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Libertarian Runs For Village Council

OFF YEAR ELECTIONS PUT FOCUS ON LOCAL GOV'T

A Monroe county resident has become the first Libertarian candidate to enter a partisan race in Michigan this year.

Charles L. "Chuck" Dawson will be one of four people vying for three seats on the 6 member Carlton Village Council. The other three candidates are Democrats.

Dawson, who has been a libertarian for several years but only recently joined the party, said he thinks the slate of incumbent democrats is vulnerable to a challenge.

"I think the council has passed by several opportunities to reduce the expense and scope of the village government," Dawson said. "I want to present myself as a trustee who will take the lead in allowing people to keep the money they earn and stop the council from making decisions that should be left up to the individuals con-

cerned." He specifically mentioned an ordinance requiring all video games in public places to be licensed by the village.

Dawson has already issued news releases on his candidacy and begun fundraising efforts for what will be a mostly door-to-door campaign. He also plans to set up coffees in his trailer park and other neighborhoods.

Although the LPM lost ballot status in the November general election, the State Elections Dept. has said that we can run candidates on the Libertarian Party ticket until November, 1983. This decision was based on a 1949 ruling by the

Attorney General which interpreted the words "next ensuing election" to mean the "next ensuing November election" in regards to the date ballot status expires.

Chuck Dawson's entry into local politics also brings up the larger question of just how valuable Libertarian participation in these races actually is.

In the past, many Libertarians have simply ignored the possibility of gaining a seat on a municipal council, commission or board, even though sometimes the only requirement is that you sign up!

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LPM Kick Off Monthly Raffle

One of the most important elements of a growing political party is having a stable financial base on which to operate. The Libertarian Party of Michigan currently relies mainly on monthly pledge contributors to provide the financial backbone for day to day activities. However, as average expenditures continue to exceed income, we may be forced to give up either our office or director.

In order to prevent this, the LPM has initiated a monthly 50-50 raffle to cover the cost of office rent and director's base pay (a total of approximately \$500.00). Here's how it works:

Each month, a total of 1000

tickets will be distributed to LPM members with their copy of the *MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN*. When a ticket is sold (\$1.00 each), the buyer's name and address are written on the stub, which is sent along with \$1.00 per ticket to LPM Headquarters. The buyer keeps the body of the ticket.

The drawing will be held on the 15th of the month following the edition of the newsletter in which the tickets were enclosed. For example, for this, the February edition, the drawing will be March 15. Winners will be contacted and awarded the prize of 50% of the total receipts. If all

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From the Director

Back in the early 70's the enlightened leadership here in Lansing met a "fiscal crisis" by extending the fiscal year. This neat accounting arrangement allowed the politicians to use 15 months of revenues to cover 12 months of expenditures. It was a "safe" solution, pushing the day of reckoning off into the future. And for as long as the state had a cash flow large enough to "roll over" the debt, those three months of liabilities were long forgotten.

Freed again from the burden of acting responsibly, our leaders went on a spending spree that would guarantee Michigan leadership in the rolls of "progressive" states, implementing social and regulatory programs that gave Michigan the number one ranking by number of state employees and the highest wages paid.

Today, Michigan also ranks number one in unemployment. And as the flow of cash into the state coffers dwindles as a result, we again hear the cries of fiscal crisis. With estimates on the extent of state debt increasing faster than point tallies on a video game, these PAC-man bureaucrats are again resorting to the time honored method of solving such problems: gobbling up more of the income of those people fortunate enough to still be working.

But wait. Let us not be too hasty with our condemnation. After all, everyone in Michigan knows that the budget has been cut to the bone; that any more spending reductions will have parents in Pakistan telling their children to finish all their rice in view of all the people in Michigan who don't have anything to eat. I believe that the Governor is as sincere and straight forward as he can be when he speaks of "people suffering" and the budget being "cut to the bone."

The problem is that when any politician talks of a budget "cut to the bone," he really means that the supply of loot in the treasury, which is supposed to be distributed to the special interests that elected him, may be insufficient to persuade those special interests to fund his re-election. Unfortunately, Michigan does not have the ability to print money(In Washington, of course, this is no problem). And the "people suffering"? Why, those are the politicians who would foolishly demand anything more than cosmetic cuts in the budget.

If people are ever to recognize that there are manageable ways to eliminate government spending, it will not be from recognizing that waste must be eliminated. Everyone agrees with that. It will only come from a change in most people's basic understanding of the moral and economic realities of government itself. You could fill a *Michigan Manual* with a list of programs ranging from those which can be more effectively handled by the private sector to those that are downright destructive of the economy and personal freedom.

When they understand, they will agree that there is nothing more criminal than a government that destroys an economy and then taxes it's workers to pay for the damage.



