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# LIBERTY PLEDGE NEWSLETTER

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## Ballot Drives Near Completion Fall Campaign Efforts Gear Up

The ballot access picture has been changing daily this month, as many drives come due. As we go to press, we have just over 11,000 signatures left to collect in New York, Rhode Island, Minnesota, and North Dakota and we'll be done! We've also gotten official word that we did, indeed, turn in enough signatures in both Florida and West Virginia to be on those two tough ballots.

With ballot drives almost behind us, we've started gearing up for the fall campaigns. Our first financial contribution has already been sent to help fund a "winnable" state house race--the reelection of Finlay Rothhaus in New Hampshire.

Campaign '92 Chair Ron Crickenberger is working hard to identify other "winnable" races that we can support, as well as compile the complete list of over 600 Libertarian candidates running for federal, state and local offices around the country.

Field organizer Joseph Knight has put together an extensive fall tour of college campuses around the country, utilizing three full-time organizers to recruit our next generation of Libertarian activists.

## Good News!

LP News Editor Emeritus and beloved long-time libertarian Karl Hess has been in failing health over the last few years, and was anxiously awaiting a heart transplant. Those of you who saw Karl speak at our national convention probably noticed how frail his health was at that time, and he had been getting still weaker ever since.

Shortly after he entered University of Virginia Hospital last week he was moved up to first on the list to receive a heart transplant. Karl received that transplant Tuesday evening,

August 18.

Karl's close friend, LP News Editor Randy Langhenry, reports that Karl has made it through the first critical period and seems to be recovering well. He is now able to sit up in bed and visit with his wife, Therese, and he's talking about the next book he plans to write!

Karl is expected to be at UVA Hospital for at least two weeks. He is not yet up to receiving calls, and probably does not have access to a computer and to his electronic mail, but he can receive regular mail addressed as follows:

University of Virginia Hospital  
Patient: Karl Hess  
TCV-PO-4 West, Room 190-A  
Charlottesville, VA 22908

We congratulate Karl and wish him the best of luck for a strong, speedy recovery, and many years of productive living and writing yet to come.

## FLASH! Bad news in Alaska

According to Alaska election officials, the Alaska Libertarian Party did not turn in anywhere near enough signatures to obtain the 2,035 net valid sigs needed to place Andre and Nancy on the ballot.

Local Libertarians in Alaska are scrambling to sort out the details and find out just how this happened. But meanwhile, our top petitioners are working night and day in Alaska to redo the entire drive before September 1.

At that point we will turn in the new signatures and file a lawsuit, along with the Taxpayers Party, to get the deadline in Alaska for presidential signatures extended to meet the deadline for non-presidential petitions. We are hopeful that this lawsuit will prevail and we will be able to remain on the ballot in Alaska. More details will, hopefully, be available next month.

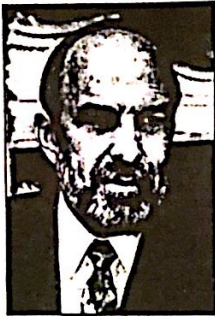
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## Libertarian candidate sees party win one day

By Jim Grebling  
Political Editor



ANDRE MARROU

"We're building a major party," he said.

The Libertarian platform calls for such things as a dramatic decrease in the size of government; the elimination of foreign aid, including the withdrawal of all troops on foreign soil; ending the federal income tax and abolishing the Internal Revenue Service; increased personal liberties; legalization of drugs; an end to farm subsidies; and more reliance on charitable organizations rather than government to help people in need.

Marrou contends that the Libertarian platform dates back to the very roots of the nation and that the party's views include "what Thomas Jefferson and George Washington fought the Revolution for."

If they were alive today, Marrou said the signers of the Declaration of Independence and other founders of the country would espouse views of the Libertarian Party.

"We are the people of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence," Marrou said. "What we propose is basic Americanism... live and let live."

Marrou, who was the running mate with Congressman Ron Paul when he headed the ticket in 1988, is quick to point out that support for Libertarian candidates is growing.

In 1990 elections, he said, Libertarian candidates got two or three times more votes than in past elections. There now are 40 to 50 elected officials who are Libertarians and more running in each election.

Marrou believes the party will be successful sooner if it concentrates on running strong candidates for a few offices, rather than weak candidates for many offices.

Good candidates likely will lead voters to look more favorably at the party, which could lead to the election of a Libertarian president

in 12 to 20 years, he said, and certainly within 50 years.

