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GOODSON MAKES BALLOT!!

A total of 929 signatures nominating John Goodson for governor were delivered to Trenton April 25th by NJLP Chairman Robert Steiner. The required number of signatures for getting on the ballot is 800 so, unless the petitions are successfully challenged, we'll have the opportunity this Fall to pull the lever for Truth and Light, instead of the usual Forces of Darkness.

Achieving a revolutionary change in our government requires not only intellectuals to provide the theoretical framework, and tacticians to formulate strategies, but also people who are willing to do the uninteresting chores in getting the ideas and alternatives to the general public. The libertarian movement has a growing corps of intellectuals, and a glut of tacticians, but very few "workers".

So our thanks go to all those who made an effort to collect signatures, but especially to Grace Shamy, one of our Trustees, who turned in petitions with 181 names, and Fred Stein, who collected 170. Rose Kaufman and Lydia Longinotti also contributed significantly by collecting 100 signatures each. In the future, it might be wise to offer 10¢ per signature collected- not only as an inducement, but also to insure that those who do the work for all of us are adequately rewarded.

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"Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are most beneficent."

- Louis Brandeis

THE BASIC PREMISE OF A FREE SOCIETY IS THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS OWN HAPPINESS.

meeting

There will be a meeting of NJLP at 8p.m. on Friday, May 18th at 301 Joan St., South Plainfield. From the recent mailing, both Friday and Saturday appear to be equally desirable as meeting days. Friday was selected since the last two meetings were on Saturday. Business to be conducted at the meeting will include planning for the forthcoming campaign.

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IN TRENTON...Senate approved a bill to provide \$4.6 million for passenger rail service. Last year \$10 million was spent, and this year's budget requests about \$30 million (not including the 4.6)Cahill wants about \$15 million for Transport of NJ to buy 1200 new and re-conditioned buses. TNJ chairman John J. Gilhooley said "This is not a handout to the bus companies...and nothing like raiload subsidies".....Cahill's budget includes: a \$270,000 grant to the Dept. of agriculture to study cranberry and blueberry diseases; a \$65,000 appropriation for marketing research for asparagus and a \$25,000 lump to the Bridgeton zoo to buy a lion to replace one that drowned last year.....Auto inspection personnel have received a memo "to use the pollution testing machines at all times whether the machines are working properly or not".....a public hearing disclosed that mandatory exhaust inspection would cost motorists \$6 million annually and result in an air quality improvement of only 1 or 2 per cent.....proposal by Sen. J. Maressa (D-Gloucester) to reduce sales tax by 1% was defeated in committee.

CLEAR THE BENCH!

They must have tried to outdo themselves. The State Supreme Court in April ruled the method of financing public schools by local property taxes unconstitutional. The basis for the ruling was not to eliminate property taxes or public schools (both sound ideas), but to "equalize" educational opportunities for all children throughout the state. Even if that were a reasonable objective (which it is not), the fact is that there are numerous studies resulting from busing of children from poorer districts to richer ones wherein no increase in learning could be documented.

After this triumph, the court apparently sensed a rent-control "vacuum" after the end of Phase II, and so ruled that local governments have the right to impose rent controls.

There's more. They followed with a ruling that a judge was entitled to know a defendant's previous arrest record, even though he was cleared of the earlier charges. In explanation, the court said that "the sentencing judge might find it significant that a defendant who experienced an unwarranted arrest was not deterred by that fact from committing a crime thereafter." The court did not explain, however, how an unwarranted arrest is a deterrent to crime.

It is time, as they say, for a change.



The NJ Board of Public Utility Commissioners (PUC) controls utilities which provide electric, gas, water, sewer, telephone, telegraph, pipeline, street railway, autobus, railroad, mover, scavenger, solid waste disposal and cable television services to the people of NJ, and is currently seeking to add the taxi industry to its list.

OCEAN STILL "OPEN FOR BUSINESS"

It's not all bad this month. At least a package of environmental bills was voted down in the NJ Senate. These bills would have

- made all major construction near the coastline subject to the approval of the Dept. of Environmental Protection. Area covered by the bill would be 1/7 of the total area of NJ.

- placed an outright ban on the construction of a deepwater oil port off the NJ coast.

- created an ocean sanctuary in the territorial waters of NJ, and prohibited construction of an off-shore nuclear generating station unless the state decided it was "entirely safe".

With all this environmental stuff bubbling up on the NJ coast, it's worthwhile to recount some quotes from the Santa Barbara oil spill....

"Dead seals as far as the eye can see...The Santa Barbara channel is "a sea gone dead". (LIFE, LA Times Jun 6 71)

"Already entire populations of seabirds...have been destroyed by the upwelling oil; kelp beds have suffocated, and tidal plankton has been killed." (LOOK, Nov 4 69)

"The spill had no permanent affect on whales, and the same held true for seals. Oiled and unoled seals were captured, tagged, and surveyed later; data indicated no increase in mortality among those animals that had been oiled....Nor had the spill decimated the bird population to the extent first feared. Of 12,000 birds in the channel at the time of the spill, 3,500 to 4,000 died from all causes. Yet by May, the bird population had risen to 85,000 because of seasonal migrations....No ill effects on animal and vegetable plankton could be discerned." (Dr. D. Straugham, USC, 1970)

"The Fish and Game people, quite apart from the USC study, confirmed that permanent damage (from the oil spill) was nil, if any. (Dr. W. North, Cal Tech, LA Times, Jun 6 71)

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NOTES..... NJLP membership now 48....Atlantic City Mayor Joseph Bradway promised to raise \$200,000 for the gubernatorial candidate who endorses the concept of legalized gambling in New Jersey. Bob Steiner sent him a letter informing him of Goodson's candidacy, which was followed up with a press release reaffirming Goodson's position in favor of a free market in gambling. The \$200,000 has not been received yet..... State Senator Jerome Epstein (R-Union), dumped by the Union GOP leadership, considered switching to NJLP before deciding to challenge for the GOP nomination in the primary..... John Goodson placed a one line ad in Village Voice which drew several inquiries, mostly from New Yorkers who were referred to the Free Libertarian Party..... An ad for NJLP will appear in the June issue of Reason magazine in the classified section, and also in the June issue of Image, TV channel 13's magazine..... Goodson was interviewed by the Free Aquarian, a monthly "underground" magazine distributed free on NJ campuses..... Poll taken by Eagleton Institute of Rutgers from March 23rd to 31st reveals that 70 percent of New Jerseyans think the state government is either "very corrupt" or "somewhat corrupt"..... Article on Goodson by Chris Lobb appeared in March 30th issue of Rutgers Targum.....

U.S. Senate has attached an amendment to the dollar devaluation bill which would legalize private ownership of gold. NJLP sent letter to House Banking Chairman Wright Patman encouraging prompt, positive action on the amendment..... Goodson for Governor buttons and bumper stickers should be available for order in June or July PREMISE. Lydia Longinotti has been designated by Goodson as campaign manager. The campaign already has a bank account, so if you wish to make an early contribution to the campaign, make your check out to Goodson for Governor, and send it to the party address.

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