



MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

NEWS LETTER OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN

Michigan Constitution Article I, Sec. 5

Every person may freely speak, write, express and publish his views on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right: and no law shall be enacted to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1997

AFFILIATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SET TO GO

The Libertarian Party of Michigan's 1997 Winter Affiliate Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday, February 8 at Pines Country House, 1730 E. Main (M-21), Owosso. The event will run from 1:00 PM to 5:15 PM.

The conference will feature a presentation by Ken Bisson, MD, the LP Region 3 NATCOM representative on "Proven Tools for Libertarian Activists." Ken has been active in the LP since 1985 and helped Marshall Fritz found the Advocates for Self-Government in 1985. He later became Board Chairman of that organization and was active in training libertarians in the out reach methods of the Advocates.

Roundtable discussion groups will follow covering such topics as chairing a local party, special events, planning, publicity and promotion, candidates, campaigns and elections, newsletters, membership, treasurers, and college libertarians groups.

These leadership conferences have proven to be very valuable and local leaders should encourage those in their groups who are responsible for these activities to attend.

Owosso is directly west of Flint. The Pines is just east of the city limits on M-21 on the south side of the road. Call Stacy Van Oast at 810-784-8783 or stacy@vanoast.agn.net or try <http://www.coast.net/~lpm/> for more information and directions. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about local organizing and administration.

SAM ADAMS DINNER ANNOUNCED

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County is now taking reservations for its third annual Sam Adams Dinner. The event will be held on Saturday, March 8, at the Heidelberg Restaurant in Ann Arbor. The evening begins with a social hour at 6 PM followed by a buffet dinner and program. The featured speaker will be Jacob Hornberger, president of the Future of Freedom Foundation, an educational foundation based in Fairfax, Virginia. Mr. Hornberger made an extraordinary impression as the keynote speaker at the National Libertarian Party 1996 Convention in Washington, D.C. last July.

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County's dinner honors the Patriot Samuel Adams, renowned as a firebrand of the American Revolution and signer of the Declaration of Independence. See page 10 for more information and the reservation form.

LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

The new membership program of the Libertarian Party provides for unified membership in both the state and national organizations, whether you enroll at one level or the other. However, please remember that the National LP cannot process membership in local affiliates. To join a local affiliate you need to contact it directly (see Directory on Page 2 for your contact.) Renewals of local membership are done by the local affiliate prior to expiration.

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Student Organizations are listed on page six.

LOCAL MEETINGS

These Libertarian groups meet regularly. See Directory for the contact person.

Ionia meets third Wednesday at Corcoran's Restaurant, downtown Ionia at 7:30 P.M.

Lapeer/Genesee meets the second Wednesday at 7:30 in the Commissioners Room (basement) of Lapeer Co. Bldg, 255 Clay St., Lapeer.

Livingston Co. meets the second Monday at 6:30 at Mexican Jones Restaurant, 675 Grand River, Brighton, and on the fourth Saturday at 10 AM at Elias Brothers on Grand River in Brighton.

Macomb meets the second Wednesday at 6 PM at Fire Escape, 61 N.Walnut, Mt. Clemens.

Mid-Michigan meets the second Thursday at 7 PM at Sneekers, 600 Homer in Lansing.

Northwest LP meets the third Saturday at 7 PM at Cottage Cafe, 420 Munson Ave., Traverse City.

Oakland Co. meets the fourth Wednesday at 7 PM at Gino's Restaurant, 1999 Cass Lake Rd., Keego Harbor.

Ottawa Co. meets the second Tuesday at 7:30 PM at China Garden Restaurant, 133 Washington in Grand Haven.

South Central LP meets the second Monday at Tom's Grill & Pub, 3075 Ann Arbor Rd., in Jackson.

Washtenaw meets every Thursday at 6:30 PM at Dominick's, 812 Monroe St., Ann Arbor March thru Nov. In other months, call.

Wayne Co. meets the first Tuesday at 6:30 at La Trattoria, 13736 Michigan, Dearborn.

Western MI LP (Grand Rapids area) meets the first Tuesday at 7:30 in the basement of Pizza Hut, 1640 44th St., Kentwood.

