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GOODSON GETS 3071 VOTES!

It was just one year ago that presidential aspirant John Hospers, our first state-wide candidate, drew 89 write-in votes in New Jersey. Through the efforts of people to get our candidate on the ballot and gain exposure for libertarian ideas, the number of those expressing themselves in the voting booths of New Jersey as pro-freedom has increased over 30 times.

John Goodson finished fourth of 10 minor-party gubernatorial candidates with 3071 votes, receiving approximately one out of every 700 votes cast. The vote totals of the minor-party candidates were as follows:

Freund (American Party)	6,403
Colabella	4,869
Clement (Socialist Labor)	4,251
Goodson (Libertarian)	3,071
Terlizzi	2,533
Knis	2,018
Newcomb (Communist)	1,960
Alvino	1,774
Gilk	1,752
Massaro	1,587

We will print county-by-county totals when we receive them all from the county clerks. The most heartening result thus far was in Passaic County, where Goodson led all minor-party candidates with 577 votes.

The vote total exceeded our expectations, since only \$1400 was expended on the campaign. This means we had a per-vote expenditure of less than 50¢, which is very good considering that the major parties regularly spend \$1 or more per vote. And rather than draining the NJLP treasury, the campaign will close out with a net donation of \$45 to the party. In addition, NJLP membership nearly doubled as a result of the

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 LIVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS OWN HAPPINESS.

campaign, adding another \$350 to the party coffers.

All this was not magic, but the result of the efforts of those people who expended time and/or money for the campaign. Collecting signatures, raising funds and distributing leaflets require work, and we should all be thankful to those people who helped the cause of liberty by donating their time and money.

Most of all, we are indebted to John Goodson, who certainly did not want to run for office. When no one else came forward, he succumbed to our badgering and let us use his name to get on the ballot, with the stipulation that he would not be an 'active' politician. But he ended up holding a press conference, giving numerous newspaper interviews, making tapes for radio, and assisting in the formulation of campaign materials and position papers. As a result of his intellect, literary talents and incisive humor, the campaign not only dealt squarely with the issues, but did so in an interesting and often amusing manner. The image of the party thus conveyed was, we think, a very inviting one, and so we are deeply grateful to John Goodson for consenting to be our candidate.

meeting

There will be a meeting of NJLP on Saturday, January 12th, 2 p.m. at the Lyon's Den in Hillside (246 Long Avenue). Primary topic will be the upcoming state convention.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

As one who knows the newspaper business from the inside and a close observer of the way in which the Goodson campaign has been run, I must conclude that your latest slap at the press -- for the second issue of PREMISE in a row -- is as irresponsible as was the previous one.

The Libertarian Party gubernatorial campaign in New Jersey has been run by a closed circle of Randian theorists lacking any knowledge whatsoever of how to conduct a political campaign. Anyone with even a shred of knowledge of journalism or public relations -- or just plain "common sense"-- knows that you don't hold a press conference on a Saturday in Newark and expect to get extensive statewide coverage. For most daily papers, Saturday is a day of skeleton staffs. While it is the state's largest city, Newark is not where the action is. Most state news staffers are based in Trenton. Goodson's piece in the September PREMISE attacking the press was totally out of line. Don't blame the papers, John, blame the bumbling of your own campaign organization.

C. William George

To the Editor:

I should like to congratulate you on the "You Are Not A Natural Resource" folder -- an attractive, intelligent, literate statement of libertarian principles.....it is heartening to see a Libertarian candidate running at all -- giving those of us who have been "lesser-evilled" to death a choice we can sincerely support.