"It will occur. It is just a question of who and when," Marrou said. "People are changing and will come our way."

Ironically, in a year when many people have expressed concern about the present system of government and distrust of elected officials, 1992 may not be as successful of a year for Libertarians as first thought.

The presence of Texas billionaire Ross Perot as an independent candidate has a lot of frustrated voters looking his way rather than at the Libertarian Party.

Marrou had a brief moment of glory in February during the New Hampshire primary when he received 11 of the 31 votes cast in Dixville Notch, which traditionally votes before the rest of the state in the nation's first primary.

Marrou received more votes than any other candidate, includ-

ing two more than President Bush and eight more than the eventual Democratic nominee Bill Clinton. But with Perot in the race with a \$100 million campaign war chest, Marrou conceded it will be hard for him to capitalize on the unrest.

Marrou said Clinton, Bush and Perot all talk about cutting government, as have other presidential candidates in past elections. But he said the problem with the front runners is that they lack a basic distrust of government.

"They see government as good and the more the better," Marrou said. "They see people as inherently evil. We see government as inherently evil. Government is the only group in our society that can use force without fear of retribution."

"These people are getting elected with Libertarian rhetoric, but are not serious about it."

If elected president, Marrou said he would cut the size of government by not filling vacancies that arise. Within four years the number of employees would drop by as much as 40 percent, he claimed.

Presently, 47 percent of a family's income goes for taxes at all levels, including 25 percent at the federal level, Marrou contended.

By eliminating the income tax, families would see their income increase 15-20 percent, which would provide a tremendous boost to local economies, he said.

Marrou said most people also would be willing to give some of that money to charity to support welfare programs now funded by the government.

## On The Campaign Trail...

OPINION (South Bond Tribune) Thursday, August 6, 1992: A13

## Libertarian candidate beats other 2 on humor, thinking

By PAUL WHITFIELD

Andre Marrou sat on a bench in the hallway. The Libertarian candidate for president had just spoken for two hours last Thursday to a crowd of about 50 at the Holiday Inn in Roseland.

He had provoked and amused the crowd with his anti-Democrat, anti-Republican philosophy.

"The Democrats want to be your mommy. They want to make sure you have enough to eat. . . . The Republicans want to be your daddy. They'll tell you what's right and what's wrong, and if you step out of line, whack! You get hit."

"We (Libertarians) don't want to be your mommy or your daddy. We want to treat you like adults — and provided you don't hurt or defraud anybody else — you can do anything you want," the former Alaska state legislator said.

Marrou is intelligent and humorous; he likes people and he likes to discuss ideas.

But now the talking was over. He was resting on the bench. Except for a newspaperman and a few stragglers, everyone was leaving.

How is it, I asked, that the top of the GOP ticket has to be pro-life and the top of the Democratic ticket has to be pro-choice, yet you ran as the Libertarian vice presidential candidate in 1988, with former Congressman Ron Paul?

Ron Paul is passionately pro-life. Marrou is firmly pro-choice.

Marrou looked up. He thought for a moment. "We're tolerant people," he said.

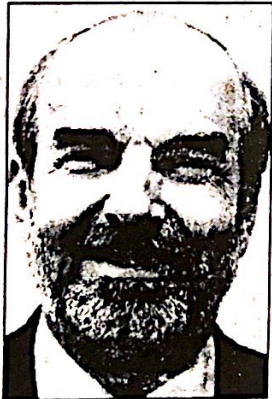
There's something else. When Marrou says pro-choice, it isn't the fashionable facial for pro-abortion. He wants to minimize abortion; he just has a different approach.

"Would you like to know my position on abortion, how I'd eliminate it? Didn't I talk about that? Have a seat," Marrou said.

Have a seat. This man likes the exploratory side of politics. You can imagine Thomas Jefferson sharing his dinner with Andre, and the two of them having a grand time just talking. People who pretend to understand intelligence have estimated Jefferson's IQ at 149. Marrou, an MIT engineering graduate, is probably in the same neighborhood.

His mind is quick, innovative and original. Look, you won't eliminate abortion by making it illegal, Marrou said. "That just irritates people." He was only warming up.

First we get the government out of the business of promoting it. It's hardly



ANDRE MARROU  
Proposes fetal transplants

### MICHIANA POINT OF VIEW

pro-choice to force religious taxpayers to pay for abortions, he said. Then we eliminate most of the laws that make adoption costly and complicated.

