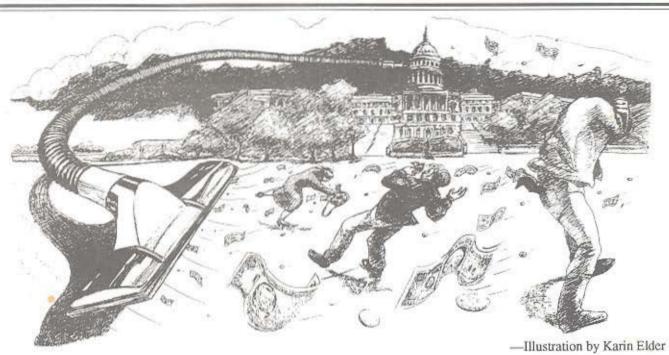
METRO-DETROIT LIBERTARIAN



DETROIT BRACES FOR COLD APRIL WIND

MDL'ers Plan Counter Strategy-Third Annual Tax Protest Day

On Monday, April 17, stout contingents from the Metro-Detroit Libertarians will conduct informational picketing and public awareness demonstrations throughout the day at various post offices in the greater metropolitan Detroit area. MDL will provide banners, signs, and informational literature for distribution that highlights the Internal Revenue Service's intervention in our personal lives and wallets. Since the filing date is postponed to Monday, we expect a bumper crop of last minute filers-individuals receptive to our freedom message. For you first-timers out there, let's be brave and come on down. These events are a positive experience, fun and invigorating as well. Historically those harried last-minute filers have been upbeat and supportive of our efforts, especially as they hit their horns right on cue when they see "Honk if you hate taxes!"

We plan to assemble at:

Dearborn Post Office - Greenfield and north of 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Rotunda Drive (Next to AAA)

Royal Oak Post Office — Second and Washington Street 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (West of Main)

Detroit Main Post Office -Fort Street and Trumble 10:30 PM - 11:30 PM (continued on next page)

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SUPPER CLUB UPDATES

Additional daytime appearances are being planned at Troy, Allen Park, and Livonia. Let us know if any of these are more convenient. Kenneth Morris, the organizer and first-rate sparkplug for this year's effort has suggested that the Dearborn group is rounding out nicely at this time and more participation is needed at Royal Oak. For more of the exciting details call Kenneth Morris at 446-3135 during working hours or Stan Gentry at 757-5085 in the evenings and on the weekend. After the Main Fort Street Office finale, when the local television crews have put away their cameras, fold their tents and head for home, it is traditional to hold a victory celebration at one of the nearby watering holes. We will see you there.

SEMINAR ONE EXPLOSION IN MICHIGAN!

Advocates for Self-Government, the Fresno-based education and outreach wing of the libertarian movement, announced this month that Michigan has the highest per capita participation in its Seminar One Spring Offensive. The demographics show more groups are concentrated in Michigan area than anywhere else. And most of these are concentrated in the immediate Detroit area. Seminar One, in case you just tuned in, is a five-week introduction to libertarian ideas in an atmosphere of non-coercion. Normally four to ten non-libertarians meet to discuss the strengths and perceived weaknesses of our philosophy. The topics are drawn from assigned readings from David Bergland's book, Libertarianism in One Lesson. A lone libertarian serves as a facilitator for the discussion and is strongly cautioned not to interject his or her own ideas, predjudices, and brilliant insights. At the end of the five weeks, 80% agree to become libertarians. Yes, you heard that right folks-80%. It is in this open atmosphere of reflective thought and free inquiry that most individuals voluntarily sign aboard.

Of the first wave of sixteen groups nationwide, eleven at this writing are now complete. The remaining five will finish up in the next two weeks. Of the 49 nonlibertarians who attended so far, 44 were able to define libertarianism in their own words and then signed their own definitions as personal agreement with libertarian principles. Don't let the cynics distract you, after five weeks the definitions are good ones. The second nationwide wave of twelve additional Seminar One's is beginning at this week.