FROM THE CHAIR

By Emily Hopp Salvette

Libertarian activists often call me with questions about handling the news media. Because news coverage is critical to the success of affiliates and candidates, I'd like to share a few thoughts distilled from my own and others' experience. The mechanics of media work are fairly easy. A book from your local library can tell you how to develop a media list, write a news release, or conduct a press conference. More difficult is developing good working relations with reporters which can lead to better coverage for your Libertarian activities.

There are two important points to keep in mind. First, please believe that there is no media conspiracy to ignore or demean Libertarians. Really. They are just businesses trying to make a buck by delivering news their customers want to know about. Your campaign or event will be covered if it is of interest to the viewers/readers/listeners in your community. Second, remember that news reporters are human beings which means they are more likely to listen to people they know, and they would rather get to know people who are friendly and helpful.

With these points in mind, here are a few things to do. Get to know the reporters in your area who cover local politics. Try to establish a rapport with them. They are your allies in getting information out, not your enemies, so be friendly and helpful whenever you speak to them. When you send a news release make sure it's short and well written. It makes their job easier if they can use material without much re-writing. Make sure the person listed a "contact" on your release is actually available to take calls (not the guy who is leaving for a two-week Florida vacation). I'm called by many frustrated reporters who want to cover an LP candidate or event but cannot track down anyone to talk with. When you are interviewed, be friendly, but always assume EVERYTHING you say will show up in print --

from your off-hand "Clinton is a lying, criminal jerk who ought to be impeached," to your fumbling "Uhhh...well gee, I don't know." Think about what you'll say before the interview; and during the interview, think before you speak.

Once the story is broadcast or in the paper, strengthen your friendly relationship by calling the reporter to thank him or her for the coverage. Even if you think she did a hatchet job on you, never complain about the story. It is reasonable to mention and correct factual errors (e.g. you're a UM grad and she wrote you went to MSU), but it not reasonable to argue "errors" of interpretation (e.g. you gave her the Libertarian position on drug re-legalization and she wrote "Mr. Smith has the extreme view that all drugs, even heroin, should be available to everyone, even children.") Complaining is criticizing, and being human, reporters don't like people who criticize their work. Remember, you want her to cover your next event, right? No matter how upset you are, do not be belligerent. Instead, thank her, say something like, "I hope to have the opportunity in the future to tell you why Libertarians don't want 8 year-olds shooting up," then hang up and resolve to do better in the next interview.

Of course, there is much more to know. For better or worse, "learning by doing" is the best instructional method and mistakes are inevitable. But as our party grows and demand for information about us increases, our interactions with the media will boom. We should all try to master media relations so we can supply the positive public image our party deserves.

OOPS!

The November-December issue of this otherwise faultless publication did contain a couple of errors. The Annual Convention will be held in Traverse City, not Grand Rapids. And the Ebeling speech was on November 20, not February.

LPM LEADERS TO BE ELECTED IN TRAVERSE CITY

On Sunday, May 4 at the State Convention in Traverse City, the Libertarian Party of Michigan membership will elect a new State Chair. The current Chair, Emily Salvette will not seek re-election. Emily is moving to Germany with her Husband John, who is being transferred there. Convention delegates will also elect the Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, five at-large members of the Executive Committee and three members of the Judicial Committee. Any member of the LPM may run for these offices all of which have one-year terms. If you are interested in helping to lead the Party for the next year and would like more information, contact Emily Salvette at 313-747-8129 or salvette@aol.com

PLATFORM AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEES SEEK INPUT

Members of the Libertarian Party of Michigan will have the opportunity to revise the LPM state platform and by-laws at the Saturday afternoon business session of the State Convention in Traverse City on May 3, 1997. Additions or revisions must be submitted in writing to the platform committee chairman Raymond Warner or the by-laws chairman Keith Edwards. You may e-mail platform proposals to Ray at LGLCSEC@aol.com or snail mail them to 6669 Fern, Detroit, MI 48210. You may mail by-laws proposals to Keith at 28960 Jane, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081. The current platform and by-laws are available at the LPM web site at <http://www.coast.net/~lpm/> If you have any questions, call Ray at 313-259-7714 or Keith at 810-777-7468.

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"Let all fame be measured by the means employed to get it."

"There must be harmony between theories and actions to insure expected results."

