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Cherberg Won't Debate Fletcher

Lt. Gov. John Cherberg, seeking re-election, today declined a recent challenge by his Republican opponent, Art Fletcher, to a debate. He said he could see "no useful purpose" to one, the Associated Press reported.

Cherberg, a Democrat, said he extended to Fletcher "every privilege to conduct his campaign any way he sees fit" and felt he was entitled to the same consideration.

He added that he would talk to newsmen and answer questions from the general public at any time.