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Goodman Thanks Campaign Supporters

By Greg Mysko

Lee Goodman does not hold any bitterness after spending a year of his life running for Congress and losing to Mark Kirk. "I am grateful for all the support from the people who became active in this campaign. For many of them it was their first time being active politically. We all gave it our best," Goodman said.

He said his campaign made an effort to involve everyone, "not just the rich people." While he was heavily outspent by a well-funded opponent, Goodman was proud that he finished with a zero campaign debt, which held true to his principles of fiscal prudence. His campaign raised money from many individual small contributors and he was never beholden to any power group.



Lee Goodman addresses a crowd of supporters outside the Highland Park Community House.

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Democrats Make Gains in the 10th District

By John Hmurovic

Nationally, the election results were disappointing. Locally, there was much for Democrats to smile about. In the 10th Congressional District portion of Cook and Lake counties, every local Democratic incumbent was re-elected, both in state legislative and county races. In addition, Dr. Richard Keller defeated a Republican incumbent in the Lake County Coroner's office, and Dan Pierce's victory gave Democrats control of the North Shore Sanitary District Board for the first time. A Republican-held U.S. Senate seat will now be occupied by Democrat Barack Obama. He not only won a landslide 70% of the vote statewide, but received an even bigger 74% in the 10th District. And even though John Kerry lost nationally, he won Illinois, and carried the 10th District with 53% of the vote. Democrats made gains throughout the 10th District.

The 2004 election marked the end of a successful year for Tenth Dems. In our first year of existence, Tenth Dems recruited over 600 volunteers. Some traveled to Wisconsin in a successful effort to win that state for John Kerry, while most stayed closer to home helping local candidates go door-to-door, make phone calls, send out mailings, staff their campaign offices, march in parades and do other campaign chores.

Tenth Dems also helped recruit dozens of precinct committeepeople and provided training for them and other grassroots volunteers. We produced campaign literature for those committeepeople to take door-to-door and provided some with additional volunteers to help work their precincts. On one day alone, a Democratic Action Day in late October, Tenth Dems organized over 300 volunteers in a day of door-to-door campaigning. We also purchased and distributed thousands of campaign buttons and yard signs.

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Top Vote Getters within the 10th Congressional District Portion of Cook and Lake Counties



1. Barack Obama:
U.S. Senate: 74%



2. Eddie Washington:
State Representative: 72%



3. Susan Garrett:
State Senate: 71%



4. Elaine Nekritz:
State Representative: 68%



5. Karen May:
State Representative: 66%



6. Mary Ellen Vanderverter:
Lake Recorder: 64%

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Mourning...and Moving On

By Hollister Bundy

I've never seen mourning after a campaign like America is experiencing. In the past, supporters of losing candidates may have been upset, disappointed, or in the case of the 2000 Florida debacle, indignant. But it's never been anything like this. People are depressed, despondent, incredulous and/or generally miserable on a scale that we've not seen before. I've heard from many, that people feel "like there's been a death in the family." Friends in Illinois, New York, New England, California, Colorado and even Ohio have separately shared this sentiment.

Originally, I planned to write with some perspective on the presidential campaign of my family's dear friend and my godfather, John Kerry. Maybe I'll write that piece in the future. But for now, I'm still in mourning.

I'm mourning because "Uncle Johnny" lost the election and because the country will never be the same.

I'm mourning because John Kerry recognized the great division in this country and would have led an administration that acknowledged this gap, governed for all of the people, and would have helped restore this nation to greatness.

I'm mourning because the Bush administration has characterized the president's narrow victory as a "mandate" to govern from the far right. I fear that his second administration may be even more destructive and divisive than his first.

I'm mourning because millions of dedicated Americans gave their heart, soul, time, and financial resources to the Kerry campaign to make this country a better place.

I'm mourning because the damage to the economy, to America's reputation and to the U.S. Supreme Court in the next four years may be irreparable.

I'm mourning because many of the people of this country never got to know John Kerry the way I do and never got past the labels and spin-mongering put out by the Bush campaign. John Kerry defended this nation in his youth and would have secured peace on the world stage.

I'm mourning for a thousand different reasons, ranging from my sadness that I can't personally be part of a proactive Kerry administration to my deep sympathy for his daughters Vanessa and

Alexandra who put their own lives on hold for their father and now face many personal challenges.



Hollister Bundy's daughter, Alexis, on the campaign trail in Wisconsin with John Kerry.

But most of all, I'm mourning because I've never known a more caring, compassionate and brilliant man than John Kerry, and I have no doubt in my mind that he would have been one of America's greatest presidents...

I have a picture of Uncle Johnny holding up our 5-year-old daughter at a rally in Wisconsin, which always makes me smile. But when my wife, Diane, and I arrived back home from Boston and reunited with her last week—after the toughest speech of John's life—we finally broke down and let out two years of emotion and frustration. Alexis had never seen her dad cry before (but tried to cheer me up when she said that "Grandpa said they were still counting the ballots.")