This is how Michigan Seminar One's stand:

One group complete:

Steve Silver with four

new libertarians

Five groups in progress

or firmly scheduled:

Steve Silver's second group

Ben Bachrach Bill Johnson Andy Little Jim MacAbee

Supporters and Future Seminar Leaders:

Jack Freeman

Bill Hollander David Hunt

Creative People Pursuing Independent Projects using

Advocate materials:

Virginia Cropsey

Jack Elder (completed 1st

Video Group)

Mark Sellers (completed 1st

Video Group)

Veterens and Trainers:

Jon Addiss (completed 2

groups) Mark Sellers

Advocate founder, Marshall Fritz, appeared on WCAR-AM and WBRB-AM in late March on the TOWN MEETING radio talk show. Marshall recorded the highest inquiry response to date for a single radio appearance when he made the hour long appearance as Don Kostyu's guest.

Nationwide congratulations goes to peak performer, Mary Jo Swedenburg of Bellview, Washington who has just completed two different Seminar One's simultaneously. Eleven of her people defined and signed aboard libertarianism. MDL'ers let's take up the challenge! And of course congratulations goes out to Michigan as well. Sponsoring Seminar One groups is hard methodical work that must be sustained over a twelve week period. As much effort goes into preparation of a seminar as goes into the actual meetings. Your help in providing prospects for our local seminar leaders will prove invaluable. All of us know friends, relatives, and co-workers who are curious but cautious. Perhaps yourself or another libertarian came on a bit too strong in sharing the freedom philosophy. A Seminar One program is ideal for that person. You can lighten the load of seminar leaders by passing on their names and phone numbers. Contact Steve Silver at 544-8992 for information about the Advocates and for potential participants in Seminar One.

FROM THE "LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL DEPARTMENT"

From the editorial page of the DETROIT NEWS dated Friday March 31, 1989 entitled "The Press Makes a Pretty Lousy Watchdog" by Warren T. Brookes - a DETROIT NEWS editorial writer and syndicated columist.

"Fortunately the information revolution sweeping the world today will have the effect of decentalizing government power back to the individual and away from statist politicians. The personal computer means that more and more the world economy is in our hands. Individual power and Self-Government are the wave of the future."
...AL

NEXT SUPPER CLUB SLATED IN TROY-THE NRA TAKES A SHOT

William Bennet's first official act as our nation's drug czar, the ban of importation of semi-automatic rifles, is an ominous threat to our freedom. Gun control advocates see this as the first step toward the total elimination of all semi-automatic rifles, handguns and other weapons particularly suited for self-defense purposes. The ban on semi-automatics may be lifted if it can be shown that the weapons are being used for "sporting" purposes, but no one is speaking out for the right to buy an AK-47 to defend ones life, liberty and property.

In an effort to counter the current gun control hysteria, the Metro-Detroit Libertarians will feature a representative from the National Rifle Association at our next Supper Club meeting on May 15. The meeting will be held at the Smith Bros. and Co. resturant at 1476 West Maple, Troy, MI. The schedule is as follows:

6:00 PM - Cocktails 6:30 PM - Dinner 8:00 PM - Speaker

Please bring all your friends to this important meeting. Call Stan Gentry at 757-5085 by Friday, May 12th for reservations.

CLASSIFIEDS

COMPUTER ERROR MERCHANDISE—Odd pages of manual, Fly Your Own Heliocopter, and even pages of Be Your Own Voice Teacher, mistakenly printed, interspersed, and bound as one book. 11,000 copies offered at half price. Write—U.S. Government Public Information Office, Box 1, Pueblo, CO. Please don't forget that zip code!

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GUNS by the Martel Brothers—Sales, custom reblueing, finishing and repairs. We still have AK-47's but the prices are rising steeply. Phone (313) 271-7111.

HOSPITALITY SUITE—Emily Salvette is looking for a few good men and women interested in hosting and volunteering supplies and refreshments for a MDL hospitality suite during the Michigan Liberatarian Party State Convention. Call 332-7834.

THE NEW ENLIGHTENMENT television series slated to appear on PBS station KQED in San Francisco has been delayed in production at least six months according to Reason Foundation's Greg Rehmke. The series, a reshoot of the successful British version, plans to use Walter Williams as the host. The setback occurred when the television station in its enthusiasm, over estimated the corporate and foundation response to station fundraising efforts.

MDL INTERVIEW

INTERVIEW WITH RON PAUL

Former Congressman and Presidential Candidate Ron Paul was interviewed by telephone in his Lake Jackson home in southeast Texas on the evening of Tuesday, March 21st. He and his family proved to be warm and hospitable despite the interruption in their family life. Dr. Paul proved eager and open to all questions asked and his mood was upbeat and positive throughout the course of our discussion. The interview is included in its entirety.