Now Marrou unveiled his clincher fetal transplants.

"We're not that far away. We can do it," he said.

Abortion is a medical procedure that destroys the fetus. Why not save the fetus while removing it? Marrou asked. Women who reject pregnancy get their choice, and infertile couples get their babies.

Everybody wins. Andre Marrou knows that he will not win this race. He's running his campaign out of a van that keeps breaking down. A hat passed once at the Roseland town meeting brings \$149. Bush and Clinton will get \$55 million each in tax dollars to run their campaigns.

Would it help much if you got into the debates?

"The debates aren't a very good test. I'd like to see two tests — an intelligence test and a sense of humor test. I'm confident I could beat them at both," he said playfully.

Marrou will win that much. He's the most original man running for president.

Paul Whitfield, a South Bond resident, is a Tribune copy editor.

## Newspaper editor finds home!

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# Editorials

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## Take this quiz to find out your political label

**H**OW WOULD you describe yourself politically? Liberal or conservative? Libertarian? Authoritarian? Middle-of-the-Road Centrist? Many people know what they believe, and have beliefs that are consistent enough to put them in one camp or another, but they shun labels. To label oneself can be the start of an inflexibility in thinking.

But a political label can be useful shorthand. If I tell someone I'm a libertarian and I know the other person is a self-defined liberal, then at least we each have a general idea where the other one is coming from. That can cut out a lot of the preliminary maneuvering and get a really satisfying argument off to a fast start.

If you'd like a better idea of which camp you're in, take the following, the "world's smallest political quiz," as it is called by its originator, the Advocates for Self-Government. Andre Marrou, the Libertarian candidate for president, dropped it off when he visited our office this week.

It's designed to show how you feel about government involvement in people's lives. It's in two parts — one on personal issues and one on economic issues — with five statements in each part. If you agree with a statement, that's worth 20 points. If you're not sure or don't totally agree, that's worth 10 points. If you disagree, that's worth 0 points. There are 100 points possible on the personal-issues part and 100 on the economic-issues part.



Leo Morris  
Editorial page editor

### PERSONAL ISSUES

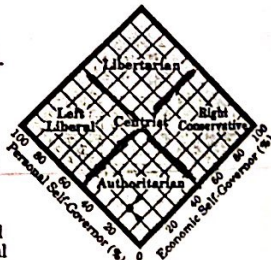
1. Military service should be voluntary. (No draft.)
  2. Government should not control radio, TV or the press.
  3. Repeal regulations on sex by consenting adults.
  4. Drug laws do more harm than good. Repeal them.
  5. Let people immigrate and emigrate freely.
- ### ECONOMIC ISSUES
1. Farmers should farm without quotas or subsidies.
  2. People are better off with free trade than with tariffs.
  3. Minimum wage laws eliminate jobs. Repeal them.
  4. End taxes. Pay for services voluntarily.
  5. Europeans and Japanese should pay for their own defense.

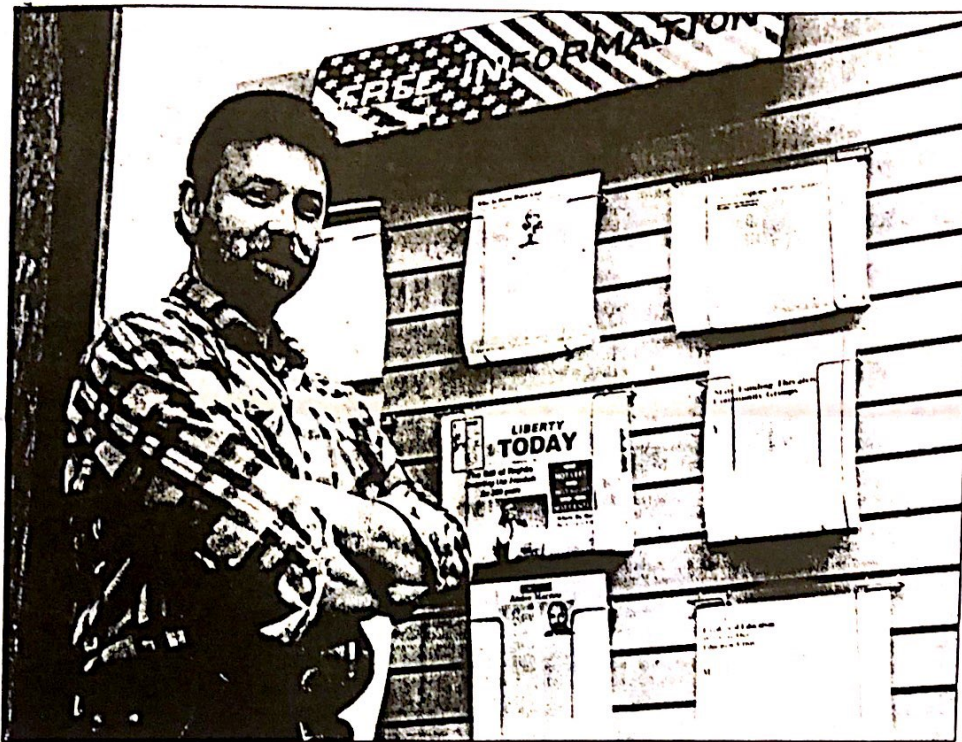
Now, using the "self-government compass" at right, find out where your beliefs place you. Go up the left side of the diamond (the personal self-governor side) until you find the line going out from the number of points you got on the personal part of the quiz. Find the line up the right side that represents the score you got on the economic issues.