Even 10 days later it's hard to write this. I'm devastated politically, personally and for the country. A part of me will never fully recover from this national tragedy. But soon it will be time to move on—there's an amazing residual energy and enthusiasm among Democrats to continue the fight. Usually there is a lull after an election. Not this time. The battle for our future rages on. And if the Bush administration continues on its current destructive path, I've no doubt the 2006 elections will be the first step toward taking back America that will culminate with victory in 2008.



John Kerry, dressed in his military uniform, welcomes Hollister Bundy into the world... a few years ago.

I have so much more to tell everyone about the amazing experience of working on this campaign. I've had the honor of meeting many of you at house parties, rallies and other events in the past couple of years. I have so many thanks to give to the amazing people of Illinois, and the 10th District who came to events, volunteered, raised funds, worked the phone banks and not only delivered Illinois but who also played a large part in delivering Wisconsin. There will be a time for all of this — and I look forward to remaining active and being a part of it as we look to a brighter future. You haven't heard the last from me. And you certainly haven't heard the last from Uncle Johnny.

Hollister Bundy is a resident of Northfield, an attorney and the godson of John Kerry.

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However, one group Goodman is harshly critical of is the Chicago area news media. "They made a decision early on to focus only on the Melissa Bean / Phil Crane race and they made that race the only one worthy of coverage. The local media completely ignored any other challenger to an incumbent in any race for Congress. They did the voters a great disservice in not covering the issues," he said. "It's sad that the executives of the media organizations want to protect the incumbents."

Goodman was told by many during the campaign that the "Letters to the Editor" pages in the local newspapers were the only places where campaign issues were discussed. He is grateful to the people who took the time to write those letters.

Looking to the future, Goodman says it is too early to make any predictions for 2006. "If Bush continues to screw up Iraq and our jobs situation continues to get worse, it will be a very different situation then. Anything can happen politically in the next two years."

Votergate 2004:

We Don't Need Paper to Prove Fraud, We Need Money and Leadership, NOW.

By Sheldon Drobny

Since election day there has been a justifiable uproar about the major differences between the exit polls in Ohio and Florida and the actual results. Democrats and Republicans, who both saw the same exit polls that showed an electoral landslide in favor of Kerry, have confirmed this. Investigative reporter Bob Parry confirmed from his sources that the Bush campaign was convinced they were going to lose. George H. W. Bush also confirmed this in an interview with The Today Show. So why have the exit polls been so wrong in the last two elections? It is clear that there must have been manipulation in the voting machines. While there's been a lot of talk of problems with not having paper trails, computer fraud is uncovered most of the time without paper trails.

As a former C.P.A and auditor, I have used statistical sampling throughout my career with great confidence. With electronic record keeping, it's easy to create a program to falsify the books. But there are ways to uncover that. Auditors have developed statistical ways to cut right through corruption in companies. You don't even need a paper trail. These statistical approaches can be used with almost one hundred percent accuracy to uncover fraud.

With the Votergate 2004 it's a numbers game just like it is with corporate accounting, even easier. All you're talking about is one number—total votes for each candidate.

There's a huge difference between polling what WILL happen and polling something that has already happened. The reliability of polling something that has already happened is highly reliable vs. predictive polls, like Gallup or Zogby, which are very risky. The reliability can be, not plus or minus four percent as we see with predictive polls, but rather a much more reliable plus or minus one half or one tenth of one percent with exit polls, because those are based on asking people who already voted. I would even say that if the exit polling were done in the key precincts of Florida and Ohio, which it was, then these results should be practically "bullet proof."

It is important that people know how accurate random sampling of historical events can be in order for them to understand how unlikely it is that the exit polls were wrong. So, if you want to fight the battle correctly, you must get more statisticians and forensic accountants involved as well as the lawyers. These statisticians can show with great credibility the probability of manipulation within the computer programs used for counting the ballots. They do this kind of work all the time to uncover fraud based upon computer manipulation in commercial and corporate activities. And these types of expert analyses are admissible in a court of law.

The problem with all of this is determining who is going to fund such an investigation. Where will the money come from? Perhaps the Kerry/Edwards campaign fund has some surplus that can be used. It is possible that the DNC has some excess funds. How about the 527s and PACs which spent millions on ineffective political ads, coming up with a few million? In addition, who is going to lead the process of getting this done? This kind of an effort requires solidarity along with an organized, coordinated effort. It's easy to come up with the forensic and technical people to get this done, but we need a strong leader and solidarity. Leadership and funding—these are the two real challenges that must be dealt with in the coming days. We have a Watergate story here that could give the media a post-election, explosive news story that could make the 2000 Florida vote debacle look like small potatoes. We need to get the media to see that Votergate 2004 is huge news and we need to quickly fund the investigation and get Democratic leaders behind it.



