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20,562 SIGNATURES

On August 21, the Free Libertarian Party filed 20,562 petition signatures at the Board of Elections nominating Fran Youngstein as its candidate for Mayor of New York City. Also nominated for citywide office were Fran's running mates, Bill Lawry (for City Council President), and Tom Avery (for Comptroller). In addition, 13,012 of the above signatures (obtained from Manhattan voters) were submitted for the three Manhattan-wide candidates of the FLP: Lou Sicilia (for Manhattan Borough President), Paul Streitz (for Manhattan City Councilperson-at-large), and Gary Greenberg (for Manhattan District Attorney). The number of signatures filed was far in excess of the number required by law (7500 for the citywide candidates and 5000 for the Manhattan candidates). The filing climaxed six weeks of grueling work by FLP members.

Eight other "independent" parties have also filed their petitions, but only two filed more signatures. Although several *major* party candidates filed petitions (in the hopes of capturing additional "independent" lines on the ballot), none of them filed as many signatures with an "independent" party as did the FLP candidates.

As of this writing, only three of the nine independent petitions have been challenged. Two of them were petitions filed on behalf of major party candidates. It is very unlikely that the petitions submitted by the FLP will be challenged, and the six candidates are virtually assured a place on the ballot in November.

With the petition drive over, the first stage of the campaign has ended, and the party has turned its attention toward the second stage: the campaign itself.

So far, in less than two weeks, the FLP mayoral candidate, Fran Youngstein, has received more publicity than the party's 1972 candidates received in their entire campaigns.

On Sunday, August 26th, a short article on Fran's campaign (accompanied by a picture) appeared on page 5 of New York's largest newspaper, the *New York Daily News*. Later in the week, in an article on the major party candidates, Fran was the only one of the 4 minor party candidates mentioned (probably the result of a position paper and press release sent to all the media on the transportation bond issue). The other large city dailies, *The New York Times* and *The New York Post*, also mentioned the Free Libertarian Party in longer articles about the upcoming political campaigns.

Fran has, to date, been interviewed by three television news stations, and two of these stations have already given her coverage in their evening news programs. There was also a news feature on Fran's campaign broadcast twice on WCBS radio.

Fred Darwin, commentator on WTFM radio, editorially supported Fran's position on victimless crimes — referring to her by name and complementing her.

THANK YOU

Many people have cooperated to make this campaign possible, but a few individuals have made an extraordinary effort in the campaign so far. Five full-time petition workers gathered more than half of the 20,000 plus signatures among them, one of them getting more than 3,000 signatures herself. All of the candidates were active in the campaign, and one of them, together with two other FLP members, spent almost every day of the six week drive directing the processing and binding operations to get the petitions ready

GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2 PM

At the Williams Club; 24 East 39th Street; New York, N.Y.

This meeting will be the kick-off of the Fall campaign. *Be there.*

for filing. LP members from New Jersey helped in the binding and processing operations, and LP members throughout the country contributed badly needed funds to make the campaign go as far as it has already. To all of those who helped we owe a debt of gratitude. Unfortunately, we have no political patronage to offer in return for their efforts. But we do have the promise of the best campaign that New York City has to offer this year.

Thomas Avery

FIRST LIBIE AWARDS

On Monday night, August 27th, the FLP held its first annual we-made-it filing party at the Crooked Fence in Manhattan. Drunk with success and frivolous with campaign, the members penned some outstanding awards. The following examples will give you some idea of the flavor of the petition drive or, *What are those crazy people doing in a supposedly rational movement?*

The "But I'm Not An Activist" Award to Virginia Macintosh...who was anyway.

The Radical Caucus Insider Award...to the radical caucus members who worked for Fran even though work is against their better judgement.

To Zachary Rousso: the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere via the Staten Island Ferry Award.

To Ken Kalcheim: Arbitrator of the Year.

To Howie Katz: Vice Squad Captain of the Year.

To John Pachak: The Best-Dressed Petitioner Award.

To Gary Greenberg: an award for not being Frank Hogan.

The first annual Susan Corkery Award for the most signatures gathered after midnight.

For costing some poor streetwalker \$10 (or more) by walking up to her while she was soliciting a trick and asking him to sign a petition to get Fran on the ballot to legalize prostitution, the first libertarian Bull-in-the-China-Shop Award goes to Andrea Millen.

To Ed Huser: the 1974 Petition Genius Award (he wants to photocopy this year's petitions and use them for next year).

To Bill Lawry: the second Golden Mouth Award (first goes to Howie Rich).

To Fran Youngstein and Andrea Millen: the Fire Island Wet Petition Award.

To Marty Nixon - the libertarian Trivia Award (Marty is the only person who could give a complete 50-year history of every ED-AD he looked up).

To Lou Sicilia: the (CENSORED).