Where those two lines meet is your spot. The example already given there shows a person who scored only 20 on the personal side and only 10 on the economic side.

If you score low on both sides, it means you basically like government rule, so that makes you an authoritarian. If you're about in the middle on both sides, you are, obviously, a centrist. You like some government on both personal and economic issues but not total government control. If you score high on personal issues (for less government control, in other words) but low on the economic side, you're a liberal. Low on the personal and high on the economic, you're a conservative. As you approach 100 on both sides (meaning you agree with the statements against government control), you're a libertarian.

Any surprises out there? I scored 80 and 90, which puts me pretty strongly in the libertarian camp, and that's how I've thought of myself. Some people I've given the quiz to this week also ended up with the labels they were already using for themselves, but some have been a little taken aback at the results.





Bruce Hall displays Libertarian Party literature in his business.

## Merchant promotes Libertarianism

**Politics:** Port Angeles man provides information about third party as alternative to two-party system.

By David Noonan  
Peninsula Daily News

PORT ANGELES — Like many Americans, Bruce Hall is fed up with government. He's had it with high taxes, intrusive government and deficit spending.

As a result, Hall became a member of the Libertarian Party, and has created a political information center in his business.

Libertarians espouse drastic limitations on government and broad individual freedoms. The

party runs a full slate of candidates in local and national elections.

He says support for Libertarians is growing. "As taxes rise, so does our support. As it is now, most of our work until May just to pay our taxes. What happens a few years from now when it's October, and we're still paying?" he said.

The Libertarian Party often has a difficult time getting its message across, Hall said.

"Newspapers and magazines have a sort of lock-step two-party mentality," he said. "It's frustrating because it's hard for an alternative third party to get heard."

To help provide information, Hall has created an information center at Budget Tapes and CD's in Port Angeles. Most of the information consists of articles culled from the mainstream press that provide examples of government waste and in-

trusion — the Libertarian's nemesis. Party literature is also available.

Hall reports that a broad variety of people express an interest in the Libertarians.

"I get a few smirks, and some people who are firmly entrenched in their own beliefs, but across the board people are really interested," Hall said. "I see people of all ages looking at the material — a lot of first-time voters especially."

While it's unusual for a retailer to provide in-store political information, Hall said the Libertarian philosophy holds the entrepreneur in high regard.

"I am interested as a retailer in taking a stand, because in a lot of ways, the small business owner is the last freedom fighter in today's society," Hall said.



KATE KLISE

## On Getting Liberated From The 'Island'

IT'S FINALLY happened: The 1988 presidential campaign has turned into just another stupid episode of "Gilligan's Island."

George Bush in the leading role of dopey Gilligan. Barbara as his sweet-as-banana-cream-pie Mary Ann.

Clinton, for now anyway is the Skipper: a bumbling but likeable enough guy who is still red-faced because of allegations of hanky-panky in the supply hut with Ginger/Jennifer.

Ross Perot? Thurston "Blowhard" Howell III, of course, the ever enigmatic millionaire. (Why did he enter? Why did he drop out? Why did he bring so much money on a three-hour tour?)

But what about the Professor? Who can play the lone voice of reason among the castaways?

Andre Marrou might audition.

