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## Perot to form new political party Group will nominate presidential candidate

WASHINGTON — In a turnabout that could dramatically reshape the 1996 elections, Ross Perot vowed Monday night to establish a new, reform-minded political party that would nominate a presidential candidate and try to swing congressional races.

Perot said he had no intention to run as the new party's standard bearer, he said. "The last thing I want is for this thing to be about me."

However, he did not flatly rule it out.

As recently as six weeks ago, Perot said he had no interest in launching a third party. But, in a stunning change of heart, he said his United We Stand America political organization would spearhead efforts to certify a new party in California, Maine and Ohio — all of which have 1995 deadlines to qualify a new party for the 1996 ballot.

"We are going to start the process of creating a political party for the independent voters," Perot said. "It will not be owned by the special interests."

Perot left open the possibility the effort could stop at the end of the year — if polls now showing 60 percent of Americans open to the idea of a third party suddenly shift and indicate a growing satisfaction with Democrats or Republicans.

He said the new venture would be named the Independence Party, or the Reform Party in states that either have an independent party or do not allow use of that name.

Once the new party qualifies for the ballot, Perot said it would open its presidential nominating process to anyone who could get petitions signed by 10 percent of the new party's members.

"We want world-class people," he said on CNN's "Larry King Live." "Some weirdo is not going to get 10 percent of our votes."

The organization then would choose a presidential nominee through a nationwide convention process. He

*"This is not about me running for president."*

**ROSS PEROT**

Ex-Presidential candidate

said it was possible, but highly unlikely, that the party could decide to back one of the major party presidential candidates.

He said the new party would not field congressional candidates, or at least not on any widespread basis, but would endorse candidates from the major parties and offer them its slate on state ballots. This is not unheard of; the Conservative Party in New York, for example, often backs Republican candidates.

Perot said the new party's agenda would mirror that of his United We Stand group: dramatic campaign finance and lobbying reforms including a gift ban, trimming congressional and presidential pensions and balancing the budget. He said he would financially support the early work, but that the venture ultimately would have to raise its own money.

Joan Vinson, the Maryland executive director of United We Stand, said the new party could be available to "a candidate like Colin Powell or Bill Bradley or Ross Perot or Sam Nunn."

A spokeswoman for California Secretary of State Bill Jones said Perot's supporters filed papers on Monday to organize as the Reform Party.

Not since the Republican Party was established in 1856 has a new party been able to push aside a major existing party and establish itself as a national force. Like the Whigs did then, Perot predicted either the Democratic or Republican party would disappear if his effort is successful.

Perot's decision sets off an intense

organizational scramble in California, where the deadline for qualifying a new party for the 1996 ballot is just a month away.

"I would be surprised if it doesn't sweep across the nation," said California executive director Platt Thompson, who indicated that Perot had been a reluctant convert to the idea.

Just six weeks ago, Perot said he was "not focused on a third party. We're focused on trying to get the existing System to work." He later called on both parties to adopt a litany of political reforms by Christmas, drawing bipartisan praise for his ideas but, so far, little legislative follow-through.

The requirements for certifying a new party vary widely from state to state.

In California, supporters would need to gather signatures from 890,000 registered voters expressing support for the idea. Or, they would have to convince 89,000 people to register as members of the new party. Perot received 2.3 million votes in California in 1992. In either event, the deadline to make the 1996 ballot is Oct. 24.

In Ohio, where the Perot organization is embroiled in an internal power struggle, 33,000 signatures are required by Nov. 19.

Maine, Perot's best state in 1992, requires 25,551 signatures by Dec. 14 if the party wants to qualify to run candidates in time for next spring's primary.

"I am quite dubious that they will be able to do this," said Richard Winger, editor of the newsletter Ballot Access News. "Many of these very independent-minded people who are in United We Stand may not want to."

Arizona, for example, has a United We Stand chapter that is in open rebellion against the Dallas headquarters. "I don't know of anyone here who wants to do a third party," said Mary Lou Stanley, the Arizona executive director.

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## Author welcomed to South Africa

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — The last time author Doris Lessing ventured to South Africa was in 1956, when two policemen escorted her back to the airplane she had arrived on saying: "Never attempt to set foot in this country again."

She arrived in South Africa last week primarily to visit her daughter and two granddaughters. But because the trip coincides with the South African launch of her autobiography

Once shunned because of her Communist Party membership and outspoken criticism of apartheid, Lessing is now being welcomed here as a writer acclaimed for seeking to break down barriers — social, cultural, sexual and literary.

"Under My Skin," she has squeezed a few speaking engagements and interviews into her vacation schedule.

South Africa today is nothing like what she remembers from family holidays during the 1940s, when a trip to Cape Town from her home in Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, was a five-day ordeal by train.

"When I was here last there were benches for whites and blacks," she told The Associated Press on Friday.

"God forbid that any dark-skinned person went into a cafe or restaurant where whites were. All that has disappeared so totally, as it has in Zimbabwe."

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## Residents watch sky as volcano sputters

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Train service between New Zealand's two biggest cities was canceled and air traffic diverted Monday because of an erupting volcano that belched ash, steam and car-sized rocks into the sky.

Authorities also closed the highway around Mount Ruapehu and the ski resorts on its slopes. Eruptions from the Crater Lake area were occurring every two to three minutes, and scientists said a major eruption may be near.

Civil Defense officials warned people living within 60 miles downwind to expect heavy ash falls from the 9,000-foot peak, which is midway between Auckland and the capital, Wellington.

Rescue services at the Waiouru military base, 12 miles from the volcano, were placed on full alert, and wives and children at the base were evacuated.

There were no widespread evacuations, however, not even of the 60 residents of Whakapapa Village on the volcano's slope.

Dozens of people gathered Monday at the Whakapapa Visitors Center to watch the ash and steam spewing 12 miles into the blue sky, cheering each new explosion. The village has an alarm system to give 20 minutes warning if a mud flow from the slopes heads towards town, giving residents time to reach high ground.

## Corrections & CLARIFICATIONS

A story in Monday's Daily Nebraskan incorrectly identified Donald Gregory, the director of general studies. During a Sunday memorial service, he presented a framed honor roll listing of general studies students to Martina McMenamin's mother.