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JOHN GOODSON

for Governor

Just one month remains before the election as the campaign zips along. The mailing to 3000 New Jersey libertarians has been completed, and membership has increased nearly 50% since the start of the campaign. Positions have been released on pornography and education which were carried by both radio and newspaper, and spokesmen for the party continue to address various groups throughout the state.

In October, Goodson will continue to release position papers on various subjects, and will unveil his political contract, which we hope to advertise through newspapers and, perhaps, radio. Money, as usual, is the decisive factor, and it dismays us to report that, at this writing, less than 15% of the members of NJLP have contributed to the campaign. If you planned to contribute but put it off, it's almost past time. Make checks payable to Goodson for Governor and mail them to the party address..... and be sure to VOTE LIBERTARIAN!

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

HOSPERS!

There will be a meeting of the NJLP on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 pm at the Lyon's Den in Hillside (see map on last page). The meeting will be addressed by Dr. John Hospers, LP candidate for President in 1972. Dr. Hospers is Director of the School of Philosophy at USC, and has authored many books including Human Conduct, Introduction to Philosophical Analysis, and Libertarianism. Bring a friend.

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"There is something both unnerving and quite pathetic about hearing politicians make promises to "the peepul". They begin to salivate and their words become perfervid. It is exactly like overhearing a clandestine tape of Mafiosi dividing up the swag. It never occurs to them that they are talking, at best, of money extorted from the taxpayer (some would prefer to say "stolen"). And when they are all done "redistributing" the loot, they look- rather touching-ly- for a reward....some small token of the voter's unending gratitude. It is as though they wanted to be Godfather-of-the-year."

- John A. Goodson

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY NJLP!
 (One year old October 11th)

Letters

To the Editor:

I read a copy of the "Brick Town Reporter" article on Libertarianism, reprinted in the September PREMISE with great interest; small town papers often best reflect the public's misconceptions. The article misconstrues our position on monopolies and, as usual, confuses Libertarianism with Ayn Rand's libertarian philosophy of Objectivism (or as Kathy calls it, 'Randian Collectivism').

The primary area in which I think we fail to make our strongest case is in the area of economic monopoly. It is not enough to suggest that the market works and that all the bad monopolies (like AT&T and the Post Office) are either specifically ordained by the state or belong to it. We must bring the recent discoveries of the Revisionist historical school to the public attention. The Revisionists have shown that 1) every successful monopoly/oligopoly came about through government intervention; 2) every government intervention was either initiated or given its final push by big business monopolist interests; and 3) the free competitive market of necessity leads to decentralization of economic power and more equality of economic circumstances. Thus, the modern 'liberal' goal of greater economic equality can only occur in a true free market, which is the same system that does not force equality. Positions (1) and (2) above are in direct contradiction to Rand's essay on "Big Business-America's Most Persecuted Minority".

Thus the writings of Spooner and Tucker, wherein they blame big business for the bloated state and call for an end to the monopolies as the only road to freedom and greater equality (not to mention the works of the world's greatest Libertarian Theorist, Murray Rothbard), should be given at least equal emphasis as the writings of popularizers such as Rand and Tuccille.

This is all to point out that one of our chief goals as a Libertarian association should be to gain better knowledge of our libertarian heritage and the recent advances by historians which prove it correct, rather than to stagnate in the limited knowledge of political games and parties and such. I

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hope that after the election we may continue with the job of internal as well as external education.

Ralph Fucetola III

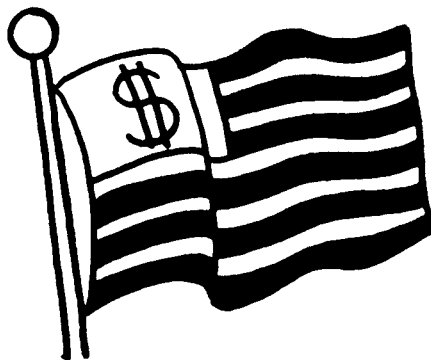
- Since Mr. Fucetola's letter is almost totally inaccurate, one hardly knows where to begin.

If Mr. Fucetola had not failed to get the required number of signatures to make the ballot, he might have been subjected to the edifying experience of the newspaper interview. The Revisionist historians were stressed during the interview, but what came through in the story was the reporter's own opinion. If Mr. Fucetola can suggest some way in which we can "control" what the newspapers print, we'd be interested in hearing it.