He even looks like a professor. Not the nameless, sexless, pants-too-short professor on the island. No, Andre Marrou looks more like a good political science professor — slightly balding, bushy eyebrows, neat salt-and-pepper beard and mustache. He's trim, he's smart, he's 53 years old. And he's the Libertarian candidate for president.

Marrou (pronounced "Ma-Roo," as in "marooned" on a desert island. Coincidence?) was born in South Texas and graduated from MIT with a degree in chemical engineering. In 1984, he was elected to the Alaska State Legislature where he was known as "the conscience of the legislature" and received more media attention than the governor.

Remember the theme song: "If not for the courage of the fearless crew, the Minnow would be lost..." Courage schmourage. The Minnow was lost. Just as we're lost today. Luckily, the Professor/Marrou has a rescue plan.

First, repeal the personal income tax and abolish the IRS. A 3 percent tax led the Founders to rebel against England," says Marrou. "Federal, state and local taxes now take an average of over 40 percent of the typical person's income. Serfs in the Middle Ages paid only 25 percent." According to Marrou, we can repeal the personal income tax and still have as much federal revenue as we had in

1988. He would eliminate foreign aid, bring home the troops, privatize education, end tax-financed subsidies, and allow choice in all matters.

Libertarians believe people should be free to make their own decisions and live their lives as they chose. "The only just role for government," says Marrou, "is to defend against force and fraud."

It's the stuff of 1776. Thomas Paine, Jefferson and Washington. Still, Andre Marrou is not without a sense of humor: "The Democrats' main fear is that somebody, somewhere, is making more money than they are," says Marrou. "The Republicans fear that somebody is having more fun."

"The Democrats want to be your mommy, making sure you have enough to eat and a roof over your head. The Republicans want to be your daddy, telling you want's right and wrong, and if you step out of line, WHAP, you get hit."

"Libertarians want to treat you like adults. As long as you don't hurt or defraud anyone, we want to leave you alone."

Remember how there were never any "Gilligan's Island" episodes about The Professor? Marrou finds himself in the same boat.

He was scheduled to appear on David Letterman. Canceled, four days before the show. He was supposed to be in a PBS special. Canceled. Even Larry King won't return the phone calls of the guy who could very well be called the thinking-person's Perot.

So while the Skipper (Clinton) chases his little buddy (Bush) around the island and Thurston Howell III (Perot) thanks all the little people for their love and support, the Professor (Marrou) spends day and night in his hut, working on his rescue plan.

Can he do it? Can he get them off that darned island?

For what it's worth, Andre, forget about saving those coconuts-for-brains castaways.

You made a radio out of bamboo shoots, surely you can whip up a one-man lifeboat. Grab your gear and get out of there. I hear there is a nice little island not far away that's more to your liking. It's called Fantasy Island.

## Sharpton faces ex-teacher in race

43-year-old Segal on Libertarian line in U.S. Senate race

By Robert Burg  
Staff Writer

The Rev. Al Sharpton expected to face the likes of Alfonso D'Amato, Geraldine Ferraro and Robert Abrams in his U.S. Senate campaign. But he never expected his opponents to include his high-school homeroom teacher — Norma Segal, a 43-year-old Libertarian candidate who lives in Greenburgh.

"I don't really remember her as being very active," Sharpton said. "I was really surprised that she decided to run."

But Segal, whose former fiance, Andre Marrou, is the Libertarian presidential candidate, said she has been active politically since she helped defeat the incumbent progressive slate of student council leaders at City College in the late 1960s.

Libertarians' ideas range from the right to the left, including the gradual limitation of income tax, decriminalization of drugs, less restrictive gun control laws and turning the welfare system over to private charities. There are about 600 members in the state.

A proponent of laissez-faire capitalism, Segal does not see the savings and loan scandal as a reason for more regulation. She said that if the institutions didn't have assurances that they would be bailed out by the federal government, they would have better managed themselves.

Segal said Sharpton was in her homeroom class in 1970 at Samuel J. Tilden High School in Brooklyn. They were turbulent times, she said, recalling that the 17-year-old was an activist even then, leading student boycotts over black teen agers being

drafted to serve in Vietnam. "One day at an assembly program," she said, "he took control of the microphone and said, 'They raped your mamas and lynched your papas,' and he said, 'Get out' and all of the black students got out and a lot of the white students, too."

They left the school and didn't return to class for a week, she said.

