

Hess to Seek Governor's Seat in West Virginia

Karl Hess, Editor Emeritus of the LP News and Honorary Chair of the Marrou/Lord Campaign, has agreed to stand for the Governorship of West Virginia. Although Karl's health will not allow an active campaign schedule, he will be available for media interviews and does have definite campaign goals.

Chief among these goals is that of gaining permanent ballot status in West Virginia. Karl stated that if he "could get one percent of the vote, the Libertarian Party could have permanent ballot status in a state that has erected formidable barriers against third parties. I feel that it would be almost craven not to go ahead with the project."

While Karl does expect to raise and utilize campaign funds, the first priority will be the petition drive, and he is asking his supporters to work closely with National Ballot Access Coordinator, Bill Redpath until that job is done.

Ballot Access **Progress on all fronts**

Kentucky petitioning has started and finished in the last month.

Indiana petitioning, due to low validity

rates and quirky qualifying procedures for signatures, had to be reopened, but is now considered completed again, proving once more that "it ain't over 'til it's over".

The monstrous Florida drive has been turned over to a professional petitioning firm. Volunteer and paid petitioners have collected almost 40,000 signatures in Florida, but with Spring having arrived our management efforts need to be concentrated elsewhere.

Oklahoma petitioning has started and is proceeding well.

West Virginia is the next major effort to be undertaken, beginning the end of this month.

Inquiries Keep Pouring In

The national office has recorded over 3,200 new names in the last 4 weeks as the Marrou/Lord Campaign team continues to generate publicity. In a recent swing through Philadelphia, several radio appearances by Nancy Lord generated 213 Pennsylvania inquiries and 108 New Jersey inquiries.

Over 11,000 follow-up letters were sent in March to 1991 inquiry names. The early returns are encouraging.

Spencer ('The Bad Boy of Bunker Hill') Mounts the Bully Pulpit

The Katt gleefully looked on as Pat "Buckaroo" Buchanan mocked "Lord Sununu" and the "army of King George." Paddy Boy's conservative chutzpah stole primary day as clueless King George cloistered himself in the castle. Meanwhile, Dixville Notch, the first municipality to count up the votes, flaunted its aversion for the two-party system by going with Spencer's candidate, Libertarian Andre Marrou. If '70s wacko Jerry Brown can manage 9 percent of the Democratic vote, this year's election is already light-years more interesting than '88 and '84.

Writer, Spencer the Katt, is featured each week in PC Week. Submitted by Tom Isenberg.

B2 Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Tuesday, March 3, 1992

Libertarians want 'equal consideration'

The Libertarian Party of Washington State yesterday filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking equal consideration for minority political parties.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Tacoma, challenges a state law that requires non-major parties to hold a nominating convention at least two weeks before the candidate-filing deadline.

The Libertarian Party con-

tends this gives Democrats and Republicans an unfair advantage because they don't have to indicate who's running until the filing deadline.

"It essentially forces us to tip our hand," said Tom Isenberg, Libertarian spokesman. The lawsuit asks that nominating conventions be allowed to occur up to the filing deadline.

The suit also challenges a provision of state law that en-

ables the major parties to appoint candidates to unfilled partisan races after the filing deadline.

The lawsuit was filed against Secretary of State Ralph Munro and several local election officials.

John Pearson, a state elections official, said that his office had not seen the lawsuit, but that changes in the election law should be made by the Legislature, not by the courts.

Submitted by Karen Allard

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YOUR POINT OF VIEW

To the Editor:

On December 12, I made one of the most difficult decisions of my life. As a member of the New Hampshire State Legislature, I take my responsibilities seriously, and have worked countless hours representing the people of the town of Merrimack.

Due to the deep recession and high unemployment, I have consistently voted against any increase in revenue that would either directly or indirectly impact my constituents. I believed that I could make a difference. What I found was that the Republican and Democratic parties are becoming one in their political ideologies. The fiscally conservative platform is diminishing. The citizens of New Hampshire and the United States are ready for a change.

The Libertarian Party is becoming a viable alternative in New Hampshire. Although I do not agree with everything the Libertarian Party

stands for, I do believe in their basic philosophy of limited government and the fact that they fully embrace the Bill of Rights. To the people who voted for me, I want you to know that my views of government, my stances on issues, and the way I have represented you in Concord have not and will not change! During the past year, I have listened to my constituents, their thoughts, their ideas and their desires and I have voted accordingly in Concord. I have always felt that our government is too large, and I will continue to fight to reduce its size.

