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Governor race ensues in dead heat

Casey seeks affordable education

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Gubernatorial candidate Robert P. Casey, former state auditor general, promises to pick up the tab for student loan cuts and wants to attract excellent students to Pennsylvania teaching professions. Casey is vying for the top state seat against Lt. Gov. William W. Scranton III in a race many are terming too close to call. Casey's proposal includes providing flexible student loan payments as incentives to teachers in rural, disadvantaged urban or economically distressed communities. Casey also wants to help parents save money for their children's education. His proposed individual education account, he says, will allow parents to deposit money into a state high-paying investments account. "Parents would be paying today's prices for tomorrow's education," Casey, 54, said, adding that the plan would encourage students to consider college earlier since their parents are investing in their future. Casey's program also will try to expand efforts to encourage research and technology by including greater cooperation between industry and higher education. "I will actively encourage the higher education community to participate in solving many of the social and economic issues in the state." Such problems include restoring hazardous waste and assisting in job retraining. The Democratic candidate wants to dismantle the Department of Commerce, which he says is too bureaucratic, and replace it with an Economic Development Corp. Pennsylvania ranks 49th in the nation in the rate of job development.

"Our plan places the governor and lieutenant governor right at the heart of economic development decisions. That kind of involvement has been lacking in the (Thornburgh) administration," Casey said. The corporation would consist of private and public representatives of business, labor, education and government. It would review current and new economic development, business financing and environmental programs. Casey said his proposed corporation would implement economic revitalization strategies through targeting money and resources to areas of the state where they could be used most effectively. Casey's PENNTECH project would work within the corporation to build Pennsylvania's future economy by promoting the creation of new, high technology businesses in the state.

The project would foster "Centers of Excellence" at the state's institutions of higher education to seek to exploit the state's competitive advantages in high-tech fields. This election is Casey's fourth attempt at the gubernatorial seat. He last held office in 1978.

Casey has been endorsed by the state AFL-CIO, the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police, and the Pennsylvania Building Trades.



Lt. Gov. William Scranton III, the Republican candidate for the state's highest post, right, shakes hands with his opponent in the heated contest, Bob Casey, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate, before their televised debate.

Scranton: invest in higher ed

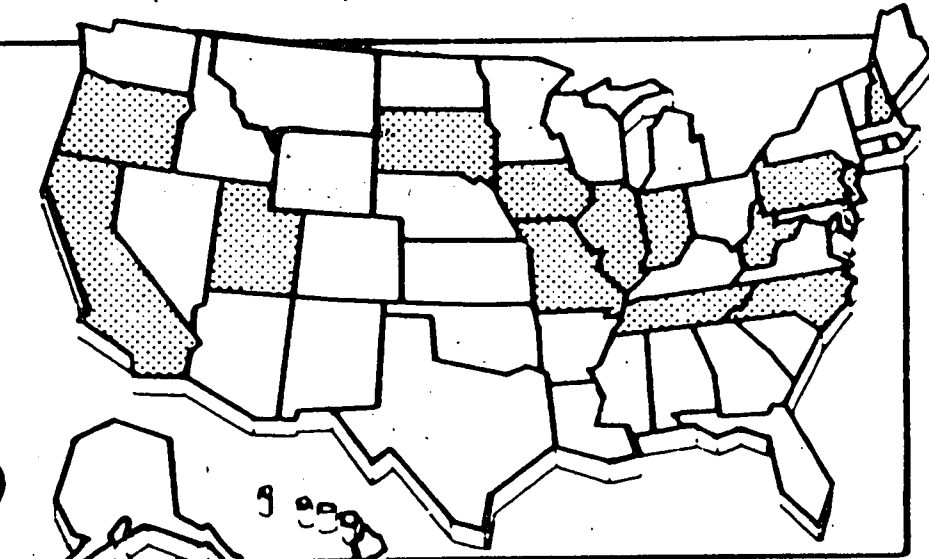
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After eight years as Pennsylvania's No. 2 man, Lt. Gov. William W. Scranton III is vying for the top position being vacated by outgoing Gov. Dick Thornburgh. In his campaign, Scranton, 39, the son of former Pennsylvania Gov. William Scranton II, is proposing improvements for higher education and economic development. "Pennsylvania must stress a college and university education as a long-term investment in its economic well-being," Scranton said, adding that the state "must work to ensure that those educated in Pennsylvania remain in Pennsylvania as part of the next generation of leaders." Scranton opposes Democrat and former state Auditor General Robert P. Casey in next Tuesday's election. In his six-point plan, he said the state must increase income and investments in higher education to provide security in the state's economy. He proposes to stabilize tuition to increase college enrollment, and to set minimum admissions standards comparable to strict high-school graduation requirements. State appropriations would be increased under a new system based on performance, Scranton said. He said he would increase minority enrollment through recruitment, counseling and retention, and through remedial education programs for students unable to meet admissions standards. Scranton stressed the importance of retaining college graduates in the state. He proposed a "Prefer Pennsylvania Aid Plan" in which more financial aid would be offered to state residents attending Pennsylvania colleges.

