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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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Libertarian candidate says party will govern in 8 years

By HAL MARCOVITZ
Of The Morning Call

Nancy Lord carries her own luggage in airports. No entourage of advance men, press secretaries and assorted other aides accompanies her as she campaigns from city to city. And there are no Secret Service agents running interference for her.

Pretty shoddy treatment for somebody running for vice president. Yet, Libertarian candidates have gotten used to their second-class role in American politics, even though they are beginning to be taken a lot more seriously these days.

How seriously?

Well, Lord said without a hint of doubt in her voice, the Libertarians fully expect to occupy the Oval Office in eight years. Twelve at the most.

"We want to be the governing party by the 21st century," said Lord on a visit to Quakertown this week. "If we're not, I would be concerned."

But this is 1992 and even Lord will tell you that most Americans are not yet ready for the Libertarians. Lord and her running mate, presidential candidate Andre Marrou, are crisscrossing the country; this year acting more as communicators than candidates. They hold no delusions; they know the Lib-

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DOUGLAS BENEDICT / The Morning Call
Nancy Lord is Libertarian party candidate for vice president.

Libertarian candidate says party will hold White House in 8 years

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Libertarian Party will win no significant elections in 1992.

"We want to make people aware of the Libertarian alternative," said Lord. "We want to do well enough so the voters take notice of us and we can start building a base for the future."

In Bucks County, some of the voters have noticed. Last fall, Libertarian commissioner candidate Brian Kominsky polled more than 10,000 votes. In 1979, when Libertarians Hans Schroeder and David K. Walter first ran for Bucks County commissioner, each candidate polled only a few hundred votes.

Libertarians are fierce defenders of civil rights, but they also believe in as little government as possible. The movement picked up a lot of its ideology from the writings of author Ayn Rand, whose protagonists were often staunch individualists.

According to literature printed by the Marrou-Lord campaign, the only real reason you need the federal government is to field a militia to protect the population from foreign aggression.

A Libertarian president would not have sent troops into Kuwait simply because Saddam Hussein did not attack the United States. If the oil companies wanted to kick

the Iraqis out of Kuwait, it would have been their responsibility to raise a private army and go to war.

Nevertheless, some Libertarians are making an effort to promote ideas that are more mainstream. Back in the 1970s, when the movement was in its infancy, Schroeder and Walter talked about closing down the Bucks County Prison, abolishing all government-sponsored public transit agencies and dozens of other county and state services.

Last year, Kominsky preached more of a common-sense approach to government. He talked a lot about wasteful government spending. A proposal for initiative and referendum was a major plank in his platform. At times, he sounded more like a Populist than a Libertarian.

"I don't know whether we're moving more toward the mainstream or whether the Democrats and Republicans are moving away from the mainstream," said Lord. "As Democrats and Republicans act less and less in the interest of most people, they will see our alternatives as more attractive."

Lord, 40, lives in Washington where she practices law. She also has a medical degree. A glance at her resume shows a commitment to civil liberties: She is a member of the National Rifle Association

and the National Abortion Rights Action League, as well as a number of taxpayer advocacy groups.

A year ago, Lord ran for mayor of Washington.

Marrou is one of his party's brightest lights. He was elected a state legislator in Alaska as a Libertarian in 1985 and ran for vice president three years later. And as his party's presidential candidate, he briefly led George Bush, Bill Clinton and the other major candidates in this year's presidential derby.

It happened in Dixville Notch, the tiny New Hampshire town that is traditionally the first to vote in the nation's first presidential primary. In Dixville Notch, where the polls opened at midnight and closed minutes later, Bush polled nine votes, Pat Buchanan three. Over on the Democratic side, Dixville Notch voters favored Bill Clinton over Paul Tsongas by a margin of three votes to two.

But the real surprise in the race was how the Libertarians finished. Citizens of Dixville Notch gave Marrou 11 votes. It meant that for nearly seven hours, until the polls opened in the rest of New Hampshire, Marrou was leading the field.

New Hampshire's fascination with the Libertarians didn't end in Dixville Notch. A poll conducted

prior to the state's primary by the Manchester Union Leader showed Bush leading statewide with Marrou second — in front of Clinton, Tsongas and the others.

Nevertheless, the race left Dixville Notch and the rest of New Hampshire behind a month ago, and the Libertarians have returned to near obscurity.

You won't find Lord and Marrou on the April 28 presidential ballot in Pennsylvania because the state's election rules don't allow for a Libertarian primary. Still, Lord thinks it is important to campaign in Pennsylvania.