While she applauds what she described as Sharpton's libertarian spirit, Segal said she is not happy with what Sharpton has become. She said he has a "welfare mentality," promoting government funded programs for blacks which are making people too dependent on aid.

"He is victimizing his own people," she said.

But Sharpton responded: "Well, I guess she is running on the Libertarian line and I am running on the liberation line. We have different philosophies."

Divorced, Segal lives at a condominium on Central Avenue in Greenburgh with her two children. She is an English as a second language teacher in the Bronx.



Norma Segal

## Libertarian candidate upset over county primary race

By KIM SCHLOEMER  
Daily News Staff Writer

Libertarian candidate for clerk of circuit court Steve Chantelois wants his name off the ballot.

He is angry that a Libertarian primary will take place and holds Kevin Scheunemann, Libertarian candidate for Assembly District 59, to blame.

Scheunemann contacted and organized most of the candidates running for office in upcoming county elections. Chantelois said he was left with the impression that the purpose of having his name on the ballot was only to expose the Libertarian party and not to campaign.

"There is no reason the taxpayers should pay for a Libertarian primary," said Chantelois. "We wanted each slot filled so

voters who wanted to cast a protest vote have an alternative."

Chantelois said he told Scheunemann to put his name on the ballot only as a last resort if he couldn't find anyone else and Scheunemann went ahead and put his name on with another Libertarian candidate.

Other candidates contacted by the Daily News disagree that there was never a primary in sight with a few planning to campaign.

"I think any political party that is willing to go out and get candidates should have a primary," said Scheunemann. "I don't see a problem with that."

Chantelois will not be able to get his name off the ballot if all his papers are in order, according to the State Election Board.

# Libertarian candidate list hits record

By MICHELLE DeARMOND  
J-W Staff Writer

A record number of Libertarian Party candidates will be on the Kansas ballot in November. Six Lawrence candidates are running for a variety of seats, including county commissioner, state senator, U.S. senator and U.S. representative. The increase in the number of candidates comes after a petition drive by party members to get the Libertarian Party listed as a third party on the ballot. Such a listing has never happened in Kansas, said a release from the Kansas Libertarian Party.

Mark B. Kirk, a Libertarian from Wichita, is running for the U.S. Senate. For the party to retain its listing on the ballot, Kirk must receive 1 percent of the vote.

"I suspect it (the amount Kirk gets) will be much greater than that," said Douglas N. Merritt, Atchison, who is running for the State Senate's 1st District.

**BILL EARNEST**, party spokesman, said the political climate of the United States would help Libertarians get more votes.

"As a new political party, we're riding the crest of anti-incumbency feeling," Earnest said.

Merritt said it was not important that many of the 39 candidates might not win because "the purpose of the third party in America is not to gain control. It is to nudge the big parties to achieve the principal purpose of their being."

"We need to get 6 to 8 to 10 percent of the vote and get the big parties to turn around and look," Merritt said.

Merritt has been key in getting the party's name on the ballot, a process he said required many hours in court.

"The Legislature has made severe requirements for people with limited funds," Merritt said. "Grass-roots Kansans have been unable to gain the momentum to gain access."

IN THE past, Libertarian Party candidates have had to run as independents because it cost too much to collect the 17,000 signatures needed to get on the ballot, Merritt said.

One Lawrence candidate is Frank A. Kaul, who is running for the 3rd District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Kaul is a 1985 graduate of Kansas University and is employed by a subsidiary of Merck and Co. while he works toward a master's degree in business administration. He's been a member of the party for about 14 years.

Roger Woods is running for the 2nd District in the State Senate. Jay D. Germano is running in the 44th District in the State House. Michael Davidson is running in the 45th District and Matt Conrad is running in the 46th District. The sixth Lawrence candidate is Damon Black, who is running in the Douglas County Commission's 2nd District.

Except for Kaul, the candidates were unavailable for comment, and no biographical information was available.

Mark Syverson, a Lawrence Libertarian, said the party plans on making information about the candidates available in August.

Skagit Valley Herald, Mt. Vernon, WA; 7/23/92

# Libertarian joins race for Legislature

By KARI RANTEN  
Staff Writer

**MOUNT VERNON** — Libertarian Helen Schoenfeld of Burlington says government is too big.

Schoenfeld, 38, is running for the Legislature to focus on her belief that government's role in people's lives should be reduced and the private sector should compete to replace publicly funded programs.