To Paul Tanzer: the "I'll be there; I'll be there" Award.

To Maria Martins: Times Square Award for Chastity.

It was Paul Streitz who thought of the Saturday Night Specials...on the other hand, it was Paul Streitz who thought of the Sheep Demonstration

It was Paul Streitz who designed the flyers and posters...on the other hand, it was Paul who misspelled them.

It was Paul Streitz who made the 'Legalize Pot' signs...on the other hand, it was Paul who got busted.

So, to Paul Streitz, the "On-The-Other-Hand-50%-Genius" Award.

The Furst Anyoual Libertarian Speling Bee Awards to Paul Streitz for you-know-what.

For his fantastic work in running the petition drive and motivating numerous selfish individuals to work for their own gain, thereby contributing to an increased standard of signatures for all, Howard Rich is herewith given the First Annual Adam Smith Invisible Hand Award.

The "I'd Drive a Mile for the FLP" Award...to those who did and did and did.

FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends,

Well, we did it. At this writing it looks like the Free Libertarian Party candidates will be on the ballot in November. In addition to filing 20,562 signatures, we achieved intangible goals as well and proved that even non-activists become active when they see something worth fighting for.

I have no exhortations this month, just some encouraging statistics and some words of praise.

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Fifty-five different people gathered signatures; sixty-three helped in the processing effort at the office. Subtracting the overlap, 91 people worked actively in the petition drive, not including the 30-odd contributors to the special petition fund. Lest you think I was crying wolf last month, during the first two weeks of the petition drive, there were only some 20 people working. I would like to think the other 70 responded to my golden words, but I know the credit must go to two men: Howard Rich and Paul Streitz. Howie organized the entire drive, raised the funds, coordinated the various zones, called every member in the book, kept the totals and urged the rest of us on when we got discouraged. No single person *made* the drive, but Howard Rich certainly deserves a lion's share of the credit.

During the last half of the six weeks, Paul Streitz stepped in to fill several holes and effectively organized a dynamic uptown team of petitioners, calling, wheedling, pushing, getting people out and giving us higher and higher quotas to fill. All this while designing flyers, brochures, posters, and devising the bizarre *Sheep Demonstration*.

Meanwhile, back at the office, Bill Lawry was calling, wheedling, pushing and getting people to the office to blind themselves finding EDs and ADs under the competent leadership of Bill, Bob Cassella and Mike Nichols.

Susan Corkery, Mr. Tax Rebel, Howard Katz, Zachary Rouso and Lou Sicilia worked full time - that means all day, every day.

Bob Steiner, Cathy McAdam, Larry Totams, Evan Garrison and Grace came over many times from New Jersey to help. Fran Moore came in from Connecticut. And from upstate, Serena Stockwell, Sandy Cohen, Guy and Selma Riggs, Roger Eisenberg, Ellen and Howie Rich and Art Beily drove down to pitch in, Art earning the title "monster" for his efforts.

New Yorkers who worked every week, several times a week, were Charles Slater (who organized the Columbia U. area), Marcia Witten, Dolores Grande, Tom Avery, Maria Martins (who also coordinated the food operation on binding night), Mona Slota, Chuck DeRosa, Evan Picoult, John Pachak, Ray Strong, Joe Castrovinci, Sieglinde Kress, Charles Braverman, Marjorie Caines, Linda Osborne, Charles Blood, Bob Cohen, James Davis, Ed Huser, Norm Muchnik, Spencer Pinney, Paul Tanzer, Darrell Turner, Virginia McIntosh, and, of course, Fran (when she wasn't making whistle stops in California and Colorado - what kind of campaign schedule is that for a New York mayoral candidate??).

And there was Gary Greenberg, who did all the legal work for us and handled the intricate numbering and binding operation.

Chris Graf collected signatures on skates: John and Warren Doswell and Jean Preece came off their boat to work: Alan LePage left his ice cream store to help: Jeff and Steve flier wore their medical coats: Marjie Fleischer and Marty Nixon used their vacation time: Richard and Cheryl Meyers hand-lettered their own sign.

There were members working whom none of us had ever met before; and other people who who first learned of our

existence through the petition drive. I wish there were space for everybody's name and I devoutly hope I haven't left anyone out of the categories covered.

Now it's time for the campaign, our first real opportunity to reach people *out there* and expose them to our ideas. If the fall campaign is as successful as the summer one has been (and it's starting out like dynamite), we'll no longer be mistaken for libertines, librarians or liberationists. The fun really starts now.

*Many thanks to everyone,
Andrea Millen,
Chairperson*

STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

At the State Committee meeting of August 28th, the Nassau Libertarian was chartered.

The Committee also passed two resolutions: one is to provide that individuals on the prospect list will receive only 2 free copies of the Newsletter before being told "no cash, no news." The other resolution provided that resignations *from the party* will be come effective when received in writing by the Chair.

