Marrou/Lord Campaign Opens New Headquarters

After a week-long interruption in business caused by closing down its Las Vegas operation (see May LP News), the Marrou/Lord Campaign (MLC) has opened up its new D.C. headquarters and is gearing up for the exciting months ahead with a revamped organizational structure.

In early April, Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord met together and decided to appoint an MLC Operating Committee. This three-person committee will oversee the activities of campaign staff. This will allow our two candidates to concentrate on getting the Libertarian message to the people of America, rather than having to manage their own campaigns.

The MLC Operating Committee (informally known as the 'Council of Steves') has devised the following division of responsibilities:

OC Chair Steve Dasbach is in charge of administration. Dasbach is also Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party and is national Area Manager of Political Action/Organizing.

Steve Givot is focussing on candidate scheduling, media relations, and advertising. Givot also serves as a member of the national Executive Committee, and is Chair of the Program and Convention Oversight Committees and Assistant Treasurer.

Steve Alexander is in charge of fundraising and financial recordkeeping and reporting. Alexander is past Finance Chair for the LP and is the National Committee’s Regional Representative from Region 2 (California).

The Marrou/Lord Campaign has relocated to an office in the LP headquarters building in Washington, D.C. This move, along with staffing changes, has reduced overhead costs by several thousand dollars per month, and will help MLC coordinate better with the LP.

Texas activist Bruce Baechler will be the administrative manager of the Campaign, working out of the D.C. office. A former Texas LP state chair, Bruce worked as a grassroots labor organizer before becoming active in the LP, and should prove to be a great asset to the Campaign.

Me-Me King, reporting to Steve Givot, continues to schedule media appearances and make candidate travel arrangements from her home base in Tucson, Arizona.

LPHQ will be providing data processing and other clerical services to the Campaign under a service agreement. To this end, we are lucky to have added Stuart Reges to our office staff. Stuart is the Stanford Computer Science instructor, beloved and respected by his students, who was fired from his job last year after challenging DEA guidelines for "drug-free schools."

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A little dose of Libertarianism goes a long way, honest

SHE HAS A MEDICAL DEGREE — a law degree and all she wants to do is run for president. Elizabeth Perelmann, a Libertarian candidate for president of the United States, is the third largest in the country, with about 100 local government offices.

Yet millions of Americans never heard of it, much less its presidential candidate, Andre Lord, a former mayor of Washington, D.C., who is running for the Libertarian Party. Lord, the Libertarian candidate, ran in the 1979 presidential election, but did not get the nomination.

One reason for this is the Libertarian Party's lack of organization in the state of Pennsylvania. Lord, who has been a resident of Pennsylvania for several years, has been working with the Libertarian Party to build a base of support in the state.

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Students favor minority parties in poll

Not told affiliation of 5 speakers, they pick Democrat first

By Dan Froomkin

The Orange County Register

Politics-as-usual got another tweak from the youth vote Thursday morning — this time, from about 300 students at an assembly at Irvine High School.

Turned off, they said, by the shrillness of the Republican speaker and the fuzziness of the Democrat, students flocked instead to the frankness of the fringe.

In the end, a plurality of students ended up voting for the Democratic speaker. But the Libertarian wasn’t far behind. And speakers from the Peace and Freedom Party and the American Independent Party outpolled the Republican.

All in all, the fringe parties beat the Big Two by 54 percent to 42 percent, with 4 percent stating no preference.

The gimmick at Thursday’s assembly was that students weren’t told which party each of five speakers represented. Then, untroubled by preconceived notions, they cast ballots for the ones who best captured their views.

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From left, Whitney-Brooke Wright, Soneia Kapadia and Harmony Blossom applaud as the party representatives exchange rhetoric.

Thursday’s panelists were, from left, Richard Boddie, Libertarian; Art Jacques, American Independent; Jack R. Rios, Peace and Freedom Party; James Toledano, Democrat; and L. David Mendoza, Republican.

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Getting back to basics

Candidate: Less government needed

By Thomas Zooper
BUCKS COUNTY

Call her the Lord of less government. The vice presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, Nancy Lord, wants to wean the United States to the state government. Welfare al subsidies to foreign government needed. The court system would not be eliminated, however, and would serve as the ultimate deterrent to corporations and individuals left in a world without government. Nancy Lord wants to wield power in the United States only to dissolve it.