MDL: A few of us in Michigan were surprised by rumors and irregularities in your campaign surfacing on the eve of the election and the terse announcement of the release of your campaign manager, Nadia Hayes. Some time has since passed. What really did happen, and secondly, how did these events impact you personally?

PAUL: Well the second part would take about six pages to fully describe and explain; and to explain it to you Mark, it had nothing to do with the Campaign and the Ballot Access Committee. It had to do with my newsletter [The Ron Paul Investment Letter] so it—the problems—were irrelevant with regards to your question. The other part is something I don't need to go into right now. It was very clear that there were problems, but she is gone and it had nothing to do with the Campaign.

MDL: I believe I speak for all Metro-Detroit Libertarians when we thank you for your efforts in interjecting reasonable debate in an otherwise vapid campaign. In this spirit, I am a little curious about your personal thoughts in the intervening months. How goes it in the Ron Paul household?

PAUL: Well I find it as busy as ever because we are developing some new projects. In fact the most important one is the television project. We are well on our way to getting a weekly type of program available for a cable network, the exact distribution, we don't know what that will be yet. We are using the producer of the Free to Choose series—the Milton Friedman program—Robert Chitester. We are excited about that and also we have started a political action committee that will be available for libertarian political activities but hasn't really gotten off the ground yet. I have been very busy with those projects as well as getting back to working more with my newsletter.

MDL: You have taken well over a year of your life to campaign for the office of the President of the United States. You have recieved somewhere in the neighborhood of 425,000 votes for that office, or about one half of one per cent of the vote total. In the intervening months you have had time to reflect on the successes and shortfalls of the Ron Paul for President campaign. Monday morning quarterback you own campaign.

PAUL: Well I never do too much of the Monday morning quarterbacking because there is not a whole lot I can do about it. I feel good on how the campaign went. If I could have raised more money it would have made a big difference. Money is a big item in running a campaign. I guess the only thing that I would reconsider in strategy would be to have concentrated less on ballot access and concentrated more on campaign and advertisement. But at the particular time I thought it was important that we get on as many state ballots as possible. It is a compelling argument. I just think that the assessment now is that the Party has to be strong enough, the state parties have to be strong enough, where the candidate never has to worry about ballot access again. That dominated our campaign for five months. We had to raise \$600,000 just for the ballot access program. That is the thing I would like to see changed. I might vary that a little bit if I had to do it over again.

MDL: What would you have done differently if you had the same resources and manpower for your campaign without the burden of establishing nationwide ballot status?

PAUL: Well right off you would have had \$600,000 that we could have used for radio advertising or whatever we wanted to do. That would have done a lot more for achieving votes than ballot access drives. But we might have been on only forty or thirty-eight states. That would have looked bad. Especially since the New Alliance Party had gotten on all fifty. It was a real tough decision to make. Obviously \$600,000 would have helped a whole lot in the Campaign.

MDL: What were your finest moments personally in the Campaign?

PAUL: Well there were two or three that I found real interesting. We had some rallies that turned out to be exceptionally good. Besides the Detroit Economic Club which I am certain you are familiar, there was one at Daniel Hall in Boston. It had some historical signifigance.

We were right in the seat of liberalism and big government. I got a big kick out of that because we had five hundred people show up there. That was the hall where they debated the Revolution, where the pre-revolutionary debates occurred. Then there was another rally like that at the capitol at Salt Lake City. Overall the television interviews and media events, the biggest response and one I felt good about was the MacNiel/Lehrer interview again in conjunction with the coverage of our Detroit trip.

In general where I found the most enjoyment was, and where you do the most good even though you can't measure it, is in talking to young people. Going to the campuses. I did a whole lot of that and who knows what will come of that because it might take five or ten years for some new young libertarian to be very much involved and motivated to do something. I did a lot of that during the campaign and that is where we do our most important building.

MDL: Your stand against abortion on demand produced real controversy in the run for the nomination. Would you tell us the impact it had on the Campaign after your nomination?

PAUL: I think it turned out to be a non-issue in a strict political sense. I think you would probably find a couple of libertarians who were very very determined, in opposition to that, who may not have voted for me. But I am sure there were the same number of people who voted for me in particular for that reason. But I think on both sides the numbers were very very small. So I don't think it had any impact whatsoever.

