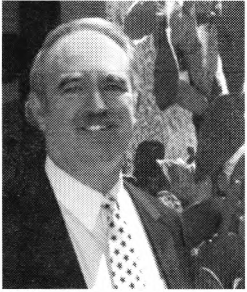


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## NEWSLETTER

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## LP Founder David Nolan Passes Away



*Statement from the Libertarian Party, Monday, November 22, 2010*

### **Libertarians mourn death of David F. Nolan**

WASHINGTON—David F. Nolan, one of the founders of the Libertarian Party (LP), died unexpectedly on November 21 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 66.

Mr. Nolan was also a member of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC). He is survived by his wife Elizabeth.

Mr. Nolan founded the Libertarian Party with a group of colleagues in his home in Denver, Colorado on December 11, 1971.

Mark Hinkle, Chairman of the LP, said, "I am saddened by the news of David Nolan's death. He not only helped found the Libertarian Party, but remained active and helped to guide our party for the last forty years. We are now the third-largest political party in America, and one of the most persistent and successful third parties in American history, thanks in large part to David Nolan. We will feel this loss."

Mr. Nolan ran this year as a Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senator in Arizona, against incumbent John McCain. In 2006, Mr. Nolan ran for U.S. Representative in Arizona's 8th District, against incumbent Gabrielle Giffords.

Mr. Nolan was also well known for his invention of the "Nolan chart," a two-dimensional chart of political opinion that was designed to get past the more familiar but deficient liberal-conservative paradigm. Marshall Fritz, founder of the Advocates for Self-Government, refined the

Nolan chart into the popular World's Smallest Political Quiz with its diamond-shaped chart.

Comments from friends and colleagues:

Sharon Harris, President of the Advocates for Self-Government: "I am so shocked and saddened by Dave's death—what a loss for the cause of liberty!"

Wes Benedict, Executive Director of the LP: "While I've admired David Nolan for years, this year I finally had the pleasure of working directly with him. He was an enthusiastic and principled activist doing the hard work right alongside newer members."

Jack Dean, longtime friend and political associate: "David was the conscience of the Libertarian Party. He was always there to remind us what the party was about."

Mr. Nolan had submitted a resolution for consideration at the November 20-21 LNC meeting in New Orleans. Unaware of Mr. Nolan's death, the LNC adopted the resolution, which reads as follows:

"WHEREAS the Libertarian Party can grow only by attracting new members and supporters, and

"WHEREAS libertarianism is a unique political philosophy, distinct from both contemporary liberalism and contemporary conservatism, and

"WHEREAS we need the support of both former liberals and former conservatives who have come to realize that libertarianism and the Libertarian Party offer a better path to achieving a just, humane and prosperous society,

"The Libertarian National Committee hereby reaffirms that the Libertarian Party welcomes individuals from across the political spectrum who now accept the libertarian principles of self-ownership and non-aggression."

# Libertarian Party: On the Trail

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## Libertarians secure ballot access through 2014

*from the Texas LP, November 4, 2010*

The Libertarian Party of Texas ensured its candidates will automatically appear on the 2012 election ballot by exceeding 5% in several statewide races. Libertarian candidates **J Randell Stevens** (Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2), **Dave Howard** (Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 5), and **Mary Ruwart** (Comptroller of Public Accounts) significantly surpassed the qualification requirement to retain the party's ballot status.

Additionally, Libertarian candidate for Governor **Kathie Glass** exceeded the 2% requirement to maintain that party's ballot status through 2014.

"We are very happy to inform our candidates and membership that we will continue to offer Texas voters a Libertarian choice for 4 more years" said state chair **Pat Dixon**.

The party placed over 150 candidates on the Texas ballot in 2010, but Dixon is not satisfied. "There were many offices for which we did not place a Libertarian on the ballot in 2010. We need to recruit more candidates and offer a Libertarian choice for every Texas voter."

Several Libertarian candidates have already committed to file for office in the 2012 elections.

## Libertarian Party of Georgia Breaks Own Records With 2010 Election Results

*from the Georgia LP, November 7, 2010*

The 2010 election did not result in any newly-elected Libertarians, however the Libertarian Party of Georgia is happy with the results. With nearly 1 million votes earned cumulatively by the first full slate of statewide candidates in the party's history, the most important aspect of Tuesday's

results are the growth in support the Libertarian Party has seen in Georgia. Experiencing a 30% increase in membership since the beginning of 2010, many in the leadership of the Libertarian Party of Georgia expected big things on Election Day. On Tuesday evening, the Party's candidates reached and set many milestones and records.

The most important milestone achieved Tuesday was the retention of ballot access for all statewide offices for the next election cycle. State School Superintendent candidate **Kira Willis** was the first of all ten candidates to cross the threshold of receiving votes from enough voters to equal one percent of registered voters statewide. She was quickly followed by Secretary of State candidate **David Chastain** and gubernatorial candidate **John Monds**.