La Rochefoucauld

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The November-December issue was the largest circulation ever for this publication with over 3,000 mailed. Special thanks to the Libertarians of Macomb County for helping with the bulk mailing of over 2,000 copies to new interesteds and complimentary. We also mailed over 1,000 first class to our members (who are also first class!)

LPM GAINS OFFICEHOLDER

The Libertarian Party has another officeholder, but this one was in office before he became a libertarian. Don Slatt, 52, has been a member of the Portage Parks and recreation Board for six years. A teacher and coach, Slatt had been on the 2020 Committee to recommend future goals for the city of Portage and thought his sports background would make him an asset for the Parks and Rec position.

A former Republican, Don became disillusioned with the GOP because of its promotion of big government and found the LP. He became active locally and then joined the National and State LP in October, 1996.

The LP has about 170 officeholders in the United States and we are happy to add Don Slatt to the list.

WALL STREET JOURNAL COVERS LIBERTARIANS

The Wall Street Journal carried two stories in its January 13, 1997. issue relating to libertarians.

On the editorial page the WSJ carried an article by John Fund entitled "The Libertarian Congressman Is Back." The article covered the career of 1988 Libertarian presidential candidate Ron Paul who has returned to Congress as a Republican. The article mentioned his 1988 campaign, his constitutionalist views and said, "What makes him truly unusual is that he always votes that way, and still wins in marginal districts." There's a lesson right there.

The other article was entitled "The Case Against Coercion" a book review by Michael Barone of Readers Digest who reviewed two new books and asked in the opening line, "Has the time come for libertarianism?" The books are "What It Means to Be a Libertarian" by Charles Murray and "Libertarianism by David Boaz. The review stresses Murray's moral argument for minimal government even above the usual practical argu-

ments. He quotes Boaz, "The more messy and modern the world, the better libertarianism works." Murray stresses self-regulation, citing Underwriters Laboratories and the Society of Automobile Engineers as the alternative to regulation.

The WSJ continues its move toward a more libertarian position.

A LESSON FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Czech Republic Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus addressed the Manhattan Institute in September on the move to a free society in his country.

"The relative weakness or strengths of institutions of a newly formed free society is only one aspect of the whole issue. What about the people? Are they ready for such a rapid change? Does free society presuppose in addition to the creation of its basic institutions some set of values or moral standards that would properly anchor the society? Do the people need an interim period of schooling? Is such schooling realizable? Are there teachers for such procedure? Are the people willing to be educated?"

"My answer to these and similar questions is rather simple. My answer is that the people are always ready and that they do not need a special education. What they need is a free space for their voluntary activities, the elimination of controls and prohibitions of all kinds."

Klaus speaks from the perspective of a society that had collapsed under communism and they were in a state of anarchy where reality could not be evaded. People are adaptable and can respond rationally if compulsion is absent. In the U.S. our mixed economy works well enough that most people can still evade reality. Here, the education process must proceed so we can regain freedom without the sort of collapse that freed the Czechs.

PARTY PORTRAIT

A key position in any organization is that of Treasurer. In the LPM, Dave Nagy has held the job for five terms. First elected in 1992, Dave has brought a professional attitude to the Treasurer's position. He is an accountant by profession and has up-graded the quality of our financial records. Shortly after assuming the job in 1992, he suffered a heart attack, but kept on the job even in his hospital bed.

Dave also handles the bulk mailing of the newsletter and is active in the Wayne County group.

Nagy is interested in numerology and astrology. That gives him three ways to balance the books. Just kidding, folks!

COLLEGE LIBERTARIANS

The following college libertarian groups are now meeting regularly. Please call the contact person listed below if you are interested in attending.

Andrews Univ.	Glenn Whitt	616-471-4186
Hillsdale	Josh Mercer	517-437-5663
Michigan State	Ben Crawford	517-332-6813
U of D - Mercy	Dave Collver	810-542-9274
Univ. of Mich.	Martin Howrylak	810-643-6653

Michigan State University Libertarians meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the MSU Union Iowa Room at 7:30 PM.

Russ Kohler wants to start a group at Oakland University. Call 810-254-8743 for info.

Thinking About Election 1998?

