

# Politically vocal Drolet to run for state Senate



Leon Drolet

Leon Drolet, former state representative and ex-Macomb County commissioner, has made a career of bashing government. Now he'll seek another government job: the state Senate.

"Yeah, I'm running" for the seat held by term-limited Sen. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, said Drolet, who leans libertarian in his politics.

He led the noisy but unsuccessful recall against House Speaker Andy

Dillon, R-Redford Township, last year. Drolet said he's an activist at heart and "a perennial politician who's the anti-politician."

He was among the speakers at last week's Tea Party antitax rally in Lansing, which drew a surprisingly large crowd of close to 5,000.

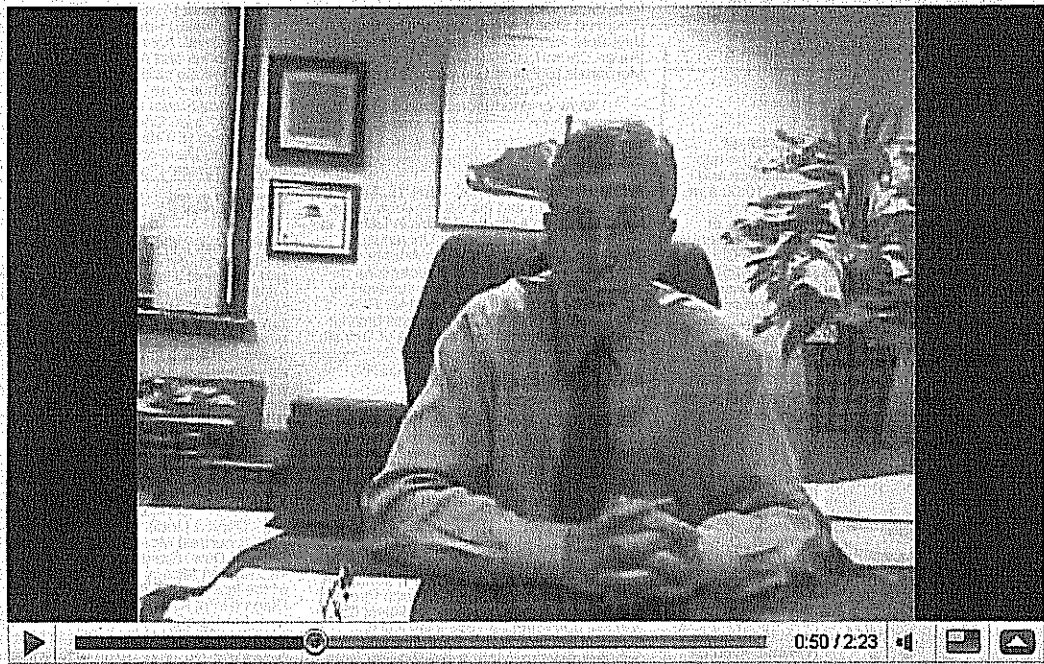
"I'd be a pretty good representative for those people in the Legislature. I'd be their guy," Drolet said.



**"THEY'RE TEENAGERS. ENOUGH SAID. THEY'RE 14-YEAR-OLD GIRLS. ENOUGH SAID."**

Former Gov. **JOHN ENGLER**, talking about his triplet daughters Hannah, Margaret and Madeleine, during a speech to Macomb County Republicans

## Michigan Republican Party Chairman Ron Weiser Addresses Michigan



YouTube.com

Michigan Republican Chairman Ron Weiser made a YouTube video to spread his April 15 Tax Day message.

### Tax Day message attracts explosive connection

It isn't groundbreaking anymore when a politician uses so-called new media to promote an agenda. But YouTube apparently found dynamite in a video by Michigan Republican Chairman Ron Weiser to spread his April 15 Tax Day message.

Next to the Weiser YouTube video were links to several versions of the implosion of the RCA Dome in Indianapolis in December.

Some fancy algorithm made a connection between a shirtsleeved political functionary reading from cue cards and the brute force destruction of a massive concrete and steel stadium.

Having viewed both, we couldn't see it. But it is no surprise that the most popular RCA Dome implosion video had 72,000 viewers, while Weiser was holding at 176 viewers by the day after Tax Day.



**"WE NEED TO TAKE BACK THE COURT BECAUSE IT IS A SOUL-KILLING EXPERIENCE TO GO TO CONFERENCE WITH MY NEW COLLEAGUES AND SEE THEM DESTROY THE LAW."**

Michigan Supreme Court Justice **ROBERT YOUNG**, about his upcoming re-election bid with Macomb County Republicans

### Remember, no papers on podium

During Wednesday's Detroit mayoral debate between Dave Bing and Ken Cockrel Jr., moderator Huel Perkins of WJBK-TV asked Cockrel to remove some papers from his podium.

The debate rules prohibited prepared notes. It wasn't clear what Cockrel had on his podium, and Perkins tried to not embarrass the mayor.

Still, Perkins joked, maybe those notes would make a good scoop for reporters — a line that drew laughs from the audience.



Dave Bing



Ken Cockrel Jr.

### Cox builds powerful posse

Attorney General Mike Cox isn't messing around, building a roster of high-powered names on his gubernatorial election campaign.

His finance committee bulges with 26 members, with such executive luminaries as Peter Karmanos (Compuware), C. Michael Kojanian (Kojanian Cos.), Martin (Hoot) McInerney (McInerney Inc.), William Young (Plastipak), Kenneth Eisenberg (Kenwal Steel), Paul Borman (Paul Borman Co.) and Jack Bell (Premier Health Care) to name a few.

There's also former Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorceyca, the Rev. Keith Butler (Michigan GOP national committeeman), former state Sen. Glenn Steil and James Barrett, former president of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Now they'll have to agree on who signs the