## Lucy Pulls the Football Away Once Again

*from the Illinois LP, December 6, 2010*

Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Fool me continually, and the taxpayers, present and future, continually pay the price of profligate spending.

"It didn't take long for the veil to be lifted from the Republican plans for Illinois," alerts **Lex Green**, Libertarian candidate for Governor in the past election, in a scathing commentary on the bankruptcy of Republican conviction, and Illinois government finances.

"Sadly but predictably, Treasurer-elect Dan Rutherford and Comptroller-elect Judy Baar Topinka have both indicated support for state borrowing. Green adds, "the fact that borrowing replaces spending cuts shows that Republicans don't care about fixing our state finances."

Libertarian candidate for State Comptroller, **Julie Fox**, offers, "Borrowing to keep the state operating is no different than using a credit card to pay one's basic household expenses. It is unsustainable. The only option for Illinois, if we expect the state to recover, is to cut spending. More

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borrowing will surely lead to more tax increases to pay back the debt, and tax increases are the last thing we need in an economy where many people have lost their jobs and their homes.”

## Springfield Libertarian Councilman Doug Burlison stands up for medical marijuana

*from the Missouri LP, December 8, 2010*

Mr. **Doug Burlison** and Mr. **Dan Chiles** are proud to announce an upcoming meeting in Springfield, MO to address the facts and myths associated with the Medicinal Marijuana issue. The keynote presenter is Mark Pedersen, Executive Editor of the Medical Cannabis Journal, Founder of the Cannabis Patient Network, and Director of Sensible Missouri, a patient advocacy group. Mr Pedersen will be airing the film, "What if Cannabis Cured Cancer?" after which a Panel of Patients will be introduced, and followed by a question and answer session.

Both Burlison and Chiles currently serve on Springfield's City Council, are passionate about this issue, and initiating this public discussion of the often misunderstood, yet great promise of the use of Marijuana as a medicine.

### New and renewing Liberty Pledgers

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| George Ballow          | David Jahn              |
| Thomas W. Bassett      | Clint D. Jones          |
| Curtis Beardsley       | Dana R. Jordan          |
| Charles Bigelow        | Joseph Jordan           |
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| Jill R. Binsley        | Wayne E. Klemme         |
| Stephen W. Bishop      | Mark Leising            |
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| Mathew J. Bradford     | Valerie Miller          |
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## Libertarian Party in the News

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### David Nolan, 66, Is Dead; Started Libertarian Party

*New York Times*, November 22, 2010

**David Nolan**, whose opposition to the Vietnam War and President Richard M. Nixon's wage and price controls impelled him in 1971 to join with a few friends to found the Libertarian Party to fight against government power, died Sunday in Tucson. He was 66....

Though its membership has always been relatively small, the Libertarian Party became a forceful voice for limiting government regulation of Americans' economic and political lives. It has argued for curbs on police power, lifting abortion restrictions, open immigration and an end to foreign wars.

In the recent elections, long-held Libertarian positions were echoed in the firestorm of concern about deficits and government spending expressed most loudly by Republicans and Tea Party advocates. But Libertarians' dovish views on military involvement and liberal attitudes about abortion veer sharply from those of conservatives. This week, expectedly enough, Libertarians campaigned against airport pat-downs.

The party's mix of conservative and liberal positions reflects an underlying belief that almost all government power is inherently coercive. Mr. Nolan came up with a well-known graph, called the Nolan Chart, to explain this phenomenon.

### Libertarians to host presidential convention

*AP / Boston Herald*, November 30, 2010

LAS VEGAS — The nation's third largest political party plans to gather in Las Vegas to pick a 2012 presidential nominee.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reported Tuesday that the Libertarian Party plans to host its

presidential convention at the Red Rock Resort in May.

The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority says the Libertarian convention is expected to draw 1,000 delegates and generate \$700,000 in tourist spending.

The Libertarian Party has more than 250,000 registered voters, or less than 1 percent of the roughly 170 million registered voters nationwide.

### Recount upholds Rep. Howard's win by 12 votes

*Houston Chronicle*, December 2, 2010

AUSTIN, Texas — A recount has given state Rep. Donna Howard a 12-vote victory over Republican challenger Dan Neil for another two years representing state House District 48 in western Travis County.

Thursday's recount found the Democrat Howard had 25,023 votes to Neil's 25,011 and Libertarian **Ben Easton's** 1,519. The first count of the ballots cast in the Nov. 2 election gave Howard a 16-vote victory.

### Libertarians laud 'tax protester' Wesley Snipes

*Washington [DC] Examiner*, December 5, 2010

"Why do people like Wesley Snipes and Tim Geithner work so hard to avoid paying taxes? Because THE TAX IS TOO DAMN HIGH!"

- Libertarian Party Executive Director **Wes Benedict** in a strongly worded statement released Friday on behalf of "tax protester" Wesley Snipes. The actor will begin serving a three-year prison sentence Dec. 9 for failing to file income tax returns.