I am opposed to and will fight against a broad based sales tax and state income tax. Government should be left to its lowest common denominator, the local level. In Concord, my voting record will speak for itself.

The Libertarian Party is the third largest and fastest growing political party in the United

States. In 1991, the Libertarian Party candidate for governor, Miriam Luce received 5% of the vote, enough to give Libertarians ballot access for 1992. February 18, was the first time that New Hampshire voters had the opportunity to vote Libertarian in a presidential primary.

Any registered voter, regardless of party affiliation, will now be able to ask for Libertarian ballots.

Sincerely,
Finlay C. Rothhuas
State Representative
L-Merrimack

Submitted by
Jim McClarin

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Opinion

Editorials

Message clear

It's only 31 votes, but it's a telling sign of what's on the voters' minds these days.

Little Dixville Notch, a hamlet nestled in New Hampshire's White Mountains, counted the first ballots cast in the New Hampshire primary early this morning. The community's voters are very conservative. In the 1988 general election George Bush beat Michael Dukakis 34-3; Ronald Reagan took Walter Mondale to the cleaners, 29-1, in 1984.

In the 1988 primary, Republican candidates outscored Democrats 22-7.

Then came Primary 1992. Republicans still got the most votes — 12, with Bush garnering nine, and Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader getting three apiece.

But the big winner in this tiny town was someone virtually ignored throughout the primary season. Andre Marrou, a former Alaskan legislator who now makes his home in Las Vegas, Nev., and a relative unknown, outdistanced his competitors by taking 11 votes.

Marrou's a Libertarian, the party of Simi Valley City Councilwoman Sandi Webb. It's the party that preaches less taxes and less government. It's a party that is growing in strength and numbers.

We don't expect Marrou to sweep New Hampshire or the nation. It's doubtful his Dixville Notch win will be repeated elsewhere in the state.

But the conservative town folk of this mountain village have sent a clear message resounding through the countryside — enough of big government and big spending. And if the Republicans and Democrats can bring it down, it's time to find a party that can.

That's a sentiment that is sweeping the nation.

Submitted by Sandi Webb

Political 'agitator' measures campus opinion

Bill Cushing
CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

UCF students had the opportunity to meet a self-proclaimed "outside agitator" on Friday outside of the Great Escapes and, at the same time, were able to gauge their political leanings.

Joseph E. Knight, a field organizer for the Libertarian Party and a worker for its presidential candidate, Andre Marrou, set up a booth that offered those passing by a chance to take an ideological survey.

Labelled as the "World's Smallest Political Quiz," it consisted of 10 questions divided into categories of personal and economic beliefs. Based on the respondent's score, Knight plotted each person's "political identity" along a "Self-Government Compass."

With 105 UCF students and staff responding to the survey, Knight compiled the results to place participants in the following categories:

- 47 centrists or moderates.
- 31 Libertarians.
- 21 liberals.
- 4 authoritarians.
- 2 conservatives.

Calling the results "fairly typical," Knight explained, "The pattern is, you always have more moderates than anybody else. Slightly behind the moderates, libertarians and liberals will tie, and you'll have a few authoritarians and a few conservatives."

Knight said response numbers depend on a number of factors, including location, weather and the time and day he is present.

"I've had as few as 80 and as much as 250," he said. "You have

to take these stats with a grain of salt because 100 students does not a trend make. I also explain to everybody right up front that it's not really statistically valid. Our purpose primarily is to illustrate the concept that there are more places on the map than just liberal and conservative."

While UCF's total was not the largest amount, Knight still maintained optimism.

"I found who I was looking for," he said. Besides UCF, Knight was able to recruit student representatives at both Valencia and Seminole community colleges. "That's the people who are going to get the ball rolling. I consider it a success."

Knight estimates that there are about 30 college chapters nationwide.

"Our goal by the November 1992 election is to have at least 100 functioning organized chapters," he said. "Students do a lot of things that otherwise might not get done. Students, by and large, are a good way to reach the community. [They] don't have nearly as many vested interests as people out in the business world, for example."

Knight is the party's only full-time collegiate canvasser.

"Our philosophy is that a few students can do a world of good if they're the right students with the right program," he said.

Besides offering students a chance to see how they measured on the political scales, Knight also

hopes to spread the word about his party to potential voters.

"There are some serious misconceptions that we have to deal with," he said. "Basically, I try to avoid any inflammatory rhetoric because I want to get straight to the meat and let people know what we're about. Of course, with the campus outreach, my role is not convincing anybody of anything. I'm basically searching for students who already are Libertarians."

