

Pa. Governor Candidates Detail

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that he "eliminated a \$250 million deficit" as mayor, balanced the city's budget, and generated five straight budget surpluses. He's a partner at Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP and teaches at the University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and Villanova Law School.

A spokesperson for the proposed Casey administration, Steve Crawford, senior caucus adviser for Ag and Rural Affairs, noted how Casey, son of former Gov. Robert P. Casey, performed an audit on the \$500 million Philadelphia Shipyard economic revitalization grant and no-interest loan allocation. What Casey found: good leased BMWs, grand pianos, homes, and "\$4,000 swingsets," said Crawford. "Now, that's wrong.

If you want to look for improvement, start there."

Crawford noted that the Casey administration would represent "fiscal responsibility" in all aspects. Crawford pointed to Casey's "doing his job" in tracking down these extravagances.

Casey has a Website. www.caseyforgovernor.com. The Website noted that since 1997, Casey's audits "have saved taxpayers millions and helped make nursing homes safer, school districts more efficient, and child care more affordable for low-income families."

Casey was re-elected auditor general Nov. 7, 2000. Prior to being elected auditor general in 1996, he practiced law in Scranton for six years. Casey is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, 1982, and the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, 1988.

State Attorney General Mike Fisher was endorsed for the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania Feb. 9.

Fisher, who did not speak at the Cornucopia, noted in his Website address (www.mikefisher.com), that as attorney general, he "will have no higher priority than protecting our families from crime and drugs," he wrote. "But, in the midst of these tough economic times, our next governor needs to be equally committed to protecting our jobs and improving our economy. Our next governor also needs to be committed to improving our public education system and fixing our school funding crisis by providing real property tax relief."

In a story about Growing Greener, March 5, Fisher addressed the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry to outline a plan to provide a reliable funding source for Growing Greener. The Growing Greener initiative, began by former Gov. Tom Ridge, provides additional funding for farmland preservation through recycling fees. Fisher wants to double the \$2 per ton recycling fee to allocate new revenue. That would create a reliable \$50 million revenue source every year.

Fisher was re-elected to attor-

ney general Nov. 7, 2000. Prior, Fisher represented the South Hills of Allegheny County in the state General Assembly for 22 years. He has served in several capacities since being elected to the state Senate in 1980, including the Republican Whip from 1991-1996. He co-authored Pennsylvania's death penalty statute and wrote Pennsylvania's recycling bill, according to the Website.

Fisher is a graduate of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1966 and a law degree in 1969.

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