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Perot Quits! Marrou the Only Real Choice for Change

In the wake of Ross Perot's announcement last week that he was not running for President, LP phones have been ringing off the hook around the country.

In the 36 hours after Perot's announcement, for example, our national 800 number logged over 2,000 calls, many from former Perot backers looking for a new candidate and possibly a new political home.

National office staffers were unable to handle regular business as they all took turns soothing distraught callers on our regular phone line and offering them information about the Marrou/Lord ticket.

LP of Los Angeles County staffer Don Meyer talked with 75 callers in the first few hours, some of whom were "practically in tears." National Chair Mary Gingell received a call from a local Perot coordinator who suggested that 30% of his volunteers were likely candidates for getting involved in the LP.

And in a call-in show in Tucson, Arizona, 40% of the Perot supporters who called in announced that they were now considering voting Libertarian, in the wake of Perot quitting the race.

The Marrou/Lord Campaign is urging Libertarians around the country to reach out to Perot organizers, hoping to bring a few of these newly-minted activists on board in our campaign. Around the country Libertarians are meeting face-to-face, one-on-one, with Perot coordinators at all levels, to tell them about the only real option for change in this election, and invite them to work for the Marrou/Lord ticket.

Within minutes of Perot's announcement, National Chair Mary Gingell issued a media release reacting to

the news, which was included in a New York Times article that quoted 10 other key political figures, including Bush, Clinton, Democratic National Committee Chair Ron Brown, and House Minority Leader Bob Michel.

Many Perot backers had never been active in politics before this year. To reach these people, the LP will send a prospecting mailing to Perot petition circulators whose names and addresses we can obtain from Secretaries of State in those states where Perot has already turned in petitions.

Media coverage for both the Marrou/Lord ticket and the LP has skyrocketed, with appearances on Larry King's radio show, as well as C-SPAN's Road to the White House and Viewer Call-In, planned for this coming week.

Ballot Drive Still on Track Crucial Deadlines Approach

We are still on track for 50-state ballot status, especially important in the wake of Perot's actions. But it is not necessarily smooth sailing ahead.

Between July 20, as this article is being written, and August 4, we need to collect over 50,000 signatures just to meet all deadlines coming up during that time period. Another 55,000 will be needed shortly thereafter. We have over 20 paid petitioners working directly for the LP around the country, and several petitioning firms, as well as some volunteers, but it's still touch and go, and cash is very tight.

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VIEWPOINT

So it's issues you want? Consider the Libertarians

In this year of unusually fierce attacks on the two-party political establishment, consider the plight of the Libertarians, who like to think of themselves as the only party successfully challenging the traditional system.



Charles Roos

By now everybody knows about David Duke, Pat Buchanan, George Bush, Paul Tsongas, Gerry Brown and Bill Clinton. And Ross Perot. But who in the world is Andre Marrou?

Gotcha! Andre Marrou was once a state legislator in Alaska. He is now a commercial real estate agent in Las Vegas. And a candidate for president. And mostly ignored.

The Libertarians, who believe in an early start, nominated Marrou in Chicago last fall. At the time, according to the Associated Press, even the Libertarians didn't give him much chance to be elected because, "with the Democrats in disarray 14 months before the election, President Bush looks like a shoo-in for another term."

That was then. Now, reporters and opinion-molders are excitedly climbing all over Democrat Clinton and Republican Bush and trying to get a foothold on the slippery Perot, who has come from nowhere to become the strongest third-party candidate in maybe 80 years.

Media people are complaining they can't get Perot to be specific about issues. Shucks, if what they want is issues, Libertarians will talk issues all night long and well into the next afternoon. All you have to do is ask.

In the May issue of the Colorado Libertarian paper, communications director Ron Bain cautioned party members not to let

themselves be caught up "in the Perot fever the media is whipping up." If they have signed Perot petitions, they shouldn't have he said. Instead, they should have been gathering signatures to get Libertarian Marrou on the November ballot.

For whatever sort of candidate Ross Perot may turn out to be, Bain said, it's clear he's no Libertarian since, at least at times, he's favored curbing the media, controlling guns, restricting civil liberties and, among other political sins, favoring protectionism. Many Americans, Bain said, would see the election of Perot "as a mandate for the dismantling of the Bill of Rights."