Also, the article in no way confuses Libertarianism with Objectivism (which is never even mentioned), but merely states that "many" of our positions "derive.. from the work of....Ayn Rand", which is certainly true. It is a fact that both of our party's major figures were closely associated with Miss Rand, and that almost every person at the NJLP organizing meeting said they came to libertarianism through Ayn Rand.

To continue, Mr. Fucetola wrongly pictures the Revisionist school as monolithic, and the conclusions he ascribes to that school are either untrue or not representative. Specifically, with regard to (1), there are many monopolies which have not needed government coercion; for example, the National Football League, Hewlett Packard's scientific pocket calculator (which no one has duplicated for several years now) and the Polaroid camera (unless protection of intellectual property through patents constitutes government coercion). Anyone who reads the sports pages knows (2) is incorrect, since Congress recently passed a law forcing the NFL to broadcast home games against the wishes of the NFL. The third conclusion is in no way ascribable to the Revisionists, most of whom are Socialists or leftists who do not deplore controls, but only contend that they have been misused in favor of big business, rather than "the people".

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Mr. Fucetola's comments on Ayn Rand's essay can only mean he hasn't read it. The essay emphasizes that businessmen are unjustly persecuted (which Mr. Fucetola's letter proves), and even says that "another kind of businessmen....made fortunes by means of special privileges granted to them by the government". It is irrational to believe that all, or even most, successful businesses got that way through government intervention, rather than productivity.

Finally, Mr. Fucetola derides "political games" and wants us to go back to talking to ourselves, to continue our "internal education". We certainly hope he takes his own advice.

- Editor

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Lydia Longinotti and Bob Steiner for the excellent article which appeared in the Tom's River Reporter (front page!). A story which reprints nearly the entire LP platform certainly helps to increase our public recognition in a very positive way. Keep up the good work!

- John A. Goodson

Reprinted from the Courier News:

Sandman's anti-tax stand challenged

I have to take strong exception to A. P. Woolfson's letter of June 27, in particular to his characterization of Congressman Sandman as "against a state income tax."

The only candidate for governor I have heard come out unequivocally against a state income tax is John Goodson of the Libertarian Party.

Sandman has said that he would impose a state income tax if the alternative were bankrupting the state. Did you ever hear such nonsense? What about cutting state spending?

Futhermore, Goodson is the only candidate who, as governor, could not possibly be blackmailed by the education lobby into imposing a state income tax simply because he is the only candidate who would get government out of the business of educating (or I should say, propagandizing) our children.

Anyone seeking real change, to the benefit of the taxpayer, should not waste a vote on Sandman but vote for Goodson for governor.

DANIEL WILLIAMS

Westfield

Coming Attractions

Oct. 3, Wed 7 p.m. Lydia Longinotti addresses Political Science Club of Glassboro State College.

Oct. 5, Fri. 7:30 p.m. Ralph Fucetola speaks at Free Space Alt. U. 339 Lafayette St., New York, NY. Topic: Libertarianism.

Oct. 7, Sun. 10:30 a.m. Bob Steiner speaks to Unitarian Fellowship of Westfield at the YMCA. Topic: The Philosophy of Liberty.

Oct. 20, Sat. 2 p.m. NJLP meeting at Lyon's Den in Hillside. Dr. Hospers will attend.

Oct. 20, Evening. New York FLP stages a theatrical performance for Youngstein campaign, hosted by Hospers and Rothbard. Admission \$10. Call (212) 354-0292 for details.

Oct. 21, Evening. New York FLP holds cocktail party at Crooked Fence. Admission .99¢. Call (212) 354-0292.

Oct. 27-28, Sat.-Sun. Libertarian Conference at Hunter College. For info, write Hunter Libertarian Alliance, Hunter College, New York, NY.

Nov. 6, Tues. Vote Goodson for Governor! If you would like to volunteer as a challenger at the polls, call Kathy McAdam at (201) 482-3471.

Nov. 10, Sat. Maryland Libertarian Party convention. For info, call Bob Steiner at (201) 233-7088.

Nov. 17, Sat. East Coast Libertarian Conference, sponsored by the Society for Individual Liberty. See details elsewhere in PREMISE.

Nov. 23-24, Sat.-Sun. Libertarian ExecComm meeting in Colorado. For details, call Bob Steiner.

Dec. 16, Sun. 200th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

TOWARD THE NEW LIBERTY

East Coast Libertarian Conference

Saturday, November 17th
Philadelphia, Pa.

SIL is sponsoring a one day intensive symposium for libertarians dealing with a variety of topics on both a beginning and advanced level.

Dr. Murray Rothbard has confirmed as the keynote speaker of the conference; he will deliver the opening and closing addresses.

