroit Windsor Tunnel and other border tunnels and bridges by 25 percent in 12 months. The measures in this proposal include: constructing and staffing a second commercial lane and secondary commercial inspection area to increase capacity by three percent, increasing staff to primary lanes at high traffic periods, and implementing a bi-national Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).

INDIAN GAMBLING EXPANSION

In October 2004, the group "Taxpayers of Michigan Against Casinos" filed suit against Governor Granholm on separation-of-powers grounds following a 2003 decision that expanded Indian Gambling in the state. The state's compact with the Odawa Indians, initiated in 1998, was amended to allow the tribe to open a second casino and operate 10 years longer in exchange for more tax revenue. The compact included a provision allowing the Governor to negotiate amendments on behalf of the state. On December 13, the Michigan Court of Appeals considered whether Governor Granholm exceeded her powers in amending the casino-operating compact without getting approval from state lawmakers. The Court has not announced a ruling in the case. The state has 17 Indian casinos.

GENERAL MOTORS LANSING PLANT

On December 30, General Motors Corporation announced that it will close its Lansing, Michigan, production facility due to overproduction and low sales of the Chevrolet SSR Roadster. The plant in Ingham County, near Lansing, will cut production from January 3 through March 5. Salaried workers will report to work, while hourly workers will get unemployment and supplemental unemployment benefits totaling 95 percent of their net pay under the terms of their United Auto Workers contract. After March 5, workers will return to a normal work schedule.

POLITICAL CLIMATE

PETITION DRIVES

Partial-birth Abortion

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A ban on partial-birth abortion was passed by the Michigan State Legislature last year but vetoed by Governor Granholm. Supporters of the ban obtained 254,206 valid signatures on a petition to send the bill back to the State Legislature. A state panel approved the petitions, and the Legislature enacted the measure into law. It will take effect in March 2005; however, the American Civil Liberties Union plans to challenge the ban.

Same-Sex Marriage

In the General Election, a constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union between a man and woman overwhelmingly passed 59 percent to 41 percent.

Casino Expansion

A new constitutional amendment to require voters to approve any expansion of gambling in the state was approved with 58 percent of the vote. The exceptions to the approval process are Native American casinos and existing operations in Detroit. Governor Granholm and former State House Speaker Rick Johnson (R) were against the amendment.

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ANTI-AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PETITION DRIVE

The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, a group seeking to end affirmative action in Michigan, says it is in the final stages of a petition drive aimed at putting a proposed constitutional amendment on the 2006 ballot. The group, backed by California businessman Ward Connerly, must turn in at least 317,757 valid signatures to qualify for the ballot. The signatures must be submitted to the Michigan Secretary of State within 180 days of initiation of the project. Organizational spokesmen have declined to comment on the number of signatures collected but have stated that signature gatherers are being paid. The group has stated that it will submit the signatures on January 6.

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The initiative was launched after the 2003 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that the University of Michigan could consider race to create a diverse student body.

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STATISTICS

2004 General Election Results (Presidential):

	Total Votes	%Won
Kerry	2,479,183	51%
Bush	2,313,746	48%
Nader	24,035	1%
Other	22,288	1%

2000 General Election Results (Presidential):

	Total Votes	%Won
Gore	2,170,418	51%
Bush	1,953,139	46%
Nader	84,165	2%
Other	24,779	1%

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Note: Michigan lost one Congressional seat in reapportionment.

U.S. SENATE:

- Carl Levin (D), 5th term, re-elected in 2002 with 61%
- Debbie Stabenow (D), 1st term, elected in 2000 with 49%

U.S. HOUSE: 15 Total (9R, 6D)

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- Bart Stupak (D-01), 7th term, re-elected with 66%
- Peter Hoekstra (R-02), 7th term, re-elected with 69%
- Vernon Ehlers (R-03), 6th term, re-elected with 67%
- Dave Camp (R-04), 8th term, re-elected with 64%
- Dale Kildee (D-05), 2nd term in MI-05, 15th consec. term, re-elected with 67%
- Fred Upton (R-06), 10th term, re-elected with 65%
- Joe Schwarz (R-07), 1st term, elected with 58%
- Mike Rogers (R-08), 3rd term, re-elected with 61%
- Joe Knollenberg (R-09), 2nd term in MI-09, 7th term, re-elected with 58%
- Candice Miller (R-10), 2nd term, elected with 69%
- Thaddeus McCotter (R-11), 2nd term, elected with 57%
- Sander Levin (D-12), 12th term, re-elected with 69%
- Carolyn C. Kilpatrick (D-13), 2nd term in MI-13, 5th consecutive term, re-elected with 78%
- John Conyers (D-14), 21st term, re-elected with 84%
- John Dingell (D-15), 25th term, re-elected with 71%

STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor Jennifer Granholm (D), 1st term, elected with 51%
Lieutenant Governor John Cherry (D), 1st term, elected with 51%
Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land (R), 1st term, elected with 55%
Attorney General Mike Cox (R), 1st term, elected with 49%
Note: The Governor appoints all other statewide positions.

