

election roundup

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Workers Party, and Priscilla Thomas, 36, a community worker representing the Consumer Party, received a handful of votes.

Lemmond wins state Senate seat

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Republican Charles Lemmond Jr. won the Senate seat vacated by Republican Frank O'Connell in northeastern Pennsylvania Tuesday.

With all or most of Luzerne, Pike and Wayne counties and some of Wyoming and Monroe counties tallied, Lemmond had 20,313 to 11,667 for Joseph Bilbow, a Luzerne County Democrat.

Republicans hold a registration edge of 17,000 in the district, which includes parts of Monroe and Luzerne counties and all of Pike, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties. The district hasn't elected a Democrat to the state senate in at least 40 years.

Superior Court seats decided

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Propelled by their double party nominations, incumbent Democrat Justin Johnson and Republican challenger John Kelly won seats on state Superior Court Tuesday night, leaving two others scrambling for the remaining seat.

Johnson and Kelly both appeared on the Republican and Democratic ballots and counted on straight-party voters to insure their victories.

In the contest for the third seat on the 15-member court, incumbent Re-

publican Judge Zoran Popovich of Allegheny County was ahead of Republican attorney Jon LaFaver of New Cumberland.

With 5,296 of 9,565 precincts, or 55 percent reporting, Kelly had 1,177,356 votes or 39 percent; Johnson 839,573, or 28 percent; Popovich, 544,313, or 18 percent; and LaFaver, 480,044 or 16 percent.

In nearly every county, Kelly ran first followed by Johnson, according to early unofficial returns, following what has happened in past judicial elections where candidates ran with both party nominations.

A squeaker for Scranton mayor

SCRANTON (AP) — Republican David J. Wenzel, who pledged to work for downtown development, defeated Mayor James Barrett McNulty's bid for re-election yesterday by less than 200 votes.

With all 94 precincts in, Wenzel had 16,050 votes to 15,878 for Democrat McNulty. An independent candidate, Robert Bolus, who had pulled out of the Democratic primary race last spring, pulled 637 votes — more than the winning margin for Wenzel.

Wenzel has served two terms as city tax collector.

At Wenzel's request, Lackawanna County Court ordered official election material impounded.

Reed re-elected in Harrisburg race

HARRISBURG (AP) — Mayor Stephen Reed won a second term yesterday night, defeating Republican John

C. Staley and independent Wesley A. Plummer.

Dead tax collector wins re-election

SAEGERTOWN (AP) — A dead man was re-elected tax collector of rural Hayfield Township yesterday.

Thomas Eckart, a longtime incumbent who died Oct. 23, won re-election over Democratic challenger Charles Ketcham, a local businessman.

Eckart, a Republican, received 460 votes and Ketcham, a Democrat, received 208 votes, according to officials in this Crawford County community.

Election officials said Eckart died too late for his name to be removed

from the ballot. They said township supervisors will meet soon to appoint a successor to Eckart, who was declared the winner.

Eckart died in Meadville City Hospital after a long illness at the age of 45.

Erie mayor wins sixth and 'last' term

ERIE (AP) — Louis Tullio was re-elected to a sixth four-year term as mayor of Pennsylvania's third-largest city yesterday, easily defeating another Republican challenge to his 20-year administration.

Tullio, a Democrat who has not revealed his age, said this term will be his last.

Centre countians support both ballot referendums

(AP) — Voters approved two constitutional questions yesterday on changing the procedures for absentee balloting and extending a tax break for surviving spouses of some disabled veterans.

With 85 percent of the precincts reporting, there were 871,884 votes to extend the tax deduction benefits and 316,401 against the measure. Centre County voters overwhelmingly supported the question with 13,321 voters favoring the referendum and 3,926 opposing it.

There were 743,392 votes in favor of the absentee ballot ques-

tion and 352,029 against it. Centre County voters favored the measure by a 2 to 1 margin of 11,611 for the referendum and 5,369 against it.

The referendum on veterans allows the tax exemption available to financially distressed veterans fully disabled from service-related injuries to be transferred to a surviving spouse.

The second referendum would allow residents to vote by absentee ballot if religious holidays conflict with election days. The referendum also would allow county employees working on Election Day to vote absentee.

Guatemalan labor leader to discuss working conditions

Miguel Cifuentes, a Guatemalan labor leader, will discuss government repression and right-wing violence against Guatemalan workers at 7:30 tonight in 158 Willard.

Cifuentes' appearance is part of an effort to get North American labor to advocate change in U.S. policy in Latin America.

Cifuentes' visit will be sponsored by the Labor Studies Student Club, Friends of Latin America, Central Pennsylvania Citizens for Survival and the Pennsylvania Public Interest Coalition.

Jack Stollsteimer, regional director of Penn PIC, said the public should be made aware that the U.S. government supports the Guatemalan government financially and politically.

The conditions under which people worked in the early 1900s in the United States are similar to those Guate-

malian workers now face. Guatemalan workers have no protection against physical harm, receive substandard wages and have no right to raise grievances or unionize, according to a Penn PIC news release.

Sandra McArthur, Philadelphia director of Penn PIC, said Americans get a tainted view of the situation because Reagan wants to be supportive.

"Miguel Cifuentes is giving a perspective directly from the people," she said. "If we become aware of the reality, we can bring pressure to our government."

Cifuentes, who was a tobacco worker until he was fired because of his union association, serves as the international representative of the National Committee for Trade Union Unity, which represents most organized workers.