LPM Congressional Committee & Libertarian Campaign Managers Association

Present

Decision '98

You are invited if you are:

- *thinking about running for office -- paper or active -- any level*
- *thinking about being a campaign manager*
- *interested in being active in campaign '98*

When: February 22, 1997 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Where: Church Hall, 1017 Hilton Rd., Ferndale, MI
(1/2 mile south of 9 mile road, 1 mile west of I-75)**

- Making the decision to run; where and for what office
- Learning to manage campaigns
- Support system available through LCC and LCMA
- Strategies for the '98 elections
- Using our political clout to implement a Freedom agenda in Michigan
- and, Much, Much More!

For additional information call (810) 399-9177



Affiliate Report

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LIBERTYFEST SUCCESFUL

The 1996 LibertyFest Banquet, sponsored by the Libertarians of Macomb County was a great success. The event, held on October 19, 1996 at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights raised more than \$10,000 for the Harry Browne/ Jo Jorgensen ticket. These funds were used to run commercials on the CNN cable network during the last few weeks of the 1996 campaign.

Libertarians of Macomb County have moved their monthly meeting from the Fire Escape in Mount Clemens to the Georgian Inn on Gratiot at 13 Mile Rd. in Roseville. Many will remember the new location as the site of the 1996 State Convention. The LMC had outgrown the Fire Escape and the Georgian Inn has excellent facilities for those meetings where a speaker is featured.

On January 8 the LMC held a meeting at the Georgian Inn with attorney Bill Dobreff as the featured speaker. Dobreff discussed the emergence of SLAPP lawsuits as a method of stopping the criticizing of government activities. Such lawsuits are designed to intimidate freedom fighters by spreading the fear of costly legal defense. One way to reduce the chance of a SLAPP lawsuit is to avoid any near-libelous remarks. Libertarians are usually quite outspoken as we should be, but prudence in language is a good defense as well as a means of making a good impression as a responsible person.

WASHTENAW COUNTY HAS NEW MEETING PLACE

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw Co. has a new meeting place for the month of February: Forbidden City Restaurant at 3535 Plymouth Rd. in Ann Arbor. The group, which meets every Thursday, will return to Dominick's Restaurant, 812 Monroe St. in March. On March 8 the LPWC will hold its 3rd Annual Sam Adams Dinner at the Heidelberg Restaurant, 215 N. Main St. in Ann Arbor (see details elsewhere

LIBERTARIAN TV SHOW!

Northwest Michigan Libertarian Party chairman Richard Ask will be hosting a monthly live talk/call-in program on Public Access television PCTV2 (Traverse City area). The program, called "America-The Way It Should Be" will feature lectures, discussion, and guests. Richard's wife Cyndi will produce the program scheduled to air on Thursdays at 7PM. Mr. Ask is a winner of a "Libby" award presented to him at the Libertyfest Banquet in November. The program has generated media attention for the group which will be hosting this years state convention.

RADIO TOO

Another prominent state Libertarian can be heard over the airwaves this year. Ionia LP chairman Richard Whitlock is hosting a call-in radio program on station WION 1430AM. Every Thursday from 10-11 Mr. Whitlock takes calls for his program titled "Voice of Liberty". Whitlock promises to bash not only Democrats (ala Limbaugh and Liddy) but Republicans as well. The show has been well received and may be lengthened.

NEW AFFILIATE?

LPM members Brian Kluesner and John Willis will be sponsoring informational meetings in late February in Cadillac and Manistee. They hope to generate enough interest to create the next affiliate. The meetings will be formally announced in their second newsletter, which will go out to over 100 individuals in Lake, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola and Wexford counties.

Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford counties are currently organized under the Northwest Michigan LP affiliate. Both membership and participation from these counties has been low and the pair hope that this is due to the distance members must travel for meetings, rather than a lack of interest.

Kluesner is the Membership Director of the NWMLP and Willis serves as the Treasurer in Boon Township.

Liberty Calender

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OUR WACKY GOVERNMENT

David Letterman's

**TOP TEN WAYS TO MAKE
COMMUNISM FUN AGAIN**

Recent federal government expenditures:
-\$19 million to explore gas emissions
from cow flatulence.

