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Dear Sam --

The Reform party continues to magnify the barrenness of the US mainstream's political & cultural landscape. What more convincing proof of the need for a revolutionary change in US society could there be than the non-existence of viable potential leaders for an alternative party within the pale of the mainstream itself? What more convincing proof could one ask of the mainstream's inability to regenerate itself from within, exactly because it has expressed its oppressive character by shutting out all talents but the (often unintentionally) comical? Buchanan? Trump? These are the only saviours this once great society can produce? Even the media, formerly pushing these monstrosities of contemporary mainstream culture exclusively, is starting to grasp the damning implications, & is desperately suggesting that Perot run again in his old age, or that Ventura run prematurely. I can only suggest that Ventura now try to get maverick Republican Gov Johnson of NM to join Reform & run for president. Johnson is libertarian in tendency, favoring low taxes & marijuana legalization. He has little future with the Republicans as he cannot run for another term for governor due to term limits. As a Reformist, he could run for president, speak out against the drug war on the world stage, very possibly take 5% of the vote away from drug hypocrite Bush, & very possibly become one of Reforms first senators...I also suggest that Ventura further turn the tables, trickster-wise, on Trump by appealing to Marla Maples to run for a seat in the House. This would be a more appropriate way for her to combat Trumpism than by airing dirty laundry. In her pursuit of wealth & sexual freedom (at the ski lodge, on the beach -- classic moments in US history) she truly embodies libertarian values.

Sincerely,

Elliott