And while she admitted to slim hopes of becoming Dan Quayle's replacement, Lord said her party is "building a base" to eventually phase-out all federal government. "We need to do away with the government," she said in an interview at the Courier Times. The Libertarian platform calls for scaling back government to one function: "to defend us from force and fraud." Translated into policy, that means the elimination of whole blocks of government agencies in Washington, from the Federal Drug Administration to the Environmental Protection Agency.

It means setting a timetable for pulling all American troops back from around the world and putting all foreign governments on notice they must honor their own defense. The platform calls for the eventual phase-out of all federal subsidies to foreign governments as well as to American farmers, industry and local and state government. Welfare would go, its function turned over entirely to non-profit organizations. The public school system would dissolve, replaced initially by a voucher system, then finally by a vast array of private schools.

Less can be more: Libertarian vice presidential candidate Nancy Lord, whose platform calls for scaling back government, moving to de-criminalize drugs. Lord also has run her own small business, and in 1990 ran for mayor of Washington after viewing what she considered a deteriorating quality of life in the capital city. The Libertarian platform is pro-choice on the question of abortion rights. While it seeks to shrink the number of American military commitments throughout the world, it also seeks to decrease trade barriers and protect American jobs. Immigration quotas would be abandoned, but new residents would not be eligible for any federal assistance. If anything, the Libertarian view is consistent. Asked if she felt the savings and loan crisis and other economic failures were results of the unbridled, de-regulated '80s, Lord argued the root problem in the S&L disaster was the government's policy of insuring deposits; a policy started after the Depression. With deposits insured - and at a far greater rate per account in the 1980s - banks were free to make risky investments. With out the insurance, the institutions would have been more prudent, she said.

The new 45th Congressional District

Stretching from the Los Angeles County line to Newport Beach and encompassing some of the poorest and wealthiest neighborhoods in Orange County, the new district includes Seal Beach, Stanton, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Costa Mesa and part of Newport Beach.

Other parties see opportunity to crack GOP domination

By Gary A. Warner
The Orange County Register

Democrats and Libertarians running in the 45th Congressional District say 1992 is the best time in years to unseat the Republican monopoly on the Orange County congressional delegation.

With Orange County in an economic funk and Congress embroiled in scandal, the insurgent parties feel the man they believe will win the GOP race - Rep. Dana Rohrabacher - is vulnerable.

"There's a lack of leadership," said Patricia McCabe, a Huntington Beach real estate agent and Libertarian candidate. "She is running on the Demo- cratic ticket." McCabe, 41, advocates cutting the defense budget in half and using the money to reduce the deficit and buttress social programs and the environment. Using the recent troop cuts and defense industry layoffs, McCabe said workers deserve more help finding jobs in a recessionary econ- omy. "We need to be realistic and not give an alternative," she said. McCabe also touts her support for abortion rights, saying the government has no right to tell a woman what to do with her body.

But the true test of the Republican party, said McCabe, is running for the Demo- cratic ticket.

Sarker, 56, has put out a sweep- ing program to revamp insurance. Under his Total Care Program, individuals would pay 4 percent of their gross income, and corpora-

bilities 1 percent of gross revenue, into a fund that would pay for all health care, automobile, home and other insurance. The poor, students and the disabled could buy into the system for $1 a month.

"If we manage this program properly, we can give every American a safe life," he said.

Sarker said he plans a rally soon of all unemployed people in the 45th District to call attention to the economic plight of recently laid-off workers.

A third Democrat, Steve Olim of Huntington Beach, promised to campaign hard for reinstatement of tax deductions for installment credit on such items as automobile loans and credit cards.

"It's no surprise that the auto-
mobile companies can't sell any-
things," he said. "We can't have a growing economy without credit." Olim, 45, opposes any attempt to open offshore areas to oil drilling. "I just don't see any need for it," he said.

Gary Copeland, the lone Liber- tarian in the race, said he plans to be a one-man truth squad for the other candidates and advocate the Libertarian gospel of privatization.

"My job as the third-party can- didate is to kick the others - be honest, be straightforward," he said. "The function of government is not business."

Copeland, 35, owns a systems-analysis company in Fountain Valley.

He said he was disappointed that Rohrabacher had abandoned the Libertarian principles he espoused when he was an editorial writer for The Orange County Register.

"He's given up," Copeland said. "Now he's part of the problem."