Dr. D.T. Armentano, Univ. of Hartford economist and author of "Myths of Anti-Trust" has also confirmed that he will speak.

Ken Kalcheim and Karl Bray, tax rebels and leaders of the National Tax Strike Coalition, will speak.

A panel discussion on Crime without Victims will feature an ACLU leader and a libertarian.

Workshops will feature:

- Tax resistance - Kalcheim, Bray
- Libertarian Arbitration - Fucetola
- Federal Reserve & the Liberty Amendment - Grem
- Effective Public Speaking - Steiner
- Psychology of Statism - Eisenberg
- Atheism - Morrone

Other surprises, reports, awards, etc. are still being planned.

Hotel/motel reservations will be made for out-of-towners requesting that aid.

Costs: Admission will be \$4 for SIL members and \$5 for non-SIL members - Advance reservations. At the door, admission will be \$1 higher in each category.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR TICKETS NOW!
Further info will be available and in the mail shortly. SIL, 304 Empire, Phila., Pa. 19107.

Sent check for info 10/20/73.

NOTES.....LP of California has provided us with an Organizational Manual for campus libertarians. Anyone interested should write to Bob Steiner c/o NJLP.....According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the nation has more than 78,200 units of government. Illinois led all states with 6,385 local units of government.....Congratulations (and thanks) to Judy Schubert who became the first of many scribes to actually submit a Recording Secretary's report.... Welfare mothers in NJ who were taken off relief roles for fraud, are bringing suit to be put back on, arguing that federal law stipulates need as the only requirement. Guess who'll win..... A friend tells us of being in a supermarket when a woman was denied the use of food stamps for dog food (apparently there's a law), so the lady took the dog food back and got 3 pounds of ground beef for the dog, which she bought with the stamps.....A Libertarian Task Force spent the summer in Washington ranking U.S. Senators on the basis of which ones were the biggest spenders of taxpayer's money. The top 20 spenders included our own Clifford P. Case. Republican Senator William V. Roth of Delaware was the lowest spender, while Senatore John Pastore, Democrat of Rhode Island, was the worst offender, with Hubert Humphrey close behind.....All party members should write letters to the editor of their local paper in October, urging votes for Goodson (see example on page 3).

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Your 1973 tax dollars at work....

- \$72,000 to a university in Yugoslavia for a study on why white wine turns brown.
- A \$47,862 taxi bill to transport welfare recipients.
- \$76,000 each for a group of "low-cost" houses for "low-income" families.
- \$23,000 for a study by HEW on why children fall off tricycles.



THE GREATER POINT PLEASANT REPORTER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1973

Goodson on porn and public schools

ASBURY PARK — John A. Goodson, the New Jersey Libertarian Party's candidate for governor, recently outlined — in no uncertain terms — his views on two disparate but equally controversial issues.

On the financing of public schools, Goodson had this to say:

"It is certainly clear that our state educational system provides an apallingly low level of learning and that our public schools have become cesspools of crime, drug-addiction and violence. All this is the inevitable result of state control.

"Instead of wondering how we can raise the money to continue this Frankenstein, we should be pondering whether to continue it at all. The question 'Should we have compulsory, tax-supported schools?' really means 'Should the state be permitted to confiscate the taxpayers' money, use it to remove children from their homes, with or without the consent of their parents, and subject them to training and indoctrination of which the parent may or may not approve?'. To anyone with a shred of regard for individual rights, the answer is a thundering NO!

"We should not be searching for new ways to shore up the state's sagging education empire. We've got to concentrate on getting the state out of the schoolroom. Period. The constitution should be changed so that the state will no longer guarantee to each child a 'quality education'. We can then not only eliminate all talk of an income tax, but repeal the sales tax as well.

"The free market will provide the best possible instruction, and burning issues like busing, prayer and sex-education will dissolve when people can freely select the schools they wish to support."

And on the issue of pornography, Goodson made these remarks:

"H. L. Mencken defined a guardian of the public morals as a person who wakes up at midnight with the cold fear that someone, somewhere is happy. It is not pornography that is the crime, it is censorship.

"If a panel of judges can watch a movie to determine its value, then why not ordinary citizens? No adult is sufficiently godlike to tell another adult what to read or see, least of all the incompetents who infest Trenton. The state does not have the right to tell us what we may or may not look at, any more than they have the right to prescribe our eating habits. Imagine the Supreme Court attempting to determine whether bubble-gum has socially redeeming value. The same attempt with printed matter is no less absurd.

