NEW GOODIES ON THE WAY

The plastic membership cards were mailed this month. Going out at bulk rate they should be in your hands soon.

Computer processed Thank You cards were also mailed out. They let contributors know we appreciate their support and that their money wasn’t lost by the USPO.

CLIPPINGS

We received 120 clippings this month. Over half of them were about Russell Means and/or Ron Paul.

SELL OUT OF OLD OUTREACH MATERIALS

Use of the One Stop Freedom Shopper flyer and the new display ad in LP News resulted in the rapid exhausting of tens of thousands of Q&A pamphlets, 4th of July brochures and other merchandise. We got them out of the store room and out to the masses where they belong.

MORE NEW GOODIES

Now that all the old material is gone, the Outreach Committee will be providing us updated material for distribution. Monthly Pledgers and The Torch Club will be the first to see the new "reach out and enlighten them" materials.

FUNDING

As the graph below shows, May was another good month for the Libertarian Party. Figures indicate that June will also be an above budget month. Keep up the good work Monthly Pledgers; we’ve got a tough campaign year ahead.

The graph shows the following distribution:
- Direct Mail 15.11%
- Member Dues 21.49%
- Miscellaneous 0.37%
- Sales 3.39%
- Telephone Fundraising 27.81%
- Monthly Pledges 27.82%

TOTAL = $27,197.72
Libertarian enters race for Cincinnati council

BY ALLEN HOWARD
The Cincinnati Enquirer

Emmett Winslow, personnel director at the Whiting Manufacturing Co., is vying for the Libertarian nomination this weekend. The tax dollars are spent.

Winslow said he feels as a Libertarian candidate he can offer alternatives. “Even with three parties represented on council, voters still find little difference between the candidates,” he said.

If elected, he intends to fight for cutting expenses and increasing efficiency in the city’s provision of services and privatizing other services, such as trash collection.

Winslow co-chairs the Convention Center Expansion as an example of needless spending without public approval.

“I have fought for freedom all my life. I love the struggle,” said Winslow.

Russell Means/Libertarian not named.

The goals of the Libertarian Party, formed in 1971, are minimal government, private ownership and wide-scale freedoms. About 1.5 million Americans belong to the party, national chairman Jim Turney said.

Means pointed to Indian reservations, like the one he lives on, as an example of excessive government control, which is called totalitarianism. “I don’t want to see this country become another big Indian reservation,” Means said. The reservations are at the mercy of the government and are not free, he said.

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Ron Paul both have passed this way before. But not quite in this paper. Ron Paul, a fourth-term U.S. representative from Minnesota, is vying for the presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party.

The Libertarians believe government should protect the safety of its citizens, guarantee their individual rights and do little else. They believe government shouldn’t regulate business, shouldn’t interfere in the affairs of the states, shouldn’t provide welfare or Social Security, shouldn’t operate mass transit systems, and shouldn’t collect taxes.

They are pro-choice on abortion, vouch for the secrecy of the ballot, and pro-civil rights, vouching for the health and safety of all citizens. They call them a stubborn idealist.

New York Libertarian Party members gathered here this weekend to choose delegates to the national convention this fall in Seattle. And both Means and Paul were there to greet them.

Both candidates are following similar paths toward the nomination. They try by running in Libertarian gatherings. At each stop, they leave literature behind, hand out cheques and accept donations.

The spirit of the party, espousing the causes of the Libertarian Party and winning a seat on a commission, he described as “superfluous.”

“I’d like to abolish the election commission,” he openly admitted during the campaign.

But while their methods might be different, their goals are decided different.

“By failing ‘to back its currency with gold, the federal government has no restriction on how much money it can print, which interferes with the economy, causes inflation, crowds out savings and other static investments, and destroys America’s competitiveness in world markets,” he said.

Most of the things can be related to the money issue,” Paul said.

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Libertarian hopefuls followed different paths

By Jonathan D. Salant

The Herald-Journal

One of the candidates is a South Dakota Indian who wears braids all my life. I love the struggle."

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Liberty, Republican win election panel seats

By John Sanko

Rocky Mountain News Capitol Bureau

A former Northglenn city councilman who argued that the Denver Election Commission needed new direction, and a libertarian candidate who said the commission wasn’t needed at all, were surprise winners last night in two city commission elections.

With all the precincts counted, Shannon had 41,720 votes, or 28.1%, while Anderson in second with 39,717 votes, or 28.6%.

Bordas had 31,493 votes, or 22.7%, while Leavel, who is running for a District 2 seat on the Board of Education, had 27,743 votes, or 19.4%.

Shannon, 53, a Republican who worked for 16 years in the Denver regional office of the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity, was unable to join them this weekend.

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Petition signatures top 5,000

The S.C. Libertarian Party has collected about 5,000 signatures on petitions against the Local Government Finance Act, a House bill that would allow cities and counties to impose their own sales taxes.

The party had issued a press release saying about 2,000 people had signed petitions against the bill, but after Libertarian officials assembled all the petitions this week, they found the total was about 5,000, said Tom King, the party’s Aiken County chairman.

King said the petitions were delivered to Rep. Herbert Kirsh, D-York, chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee that on Tuesday reported the bill out to the full committee. Kirsh, who’s against the bill, says it almost certainly won’t pass the Legislature this year.

THE STAR/Kansas City MO
Restrictive ballot

On April 19, the People’s Republic of Vietnam elected its legislature. There were 496 seats to be filled and 829 names on the ballot. The voters of Vietnam had a choice of 1.67 candidates per seat.

In Kansas last November the voters in the 125 legislative districts picked from 196 names (all Democrat or Republican). Kansans had the choice of only 1.57 candidates per seat.

Of the seven political parties in Kansas only the big two were allowed on the ballot. Of the 125 House legislators elected, 108 had paid a $50 fee to get their name on the ballot in lieu of gathering petitions for that purpose. Of that 108, 51 had no primary or general election opposition. Thus those 51 bought their seats for $50 cash.

There were no independent candidates for any of the 125 House seats in Kansas, nor were there any for the five statewide offices (governor, etc.) nor any for the six federal offices (senator, representative). You see, independents are not allowed the privilege of paying in lieu of gathering petitions and when they try to gather petitions they must get 500 per seat.

In Kansas is more totalitarian than it is in Vietnam.