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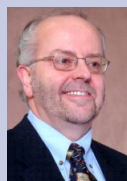


7. Richard Devine:
Cook State's Attorney: 62%

8. Kathy Ryg: State Representative: 60%



9. Richard Keller: Lake Coroner: 59%



10. Dan Pierce: North Shore Sanitary District: 56%



Also receiving over 50% of the vote*:

11. John Kerry:
US President: 53%

12. Bill Scheurer: State Representative: 53%

13. Dorothy Brown: Cook Circuit Clerk: 52%

14. Michael Jacobs:
Lake State's Attorney: 51%

* within the 10th Congressional District portion of Cook and Lake Counties

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Tenth Dems was also successful in raising money and in sharing it. A summer fundraiser in Highland Park featuring Barack Obama started us off on a good foot. By the end of the campaign, Tenth Dems contributed nearly \$10,000 to over 25 Democratic candidates who were on the ballot locally. We gave the maximum allowed by law to Lee Goodman in his race for Congress and to Melissa Bean in the neighboring 8th District in her successful bid against Republican Congressman Phil Crane.

The purpose of Tenth Dems is to help build a stronger Democratic Party as well as to help elect Democrats throughout the district. We are already at work getting ready for the next campaign and doing our part to make sure that Democrats have even more to smile about in 2006 and 2008.

Building Bridges to Better Times

By Jane Goldenberg

Instead of despairing over a heart-rending split in a national psyche that never really existed, we ought to take a page from President Bill Clinton's songbook and talk about building bridges. We Democrats need to reach out to people in those incredibly large areas of our country that put Republicans in charge of our federal government.

Despite all the talk, only 22 percent of Americans considered moral values their top issue, as Frank Rich recently pointed out in *The New York Times*, and moral values could mean any number of things. After adding up the way the pollsters divided up national security and economic issues into parts, way more Americans considered the war and the economy top priorities. The lesson: We should be careful about drawing too radical a lesson from one poll number.

Americans don't like to throw out a wartime president. Despite a majority of Americans having serious misgivings about the war in Iraq, the country is also in a war against terrorism, a scarier enemy which like a phantom can strike at any moment. Almost anyone in the White House would have been difficult to vote out of office at this juncture in history.

Whether we like it or not, most people find comfort in stability. Stability equals security, in fact. Most people also find comfort in access to high quality health care, and all the services we like government to provide, such as transportation, police and fire protection, a strong

defense, some good old-fashioned pork, such as cleaning up the polluted Waukegan harbor, and low taxes. So what if the combination goes together about as well as oil and water. That's what we want. And that's what this government is attempting to give. What's not to like? Only the Scrooge who insists on reminding people that the bill will come due.

So while it may not be moral values that people voted on, it may very well be morality that puts the Republicans out of business because if there's one thing Americans historically don't like, it's a government that tries to tell them what to do, particularly when it comes to hearth and home. Morality cuts two ways. Yes, as Rabbi Michael Lerner of the Tikkun Community says, we must get the word out that Democrats also have spiritual yearnings and care about living moral lives. We must also remember that falling off such a high horse can cause some big headaches.

In the meantime, please repress your desires to blame people in the rural heartland for George Bush's policies. The rural areas of our country, home of the storied rugged individual, have suffered some of the worst economic hardships under record trade deficits and thousands of lost manufacturing jobs. A good-hearted love of country – something all Americans share – motivated their votes as it did ours. Not a bad place to start building that bridge.

Less Than 90 Days Until The Next Election!!!?

By Ben Strubl

While many of us are still disappointed with the most recent election results, Tenth Dems is moving forward. Would you believe that in just a few months there will be two more elections?

That's right—the 2005 Consolidated Primary and General elections are approaching, February 22 and April 5, respectively. Although these municipal, township, library and school board elections are non-partisan in most places, there will still be plenty of opportunities to help out. Better yet, why not consider running for one of these offices. They provide a good way for political newcomers to gain experience and, more importantly, a good opportunity to serve your community. The deadline for getting your name on the ballot is fast approaching. Contact us at 847-266-VOTE (8683) for more details.

There will be many significant statewide races in 2006 in which Tenth Dems will be involved, including elections for all major statewide

offices such as Governor, Attorney General, and Secretary of State, as well as for U.S. Congress.

The race that many will be looking to, however, is the 2008 Presidential Primary. John Kerry has "left his foot in the door." That's not to say he will or won't run again, but it's a definite possibility. The question is: Do we want him again?

And what of Howard Dean? Congressional Quarterly says he is campaigning to be Democratic Party Chairman. If he were to get this position, he would be unlikely to run for president in 2008, because he would be committed to fundraising for that election.

We'll be girding ourselves for the big election in 2008, but in the meantime, there will be many places Tenth Dems can make a difference on the local level. Email volunteers@tenthdems.org if you're interested in getting involved. We could use your help.

Save the Date
Loyal Opposition Party

Thursday, January 20th, 2005
(Inauguration Day)

7pm

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(check website, tenthdems.org, and your email)*

As President Bush takes the oath of office, we will discuss our concerns about protecting the Constitution.