Mercy! By coincidence, from another corner of the third world of U.S. politics comes a different point of view. It's the latest edition, No. 241, of *Tax Fax*, a periodic pamphlet of a loyal correspondent, conservative publisher Phoebe Courtney of Littleton.

No. 241 is captioned: "Perot for President: Perot can defeat both Bush and Clinton." It goes on to say that "... Ross Perot has declared war on the 'insiders' and there is hope that the government of the United States of America can now be returned to the people."

(You think nothing changes? An earlier *Tax Fax*, No. 238, February 1991, advised, "If you believe in America First, Vote for Pat Buchanan for President.")

As for most of the rest of us, I guess we're more amused than panicked by the increasingly frantic attacks on Perot by opinion-makers and establishment politicians of both parties.

Vote for him in November? Nah. But it's going to be fun this summer watching the political regulars squirm.

QUOTE: *Is this country going a little nuts?*

— Carl Rowan.

THE UNION LEADER, Manchester, N.H. — Friday, June 12, 1992

Libertarian Luce: 'I'm Running To Win' Gubernatorial Bid

By DONN TIBBETTS
State House Bureau Chief

CONCORD — "If you think enough is enough in this election, vote Libertarian," declared Windham businessman Miriam Luce yesterday to the delight of a crowd of enthusiastic supporters on the State House Plaza.

Luce, who in 1990 attained 14,000 votes as the party's gubernatorial nominee, was responsible for the Libertarians gaining ballot status in this year's

- Larry Brady files independent Senate bid.
- H. Ross Perot declaration of intent filed.

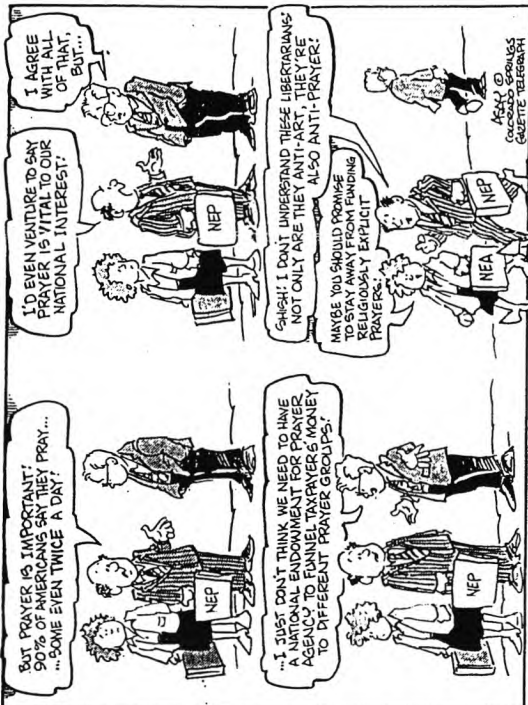
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CHUCK ASAY



Fort Worth Star-Telegraph, June 15 1992



Nancy Lord, the Libertarian vice presidential candidate, visited Albuquerque, N.M., yesterday, after attending the Libertarian Party of

Bernalillo County's first convention. Lord, a former Virginia lawyer, is on the Libertarian ticket with former Alaska state legislator Andre Marrou.

Associated Press

The Tampa Tribune, May 29 1992



PALM TREE POLITICS
Ray Locker

If you really want change, try Marrou

What would it be like if a Libertarian got elected president?

It wouldn't be boring. If Americans really want change, then Libertarian presidential candidate Andre Marrou is their man.

When it comes to change, H. Ross Perot's got nothing on Marrou. "Ross Perot sure as hell is not [for change]," Marrou said. "You can't even get a position out of him."

That's no problem with Marrou. He's a fountain of positions, many of them radical in that they promise the kind of change this country has never seen.

Check these out:

■ Marrou would abolish the Federal Reserve System, which, he said, "creates inflation at the flick of a pen."

■ The nation's currency would be returned to the gold standard, which would eliminate inflation.

"We didn't have inflation in the 19th century, and it only started after we went off the gold standard," Marrou said.

