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## 200,000 Cast Ballots in CityVote

Over 200 thousand voters cast ballots for their presidential preference in CityVote voting that took place on November 7th. Bill Clinton was easily the highest vote getter with almost 92,000 votes, but the total of all Republican candidates was over 95,000. Independent and minor party candidates polled over 21,000 votes.

Libertarian Harry Browne polled 1,974 votes for just under 1% of the total. Browne was the only one of the Libertarian candidates allowed to participate

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## NY Libertarians Defeated

The only 2 candidates on the Libertarian line in New York State this year both went down to defeat in the election on November 7th. Frederick Balzac and Kathleen Recchia, a husband-wife team, were defeated in their races in Jay in Essex county. Fred finished third in a 3-way race for Town Supervisor with a total of 207 votes. Republican Vernon McDonald was re-elected with 555 votes. Independent candidate Barry Clark finished second with 244 votes. Balzac had both the Democratic and Libertarian lines. Twenty-six of his votes came on the Libertarian line

Recchia ran for Town Council and finished 5th in a 5-way race against 2 Republicans and 2 Democrats. She polled 101 votes, all on the Libertarian line. Republican John Sheldrake was the top vote-getter with 515. Republican Lee Torrance finished second with 499 votes. Democrat Richard Perkins had 489 votes and Democrat Russell Scriver had 277 votes.

### Wright for County Legislator

Two other members of LPNY were also running in the November 7th election, but neither was running on the

Libertarian line.

Lloyd Wright, the treasurer of LPNY, ran for county legislator in Dutchess County. He got 59 votes in a 2-way race. His opponent was the majority leader, Republican Tom Quinn. Quinn polled over 1,000 votes to win re-election easily. Wright chose to run as a candidate of the Independence Party rather than a Libertarian since they were already assured of a line on the ballot. Thus, it was not necessary for him to circulate petitions and collect signatures.

### Segal for Town Clerk

Norma Segal ran for town clerk in Greenburgh. With 95% of the vote counted she had 4,874 votes losing to Democrat Alfreda Williams. Williams had 8,689 votes. The Right-to-Life candidate pulled 474 votes.

Segal, too, chose not to run on the Libertarian line because of the problem of getting signatures. She ran as a candidate of the Republican, Independence and Freedom Parties. Segal is former chairwoman of LPNY and in 1992 was LPNY's candidate for U.S. Senate. In that race, she polled over 108,000 votes, the highest ever for any LPNY candidate.

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## CityVote

in CityVote because he was the only one who had raised enough money to be considered a serious candidate by the organizers.

Two cities in New York were among the cities that participated. In Greenburgh, 185 voters cast ballots but Browne did not get a single vote. In Rochester, 844 votes were cast and Browne picked up 6 of them.

Browne's vote total placed him 11th out of the 21 candidates who were listed on the CityVote ballot. "Overall, we're pleased with these results," said Browne's campaign director, Sharon Ayres. "However we feel we could have done substantially better if all three planned televised debates had actually taken place."

The first of the CityVote debates that was scheduled to take place was cancelled when President Clinton and several of the Republican candidates refused to participate.

The second debate was not cancelled, even though the "big name" candidates again refused to participate. It was held in Spokane on October 22. The following candidates participated: Harry Browne, Charles Collins, Arthur Fletcher, John Hagelin, Lyndon LaRouche, and Jesse Jackson. Videos of the debate can be ordered from Cox Communications, Attn: Diane Cortez, 1717 E. Buckeye, Spokane, WA 99207. Phone (509) 484-4931 x205. The cost is \$15 for VHS and \$20 for super VHS.

## CDLP Looking For Office Space

The Capital District LP is looking at a storefront in downtown Albany to see if it would make suitable office space. The property is located on Central Avenue just a half mile from the State Capitol Building. The office is on the second floor with a large picture window that overlooks Central Avenue. Activities going on in the office would be clearly visible from the street below and would give the LP a much increased presence in Albany.

The office could be used to hold CDLP's monthly meeting, to host an occasional State Committee meeting and to act as a headquarters for assembling petitions during campaigns. However, its main purpose would be as a libertarian bookstore and reading room. It would be staffed by local volunteers from CDLP and would be a place where non-libertarians could just drop in, sit down and read libertarian literature. If they found something they really liked, they could buy a copy and take it home. There is a lot of foot traffic along this area of Central Avenue. Much of it is college students. A highly visible LP office could attract many of them inside just to see what's going on.

CDLP member, Timothy Boomhower, found the space and is currently talking to the landlord about rent and renovations. The office is

currently unoccupied and needs repairs before it would be suitable.

The owner is interested in renting the whole second floor of the building for \$800 per month, but he may be willing to rent part of it for \$200 per month. Utilities and a phone would add to this cost, of course. CDLP hopes to cover the costs through monthly donations and maybe even a few book sales.