Lillian R. Boehme

NOTESNovember "Penthouse" had a lengthy article on the libertarian movement entitled "Zero Government: Anarchy on the Right" by Samuel L. Blumenfeld. The article shows a good understanding of the movement, discusses all of its major leaders, and is quite sympathetic with the ideals of libertarianism.....A future issue of Playboy is scheduled to carry an article on Sanford Cohen, a libertarian in up-state New York who is running for Congress. Cohen has posed nude for a campaign poster with the caption 'the politician with nothing to hide'.....Matawan Regional High School News of November 21st ran a lengthy article on the Libertarian Party, written around an interview with NJLP member Jerry Bernsohn who provided incisive quotes on the immorality of welfare, public education, farm subsidies, and govt. transportation. Bernsohn emphasized that the way to prevent Watergates is to keep the government weak... ..Plans are continuing among libertarian groups for the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in December. SIL plans to rent a ship to dramatize the event. If you're interested in attending, details can be obtained from Bob Steiner at (201) 233-7088.....NY party is estimating over 8000 votes cast for Gary Greenberg (in his race against Hogan for D.A.), and a comparable number for mayoral candidate Fran Youngstein. When we have more details, we'll pass them on.....Bob Steiner has announced his intention to run for United States Congress in the Twelfth Congressional District. He has appointed Larry Totams as his campaign manager. Bob has been endorsed in his bid for Congress by a unanimous vote of Alaskans for Independence. The 100% endorsement was accompanied by good wishes and a contribution to the campaign. The campaign will require time, effort, and money. Interested persons should contact Bob or Larry (354-5927). Contributions should be made out to "Bob Steiner for Congress" and mailed to:

Bob Steiner for Congress
PO Box 112
Westfield, New Jersey 07091

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"The state is the great fiction by which everyone tries to live at the expense of everyone else."

- Frederic Bastiat

TRAVELOGUE

What a month this has been!

The Founding Convention of the Libertarian Party of Canada was held in Toronto from October 25 to 28. It seemed as if a magnet drew me there. After being invited to address the convention, I was honored to represent them on a television interview. Our Canadian Libertarian friends are well on their way in their quest for freedom.

November 6, 1973 was Election Day. After spending the day at the polls, working as a challenger for John Goodson, I was pleased to note that our efforts were not in vain. John came in sixth in a field of twelve candidates for Governor (see details elsewhere in PREMISE).

I was invited to appear as a panelist on The Fifty-First State, on the Channel 13 television show of November 13. The discussion was on Welfare, and it seemed to be lively and interesting.

On November 20, 1973 the NJLP held a general meeting. Our guest speaker, Alan J. Krebs, presented a very entertaining talk. When he broke into his double-talk routine the audience went wild. We appreciate the appearance of Mr. Krebs.

November 24 was the ExecComm meeting of the Libertarian Party. I flew out to Denver to attend. It was quite interesting. Future plans for Conventions, Elections and other matters were discussed. Some specific matters coming before the ExecComm are worth noting:

The 1974 Libertarian Party Convention is scheduled to be held in Dallas from June 12 to 16, 1974. This is subject to possible change of dates, depending upon possible future Sunday non-driving edicts by His Majesty.

New Jersey will be entitled to approximately six delegates to the Convention. This will be finally determined by the membership count in each State Party as at (sic) December 31, 1973. Accordingly, I urgently request that each of you renew your memberships early in December, as well as making a concerted effort to bring in new members.

Ralph Fucetola was elected to serve on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee at the Convention.

I was elected to serve on the Platform Committee.

Upcoming on the calendar is the weekend of December 15-16 - a trip to Boston to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Interested members, please contact me.

The Libertarian Party is on the move!

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Best personal wishes to all for a happy holiday season, and for a healthy, prosperous, and freer New Year.

- Robert Steiner

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Our thanks to Hal Collins who, in true libertarian fashion, ran his own mini-campaign for Goodson by composing and paying for ads in the Trenton Trentonian. In addition to the article below which was printed in the November 5 edition, Hal had smaller ads run in the Trentonian for 9 days in a row preceding the election.

**LET'S TRY
FREEDOM
AND
DIGNITY**

No rule of god nor law of nature says any person is meant to be the slave of any other - not even to the extent of a minute of life or effort.

The best life for a human being is that where one is in no way the slave of another, nor any other of that one.

For the best life to be possible to everybody, people must organize for protection against those who try to enslave them. Such an organization could be called a "Libertarian limited-government."

A peaceful transition to such a government is still possible in the United States.

The Libertarian Party is the only political organization in the world which is completely against slavery. No one born to be a slave means everyone born to be free. Freedom is rights being recognized by an effective government. Rights are requirements of a rational being for existence at its highest potential. Among rights are: life, liberty, pursuit of happiness - all actions and products of those actions, which do not constitute the initiation or force or fraud against another.