—Lisa Nurnberger

Mormon leader dies at age 90

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Spencer W. Kimball, the president and prophet of the Mormon Church since 1973 and one of its most energetic leaders until age and infirmity curtailed his ministry, died late last night. He was 90.

Kimball died at 10:03 p.m. MST at his Westin Hotel Utah apartment of causes incident to age, said church spokesman Don LeFevre. He said Kimball's wife, Camilla, and a nurse were with him at the time.

LeFevre said he had no other details on the death and funeral arrangements were pending. He said

Gordon B. Hinckley, Kimball's second counselor in the governing First Presidency, had been notified.

Kimball, the 12th "prophet, seer and revelator" of the 5.8 million-member Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, had been in a weakened state since surgery Sept. 5, 1981 — his third operation in two years to drain blood and fluid from between his skull and brain — and was mostly confined to his apartment.

Still, he attended most semi-annual church conferences in recent years.

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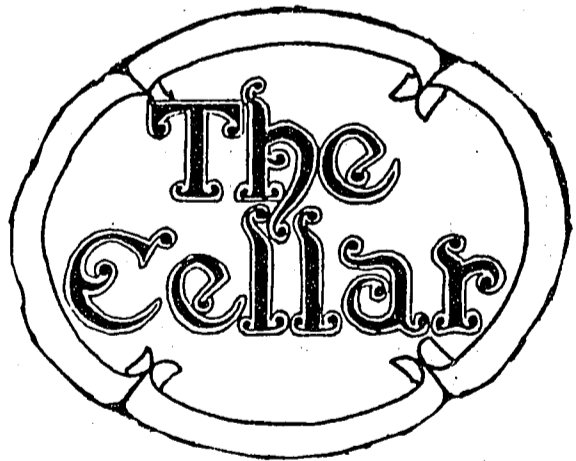
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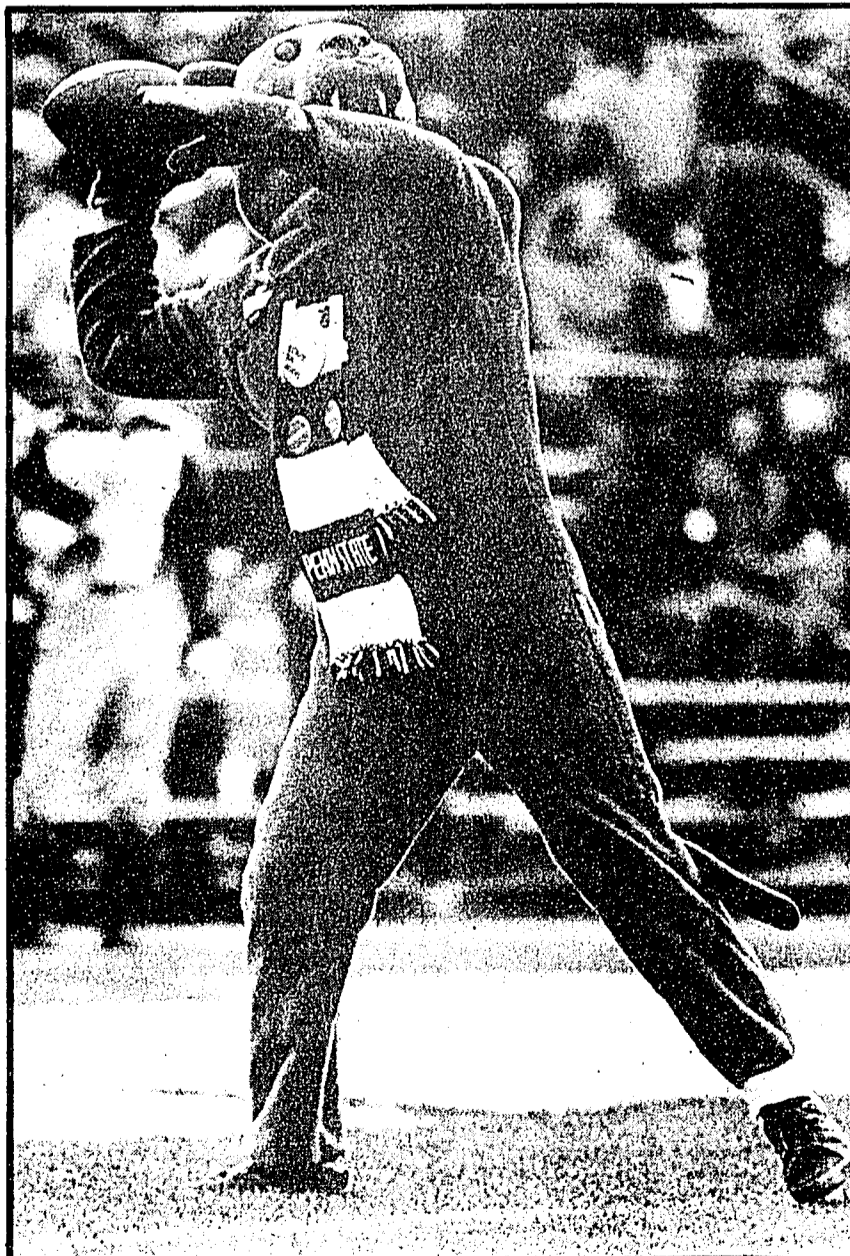
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