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DEFEND PAUL JACOB!

by Greg Kaza

Paul Jacob, ex-state chair of the Arkansas Libertarian Party and Libertarian student activist, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in Little Rock, Ark. on Sept. 23rd of last year for failure to register with the Selective Service System (SSS).

Jacob, 22, the 11th young man to have been indicted by the Reagan administration and the first Libertarian, is unique among indicted resisters in that he has refused to cooperate with attempts by the State to put him on trial.

Those interested in being the Guest Columnist should submit their articles for consideration by the 20th day of the month preceding the next month's issue.

He has in effect become, as the Sept. 30th issue of "Rolling Stone" called him, the movement's first "underground" resister. As Paul stated in "RS":

"... some of the resisters are planning on voluntarily turning themselves over to federal prosecutors. If they take me to court, I'm not going to walk in. They are going to have to drag me in."

In response to Paul's actions, the FBI has classified him as a "fugitive" and announced that it was conducting "a nation-wide investigation." Omimously, FBI thugs have already escalated a campaign of harrassment and intimidation aimed at Paul's friends and family.

If there is one thing that every Libertarian must oppose one hundred percent it is registration and the draft. Paul Jacob summed up the Libertarian position on the draft last year in an interview with

"Cadre," the internal newsletter of the Libertarian Student Network:

"My body is not government property to be nationalized by those in power. At no time, nor for any reason, can the draft be justified. A free society has no slaves. I am not a pacifist opposing war, I am a free man resisting slavery."

Libertarians active in the larger anti-war movement have linked reimposition of the draft to the powerful menace of U.S. imperialism. Again, Paul Jacob:

"I have not forgotten that the draft has been used before to force young men to kill and die in wars of foreign intervention. I sincerely hope that my generation will not blindly march off, to again pay the human price of U.S. global militarism."

Libertarian participation in the anti-draft movement is a well-established fact. From the nationwide series of demonstrations called by SLS on May 1, 1979 to LSN participation in the shutdown of SSS HQ's last October 18th, Libertarians have been militant opponents of the New Slavery, often-times leading the way with their advocacy of noncompliance and resistance.

Now that Paul Jacob's struggle is a reality, we must resolve to assist this struggle in every way that we can. Along with the plethora of young Libertarian draft resisters that has arisen, Paul Jacob must be defended!

Non-compliance with SSS is at its highest level (12%) in history. Even more significantly, 2 out of every 5 registrants has failed to inform SSS of their having changed addresses. Indeed, an apt slogan for anti-draft forces might be: If You Haven't Registered- Don't! If You Have- Move!"

Vocal noncompliance, demonstrations, and persuasive literature have undoubtedly contributed to this situation. But is this enough? Undaunted, I must answer a resounding "NO!"

If we are to defeat SSS, we must remain on the offensive by

staying one step ahead of them. At this very moment in Michigan, SSS, in cooperation with the Michigan Motor Vehicle Division, is matching registration lists with drivers license records, in an attempt to track down and scare uncooperative youth into compliance.





First and foremost on our agenda must be the development of skilled cadre who are capable of taking our anti-draft message to youth. This cannot be overemphasized. Every Libertarian setback in the anti-draft movement is directly traceable to a failure to do just this.

Secondly, Libertarians should serve on local draft boards. In Texas, there are 8 LP'ers on local draft boards, waiting for the inevitable day when the draft will be reimposed, and it will be necessary to throw a monkey wrench into the State's War Machine.

Finally, Libertarians must con-

Finally, Libertarians must continue to promote resistance

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Petitioning continues . . .

At the time of printing, the total number of signatures collected was approximately 15,000. We have not even come close to the goal of finishing in January and it looks like it may be as long as six weeks before we have enough to file with the State.

It seems that only a few areas of the state are actively collecting signatures. By far, the majority of signatures have come from Oak-

land county. The problem is that many county groups are simply handing out petitions to people without an organized campaign to collect names at grocery stores or shopping malls.

We need an organized effort if we are to gather the number of signatures we need in the time remaining. If you aren't already petitioning, it's not too late to start.

Political Intelligence Report

Editors Note: This is the first in a series of articles on grassroots campaigns — how to run for office and get elected — by Boyce Kendrick and Honey Lanham.

The road to high elective office for many has been the willingness to slug it out in the trenches of entry-level politics.

Take for example the Maryland gentleman who was once President of the Towson PTA and was later elected Vice President of the United States. Spiro Agnew is not the caliber of candidate we Libertarians are looking for, but we can nonetheless learn from his example some fundamental lessons about Getting Elected. Today City Council, Tomorrow . . .

Among ground-floor offices, the easiest ones to win are those no one else will volunteer to fill. Membership on the Philomath City Council, for example. The key to winning this race was consenting to run it. That's all Oregon Libertarian Paul Dillon had to do!