To show that you think these are good ideas, vote for the Libertarian Party candidate for governor of New Jersey - John Goodson.

For more about these and further ideas write to HJC, P.O. Box 324 Lawrenceville, N. J. 08848

Political ad paid for by H.J. Collins, 100 Franklin Cir. Rd., G4, TTN, NJ 08620

CONVENTION

At the November NJLP meeting, preparations were begun for the forthcoming state convention. Joe Salerno was appointed chairman of the Convention Committee, and the weekend of February 9 - 10, 1974 was chosen for the state gathering.

A tentative schedule of the convention was formulated as follows:

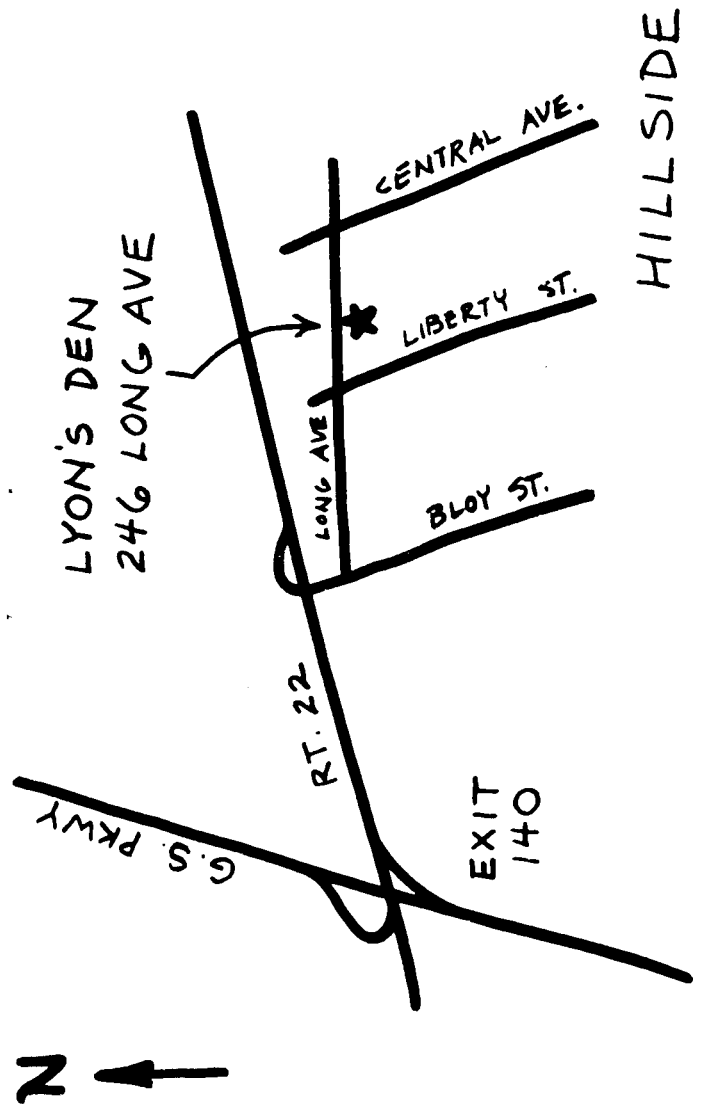
Saturday: Business meeting. Nominate candidates for public office, elect a new slate of party officers, and elect delegates for the Dallas Convention of the national LP to be held in June, 1974.

Saturday Evening. A social event.

Sunday. Educational seminars. Ralph Fucetola is chairing this event.

Persons may enroll for any part of the convention or for the whole package. More details will be forthcoming.

If you are interested in running for public office as a candidate of the Libertarian Party, or would like to run for a position as a party officer, we suggest you make your wishes known to other NJLP members. We would be happy to publish in PREMISE an announcement of your intentions, and any brief resume you care to submit.

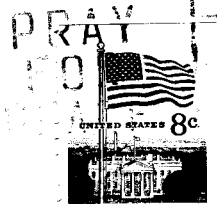


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