MDL: Libertarian Party candidates have never taken matching campaign funds in the past. Locally in Michigan and nationally it has been suggested that some matching fund scenarios would be consistent with libertarian principle. An instance would be earmarking monies already taxed from individuals to be pledged to a particular candidate. What are your thoughts on such strategies? PAUL: I think it deserves very serious thought. I have in the past been opposed to taking the funds. It has been my position and still is my position. It is not a dogmatic position that I swear I will never change because I have listened very carefully to the other arguments in favor of taking the funds. The moral argument I think is very persuasive-funds that libertarians might earmark which is not a technical earmarking but at least morally we are justifying it. The other argument is the using of government money to overcome government obstacles. That is to take the funds and use them to overcome ballot status, not

for the campaign. I think we live in a very imperfect world. None of us are pure. We have to use government facilities all the time and we do everywhere from government highways to getting benefits, so-called benefits. Also we use bulk mailing from the post office and other items like that. There is nothing pure about the situation. I think although I would still vote against using it, I think we are getting awful close to giving it serious consideration in taking it. If the party ended up voting to take the funds or a candidate did it, I wouldn't be critical of it. I myself have chosen not to do it.



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MDL: What long range goal do you have? Would you consider another run for the nomination and another presidential campaign?

PAUL: That is very, very unlikely. You know I have learned never to say never, but the odds of that happening are very slim. I have set some goals in my life and one of them is been to promote the ideas of libertarianism. I do it my own way, in my own time, and at my own speed. Sometimes in the past it was with the Republican Party. Sometimes in Congress. Sometimes with the foundation [Foundation for Rational Education and Economics].

Sometimes through my investment letter. Right now I want to continue that program of presenting those views. I think I am in a position now where I can raise the money and put together a program on television. Hopefully that is successful and if it is, I think I'll be concentrating on it rather than dealing with the partisan politics.

MDL: We touched on these projects earlier, could you tell us more about the program and also your vision for the political actions committee?

PAUL: The political action committee which is called "Liberty PAC" is a PAC that has just been started and that has not been well funded yet. There is not a specific program but it is something that I want to continue and probably involve with special elections. One thing I want to do with the political action committee is to rate all the members of Congress from a libertarian perspective. That is to go through all their votes and let all of us know around the country just where their congressman comes down as a libertarian. I think it has two benefits. One is that anyone that is going to run against a congressman knows if he is a ten percent libertarian or an eighty per cent libertarian. That is helpful. The other big benefit of this is that it gives, hopefully, a lot publicity to the Libertarian Party and the libertarian view. If you do it right, when you time your release of the polls you get a little public attention. There are a lot of conservative polls and rating systems and there are a lot of liberal rating systems. For educational purposes we have to get people thinking that there are other ways to rate individuals. I think it would a very very important function and I always found them fascinating. I know that members of Congress are fascinated by all polls no matter what the ratings-when the ratings come out all members of Congress would rush to find out where they rated, whether it was good, bad, or indifferent. They liked to see where they rated. I think it would be really neat to have a libertarian rating system.

MDL: Could you go more into your talk show?

PAUL: That I mentioned a little on the other question. The television program is moving along, it is the thing I have concentrated on the most. We have raised a nice sum of money already, we have our producer lined up, Robert Chitester. We are lining up the format for the program. This first year should be a weekly program. We don't have the exact format down yet and the first year budget we are expecting to be about a million dollars. We are optimistic enough that we will be able to raise it. We don't have an exact plan of distribution but we don't think it will be a major problem. We think that there is going to be a lot of stations that will take it. Some of the cables will take it and put it on for free. And there will be other places where we might have to buy some time. One of the ways we expect to distribute this is to find our supporters around the country who then will go to their local stations and do some lobbying for us. Going and asking that it be put on. In some cities in smaller towns around the country, even the network stations, it is not too difficult to get thirty minutes. They might have raise a couple of bucks to put it on but it will be from networking through the organization that we built during the campaign. I think this will be an effective way of distributing this program.

MDL: As you know, MDL is a small "I" libertarian group or a non-political organization. We leave campaigning for public office to the political parties. From your perspective, what is the health and future of the Libertarian Pary as a political party? That is what are its strengths, limitations, and greatest challenges?