When State Chair Rick Gray sent word to LP Headquarters that the self-employed contractor had finished a strong second in a two-way race for three seats, we were intrigued. From Dillon we learned that Philomath, a town of 1200 residents, is governed by a mayor and council of six members elected for a term of four years—three of the lawmakers

is gratified to hear some of those insights occasionally on the lips of his fellow council members. He says he hasn't eliminated bad legislation, but that he has succeeded in removing some of the most objectionable parts of it.

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When it came election time, all he had to do to qualify for the ballot was submit a petition with twenty signatures. Had there been another Libertarian willing to file for a place on the ballot, there would now be two Libertarians on the Philomath City Council! Paul Dillon advises fellow Libertarians, "If you want to run in 1984, volunteer for any vacancy that comes along."

Libertarians can run for office as individuals or with the support of municipal, county, or state parties. Groups who are excited about the possibilities of running winnable races might consider appointing an elections monitor to ferret out all the road blocks the power mongers have erected against upstart politicians. This information can be very difficult to come by, because incumbents often see their offices as personal fiefdoms—virtual private preserves.

Elections Monitor

This role is vital. One of the first steps is conning the local board of elections into telling you which races will be on upcoming ballots. By upcoming, we mean during the next year or two. The monitor will want to get the following information:

- exact title of the office
- date of the election
- filing deadline
- personal qualifications requires by law
- residence requirements
- filing fees
- method of determining position on the ballot.
- petition requirements

Here is a list of sources we've used in the past:

- Board of elections
- Secretary of State
- State Election Code
- County or parish election clerk
- city election clerk

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elected every other year. Paul says that there is a strong sense of voluntary action in the community, and in fact the mayor and council members serve without pay.

In the November 2, 1982 election, Paul got 543 votes, only 12 less than the other candidate whose name was on the ballot. The third seat was won by a write-in candidate who got 64 of the 108 write-in votes.

Twenty Dollar War Chest

Although it was a non-partisan race, Paul made his views known for a mere twenty dollars by publishing a one-page commentary on local issues from what he described as a "hard-core libertarian" perspective. Paul's letter to his neighbors was left on each household's doorstep in three days of leafletting by Paul, his wife Lexy, and his oldest son Brad, age sixteen at the time.

This is the first election Paul has entered, but he was already a member of the city council. A year and a half ago, a vacancy occurred and was duly noted in the Benton Bulletin, the county's weekly newspaper. Seven days later, the paper mentioned that the council was still looking for a volunteer to fill the seat. By the time the vacancy was six weeks old, Paul decided he would offer to take it.

As a member of the council, he has given his colleagues copies of Bob Poole's Cutting Back City Hall, and

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- district, borough, or regional election clerk. NOTE: from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, the requirements are often quite varied.
- school district office
- water district office
- tax office
- League of Women Voters (If you are a member, so much the better.)

- application to file for office
- campaign expense report application
- map of district
- financial report form

The recommended system for keeping track of your information is to file it under the title of the office.

The Election Calendar

This is a very useful way to organize and display your data. It is essential to know the date of each election and its various deadlines. All the essential information can be color-coded by race and displayed on the

Your elections monitor will have to pick up the inevitable forms:

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calendar. This device will make the time frames visual and dramatic and will point to the need to recruit candidates early -- two years prior to the election is not unreasonable.

"If Only I Had Known..."

Circulate election information among local Libertarians, or notify State Headquarters. People often decline to run for office until they happen to see an opening for a race they are interested in. So let everyone know what's available. You might even consider running more than one Libertarian for an office, especially if there is no filing fee.

Special Elections

For us mavericks, some of the most winnable contests are special elections called as the result of the death or unexpected resignation of an incumbent. At that point, it is incumbent upon us to move quickly and take advantage of the opportunity. At such times establishment candidates are particularly vulnerable to upsets. We need to make sure we are notified of the vacancy and the special election to fill it, including the details of when, where, and how it will be conducted. Often this intelligence is not known until the filing deadline has passed. Ideally, we should have a candidate ready to jump into the race at a moment's notice. Not easy! so start recruiting now.

Given our need to insinuate ourselves into the political pipeline, it is best to abandon the notion that there is any such thing as an insignificant office or one that is beneath our dignity.

If it is within our reach, lets grasp it!

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SET ASIDE APRIL 15 on your calendar for National Tax Protest Day. This is a day when Libertarians all over the country will gather at their local post office and protest the legalized theft of the Infernal Revenue Service.

In the past, Tax Protest Day has been one of the most successful events the Libertarian Party has sponsored.

Detroit area libertarians will be gathering at their post office at 11:00 a.m. on March 15 to participate in Tax Protest Day. For more information, call Virginia Cropsey at (313) 977-6628.

