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FIELDER TO SPEAK ON BALLOT ACCESS

Stephen Fielder, chairman of the National Libertarian Party's Ballot Access Committee will help kick off the drive for ballot status in 1988 by addressing the Metro-Detroit Libertarians on Saturday, January 31, 1987 at 2:30 p.m.

The site of this important meeting will be Fairlane Charley's located south of the Fair Lane Town Center Mall, near the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Evergreen in Dearborn, Michigan. The phone number of the restaurant is (313) 336-8550.

We will meet in the cocktail lounge from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. and dinner will be ordered at 1:30 p.m. from the menu with separate checks presented. Mr. Fielder will speak at 2:30 p.m. about current LP ballot access efforts around the United States.

You may reserve your place by calling Emily Salvette at (313) 332-7834. Call now! We are expecting

a heavy turnout for this very important event.

Stephen Fielder graduated in 1970 from Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina. He completed his law degree in 1981 at the Baltimore School of Law. He lives in Shepardstown, West Virginia, where he has a private law practice. He has been a member of the Libertarian Party since the 1980 Ed Clark campaign, when a friend pointed out a Libertarian literature table at the Washington Mall during a massive demonstration.

YOU ARE INVITED--To meet Stephen Fielder and toast the beginning of a sure-to-be-successful ballot drive at a CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION on Friday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m. at John and Emily Salvette's, 322 Millington Blvd., Bloomfield Hills. RSVP...313/332-7834.

WANTED: People to picket and pass out literature at a local post office or IRS office on April 15. Call (313) 977-6628.

METRO-DETROIT LIBERTARIANS (MDL) is a multi-dimensional organization working to cultivate individual liberty as a supreme value. Individual liberty is supported on two grounds: moral and practical.

Morally, all individuals have a right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives and live as they choose so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to do the same. On the practical side, freedom works: voluntary actions between individuals--whether in the name of other so-called rights or by majority rule--are contradictions and lies.

Consequently, MDL opposes government acts which coerce individuals with respect to their property and peaceful behavior.

People can grow to their full potential only when they are not forced to submit to either the needs or to the beliefs of others. Individuals are ends in themselves, not means to the ends of others. This distinguishes MDL from nonpolitical and political groups of the left, right and middle.

ATTENTION LOVERS OF LIBERTY WHO EAT...The Metro-Detroit Libertarian Supper Club will once again gather for fine food and conversation starting on FEB. 16, 1987 at 6:30 p.m. at Ryan Road House, 3950 E. 14 Mile, Warren. (313) 939-1800. The Supper Club will alternate outside speakers with a "Principles of Liberty" course led by long-time activist Keith Edwards. February's

meeting will feature Keith's first "class" entitled "The Ethics of Liberty." Tentatively, Paul Jacobs, noted libertarian draft resister, will be the guest speaker at the March gathering. Plan to reserve the third Monday evening of every month to join this companionable group. Dinner: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Speaker: 7:30 to 9:00. Call Emily Salvette (313) 332-7834 to be notified of meetings, Keith Edwards (313) 777-7468 for information on the "Principles of Liberty" course, and Virginia Cropsey (313) 977-6628 for information on speakers.

(Editor's Note: The following article is reprinted from THE DETROIT NEWS, December 16, 1986.)

A WAR ON FREEDOM
By Brett P. Bellmore

Will this insane war on drugs never end? As I look over the new penalties ("Dealer Crackdown," Dec. 4), I see that they are, in many cases, harsher than the penalties for rape and murder! Yet no one volunteers to be raped or murdered.

Drugs are sold with the gleeful consent of the people who use them! It's no one else's business which vices I pursue, so long as I don't violate other people's rights to pursue their individual vices. I would have thought that Prohibition would have taught us that you can't legislate vices away, and that it's a mistake to even try!

WANTED: Organizational help for rejuvenating the Metro Detroit Supper Club. Will Train. Call (313) 332-7834.

The worst part of this is the blatant hypocrisy. "Everyone" is against drugs. Bull! Drug users aren't against them. Drug dealers aren't against them, either. But can the users and dealers express their true opinions? Sure they can, and draw police attention. So much for free speech. Wake up, America! This isn't a war on drugs (or prostitution, or on pornography, or on gambling...), it's a war on freedom. And freedom's loosing!