■ Social Security? Forget it.

"It's a Ponzi scheme, a pyramid scam that you or I would get arrested for if we ever tried to do something like it," he said.

■ Marrou said all immigration restrictions should be lifted. Haitians trying to come here should be allowed in. "But I'd stop all freebies. If they want to come here to work, that's fine."

■ There'd be no national health insurance system in a Marrou administration.

"The countries with socialized medicine are trying to privatize now," he said.

Government intervention has driven up health-care costs, but a total free market system would create more competition and force costs down, Marrou said.

"We need to remove the restrictions on other forms of medicine, like chiropractic, vitamin therapy and nurse practitioners."

Personal responsibility

America is a nation of individuals, Marrou said, who should take responsibility for their own actions instead of having a paternalistic and wasteful government do things for them.

With fewer government agencies to take money from citizens and provide services, a total free-market economy would leave people with more money to spend on themselves and give to charity.

Charitable contributions, Marrou said, would increase, and these charities would then provide the services now handled by the government.

Trade restrictions, which limit our productivity, would be gone. Floridians worried about free trade with Mexico won't find Marrou to be their man; he'd let the Mexicans ship as many tomatoes and oranges here as they can sell.

"Tariffs are bad by their very nature and should be done away with," he said. "Tariffs always cause friction."

So much for the support of the agriculture lobby.

Uphill struggle

The political establishment isn't doing the Libertarians any favors. They've got to jump through all sorts of hoops to get on the November ballot. In Florida, they have to collect more than 60,000 signatures from registered voters.

It won't be easy.

A chemical engineering graduate from MIT, Marrou is now a real estate broker licensed in two of the nation's most Libertarian states — Alaska and Nevada. In 1980, the Libertarian presidential candidate received 10 percent of the vote in Alaska.

He said he had his Libertarian epiphany in September 1976 — "Most Libertarians can tell you the moment when the light goes on and they say, 'This makes so much sense.'"

Eight years later, Marrou was elected to the Alaska House of Representatives, one of the few state legislatures with Libertarians. Now he's trying for the White House.

While many Americans find a lot of the Libertarian philosophy attractive, not many will risk this much change. We say we want change, but when we start hearing specifics, we tend to shy away. Marrou is nothing if not specific.

Marrou will speak today at a luncheon gathering of the Tampa Tiger Bay Club at noon at the Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel in downtown Tampa. The price is \$19.

For more information, call 839-0801.

Then he's taking his campaign to the Libertarian state convention in Orlando this weekend, where he'll find like-minded folks looking for change.

If you're interested in Marrou and the Libertarian platform you can call 702-434-6362 for more information.

Libertarian Says She Is the Outsider

June Genis wants to fill Senate seat left by Cranston

By Jerry Roberts
Chronicle Political Editor

Despite all the year-of-the-woman hype about Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, June Genis says she is "the woman who's really an outsider" in California's U.S. Senate campaigns.

A 45-year-old computer programmer from San Mateo County, Genis is the Libertarian Party candidate for retiring Senator Alan Cranston's seat and believes that the polarized choice offered by the major party nominees provides a splendid opportunity in this turbulent political year.

"I saw what happened in the primaries, and it's just an unacceptable choice," she said in an interview. "We're not going to see real change until people start voting for what they want, rather than the lesser of evils."

When liberal Bay Area Representative Boxer and conservative commentator Bruce Herschensohn claimed the Democrat and Republican Senate nominations, Genis decided to stop being a "paper candidate" who was on the ballot as a protest vehicle and to make a serious effort to "shift the dialogue" in the fall campaign.

"I woke up the morning after the election and realized I was a serious candidate," she said. "Herschensohn and Boxer are unacceptable on a number of points."

Noting Herschensohn's anti-abortion stance and Boxer's well-publicized problems with the House bank and her record of introducing spending bills, the Libertarian said she hopes to capitalize on both overall voter discontent and unhappiness with the specific choice presented in the race.

"I'm going to appeal to Republicans for choice and Democrats for fiscal sanity," she said. "I'm now the official moderate in the race."