- \$800,000 to install a restroom at the top of Mt. McKinley
- \$2 million to construct an ancient Hawaiian canoe
- \$500,000 to build a replica of the Great Pyramid of Egypt in the State of Indiana
- \$145,000 on a wave making machine for a swimming pool in Salt Lake City.
- \$150,000 to study the feud between the Hatfields and the McCoys

Moroccan visitors, staying at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, ran up a tab of long distance telephone charges totaling \$499.68. The Moroccan Embassy told the Dept. of Defense that if it wanted to collect, they'd have to go to Morocco. So-in it's infinite wisdom-DOD did! As taxpayers, we ended up spending \$32,264.41 to recoup the \$499.68. DOD also spent \$15,532.50 for a Columbian dignitary to visit Florida and then Washington DC. This funding included the rental of a yacht to have lunch on. The main menu: filet de taxpayer.

After a six month study, the Dept. of Defense released its 22 page official brownie recipe. Here are some excerpts: The texture of the brownie shall be firm but not hard. Pour batter into a pan at such a rate that will yield uncoated brownies which, when cut such as to meet the dimension requirements specified in regulation 3.4f, will weigh approximately 35 grams each. The dimensions of the coated brownie shall not exceed 3 1/2 inches by 2 1/2 inches by 5/8 inch. Shelled walnut pieces shall be of a light color and shall be U.S. No. 1 of the U. S. Standards for Shelled English Walnuts. A minimum of 90%, by weight, of the pieces shall pass through a 4/16 inch diameter round hole screen and not more than 1%, by weight shall pass through a 2/16 inch diameter round hole screen. And here's what it had to say about the proper pumpkin pie filling: Good consistency means that the canned pumpkin...after emptying from the container to a dry flat surface...holds high mound formation, and at the end of ten minutes after emptying on such surface, the highest point of the mound is not less than 60 percent of the height of the container. (source "Goofy Gov't Grants & Wacky Waste", Lindsell-Roberts)

10. Spell it with a "K"
9. Have Castro do guest shot on "Cosby"
8. Add mechanical shark attraction at Lenin's tomb.
7. Have Revlon introduce new "Khmer Rouge".
6. Give everybody red birthmark decals to wear on forehead.
5. Adopt "Lovable Loser" persona-like the '61 Mets.
4. Get Skip Yeltsin to do a "Not Your Father's Oldsmobile" commercial.
3. Hire "The Chicken" to disrupt Politburo meetings.
2. Have Deng Xiaopeng cry during Barbara Walters interview.
1. Less centralized economic planning; more rock.

They said it.....

about Bill Clinton:

This is the first president who's not old enough to be my father. Who understands rock and roll, who smoked dope, definitely (screwed) that blonde and avoided the draft. He did the things that I can relate to.

Jon Bon Jovi

Did you see the pictures in the newspapers of President Clinton on the beach in Hawaii? I thought it was an add for Free Willy!

Dennis Miller

about Bob Dole:

It's Bob Dole's misfortune that when he does smile, he looks as if he's just evicted a widow.

Mike Royko

about Ralph Nader:

When Ralph Nader tells me he wants my car to be cheap, ugly, and slow, he's imposing a way of life on me that I'm going to resist to the end.

Timothy Leary

about Richard Nixon:

I used to play poker with him, and any guy who could screech over losing forty bucks I always thought shouldn't be President of the United States.

Tip O'Neal

Father of the Revolution



Samuel Adams
1722-1803

THE THIRD ANNUAL SAM ADAMS DINNER

to benefit the Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County

Saturday, March 8, 1997

at The Heidelberg

215 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor

6 p.m. Social Hour
7 p.m. Buffet Dinner
8 p.m. Program

JACOB HORNBERGER

If you saw Mr. Hornberger's stirring keynote address at last July's national Libertarian Party convention in Washington, D.C., you can understand our pride in presenting such an outstanding speaker at this year's Sam Adams Dinner. Mr. Hornberger is a dynamic speaker whose presentations at libertarian events around the world have been enthusiastically received. He is the coeditor of two books, *The Dangers of Socialized Medicine* and *The Case for Free Trade and Open Immigration*. Born and raised in Texas, he received his BA in economics from the University of Texas. He was a trial attorney for 12 years and was an adjunct professor of law and economics at the University of Dallas. From 1987 to 1989, he was director of programs for The Foundation for Economic Education, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY. He has twice served on the Libertarian Party Platform Committee. Mr. Hornberger's speech will be, "Libertarianism: the Hope for America."

special guest speaker:

JACOB HORNBERGER

President & Founder,

Future of Freedom Foundation

\$ 35 per person by March 1

\$ 40 per person by March 7

\$ 50 per person at the door

Colonial costumes encouraged

Please consent to join us!