While many people tend to view Libertarians as radicals, Knight views his job as a means to set the record straight.

"The country was founded by traitors," he said. "We came into

existence when a group of Libertarians signed a document of treason and called it the Declaration of Independence."

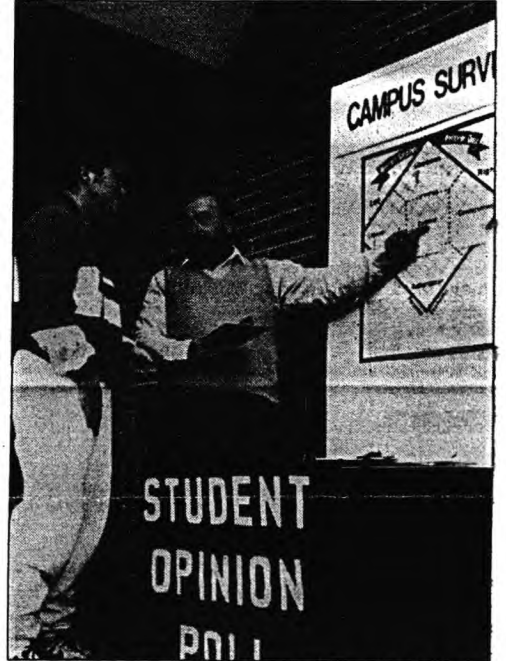
The aims of the Libertarian platforms is also one he thinks should interest most voters.

"Let me put it this way: Democrats and Republicans are taking away our freedoms and spending us into bankruptcy. We want to go the other way for a while," he said. "The other thing that we try to let people know is that we are no longer a minor league player. We have over 100 Libertarians actually holding public office, we've seated state legislators in three states. So, we're getting off the ground."

As if to drive his point home, Knight pointed to the primaries

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- Joseph E. Knight
LIBERTARIAN PARTY



Erin Fichman, a junior studying psychology, said a campus political poll opened new channels. (Mike DeHoog/FUTURE)

that are gearing up. "In New Hampshire right now there are three parties: Democrat, Republican and Libertarian," he said. "CNN did a survey in New Hampshire in which they discovered that our candidate has more name recognition than all the Democrats, and we're actually coming in second to Bush." While Libertarians are gain-

ing some ground — Knight estimated that Ron Paul, the party's candidate in 1988, received about 500,000 votes — the party understands that there is much work left to do. This is particularly true in Florida. "Florida has the toughest ballot status in the country," he said. "You need to get 60,000 good signatures (to get a name on the ballot)."

Submitted by Joe Knight

Simi bus lines may go private

Option considered to lift tax burden

By Terry Kanakri
Daily News Staff Writer 2-16-92

SIMI VALLEY — The city is considering turning its bus system over to private enterprise, to end government subsidies that some officials say are putting an unnecessary tax burden on Simi Valley residents.

Putting the system into the hands of a private firm could make the system run more efficiently and lower the city's financial burden at a time when revenues are declining, City Councilwoman Sandi Webb said.

"When you look at the cost to the taxpayers of about \$4 per person who rides the bus system, I think that's outrageous," Webb said. "It's subsidizing people at the taxpayers' expense — that's wrong."

Other city leaders believe turning the bus system over to private industry would be a big mistake.

"You might be able to save the city some money, but do you save the citizens any money? No," said Mayor Pro Tem Bill Davis. "The [ticket] prices could be twice as high as they are today."

Davis said subsidizing ticket prices is needed because 45 percent of the riders are students and senior citizens, who do not earn a lot of money.

Simi Valley's nine 40-seat buses will cost \$1.03 million to operate during the 1991-92 fiscal year that expires June 30, said Diane Davis-Crompton, director of the city's Department of Environmental Services. The city receives federal grants to cut the cost, but will have to subsidize the system with \$455,000 to make the buses run this fiscal year alone, Crompton said.

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Privatized bus plan divides council

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The city is paying SR & Associates of Costa Mesa \$12,452 for a study to determine whether privatization would reduce costs for Simi Valley, officials said.

Bus fares now cost 75 cents per trip and 25 cents for seniors, while children under the age of 6 ride for free, said Raymond F. Turpin, transit administrator.

The city sells a book of 50 tickets for \$37.50, \$25 for students, and \$12.50 for seniors, he said.

"Money is obviously an issue, but it definitely shouldn't be the major issue," Davis said. "The major issue should be service to the community."