With Libertarians representing just 60,972 registered voters in the state, Genis acknowledges she has a decidedly uphill fight.

But the unprecedented support for independent Ross Perot's presidential candidacy, she said, provides irrefutable evidence that people are fed up with the status quo and may be ready to heed Libertarians, who see government as the key culprit in many social problems and view Democrats and Republicans as subsidized beneficiaries of a rigged system.

"I intend to go after Perot



BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
JUNE GENIS
No stranger to politics

votes, even though he scares me," she said. "I like the fact that he's given the two-party system a kick in the posterior."

Among her ideas:

■ A 50 percent, five-year cut in the defense budget, with half the savings going to reduce the federal deficit and the other half returned as direct rebates to taxpayers.

■ Cuts in federal spending, beginning with crop subsidies, and extending to programs that could be replaced by "privatization," in which businesses bid for the right to offer services now provided by the government.

■ Cuts in capital gains and other business taxes, coupled with a long-term plan to "junk the entire income tax system."

■ Legalization of "recreational drugs," which she argues would greatly reduce government spending on incarceration and a doom-ed-to-fail war on drugs.

■ Development of "pollution tax credits," which could trade on the open market as a way of removing government from environmental regulation.

Although Genis is struggling for attention in the Senate race she is no stranger to politics.

A Libertarian since 1974, she has run for the Assembly and Congress and been active in attempts to pass a bill calling for district election of county supervisors. In 1988, she led a referendum campaign against a 24 percent pay raise that the San Mateo County supervisors had voted themselves.

"We'll do well if people know we're out here," she said. "It's a vicious cycle. Nobody knows we're out there because we don't get covered, and the media doesn't cover us because they don't believe any body's interested."

Libertarian blames nation's ills on major parties

Andre Marrou addresses party's Augusta convention

By John Hale
State House Bureau

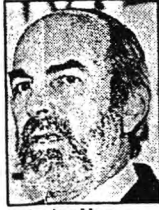
AUGUSTA — Andre Marrou, presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, blamed many of the nation's problems Sunday on the big-government policies of the Democratic and Republican parties.

"Democrats want to be your mommy. Republicans want to be your daddy. We Libertarians want to treat you as adults," Marrou told about 60 people

gathered at the annual convention of the Libertarian Party of Maine.

Marrou's name will appear on the November election ballots in Maine because the Libertarian Party was recognized when Andrew Adam, an independent candidate who gathered almost 10 percent of the gubernatorial vote in 1990, became a Libertarian after the election.

But Adam decided to abandon the Libertarians on the eve of their state convention, saying he will promote Perot's



Andre Marrou

candidacy, throwing the party's future ballot access into question. Adam said he agreed to join the Libertarians in January 1991 mainly so voters could have an alternative to the Democratic and Republican parties.

A 53-year-old Las Vegas resident and former Alaska state legislator, Marrou said in an interview that his name would appear on presidential ballots in at least 30 states and he was trying to make the ballot in all 50 states.

Asked what he hopes to achieve with this campaign, Marrou said, "We're building a major party. Ross Perot is not. He's into a one-man movement. We're the party of the founding fathers. Thomas Jefferson said that government governs best which governs least."

"It is happening. People are coming over to our side."

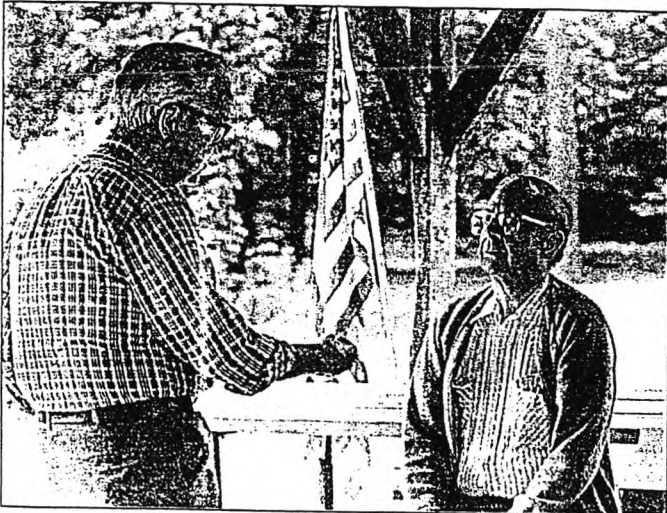
The Libertarian Party convention appealed to a wide range of groups that have sought more freedom from government interference.