She has kept a busy schedule. On the day Lord stopped off in Quakertown, she spent the morning in Bethlehem touring the Lehigh University campus, the afternoon in Levittown and the evening in Horsham. And everywhere, she talked up Libertarian philosophy.

Some samples:

- The cost of health care. Lord proposes to make all prescription medicine available over-the-counter. That would make drug companies lower their prices because they would have to compete for a niche in the marketplace instead of relying on doctors to create markets by writing prescriptions. Also, making drugs available without a prescription would mean people would make fewer visits to

the doctor because patients often know what drug they need but are forced to pay for an office visit to get the prescription.

► The middle-class tax break. "What a joke," said Lord. "A \$200 tax break in exchange for a permanent tax on the rich? We're all going to be rich one day. Sooner or later, with inflation, as we creep up in the tax brackets we'll all get there. The middle-class tax break is a con and it amazes me that people don't see through it." Lord backs a flat-rate tax to replace the graduated income tax.

► Drugs. Legalize drugs and abolish the Drug Enforcement Administration. By making drugs legal, half the people in federal prisons would go free and be off the backs of the taxpayers. Legalizing drugs would also take the violence out of drug trafficking.

► The environment. Abolish the Environmental Protection Agency and encourage people to use the courts when an industry becomes a polluter. "That would be a much stronger weapon against pollution than the EPA," said Lord.

► Space exploration. Abolish NASA. If any private companies want to shoot rockets into space, they have the blessing of the Libertarians.

► Welfare, foreign aid and farm

subsidies. Abolish them, and shut down the Food and Drug Administration. Put a hiring freeze on federal employment and leave it there for 15 years. By then, the federal government will be 20 percent the size of what it is now.

Closer to home, Lord does not oppose the phasing out of the Naval Air Development Center. The Navy research and development base in Warmminster is scheduled to lose 2,600 jobs over the next four years.

Lord said the government should get out and sell the base to a private interest.

And what about the people who will lose their jobs? "Somewhere else, there is a job for them. Sometimes if the need for a facility ends, they are going to have to move. People are going to have to go where they can find jobs," she said.

Lord said people will come to see the truth. Maybe it won't be this year and maybe it won't be in 1996, but by 2000 the Libertarians expect to be given the mandate to dismantle the federal government.

"People have had enough," said Lord. "They are going to realize there is no real choice between the Democrats and the Republicans."

The Pittsburgh Press

A little dose of Libertarianism goes a long way, honest

SHE HAS A MEDICAL DEGREE and a law degree and all she wants to do is succeed Dan Quayle? I had to meet Nancy Lord, the Libertarian candidate for vice president, flew into Pittsburgh yesterday.

Her party touts itself as the third largest in the country, with about 200 local government officials.

Yet millions of Americans never heard of it, much less its presidential candidate, Andre Marrou.

So what's a Libertarian? "We are the party of liberty, opportunity and responsibility," Lord answered.

"We understand that the people, if left to their own creativity and ingenuity, will solve their own problems.

"When government tries to solve people's problems for them, it invariably winds up taking from those of us who are struggling and giving to those

who are already powerful."

Every American has probably felt that way at least once, and that is the heart of the Libertarian appeal. But talking the talk and walking the walk are two different things. This party's desire to get government out of everything seems to gore everyone's sacred cow sooner or later.

Libertarians worship at the altar of the free market, and their hymnal is filled with railings against Social Security, national health insurance, farm subsidies, mass transit subsidies, the income tax, censorship, the prohibition of drugs, zoning, licensing, environmental legislation, foreign entanglements and affirmative action.

So what would Lord do when faced with problems Pittsburghers care about?

- The possibility of transit workers going on strike next week has everyone worried about life in Gridlock City. Would this crisis be pending in a Liber-



Brian O'Neill

arian world? Lord would never have government subsidize mass transit. "Public transportation has been a disaster because it's a government monopoly," she said.

"The unhappy truth about traffic — this is part law of economics and part common sense — is that people will drive until it's more convenient not to."

But don't transit subsidies make it easier for every commuter to get to work, by taking tens of thousands of cars off congested roads?

"It doesn't really benefit everyone equally," she said. "It benefits the people who ride the bus."

Entrepreneurs would arise to meet commuters' demand for services if the government would just get out of the way.

"Somebody would come up with a jitney to ferry them back and forth, but (government) makes that illegal."

• Sen. Harris Wofford was elected last fall largely because of his promise to work for national health reform. What is the Libertarian solution to the

health-care crisis?