If you haven't already sent in your membership renewal, please do. All memberships expire February 28.

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one thousand tickets are sold, the prize will be \$500.00! (the maximum allowed under State law).

In addition to the monthly drawing, there will be a second chance drawing every four months.

When selling tickets, the stubs and money must be received by the Lansing office before the drawing date! Since only 1000 tickets will be distributed for each drawing, you might return any tickets you won't be able to sell for someone who needs more.

This is an easy way for everyone to help the LPM regardless of their financial situation. Sell tickets to friends, co-workers, and relatives. At only one dollar each, you can build up a group of regulars who will buy tickets each month. □

Kalamazoo Area Libertarians (KAL) is a non-profit, educational corporation whose purpose is to spread libertarian philosophy through educational efforts.

Starting in January, KAL will produce a monthly TV series for public access (cable TV). If you wish to participate, produce, direct or sponsor this project, please contact Sheryl Loux, KAL President, 904 Washburn Ave., Kalamazoo, MI, 49001, (616)343-4737.

KAL would also like to know of any other public access stations through which this TV series can be shown.

KAL currently has for loan: cassette tapes of Nathaniel Branden's "Principles of Objectivism," and tapes of Murray Rothbard seminars on economics and political history.

FRONTLINES is sponsoring a first-ever nationwide survey. Please complete both sides and mail to the address shown. All results will be published in the *MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN* when available.

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The position may seem insignificant compared to the publicity given candidates for state legislature of U.S. congress.

And yet the significance is startling: if Dawson wins, he will be only the second Libertarian elected in a contested partisan race in the lower 48 states. There is still a lot of pioneering work to be done on the local level.

There are few better ways to increase our influence than to have Libertarians in office- any office- to show that the principles of freedom are applicable to all levels of government and to keep the Libertarian Party in the public eye, letting people know we are here to stay! □

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amongst the nations youth. Not only on college campuses, but in high schools. Increasingly, the battle is waged in local high schools. It is here where we must strike the hardest. Removal of SSS propaganda posters from school walls, and the "liberating" of registration displays from Post Offices have become mandatory actions.

In short, we must continue to use a variety of tactics, remaining flexible in light of the objective conditions.

"The issue is not: "Have I broken the law?" I Have. The issue is: "Have I done what is right?" Again, I have. I proudly admit that I am guilty of placing my individual liberty above state coercion!"

Along with Paul Jacob, we must resist. Like the abolitionists of old, we will not allow ourselves to rest until this most insidious of statist evils has been completely defeated! □

Greg Kaza serves on the Central Committee of the Libertarian Student Network, the student/youth arm of the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus. LSN produces an internal newsletter, "Cadre" and will soon launch a mass-based outreach newspaper, "Young Libertarian," which will center its attention on draft resistance. Further information is available from LSN at 339 8th St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

ERWIN SPEAKS OUT

1982 Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate Bette Erwin has been continuing to spread the libertarian message around the state.

On December 1 she spoke to the Pontiac Lions Club and was very well received. On January 5 she addressed a "most enthusiastic" crowd at the Ann Arbor Optimists Club. The latter group noted that she and Dick Jacobs were among the best speakers they had had.

Now that's Optimistic. □

CALENDAR

THE STATE CENTRAL Committee will meet on Sunday, March 13, 1:00 p.m., at LPM Headquarters. All members please attend.

THE ISSUES COMMITTEE will meet on Sunday, March 13, before the SCC meeting at LPM Headquarters. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.

THE MSU LIBERTARIANS meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. For more information, contact Richard Hayes at (517) 355-5669.

THE MACOMB COUNTY LP meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Harvest Table Restaurant, Van Dyke and 15 Mile Rd. in Warren. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Virginia Cropsey.

THE WAYNE COUNTY LP meets on the first Monday of every month at Christoff's Public House, 13736 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn. Meetings begin at 7:45 p.m. For more information, contact Steve Furr.

THE MIDLAND COUNTY LP meets regularly at the Grace Dow Library in Midland. The meetings feature libertarian speakers addressing a variety of topics. For more information, contact Janet Parkes at (517) 631-9737.

THE OAKLAND COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Uncle John's Pancake House in Birmingham. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Joe Cote' for more information.

THE METRO DETROIT LIBERTARIANS meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant at 10 mile Road and Northwestern in Southfield. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30. For more information, contact Keith Edwards.

THE WASHTENAW COUNTY LP and the Ann Arbor Libertarian League meet every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the basement of Dominic's Restaurant in Ann Arbor. For more information, contact Jim Greenshields or Glenn Mensching.

KALAMAZOO AREA LIBERTARIANS (KAL) will be starting libertarian philosophy discussion group meetings right away. For times and locations, contact Mary Ruwart, (616)375-4959 evenings, or (616) 385-7148 days.

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