FORD TOWN FIASCO
By Bill Shotey

The city of Dearborn, Michigan is planning to build a "Super Block" on the south side of Michigan Avenue, between Mason and Howard. The city fathers have reportedly purchased all the property, including the buildings, and are expected to begin demolition in the near future. The plan is to raze the entire block, except for a single story bank. An estimated \$20 to \$30 million of taxpayer's money will be spent constructing a six to eight story building to be leased out for housing, office space and retail shops. All this in a city of 94,000 people with an annual city budget of \$53,000,000 Plus.

You may wonder why the city administration is contemplating this costly "Super Block" when the free market is the logical mechanism for planning and financing commercial ventures of this kind. Let's consider some possible reasons for this

costly undertaking by elected officials.

1. The voters demanded this project by overwhelming margin in a city wide election? Well, no, the question was not even on the ballot.

2. The buildings were standing vacant? Wrong again! Before the city started buying the property, there was a bank, shoe repair shop, good Chinese restaurant, used book store, Radio Shack, paint store and other productive businesses. Most of the stores are still operating for the time being. There is, however, a vacant lot directly across from the proposed project, on the north side of Michigan Avenue, which is about a half-block in area. This location could be developed if the need arises rather than tearing down existing buildings.

3. A shortage of retail and commercial space? Not really. There is a twelve-story building a half-mile from the "Super Block" which is about 25% vacant, and there are retail stores also widely available in Dearborn.

4. The mayor and city council members want to build a monument to themselves? Ah-ha! I think we're getting warm! There appears to be no other logical reason for this project. Ayn Rand's "monument builders" are at it again.

Even if the first three reasons had validity, why stick the taxpayers with the bill for this expensive fiasco. Why not let the free marketplace operate? Why indeed.

WANTED: Organizational help for this year's tax protest.
Will train. Compensation: improved opportunity for freedom
in our time. Call (313) 977-6628.

LIBERTARIAN ACTS

By Virginia Cropsey



MOTTO: A libertarian act a day helps keep tyrants away.

On Dec. 1, Emily and John Salvette hosted a wine and cheese celebration of the release of the Heartland Institute's first Michigan policy study, Pat Anderson's "Michigan in the Current Recovery: A Historical Perspective." The study compares Michigan's past and present performance in population, per capita income and employment and concludes that relatively speaking, Michigan has become a poor state. Over 60 Michigan publications and a dozen broadcasters reported the results of the study. Virginia Cropsey helped arrange the three-day media tour which included press conferences in Detroit, Lansing, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. Anderson was interviewed for an hour locally on WXYT's John McCullough program during evening drive time and McCullough continues to refer to the study on his talk show program. Governor Blanchard ducked responding to the study by saying that it used "old facts." Historical comparisons will do that, Jim. [Wanted: Libertarians to call reporters and ask how they can allow such drivel in their articles.] For a copy of the study send \$3.00 to: The Heartland Institute, 55 East Monroe, Suite 4316, Chicago, IL 60603-5842, or call (313) 977-6628.

Larry Ludlow's article opposing Michigan's Strategic Fund appeared in the December issue of "Michigan Business" on Page 72. "Capitalist competition takes place between voluntary participants for funds honestly gained in trade, not forcibly removed from one person and then offered to another by Lansing," Ludlow noted.

Emily Salvette, Larry Ludlow and Christopher Ciccone spoke to three classes at Hazel Park High School in December. They explained libertarianism, answered questions and distributed literature...Larry Ludlow gave a reply to a Channel 4 editorial that had given the moronic advice, "No matter who you vote for, vote."...Tim O'Brien offered a reply to a similar editorial on Channel 50, but they would not air it. Both replies explained that democracy violates individual rights. The voter's seem to have figured this out, as nationally fewer voters voted in November's elections. It was the lowest voter turnout since 1942 and the third lowest turnout in history. Say bad things about democracy!...Mark Sellers called in to the Mark Scott show on Friday, January 2, 1987 to take exception to Scott's derogatory comments about libertarianism and to discuss national defense issues.

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