"It's not socialized medicine. It won't work. They're trying to solve a circumscribed problem by trying to throw everyone into a bad system."

People would wind up paying more in taxes than they would in premiums, she predicted.

Health care would be cheaper if consumers simply had more freedom of choice, she said.

"If you want to go to a nurse to get your blood pressure checked... if you need a prescription and you know what you need and you don't want to sit in the doctor's office, you should be able to get it yourself."

"That doesn't mean you're going to try to take out your own appendix. People are very careful with their health. If they need a doctor, they'll go to one."

• The improvement of Pittsburgh's air quality in the past several decades is largely the result of environmental legislation. How could Libertarians achieve

the same results?

Libertarians would bring back the old notion of property rights.

"Before the industrial revolution, if you had a saw mill that was dirtying some lady's laundry, she could sue you."

The same principle should apply.

"There's no utopia," she said. "We're not promising utopia. We're only promising the government won't make things worse."

A little dose of Libertarianism goes a long way. I still can't believe in the infallibility of anything earthly, including the free market.

But if you find yourself saying your government can do no right, here's your alternative.

"A vote for us," Lord said, "is a statement that you're not fooled anymore."

(Brian O'Neill's column appears in The Pittsburgh Press every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday.)

Libertarian Candidate Predicts Party's Success

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Libertarian Party will be the nation's next major party and will elect congressmen and a president, the party's presidential candidate predicted Friday.

Election of a Libertarian president "is not only inevitable but necessary," Andre Marrou said at a Capitol news conference.

Marrou, a 53-year-old Las Vegas real estate broker, said the Libertarians were the only alternative to the Democrats and Republicans, both of whom he accused of pushing up the national deficit and taxes.

"Government is too big" and is "soaking up too much money," he said.

Marrou, who will attend the Oklahoma Libertarian Party's state convention in Guthrie on Saturday, said it is necessary "to repeal the personal income tax and abolish the IRS."

The federal government could be abolished "if we stop replacing federal bureaucrats," he said.

He said the party also believed in restoring "gun ownership rights" and in ending foreign aid.

Marrou was the Libertarian vice presidential nominee in 1988 and is a former Alaska state legislator.

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San Francisco Chronicle

THE VOICE OF THE WEST

Libertarian Alternative

Editor — I agree with columnist Theo Lippman, Jr. that "It's Time Again for a Third-Party Candidate" (Chronicle, March 16). But it won't be Jerry Brown.

We already have a third-party candidate: Andre Marrou of the Libertarian Party. He will definitely be on the ballot in California, and we hope to complete the grueling petitioning requirements to place his name on the ballot in all 50 states.

The Libertarian Party supports free trade and promotes peaceful private interaction among people the world over. The Libertarian Party, the only party that truly supports the American values of free enterprise and civil liberties, is the party of the future.

MARY GINGELL, chair
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Submitted by Richard Boddie

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 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, unswayed by preconceived notions, they cast ballots for the ones who best captured their views.

James Mathews, an 18-year-old senior, said he's a Democrat. But he ended up voting for the Libertarian speaker. He said he didn't think much of the two men who, it turned out, represented the two major parties.

"Every time they talk, they use these words that have no meaning," Mathews said.

Harmony Blossom, 17, described herself as something of a Jerry Brown fan but cast her ballot for the Peace and Freedom speaker.

"I think that we're all tired of hearing the same problems, the same solutions, the same promises that never come through," Blossom said.

Some of the voting clearly had a lot more to do with personalities than politics.



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.

How they voted

About 300 students at Irvine High School were asked which of five speakers best represented their own political views. About 100 students chose not to fill out ballots, but this is how 216 of them voted:

Speaker's party	Votes	%
Democratic	79	36.6
Libertarian	69	31.9
Peace/Freedom	24	11.1
Amer. Independent	23	10.6
Republican	12	5.6
None of the above	9	4.2

Source: Irvine High School Activists for Political Awareness

Several students said they liked how Libertarian Richard Boddie, a candidate for US Senate, seemed thoughtful. He spoke for individual rights and against taxes.

They liked the directness of Jack R. Rios, a Peace and Freedom Party member. He supported a government of the working class and free higher education.

And students chuckled during some of the rambling, off-color



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

comments by Art Jacques of the American Independent Party.

But when Democrat James Toledano, a candidate for the state Assembly, preached that students should participate more in politics, it seemed to fall flat.