"Government is too big, it's too powerful and power generates corruption," Schoenfeld said in an interview at the *Skagit Valley Herald*. "I can't imagine wanting to have power over other people or passing laws that violate other people's rights."

Schoenfeld is running against Republican Barry Sehlin, the former commander of Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, and Democrat Richard Wright, a Camano Island

vineyard owner. They are vying to fill the 10th District seat being vacated by Rep. Mary Margaret Haugen, D-Camano Island, who is running for the state Senate.

As a member of a minor party, Schoenfeld was required to hold a nominating convention and collect signatures from 25 registered voters to place her name on the fall ballot.

The Libertarian Party is based on freedom, she said.

"People have the right to live a peaceful and unmolested life," she said. "You should be free to pursue your own happiness as long as you don't hurt anybody else."

Schoenfeld is a single mother and licensed practical nurse who works at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle.

Schoenfeld said she supports tax credits to cover private school tuition and supports replacing public schools with an all-private educational system. "We are paying much more for a public system," she said. "The product is inferior."

Schoenfeld said competition, scholarships and contributions from business would make tuition reasonable and scholarships available, so all children could attend.

As a nurse, Schoenfeld said she believes health care could be made more affordable by addressing the high cost of malpractice insurance. "Solve that one and you've solved the biggest part of the problem," she said.

Schoenfeld said voters are open to the idea of an alternative to the two major parties.

"There is so much dissatisfaction out there and it is justified," she said. "People are really disappointed with the Republicans and the Democrats." //



Schoenfeld

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► GOVERNOR'S RACE

# Luce: Libertarians becoming force to reckon with



Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Miriam Luce of Windham gestures as she speaks with Telegraph editors and reporters this week.

By KEVIN LANDRIGAN  
Telegraph Staff

**NASHUA** — Surely, Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Miriam Luce of Windham is running to win but admits she would be "absolutely thrilled" if the third party doubles its 1990 vote.

Luce made history two years ago when, as the Libertarian gubernatorial candidate, her 5 percent vote total earned official standing for the party in New Hampshire. This allows residents to register now as Libertarians.

Perhaps it's fitting that Luce now faces a primary fight of her own against former longtime Republican state lawmaker and current Libertarian Rep. Calvin Warburton of Raymond.

"I don't think it's unrealistic to think we can double our percentage in that election — and believe me, a 10 percent vote for the Libertarian will dramatically affect who gets elected as the next governor," Luce said during an interview with editors and reporters at *The Telegraph* this week.

■ Candidate says, if elected, she would lead state out of several areas in which it operates, including liquor sales, the lottery, and — ultimately — public education.

"If that happens, then the Libertarian Party in this state will be recognized for what it is rapidly becoming — a force to be reckoned with."

Luce said she believes the popularity of the now-defunct presidential campaign of Ross Perot has unleashed a group of dissatisfied voters not likely to return quickly to either the Democratic or Republican parties.

"The Ross Perot supporter was pro-choice (on abortion), looking for a leaner and less intrusive government. We hope they begin to recognize that they share the core beliefs of the Libertarian Party," Luce said.

If elected, Luce said she would lead state government out of several areas in which it now operates, including state liquor sales, the lottery, state-owned ski

areas and — ultimately — public education.

"State government has become the supreme vice lord of New Hampshire, and it's time these industries were allowed to rise or fall in the private sector," Luce said.

On education, Luce said Libertarians view a property tax credit to allow parents to send children to private schools as a move toward privatization.

"I'm not sure we are going to see it in the next decade, even in my lifetime, but privatization of education is coming. The rising popularity of home schooling, for example, is an indictment of public education. This is a system which does not reward excellence and operate at the lowest, reasonable cost," Luce said.

As for poor children, Luce said she

would support a "means test" to prevent wealthy families from getting the tax benefit, which would indirectly subsidize the indigent in public schools.

"There are many well-off families in my town. They clearly can afford to continue paying property taxes," Luce said.

As for Warburton, Luce praised her primary foe's work in the Legislature, but said several of his "core" views don't mirror the Libertarian platform. For example, Warburton is opposed to abortion rights.

■ On other issues, Luce:  
■ Favors re-legalization of drugs, insisting that gang wars and rising violence is fueled by their prohibition.

■ Supports the party's "Super Tax Pledge," opposing any new or increased tax, any increase in state spending, any new debt and any unfunded state mandates.

■ Believes a punitive tax code and government regulation led to the national banking crisis, which tumbled seven of the state's largest banks and forced them to merge.