Bob Cassella was appointed to the Chairpersonship of the By-Laws Committee, replacing Paul Lepanto who ran off to California. [Are the FLP By-Laws really that bad?] - Samuel E. Konkin, III submitted his resignation from the State Committee (as Committeeperson-at-Large). The Committee declined to accept the resignation.

The Committee adjourned at the call of the Chair.

NOTICE

The next meeting of the State Committee will take place immediately after the next general meeting.

On the agenda will be the question of replacing former State Committeeperson Joseph Castrovinci, who had resigned to pursue graduate studies at the University of Chicago

NEWS NOTES

In the "we grow 'em, them somebody else gets 'em" department, several of our FLP members are moving: Lew Behrens to Pittsburgh, David and Diana Friedman to Philadelphia, and Cal and Dorcas Beatty to New Jersey.

Linda Osborne's letter to the editor concerning heroin laws appeared in the August 23rd edition of *The Village Voice*.

Guy Riggs' hearing to get a variance to raise chickens was unsuccessful; and he has decided not to appeal. Are you chicken, Guy?

Sandy Cohen appeared on *Midday Live* (Channel 5) on August 31st.

Andrea Millen has been invited to speak at the first anniversary meeting of the Mid-Hudson Libertarian Club on September 20th.

FACTS — RUMORS — NOSTALGIA

Did you hear about the guy who refused to sign for our candidates because he disagreed with everything we stood for...and the desperate petitioner countered with, "But if you don't help us get on the ballot, you won't be able to vote against us in November."

Many people said, "O, yes, I've heard of libertarians." Last year nobody could even pronounce it.

Our sketchy statistics seem to show that more women than men said, "Are you crazy? A woman for mayor? No way." Think about that one.

Paul Streitz only had trouble with the cops. Tom Avery had to contend with a very militant little old lady who tore up his *Legalize Pot* sign in little pieces and screamed at him to go get an honest job so he could sleep at night. When he told her the sign was private property and she had no right to destroy it, another little old lady started berating him with, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself, treating that lady that way?"

WHO IS JOHN GOODSON?

Like many other members of the FLP, I've been asking the question, "Just who is John Goodson?" On August 25th, 1973 I traveled to Newark New Jersey to find the answer.

John, currently a guidance counselor at a Middlesex County high school, is the New Jersey Libertarian Party Candidate for Governor. At his first press conference, attended by members of the NJLP and some FLP members, John said, "We are told not to gamble, while the state raises millions of dollars via the lottery. We are told what we may or may not read, what movies we can or can not see. We are forced to pay a levy every time we make an economic ex-

change, one of the most human of actions. After the sales tax, can taxes on reading, writing, and, yes, even thinking be far behind?"

After explaining that he intends to sign a contract with the voters of New Jersey which will legally bind him to the positions he took during the campaign, and urging the other candidates to do likewise, Goodson ended his talk by saying, "If you believe that you life is not something to be managed by bureaucrats, but is something to be enjoyed, then I urge you to vote for me, John Goodson of the Libertarian Party, for Governor of New Jersey."

After his talk, John answered a number of questions from the audience and proved himself to be a sharp, articulate, knowledgeable candidate. Who is John Goodson? A damn good representative of libertarianism and a damn good libertarian. I wish him the best of luck in his campaign and hope that many more FLP members have the chance to meet him and hear him speak.

Bob Cassella

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gentlepersons:

We have libertarians who want government stripped to a constitutional, or barer, minimum, and Libertarians who want to go further and substitute private initiative in all things. Howard Katz, who wrote last time around that he can't understand pot smokers, must be one of the latter.

Let me answer him [just on drugs, for God's sake, not the Schism] because I am a known non-champion of any chemical [to the extent that I am known at all].

Howard, you are an absolutist, unwilling to do a little bit of anything always, or all of anything sometimes. Feeling "revulsion" over those who seek respite in a drug or who trade one moment of reality for euphoria, you assume their entire lives are painful; when they peer into the kaleidoscope, you think they are blinding themselves.

But rigidly avoiding drugs is like staying rigidly stoned, a march and not a stroll. If we Libertarians can't be wishy-washy on our own time, who will?

Sincerely,
Leonard Rubin

Hunter Conference The next Hunter Conference, sponsored by the Hunter Libertarian Alliance along with several other groups, will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28. The scene of the last two Huntercons will be the scene of the next, admission is free, and there will be speakers on the Middle East crisis, feminism, the alternate university, and other topics. There will also be a few short films, and three live bands.