The high cost of operation warrants the study looking into the issue of privatization, Mayor Greg Stratton said.

"I think it's a good thing to do periodically to make sure that your system hasn't gotten — I hate to say the word — fat," Stratton said. "Privatization could cut the costs. If private industry could do it cheaper, I think the council would be leaning toward that. I think we would take a serious look at it."

"In terms of cost per ride, it's relatively expensive," Stratton said. "I don't know how you'd cut down the cost. The only way to cut the cost is if more people ride the bus."

Although more riders are need-

ed to make the bus system more cost-effective, city officials say that bus ridership has been increasing.

City officials credited new state air quality laws, as well as expanded and improved bus service, for an increase in bus ridership they hope will cut the government transit budget.

Simi Valley's bus ridership increased by 12 percent in 1991, as 36,162 more riders used the city's nine 40-seat buses than did in 1990, officials said.

The city reported its first increase in ridership since 1985 during the 1990-91 fiscal year, officials said. In 1991, 341,727 riders used the buses compared to 305,565 in 1990.



Sandi Webb
Opposes taxpayer expense

Submitted by Sandi Webb



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Libertarians make bid for the main stream

■ Their candidates are on a ballot. They hope to attract alienated Republicans and Democrats.

By THOMAS C. TOBIN
Times Staff Writer

George Bush's "no new taxes" pledge was memorable. But others have since expanded on it.

Read their lips: no Internal Revenue Service.

The leaders of America's third-largest political party are telling voters they would cut the federal government to a fraction of its size and return the tax savings to citizens.

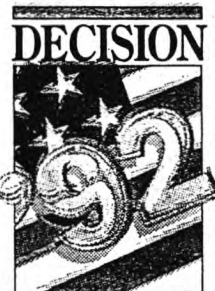
The 78-year-old federal income tax, which accounts for nearly 40 percent of the government's income, would be abolished.

Only the most necessary federal agencies would survive with the taxes that remain, but they would do a lot less. Charities would do a lot more. Private companies would take over many government tasks.

People would have more of their paychecks to spend. The economy would get healthy and stay that way.

So say the Libertarians, who are competing in a presidential primary — in New Hampshire — for the first time in their party's 20-year history.

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■ A closer look at the Libertarian candidates. **2A**

Submitted By Bill Murley

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Libertarian candidate visits area

By **BILL SWAYZE**
Herald Staff Writer

NEWTON — Libertarian vice presidential candidate Dr. Nancy Lord first points her finger at the nation's crumbling economy and then points to the political bickering in Washington.

Then she starts to worry and says she hopes other people are worried as well.

Lord, in an interview Friday during her northern New Jersey stop, criticized what she calls "government over-regulation" and said the Libertarian Party seeks to strip government down to what America's founding fathers envisioned.

Lord attended a Libertarian Party convention Saturday in Edison and stayed at a friend's house in Vernon.

Lord said she is confident that, sooner

or later, the country will embrace the Libertarian belief that less government is better. She said the current two-party system is not working anymore and the economy is proof.

"I'm very afraid of where our country is going with more taxes and more government," said Lord.

"In Washington, there is no difference between Republicans and Democrats," she said. "And look at our economy. It's going downhill."

The Libertarian Party is the United States' third largest political party, Lord said, but added that she did not know the

number of registered Libertarians nationwide.

Lord, 39, of Washington D.C., is on the Libertarian ticket with presidential candidate 53-year-old Andre Marrou, a former Alaska state legislator who was part of the initiative that abolished the Alaska state income tax.

The Libertarian platform is a mixture of common sense and change which may frighten people, said Lord, a medical doctor and a lawyer specializing in medical-legal and constitutional issues.

"We resent the interference of government. The founding fathers designed government to protect people, to keep people safe, but with all our regulations and the laws we still don't feel safe walking down the street."

The platform includes the elimination

of the Internal Revenue Service and an end to Social Security. It calls for free-market economics.

"The economy is collapsing under a tax plan that takes 50 percent of everyone's earnings," she said, blasting all forms of taxes.

The platform calls for legalizing drugs, which would free up millions of dollars and allow police and authorities to focus on murder and rape and more serious crimes. It would also put an end to pushers and a criminal empire living off the now-illegal profits of the drug trade.

It calls for the elimination of foreign aid and the legalization of gambling and prostitution. It calls for a education reform that would end the public school system, forming a new system that allows people to support schools of choice.



LORD

Anonymous submission