Questions? Leslie Boehmer 313-944-8101

----- detach and return by **March 1** -----

Yes, please make my reservation for the March 8, 1997 Sam Adams Dinner.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Number attending _____ @ \$35 (by 3/1) or \$40 (by 3/7) Total enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County**
Mail to: Leslie Boehmer, 9610 York Woods Drive, Saline MI 48176-9032

STATE CONVENTION UPDATE

By Richard M. Ask

We are so excited about having the State Convention here in Traverse City, and this is what we have done so far.

For the night of May 2nd we will be traveling from the hotel to an Indian reservation known as Pshawbetown. There we will be able to enjoy a luxurious dinner at the Eagle's Ridge Restaurant over-looking the Grand Traverse Bay. After dinner we will be going to the Casino with a package that will be provided by the hotel. (For those of you who have never been to a casino we recommend that you leave your checkbook and credit cards at the hotel.)

Saturday morning we will have a buffet at the hotel and a guest speaker from the Acton Institute, Dr. Gregory M.A. Gronbacher, Ph.D. He is currently the Director of Research and Academic Affairs. The Acton Institute was started by a Catholic priest to replace public welfare with private charity.

After that, Richard M. Ask and Stacy Van Oast will be doing a seminar on "Why and How to Build Affiliates."

We will then take a three hour break so that you can roam around our beautiful city on the Bay. There are plenty of downtown shops, the Clinch Park Zoo, the beach, the Con Foster Museum, the list is endless, but you have only three hours.

After we return from lunch we will begin the first part of the business session and will also have Barb Goushaw talking about "How to Build Your Members". Barb's talk will help you to help your members grow and understand libertarianism and what it means to be a Libertarian.

Saturday evening we will have a formal dinner and a speaker from the Heartland Institute, JOe Bast, who will talk about "Environmentalism and the Free Market System in the 21st Century."

Sunday morning we will have brunch with a speaker that has yet to be determined and afterwards we will have the second part of the business meeting, including election of officers for 1997-98.

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn which sits right on Grand Traverse Bay. To make your reservation, call the Holiday Inn at 800-888-8020 and state "Libertarian Party of Michigan" in order to get the group rate.

See you there.

 IS MICHIGAN GOP SELF-DESTRUCTING?

One would think that Michigan Republicans would have awakened by now to the fact that the Dole disaster was caused by the vacuous philosophy of the party in general and of Dole in particular. Not so, however, with the 1970's "moderate" Imitation Democrat wing now struggling for a comeback via yapping about extremists on the party and Bill Milliken himself crying about the GOP straying from the "mainstream" (stagnant swamp, in Ayn Rand's words.)

The latest move is an apparently successful effort to dump Harry Veryser as 10th District Chair after 10 years in that post. Hugh McDiarmid reported on January 18 that "Veryser, known to hold strong libertarian views" may "forego involvement in GOP politics."

Veryser was present at the founding of the Libertarian Party of Michigan and was a member for a while before returning to the GOP. He's a radical free market advocate and strong moralist, both anathema to GOP liberals.

So much for the idea of a "Republican Liberty caucus." Morality and free enterprise "just ain't cool" in the party of Milliken, Nixon and Dole. Harry, you're welcome back if you so choose! Come in from the cold.

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JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1997

- \$35 Yes, I want to join the LP on all 3 levels - National, Michigan and _____ County
- \$10 I already belong to the state and national party, now I want to join the _____ County chapter
- \$25 I've already joined my local chapter, now I'd like to join the Michigan and National LP
- \$15 I need more information, please continue to send the *Michigan Libertarian* newsletter for one year
- \$_____ Additional contribution to the Libertarian Party of Michigan

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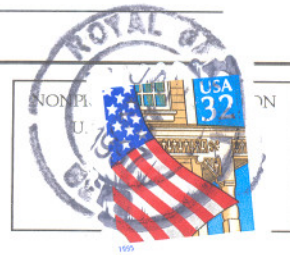
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