CLUB NEWS

If you wish to organize an FLP club, contact the FLP office. An organizing kit will be provided which consists of model bylaws, instructions for organizing, literature and PR handbooks, party literature, names, addresses and telephone numbers of members and prospects in your area, speaker(s) for organizing meetings, charter application, etc. The FLP Membership Committee will provide as much help as needed to get you started. It will even suggest projects for those clubs requesting ideas.

If you wish to join a club, the choice of existing clubs follows. If none suits you, you'll have to sit around and wait for someone else to form one in your area or **YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT YOURSELF!**

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ALBERT JAY NOCK FLPC: For further information, call Robert Cohen (212) 762-3203 or Spencer Pinney (212) 886-2623.

BRONX LIBERTARIAN CLUB: The Bronx Club held its latest meeting on Sunday, August 26th at the home of member Bill Roth. After discussing the recent petition drive and the upcoming campaign, the club members talked about a plan to set up a voluntary "clearing-house" for information that will enable FLP members to utilize the professional services of other members. The idea for this "clearing-house" comes from Bill Roth who has already collected data from some FLP members. The data in question include member's name, address, phone number, occupation and/or special skills or services provided.

Many people think that this program could be financially beneficial to people in the party. Those interested are asked to call Bill Roth, (212) 823-0454, for more information.

For information on the Bronx Club, call Tom Avery at 584-5493.

BROOKLYN LIBERTARIAN PARTY CAUCUS (Chartered)
For information contact Gloria Johnson at (212) 768-5892 or Ray Goldfield at (212) 376-4891.

LIBERTARIAN ABORTION ACTION GROUP (LAAG): The club is devoted exclusively to abortion issue, but will also be dealing with contraception law repeal, and is open to men as well as women. The next meeting will be on September 24th at the FLP office. For further information contact Fran Youngstein at (212) 223-4136 (9-5) or (212) 249-0172 (evenings).

LIBERTARIAN TAX REBELLION COMMITTEE (LTRC): The LTRC meets the first Monday of every Month. We have a number of anti-tax activities being planned. The legalities of tax rebellion are also discussed. Through our affiliation with the National Tax Strike Coalition, we offer memberships which include coverage under the legal defense fund and a monthly newsletter, etc. The newsletter is available separately. Contact Howard Katz at (212) 254-4791 or Kenneth W. Kalcheim at (212) 288-0327.

MID-HUDSON LIBERTARIAN CLUB (MHLC) (Dutchess)

The MHLC meets every third Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM THE Unitarian Church; 67 Randolph Avenue; Poughkeepsie. For further information contact Guy Riggs at (914) 462-0613.

NASSAU LIBERTARIAN CLUB (NLC)
For further information write P.O. Box 32, West Hempstead, N.Y. 11552 or call Mary Jo Wanzer at (516) 481-6010.

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FLPrc (Multi-club caucus) plots and conspires fourth Friday of every month at 635 East 11th Street — Apt.24; New York, N.Y. 10009. (212) 673-6136.

FLP Reform Assembly (All areas): You may join the RA even if you are a member of a chartered club (or soon to be). The RA will be an informal coalition, NOT a chartered club. Roger Eisenberg (914) 949-8030, (even if just curious).

LIBERTARIAN ANTI-CENSORSHIP COMMITTEE: This club needs more members if it is to become a potent force in the fight to make the First Amendment a reality. A petition (yes, another one) against censorship will be circulated soon to collect a substantial number of signatures on New York State residents. Media coverage of the petition drive will be sought. Won't you give a little of your time in this effort? Come to the next meeting on Monday, September 17th, 7:30 PM at the FLP office. For additional information contact Louis Sicilia at (212) 663-2562.

(Note: September 17th is Constitution Day.)

LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION ISSUE CLUB (LEIC) (Un-chartered). For information contact Noah Fuhrman at (212) 737-8851 or write to him at 35 East 85th Street; New York, N.Y. 10028.

LIBERTARIAN LIBERATION GROUP (unchartered)
New Club being formed. We will try to find liber-

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SUFFOLK LIBERTARIAN CLUB (SLC) (Suffolk County) (Unchartered) For further information, contact Richard Lerner at (516) 543-9463 (evenings).
or Alex Walker at (516) 924-3794 (home) or (516) 345-4596 (work).

Attention: All clubs wishing to place notices in the FLP Newsletter must submit exact written copy by the 20th of the preceding month. No copy will be accepted over the phone.

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HISTORY IN THE MAKING: Back issues of the *Free Libertarian*, the FLP newsletter, are available for 50 cents each (except March and August '73). Get them while they last.

For sale: 2,000 slightly used Fran Youngstien (sic!) for Mayor posters. Useful as wall decorations, memorabilia or perception test for friends. Errata adds extra value to stamps, coins; also posters. 50 cents each; \$80 takes them all. Contact Paul Streitz; 350 East 77th Street - Apt. 2F; NY, NY 10021

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