To contact CDLP write to: CDLP, PO Box 482, Albany, NY 12201-0482 or call (518) 446-6097.

## This Is It

This is your third and final free issue of *The Free Press*. If you do not pay for a subscription, you will not receive any more issues. Then how will you keep up with the exciting news that's happening around New York State? How else would you have gotten the election results of the Libertarian candidates so soon? Would you even have known they were running? How will you find out what happens with CDLP's efforts to open a new office in Albany?

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### Selected CityVote Results

	Total	Greenburgh	Rochester	Tucson	Boulder	Fayette
Lamar Alexander, Republican	1,434	0	7	292	133	2
Bill Bradley, Independent	5,729	26	37	1,055	988	5
Harry Browne, Libertarian	1,974	0	6	732	467	18
Pat Buchanan, Republican	6,209	3	30	1,192	330	9
Bill Clinton, Democrat	91,763	48	382	17,075	9,242	119
Charles Collins, Republican	391	0	4	120	0	13
Bob Dole, Republican	24,890	34	97	5,182	1,660	37
Bob Dornan, Republican	969	0	3	218	35	0
Art Fletcher, Republican	241	0	1	24	13	4
Steve Forbes, Republican	10,134	5	9	6,047	377	12
Phil Gramm, Republican	6,122	0	21	1,393	398	6
John Hagelin, Natural Law	921	1	3	59	392	41
Jesse Jackson, Independent	4,234	1	18	620	547	2
Alan Keyes, Republican	2,786	0	11	411	145	4
Lyndon LaRouche, Democrat	1,106	0	9	273	69	1
Richard Lugar, Republican	1,306	0	1	311	139	3
Ross Perot, Independent	7,619	7	36	1,385	566	19
Colin Powell, Republican	38,205	52	154	9,112	5,016	51
Arlen Specter, Republican	1,286	7	6	323	138	2
Lowell Weicker, Independent	993	1	9	149	113	1
Pete Wilson, Republican	1,124	0	0	308	95	1

## Corrections Officers Terrorize Albany Residents

Officers from the state Department of Corrections terrorized residents of Albany's Arbor Hill section for two days last October 21st and 22nd. According to residents, 28 gun-toting police kicked in doors without identifying themselves, entered without warrants, and handcuffed many innocent people who were totally baffled by what was going on.

The incident was prompted by the escape of Eugene "Plug" Bell from a work-release program in Rochester on September 14th. Bell is suspected of shooting at an Albany police officer on

September 29th and robbing a gas station on October 14th. Andre "Dre" Decker is also suspected of participating in the October 14th robbery. In an attempt to entrap Bell, the Corrections Department offered Decker a deal. If he would cooperate in the effort to recapture Bell, he would be given a lighter sentence.

So, on October 21st, Corrections Officers deliberately set Decker free hoping to lure Bell out of hiding. The plan went awry when some of Bell's friends spotted the car that was tailing Decker. They began to threaten

Decker who then panicked and bolted.

Corrections Officers set up a perimeter that stretched from Ten Broeck Place to Swan Street between First and Second Streets and then began to conduct a door-to-door search of every house in that area. They barged in with guns drawn shouting the names "Plug" and "Dre" at startled occupants.

Pamela Katz, executive director for the New York Civil Liberties Union called it "a blatant violation of Fourth

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## Blondie - A Libertarian?

Reader's of the comic strip Blondie may have noticed an anti-government tone in some of the more recent strips. For those who don't follow the strip, here's some background information. Several

years ago, Blondie started a catering business which she has run from her home. The business has done well and she now wants to move the business out of the house and into a storefront she has found. She has run into some government red tape along the way, as the following two strips illustrate.

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## Corrections Officers

Amendment rights." Alice Green of the Center for Law & Justice said "It sounded like this was Nazi Germany." John Munteer of the Capital District Libertarian Party said, "If this type of thing can happen in the capital, it can happen anywhere in New York State." Three Albany Alderman have demanded a federal investigation of the incident.

Decker was recaptured October 22nd. Bell is still at large and is believed to be in the Utica area.

## Libertarians Pass Out Leaflets

State Comptroller H. Carl McCall recently gave a speech entitled "How to Pick Heroes" at the Baptist Church in Albany, and three capital district libertarians were outside passing out literature. Dave Dawson, Tim Boomhower and Tim's son, Royale, left leaflets on car windshields and handed them out to the crowd as they filed into the church on Second Street in Albany's Arbor Hill section.

## State Committee to Meet

The State Committee of LPNY will hold its next quarterly meeting on Saturday, December 2, at 11:00 AM at the Sloatsburg service area on the NYS Thruway. The meeting room is on the second floor. All members of LPNY are invited to attend. Call Lloyd Wright at (914) 452-8633 for further information.