"It is proper that parents should control what their children read and see, but it is not proper that the state should take over that control when we grow up. Haven't we had enough paternalism during our youth? Must we be treated like 10 year-olds by the very same people who delight in covering our eyes with one hand, while raping our wallets with the other?"

"The only proper function of government is to defend people against violent invasion of their person or property, not to enforce anybody's idea of personal morality. All anti-pornography laws must be repealed!"

THE RECORD, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1973

Candidate refuses offer of TV time

While most politicians actively are seeking publicity, the Libertarian party candidate for governor, John A. Goodson, has refused an opportunity to appear on television.

Goodson, a 38-year-old high school guidance counselor from New Brunswick, declined an offer of television time from the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority. He said he was putting his princi-

ples ahead of his quest for publicity.

Goodson said he opposes state-owned television stations and public financing of the electoral process.

"The public should be able to freely select the political candidates and the television stations that are to receive its financial support, without interference from the government," Goodson said. "We are totally against New Jersey competing with Johnny Carson."

Truth-in-office contract?

United Press International

TRENTON — The gubernatorial candidate of New Jersey's newest political party not only plans to keep his campaign promises, but will sign a contract to that effect.

"The record of politicians in keeping their campaign promises is a sorry one, 38 year old Libertarian Party candidate John A. Goodson, a guidance counselor from New Brunswick, said yesterday.

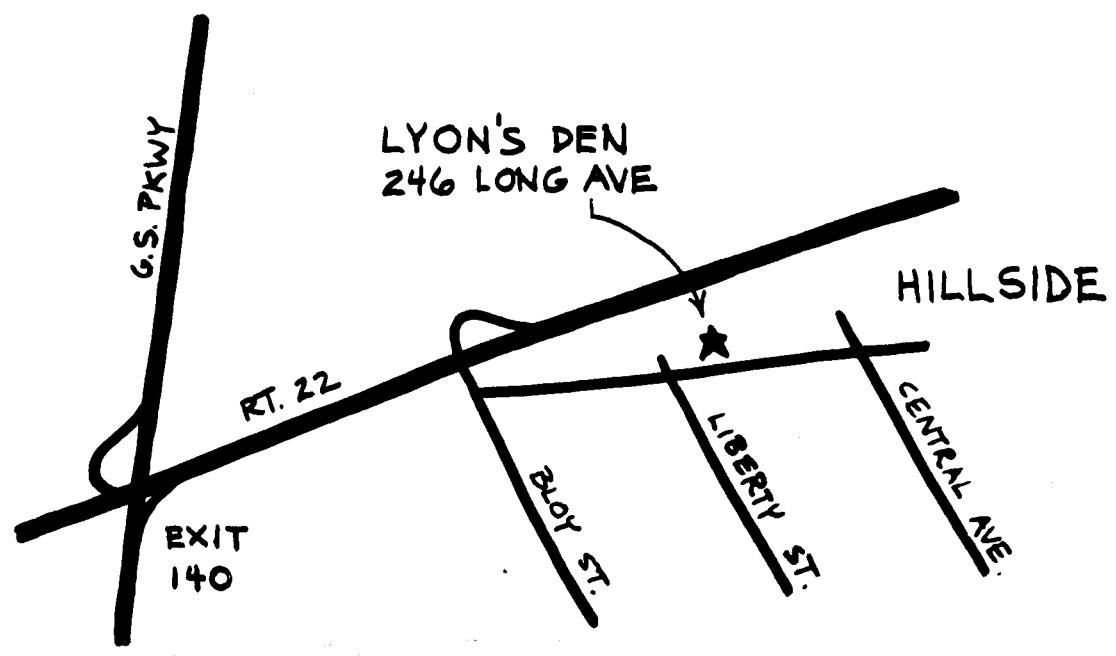
"For this reason, and because politicians should be just as responsible as anyone who sells a service, I will sign a contract before the election which will be fully binding me to the positions I take during the campaign," he said.

"It is time that 'truth-in-packaging' came to those who

are so anxious to apply it to others," he added in declining Democratic gubernatorial candidate Brendan T. Byrne and his Republican counterpart, Charles W. Smithman Jr., to sign contracts also.

The Libertarian Party, which is a acronym "TANSTAAFL" stands for "There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch," was founded in 1971 to reverse the accelerating trend toward total government control, a spokesman said.

The New Jersey chapter, founded in October 1972, is the national party dedicated to the ideal that each individual has the right to life, liberty and property, and that all individuals are entitled to live their lives as they wish so long as they do not forcibly interfere with others.



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