PAUL: You know, its hard for me to perdict future. I operated on the thesis that it is important to build the Libertarian Party. I still believe that that is the proper way to go. I think the message is more important than the party but the measurement of the success of the message will determine how successful the Party is. If you see a successful Party, that means that the message is getting out. Only time is going to tell. I finished the year being optimistic, believing that there is a lot credibility and a lot sympathy for the libertarian message. I at one time thought that the Libertarian

ian Party and libertarianism would get such a black mark againist it in the public eye that they would only read negative things into it. I don't believe that is the case anymore. The other day when I had a little business meeting regarding the television program in Washington, I invited Steve Symms [Republican Senator from Idaho] and William Proxmire [Democratic Senator from Wisconsin] just to stop over and say hello at lunch. This is just an indication from our viewpoint of the people we can reach like that to be a guest on our program. They both came and were delighted with it. They were not hesitant at all about coming and identifying with those of us who identify themselves as libertarians.

I think the party structure itself has a lot challenges. I don't believe it is well organized and it doesn't do much to follow through. I think that it just requires time and energy. I think by the very nature of libertarians we are all individualists and we are not very good organization people. That is part of our problem. Hopefully we can overcome that because we all have strong personalities and yet for the Party to be successful you have to be able to bend a little, and give a little, and work together. Realizing that there is no monopoly on perfect knowledge, this is to me the biggest challenge.

We are more philosophic than any other party has ever been. We have a philosphic principle and we want to stick to it, but how far can you go without losing it? You have to bend a little bit to work together and how much can you do that without sacrificing any principle? I takes good common sense and judgement and willingness to work with people. I believe on the bottom line of it all, that some of the dissensions that have occurred in the past in the party have been more personality conflicts rather than deep seated philosophic conflicts. We all have to make the effort to work together the best we can.

MDL: What do you see as the primary issue of the nineties?

PAUL: I think it is going to evolve an as economic problem, but it will quickly change into a political freedom problem. The economic system, as I see it, will break down. We are going to have a serious, serious monetary and financial crisis. That will lead to a lower standard of living. I think we have already seen the early evidence of a lower standard of living for many Americans. The seriousness of that is not that we have a lower standard of living. The serious part is that government, if it is controlled by those who believe in the use of state power-such as those in the Republican and Democratic parties-have only one resort. To use power and authority to intimidate, to rule with an iron fist. That is to me a threat to our personal liberties. I believe it will be very clear in the 1990's that we are going to see this transition from an economic crisis to a personal liberty crisis. Then, the major problem in the middle of the decade will be the fear. In my mind, our government may direct us into an international conflict for various reasons. Both because they will blunder as well as they might want to distract us from our domestic problems. When I say an international conflict, I'm talking about a major war.

MDL: Before we go Ron, do you have any additional thoughts?

PAUL: Well, after spending this year campaigning and after many many years working to promote libertarian ideas, I am as optimistic as I have ever been. Although I am pessimistic about the swing in the economy and what's happening in Washington, I am very optimistic about the strengths of the libertarian movement. It's going to take a lot more work and time is short, but I met a lot of people around the country that are very very supportive of our ideas. I believe we have credibility. Deep down inside many, many people who know anything about libertarian ideas, know darn well that the libertarian viewpoint is the correct one. For that reason we should be optimistic enough to continue all our work and effort. If we don't and are not successful, I don't even want to think about what the consequences will be.

TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION A NEW FORCE IN OAKLAND COUNTY

The advent of a new and active Oakland County Taxpayers Association is bringing cheers and smiles to the MDL'ers in Oakland County. Although a non-partisan, non-profit organization, it has urged its members to vote for candidates that have openly campaigned from a libertarian viewpoint. The association offers many services including a quarterly newsletter, free property tax seminars, free help with property tax appeals, active lobbying of elected officials, and support of state constitutional ammendent calling for property tax relief.

The group is definitely activist and angry.

Organizer Marie Remmert became incensed when the Holly Assessor started figuring in her trees, carpets, and wallpaper. The organization is just three months old, actually a reactivation of an earlier organization that had died out years earlier. Already at two hundred members, it has networked with other taxpayer groups throughout the state including Mike Sessa's Macomb group. MDL'ers favorite State Representative, Margaret O'Conner spoke at their most recent meeting. With the present rate of growth the group expects to top one thousand members by the end of the summer.

Their statement to principles offers refreshing insight and some important common ground:

- Right to enjoy the income from one's own labor. Calls for a ceiling on the proportionate income tax and attacks inflation as government instituted.
- Right to personal security. Essentially right to property.
- III. Right to educational freedom. The right of parents to educate their children in their own way.
- IV. Right to religious liberty.
- V. Right to life. No government resources should be used to encourage, sanction, or assist thetaking of innocent human life.

