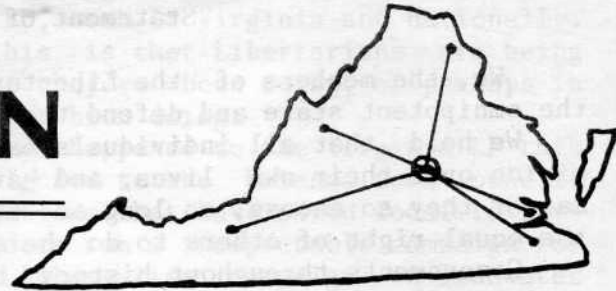


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## WARNING!

We haven't done our job yet, fellow Libertarians. Criminal behavior will continue in the dens of evil and mischief that many would call the Legislature, beginning once again on January 9, 1985. However, 1984 has come and gone; Orwell's nightmare world has not completely taken hold, and even more encouraging, WE are still here! If that mere fact isn't cause for celebration, I don't know what is.

We need commitment from you now. We are presently running short on the money that brings you this newsletter. I know that many of you paid good money awhile back to receive a year's issues and were rewarded by irregular bulletins with no news in them, but things are different now and we would like to see our readers bending their backs to the effort by sending the treasury of the LPVA a contribution of \$10 or whatever they can afford to keep this newsletter going. As it stands now, we have money for only two more issues. So get out that checkbook and fill out the form on page 9 before you forget, and mail it to us **today**.

Are you willing to tell your kids that some ancient revolutionaries were willing to risk their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor, while two hundred years later you let their efforts go to waste because you were too lazy to pledge even a small percentage of your comfortable fortunes to maintain their accomplishment?

--- editor

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## Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they so choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to do the same.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the state has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual; namely, 1) the right to life-accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; 2) the right to liberty of speech and action-accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and 3) the right to property-accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all governmental interference in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives or property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders, and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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I know that many of you are looking back at 1984 and thinking of what a lousy year it was for the LP, both in Virginia and nationally. I think the silver lining in this is that Libertarians are being forced to take a hard look at what they've been doing, or perhaps in many more cases, at what they've not been doing.

Actually, some good things have happened to the Virginia LP this year. In May, Phil Friday was elected to the Urbanna town council, where he has instigated several actions that have saved local taxpayers thousands of dollars. Al Anders ran a respectable campaign for Norfolk City Council, the first Libertarian campaign in Tidewater since 1980. Henry Thrasher showed true grit in working down to the wire in trying to salvage the Bergland ballot drive. More recently, Marc Montoni has revived the newsletter and has produced an ever-improving publication on a regular schedule. An outstanding libertarian student group has developed at UVa. We have been active in the courts, initiating litigation against two sections of the ballot-access laws, which are now on appeal in the federal courts; preparations are being made to file suit contesting the Presidential write-in ban and other ballot access restrictions. We had a record year for fundraising for the Party at large, and the mailing list is now being properly maintained.

Looking ahead, preparations have begun for the LPVA State Convention during the weekend of March 23-24. We appear to have four candidates for House of Delegates, and we are working to recruit many more for legislative and local offices. We will continue to be busy in the courts with our lawsuits. Other priorities include making improvements in the membership program, media relations, and continued upgrading of the newsletter and expansion of its circulation.

The key to our future success will be in the missionary work of each of you. Whether you run for office, write letters to editors and politicians, speak to groups, or converse with friends or associates, you will be spreading the idea of individual liberty and its benefits to all. We can appeal to the emotions as we speak of the ethics of liberty, its compassionate nature, and its ability to maximize the opportunity of the individual to improve his/her lot in life in all respects. We can appeal to logic in pointing out the true nature of economic and political problems, show how the government causes directly or aggravates these problems and creates new ones, and present practical libertarian solutions. There is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come, so let's make sure everyone knows about them!

Enjoy the Holidays, reflect a little on the blessings of liberty, and make it part of your New Year's resolutions to come out firing in 1985. Do your part to restore freedom in our time!

--- Jim Elwood

# The TIDEWATER PAGE

By Al Anders, Virginia Libertarian's Tidewater Correspondent.

Henry Thrasher, Bob Swann and myself all got letters-to-the-editor published in November.

Henry's letter was in before the election and ripped the ballot access laws and the State Board of Elections for not allowing write in votes for the Presidency.

Bob and I both wrote concerning the proposed rate increase for the local cable franchise. Many letters were written opposing the rate increase; ours were the only ones opposing Cox Cable's monopoly franchise altogether!

Tidewater also has two announced candidates for the House of Delegates for the 85 election. Al Anders (that's me) [who?-Ed.] will be running in Norfolk and Mike Ridgeway is making plans to run in Chesapeake. Mike's is tentative and a formal announcement is still pending.

Despite whatever the outcome of the lawsuit on ballot access requirements, the Virginia LP should still run a full slate of candidates from Governor on down. Too many LP candidates spend considerable sums of money and manpower on getting ballot status and still pull only 1% or less of the vote, not to mention the fact that they get listed as independents and not Libertarians. If the goal is to get media coverage, educate the public and give Libertarians someone to vote for, this can all be more effectively done with write-in candidates for the time being.

With write-in candidates running for Governor, Lt. Governor, and Atty. General, only one of the three need travel at a time, visiting media in different cities. Ballot access laws will automatically become highlighted as an issue because of our campaign. The bulk of the campaigns can be several mass mailings throughout the state at different times, targeting different groups on issues of their concern, and most importantly using funds otherwise wasted on petitioning drives.

For this task I would like to propose Roger MacBride for Governor, Jim Turney for Lieutenant Governor, and Richard Gardiner for Attorney General.

---Al Anders

[In reference to your proposal, Al, I think it bears mentioning that one of the people you mentioned is already planning a SERIOUS campaign for House of Delegates, another has decided the LP is not worth the effort and has refused to help, and the third is presently doing much needed work for the LP of VA pursuing lawsuits on Ballot laws. Regarding the latter, however, I do think a House of Delegates