And L. David Mendoza of California State University, Fullerton's Conservative College Republicans was so loud and hostile toward the other speakers that students yelled at him to stop screaming into the microphone.

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Libertarian to seek governorship

MARTINSBURG (AP) — A former magazine editor said Saturday he's running for governor to help the Libertarian Party gain a permanent spot on West Virginia election ballots.

"I'm not running against anyone. I am running for the right of people to be represented on the ballot which is so fundamental to our form of government," Karl Hess said.

Hess, 69, is a former associate editor at Newsweek magazine and

a onetime speech writer for former Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz. The Martinsburg resident now is a free-lance writer.

"I don't really expect to get the job," Hess said of his candidacy. "I do hope that I can get enough votes to assure permanent ballot status for the Libertarian Party."

Under state election laws, a third-party candidate must submit petitions signed by 1 percent of those who voted in the last gener-

al election to gain a spot on the November ballot.

Hess estimated he'll need 7,000 votes, or 1 percent of the total cast in the gubernatorial election, to gain a permanent ballot spot for his party.

"Nowadays it is clear that citizen dissatisfaction with the two older parties is at an all-time high. There has to be room for new views, new candidates and new parties," Hess said.

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Getting back to basics

Candidate: Less government needed

By Thomas Zolper
 Courier Times Staff Writer
 BUCKS COUNTY



Courier Times photo/Bill Johnson

Less can be more: Libertarian vice presidential candidate Nancy Lord, whose platform calls for scaling back government.

Call her the Lord of less government.

The vice presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, Nancy Lord wants to wield power in the United States only to dissolve it.

Lord, 39, visited Bucks County yesterday to promote her candidacy and that of Libertarian Party presidential candidate Andre Marrou.

A Washington, D.C., product-liability lawyer, Lord said the Libertarian message is finding more receptive ears than ever in this, the year of the disaffected voter.

And while she admitted to slim hopes of becoming Dan Quayle's replacement, Lord said her party is "building a base" to revolutionize public policy. A la Thomas Jefferson.

"It's not just a matter of getting different people in. We want a return to the Founding Fathers," 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 henceforth pay for 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.

With less government would come greater personal - and even corporate - responsibility. No longer able to depend on government for regulations to protect them from everything from air pollution and bad food to dangerous drugs, citizens would be forced to regain control of their own lives, Lord said.

The court system would not be eliminated, however, and would serve as the ultimate deterrent to corporations and individuals left in a world without regulation.

Lord said she is a converted Democratic liberal, with roots in anti-establishment, anti-war '60s activism. Allison F. Krause, who was killed at Kent State University, was a childhood friend of hers. Lord went on to get medical and law degrees and become involved in the women's movement and the

movement to de-criminalize drugs.

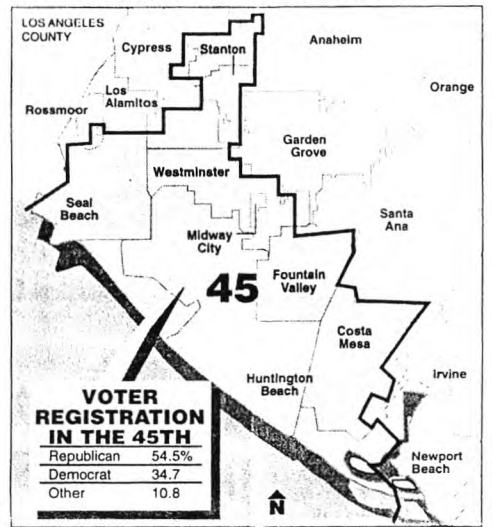
Lord also has run her own small business, and in 1990 ran for mayor of Washington after viewing what she considered a deteriorating quality of life in the capital city.

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 protectionism. 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 '80s - banks were free to make risky investments. Without 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.



The Orange County Register

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 upend 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 certified public accountant who is one of three Democrats seeking the nomination in the district.

McCabe, 41, advocates cutting the defense budget in half and using the money to reduce the deficit and buttress social programs and

the environment.

Noting the recent troop cuts and defense industry layoffs, McCabe said workers deserve more help finding jobs in a peacetime economy.

"To be terminated and not given an alternative is wrong," 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.

This will be McCabe's second shot at public office. She lost a 1988 bid for the state Senate.

Bairul Sarker of Anaheim, owner of a company that designs 911 emergency-system display terminals, also is running for the Democratic slot.

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

tions 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 automobile companies can't sell anything," he said. "You 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 Libertarian 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 candidate is to kick the other guys - 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."