- VI. Right to national sovereignty. Foreign policy should have its sole and overriding purpose safeguarding the national interest.
- VII. Right to economic justice. Against over spending and inflationary coinage.
- VIII. Right to be Individually judged. As opposed to being judged as a collective.
 - IX. Right to unaffiliated economic liberty. One should not be compelled support causes with which one disagrees.
 - X. Right to Self-Government. No explanation needed here.

Annual membership is \$10.00. Inquiries may be made at the Oakland County Taxpayers' Association, P.O. Box 81, Lake Orion, Michigan 48035 or call Marie Remmert at 628-1083

FROM THE "BAD BARGAIN DEPARTMENT"



"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty or safety."

-Benjamin Franklin (1709-1790)

The MDL Board met on March 9th at Jack Elder's home in Rochester. The following issues were discussed:

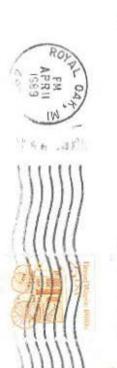
- (1) Treasurer Steve Silver reported there is \$520.00 in the MDL treasury. The first fund-raising letter will go out at the end of March. Volunteers will follow up the letter will phone calls. The Board set a fund-raising goal for the year of \$5000.00.
- (2) Emily Salvette, Organizational Coordinator, will try to reduce the Supper Club mailing list which currently is at 225. This will save money on a monthly postage costs and save preparation time. Members will be asked to return their cards or call Emily if they are no longer interested in receiving Supper Club notices.
- (3) Supper Club held its first discussion meeting on February 20th. The group discussed the abortion issue and set the schedule for topics as well as appointed discussion leaders for the rest of the year. The schedule is:
- April 17 Tax Protest Day no meeting June 19 - Protecting the Environment - Steve Silver August 21 - Chemical and Biological Warfare - Lynn Bellair
- October 16 Children's Rights David Sheldon December - Winter Solstice Party - no meeting
- (4) Jack Elder has sent out approximately 40 letters and introductory material through the Editorial Outreach program (see Winter issue of METRO-DE-TROIT LIBERTARIAN). He will continue to send these as newspaper monitors give him "libertarian sounding" letters and address information. Highest contributors so far is Brian Wright with eighty referrals and Jim MacAbee with over twenty. Keep up the fine work!
- (5) Tim O'Brien is waiting for more volunteers to finish writing their speeches before he can proceed with plans for the Speaker's Bureau.

- (6) Kenneth Morris will be coordinating Tax-Protest Day activities (see lead story for most current information) for MDL on April 17th. He will put up flyers announcing the protest. Several people may also be at the Troy Post Office during lunch hour. As a tie-in with the "Tea Revolution", we would like to pass out cups of tea as an option in the future.
- (7) The committee exploring tax-exempt status for MDL reported that it does not make financial sense at this time to file for 501 C(3) status with the I.R.S. However, the committee felt that it should be kept as an option for the future.
- (8) Karen Scarborough discussed planning more social events for MDL such as "Millionaire Nights", dances and etc. Such events may also be used as fund-raisers.
- (9) Several suggestions were made about how to most effectively use MDL resources that we raise this year. Included are several for your discussion and review:
 - Buy REASON subscriptions for local libraries.
 - b. Compensate individual(s) who write pub lished letters to the editor.
 - c. Supper Club speaker's honorarium.
 - d. Advertise Tax Protest, Supper Club and other MDL activities.
 - e. Compensate individual(s) who write letters to legistators and distribute them to interested parties.
 - Send press releases to the media on a regular basis.
 - g. Print copies of our nation's founding documents (Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence) with MDL logo and appropriate information.

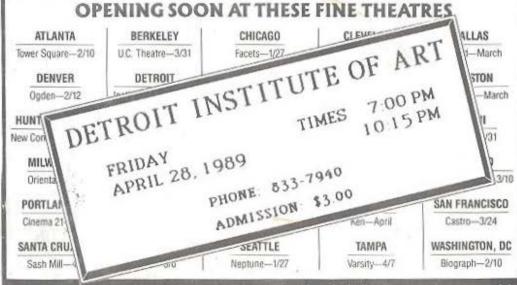
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