State House: **110 (58R, 52D)**
Speaker: Craig DeRoche (R)
Majority Leader: Chris Ward (R)
Minority Leader: Diane Byrum (D)

State Senate: **38 (22R, 16D)**
President: Lieutenant Governor John Cherry (D)
Majority Leader: Ken Sikkema (R)
Minority Leader: Robert Emerson (D)

STATE PARTY

Chairman: Betsy DeVos
National Committeeman: Chuck Yob
National Committeewoman: Holly Hughes

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STATE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Estimated Population 2000:

Michigan: 9,938,444, an increase of 6.9% since 1990

National: 281,421,906, an increase of 13.1% since 1990

Race/Ethnicity:

Michigan: 78.6% White; 14.2% African-American; 3.3% Hispanic;
1.8% Asian

National: 69.1% White; 12.5% Hispanic; 12.3% African-American;
3.6% Asian; 0.9% Native American

Median Age:

Michigan: 35.5 years (12.3% are 65 years and older)

National: 35.3 years (12.4% are 65 years and older)

College Educated:

Michigan: 21.8%

National: 24.4%

Median Income:

Michigan: \$44,667

National: \$41,994

Households:

Michigan: 68.0% family households; 51.4% married couple families

National: 68.1% family households; 51.7% married couple families

(Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau)

YOUR PREVIOUS TRAVEL

Event	Date	Location
Victory 2004 Rally	October 30, 2004	Grand Rapids
Victory 2004 Rally	October 28, 2004	Saginaw
Greeting with African American Leaders and Remarks at Victory 2004 Rally	October 27, 2004	Pontiac
Victory 2004 Rally	October 6, 2004	Farmington Hills
Victory 2004 Rally	September 13, 2004	Battle Creek
Victory 2004 Rally	September 13, 2004	Holland
Bush-Cheney '04 Ask President Bush	September 13, 2004	Muskegon
Bush-Cheney '04 Rally	August 30, 2004	Taylor
Bush-Cheney '04 Rally	August 16, 2004	Traverse City

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Bush-Cheney '04 Rally	August 5, 2004	Saginaw
Bush-Cheney '04 Remarks	July 30, 2004	Grand Rapids
Bush-Cheney '04 Remarks at National Urban League Conference	July 23, 2004	Detroit
Bush-Cheney '04 Rally	July 13, 2004	Marquette
Victory 2004 Dinner	July 7, 2004	Bloomfield Hills
Meeting with Judicial Nominees	July 7, 2004	Detroit
Ask President Bush Remarks in Kalamazoo, Michigan Bush-Cheney '04 Rally	May 3, 2004	Niles Kalamazoo Sterling Heights
Conversation on the Economy with Employers and Employees at Dynamic Metal Treating Bush-Cheney '04 Fundraiser	December 1, 2003	Canton Dearborn
Tour and Remarks on New Source Review at the Detroit Edison Monroe Plant	September 15, 2003	Monroe
Remarks on the Economy to Beaver Aerospace and Defense, Inc. and Bush-Cheney '04 Fundraiser	July 24, 2003	Livonia Dearborn
Roundtable and Speech on Post Operation Iraqi Freedom Reconstruction	April 28, 2003	Dearborn
Roundtable and Remarks on Medicare and Prescription Drugs	January 29, 2003	Grand Rapids
Welcome Event and Victory 2002 Event and Thaddeus McCotter Finance Event	October 14, 2002	Waterford Dearborn
Remarks on Border Security and Bilateral with Canadian Prime Minister Chretien	September 9, 2002	Detroit
State Visit with Polish President Kwasniewski	July 18, 2002	Troy
Education Event at Vandenberg Elementary School	May 6, 2002	Southfield
Teamsters Barbecue	September 3, 2001	Detroit
Remarks to the U.S. Conference of Mayors	June 25, 2001	Detroit
Economic Speech at Western Michigan University	March 27, 2001	Kalamazoo

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THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PREVIOUS TRAVEL

Event	Date	Location
Victory 2004 Rally	October 31, 2004	Romulus
Victory 2004 Rally	October 29, 2004	Dimondale
Victory 2004 Rally	October 20, 2004	Traverse City
Coffee with Community Leaders	October 20, 2004	Clio
Victory 2004 Rally	October 15, 2004	Grand Rapids
Bush-Cheney '04 Bus Tour	October 15, 2004	Berrien Springs Kalamazoo
Bush-Cheney '04 Coffee with Supporters	September 21, 2004	Lansing
Victory 2004 Rally	August 24, 2004	Waterford
Bush-Cheney '04 Rally	August 11, 2004	Battle Creek
Bush-Cheney '04 Rally	July 16, 2004	Lansing
Remarks at Duro-Last Roofing	June 25, 2004	Saginaw
Remarks to the Annual Convention of the Police Officers Association of Michigan	June 4, 2004	Grand Rapids
Bush-Cheney '04 Fundraiser	June 30, 2003	Grand Rapids
Finance Event for Congressmen Knollenberg and McCotter	August 8, 2002	Livonia
Governor's Gala for Michigan GOP	June 20, 2002	Detroit
Michigan State University Commencement Address	May 3, 2002	Lansing
Birthday Party for Ambassador Peter Secchia	April 15, 2002	Grand Rapids
Fundraiser for Congressman Mike Rogers	June 18, 2001	Howell

¹ Statewide poll conducted by EPIC/MRA, a Lansing, MI polling firm, from December 8-12, 2004 using 610 participants. The margin of error in the poll is 4 percent. The firm conducted the same poll with 600 participants in mid-August.