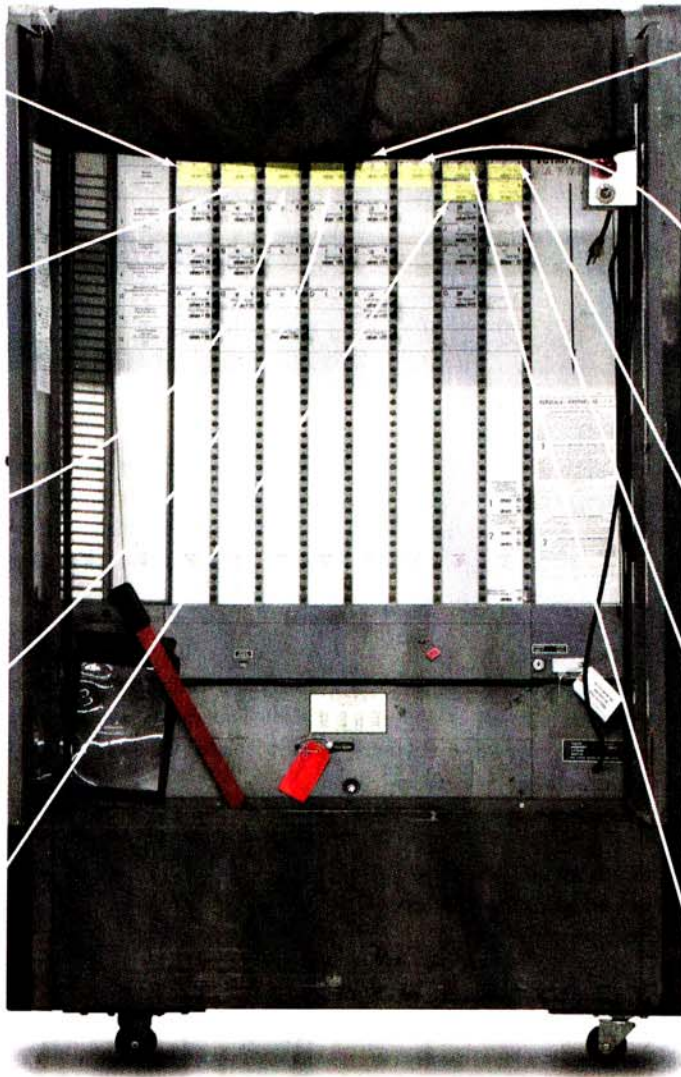


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**DEMOCRATIC** For a brief, dramatic moment, Mr. Bloomberg considered seeking the party's nomination, an unheard-of gamble for a non-Democrat. But the party's five county chairmen stuck with William C. Thompson Jr., now the comptroller.

**Democratic**  
**A** ★   
 William C. Thompson, Jr.  
 1A



**REPUBLICAN** The party's chairmen threatened to back the mayor's rival as payback for his switch from Republican to independent two years ago. But a \$250,000 donation from the mayor helped assuage their anger.

**Republican**  
**B**   
 Michael R. Bloomberg  
 1B



**INDEPENDENCE** It took a visit from the mayor, an agreement to help settle a nasty political dispute, a vow to take a second look at nonpartisan elections and a \$250,000 contribution from Mr. Bloomberg to secure this ballot line.

**Independence**  
**C**   
 Michael R. Bloomberg  
 1C



Jobs & Education

**CONSERVATIVE** The party's five county leaders did not endorse Mr. Bloomberg because of his moderate stands on bread-and-butter conservative issues. They instead recruited their own candidate, Stephen A. Christopher, the pastor at a Baptist church in Brooklyn, who faced no competitor within the party.

**Conservative**  
**D**   
 Stephen Christopher  
 1D



**LIBERTARIAN** Its candidate, Joseph L. Dobrian, 53, is a freelance writer and editor and also designs retro suits. The party favors "less government, lower taxes, more freedom" — including the freedom to smoke in bars. In 2005, the Libertarian candidate received 2,888 votes.

**Libertarian**  
**J**   
 Joseph Dobrian  
 1J



**Working Families**  
**E**   
 William C. Thompson, Jr.  
 1E



**Socialism & Lib**  
**F**   
 Francisca Villar  
 1F



**Green**  
**H**   
 Billy Talen  
 1H



**Rent Is Too High**  
**I**   
 Jimmy McMillan  
 1I



**Socialist Worker**  
**G**   
 Dan Fein  
 1G



**WORKING FAMILIES** The union-financed party backed Mr. Thompson by a razor-thin margin, despite intense lobbying from the Bloomberg campaign. Members bitterly opposed the mayor's flip-flop on term limits, which cost him the ballot line.

**SOCIALISM AND LIBERALISM** This new party did not field citywide candidates four years ago. Francisca Villar, a 26-year-old college student, won the nomination. She said she hopes to represent "the homeless, the gay and lesbian youth, the city worker that can't support his family, the single mother that has two jobs."

**GREEN** State party leaders asked the Rev. Billy Talen, the self-proclaimed pastor of the Church of Life After Shopping, to run for mayor. Unopposed, he was overwhelmingly endorsed by the party's New York City members.

**RENT IS TOO (DAMN) HIGH** The founder of the bluntly named party, Jimmy McMillan, is its perennial nominee for mayor. Four years ago, the city's Board of Elections allowed the full name of the organization to appear on the ballot. This time, it has expurgated the word "damn," much to Mr. McMillan's dismay.

**SOCIALIST WORKERS** Daniel Fein, a 64-year-old garment worker from Harlem, is the nominee. The party platform calls for, among other things, "guaranteed unemployment compensation at union scale for all workers until they find a job."