Among other things, the Libertarians would like to do away with the personal income tax and abolish the Internal Revenue Service. That would eliminate one-third of the government's income, but Libertarians would compensate by doing things like eliminating foreign aid and bringing all troops home from overseas.

"Ours is the only philosophy that wants to increase both economic rights and personal rights," Marrou told the

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Wayne Coy, left, talked with Bernard Reynolds during the Libertarian Party's picnic.

Libertarian Party offers voters another anti-government choice

By CHERYL WITTENAUER
News-Press Staff Writer

Presumed presidential candidate Ross Perot is not the only alternative to the Democratic and Republican parties.

The Libertarian Party, founded by dissident Republicans and Democrats in 1972, offers a little of both of the two major parties.

But ultimately, it is an animal unto itself. If there is one phrase that captures the Libertarian Party's essence, anti-big government is it.

And because almost no one is happy with government, there could be a place for Libertarians.

"The Democrats say government will be my mother, the Republicans say government will be my father. The Libertarians just want to treat me like an adult," said Jeanne Bojarski of Kansas City, the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate.

They believe in greatly reduced taxes and a government that is both drastically scaled back and

less intrusive, said Bojarski, who spoke at a very small gathering of supporters Saturday in Hyde Park.

She was there to explain some of the tenets of the Libertarian Party and drum up support for Libertarian presidential candidate Andre Marrou's sweep through Missouri July 7-13.

Marrou, who served in the Alaska Legislature, will be in Kansas City on July 8. Marrou was the Libertarian Party vice presidential candidate in 1988.

Libertarians are conservative economically, believing that government should not interfere with business, said Mike Bozarth of Clarksdale, Mo., the party's 6th Congressional District chairman.

They also think people should be free to do what they want as long as they don't infringe on the rights of others or use force.

They favor legalizing victimless crimes, such as prostitution, out of a belief that government should not legislate morality.

Libertarians believe that criminalizing drug use only serves to create opportunities for obscene profits, Bojarski said.

They also are appalled by the degradation of personal rights guaranteed by the Constitution. There is more censorship and police can more easily conduct searches and seize property, Bojarski said.

She said Libertarians are not pro-abortion, but they believe government should not make decisions for women about their bodies. They are against federally funded abortions.

The party has until Aug. 3 to collect 25,000 signatures of registered voters in order to list Libertarian candidates on the ballot.

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The News-Sun, June 5 1992

Ex-Grayslaker pushes Libertarian proxy candidate

Former Grayslake resident Jo Jorgensen is back in her hometown for a week, helping to gather signatures on petitions to place the Libertarian Party on the Illinois ballot in the November general election.

Jorgensen, now a resident of Greenville, S.C., is a Libertarian Party candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 4th District. It is her first run for elected office.

The party is on the ballot in 25 states, but members must get petitions signed by 25,000 Illinois residents by Aug. 3 to be listed on the Illinois ballot.

Jorgensen, 35, and a 1975 graduate of Grayslake High School, traveled home to help gather petition signatures in Grayslake and at a weekend civic festival in Roselle.

She is president of a software

company and holds an MBA from Southern Methodist University. She is married to Dr. Sutton Graham II and they have two children.

The Libertarian Party offers a marked contrast to Republicans, Democrats or H. Ross Perot, she said.

"Liberals believe in personal freedom but not economic freedom. Conservatives believe in economic freedom but not personal freedom. We believe in both," she said. "We believe in freedom — people should make their own decisions and not government. The only legitimate function of government should be to protect people from force and fraud."

Libertarians, Jorgensen said, favor legalizing drugs, prostitution and gambling, oppose gun control and are for privatizing the welfare system.



Jo Jorgensen, left, is in her old hometown collecting signatures to put a Libertarian

Party candidate on the presidential ballot. Assisting, at right, is John Kasher.

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