"Higher education represents a major economic force in the state," Scranton said. He added that every dollar invested in the industry returns \$1.70 to the state's economy. The lieutenant governor's plan for job attraction and retention call for the restructuring of existing programs and a new Pennsylvania Department of Employment and Training. The goal of the plan is to create a more diverse economy independent of heavy industry, Scranton said. Scranton said he believes the state has prospered because of its easy access to raw materials, capital and markets through the state's waterways. But he added that the economy "will grow from investment in human capital and improved access to high quality colleges." Scranton is chairman of the Pennsylvania Emergency Council and National Conference of Lieutenant Governors. He also serves as a member of the Panel of Technology and Employment of the National Academy of Sciences, which creates jobs through new advanced technologies. The Republicans have endorsed by the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the Association of Pennsylvania State Colleges and University Faculty, and the state Federation of Teamsters.

GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS

Current makeup
Democrat (34)
Republican (16)



Harrisburg's balance of power up for grabs

Democrats aiming to retake state Senate

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The state Senate majority that has been in Republican hands since 1980 may have its current balance, a 26-23 GOP advantage, put at risk on Election Day 1986, Democratic state leaders say. Glenn Reber, special assistant to state Senate Majority Leader John Stauffer, R-Chester, said the chances of the Democrats capturing control this year are "slim to none." But the Democrats feel they have "a very good opportunity" to regain the state Senate, said Michael McLaughlin, executive assistant to Sen. Edward Zempirelli, D-Allentown. He said Democrats need only two seats to balance the scales with this Senate's majority party. Reber said that of the 25 seats on the ballot, 13 are Republican and only one involves an incumbent. Democrats did not file opinions in six of the races, he said, adding that one race in Lackawanna County has no Republican candidate. "The Republicans won't lose control of the Senate but may lose one seat," he said and most competitive races in the state are in the 16th, 41st, and 43rd districts, Reber said. McLaughlin added the 43rd District to the list and did not mention the 40th as being a key swing seat. "The 16th District, consisting of the Allentown area, features three candidates since incumbent Guy Kratzer, elected as a Republican, has changed to independent. He

faces Democratic state Rep. Roy Afferbach and Republican Democrat Bausch, is now serving as the Lehigh County executive. "The East Hills area of Pittsburgh, or the 41st District, will watch the competitive race between second term Republican incumbent Frank Pecora and Democrat Ernie D'Achille. Democrats have a voting registration advantage of 30,000 votes in the district, Reber said, added that people in the district do not have a history of voting as they're registered. "Westmoreland County's 40th District, in the North Hills area of Pittsburgh, will see no incumbent running on Nov. 4 because of the primary defeat of Democratic incumbent Edward Garly, Reber said. Former Westmoreland County Commissioner and Democrat John Regoli faces Republican Allegheny County Rep. George Pelt. Without an incumbent, the seat holds a great possibility for a Republican gain, Reber said. "A rematch in northwestern Berks County's 48th District will present a challenge to Republican incumbent Chip Brightbill as he again faces Democrat John Anspach, former Lebanon County Commissioner. McLaughlin said the Democratic registration in the district is down to the Republicans by 18,000 votes but that a real possibility exists in the second-round efforts of Anspach. According to the Pennsylvania Political Report, the "best-case Republican scenario" calls for key victories by Bausch, Pelt and Pecora and GOP retention of Senate



Mark Singel



Mike Fisher

control. The report also mentioned the "best-case Democratic scenario," under which key victories by Afferbach, Regoli and D'Achille would tie the Senate. One of the problems the state Senate will face, no matter which way the balance tips, is the inevitable loss of a state senator to the lieutenant governor seat, Reber said. Both lieutenant governor candidates, Republican Dean Michael Fisher and Democrat Mark Singel, are state senators and will have to resign their positions if elected to the state's No. 2 position. Fisher is from the basically Republican Allegheny County and Singel is from the solidly Democratic Cambria County. Whoever vacates his seat will set a date for a special election, probably in the spring, to replace himself, Reber said. If the best-case scenario occurs for the Democrats and they tie for

Republicans hope to turn tables in House

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With the narrow Democratic majority of 101-100 in the state's House of Representatives, this year's election has many opportunities to turn the tide for the Republicans, although Democrats think otherwise. The House Republican Campaign Committee has targeted its time, efforts and resources on a few competitive races for the state House, said Executive Director Thomas Druce. He said the 13 competitive races being targeted include only solidly Democratic areas because the Republicans are not taking anything for granted. "We want to help a few candidates a lot, so we can pick up the seats needed for the majority," Druce said, adding that Republicans are ahead in traditionally Republican seats and even in Democratic areas. "The 101-100 Democratic lead will suffer because two Democratic seats are vacant, Druce said. He said open seats in the Lawrence (10th), Berks (130th), and Lehigh (131st) county districts will present a challenge and a hope to the GOP. Druce said Republicans do not have the voting registration edge but are placing more stock in the quality of their candidates. He added that of the 94 GOP incumbents seeking re-election, many have no opposition. This year, 96 Democratic state representatives are up for re-election, some with no opposition. Anthony May, executive director of the Democratic House Campaign Committee, gave a firm "no" when asked if the Republicans could gain the majority in the House. "We did well in 1982 and in the central part of the state when the Democrats took over the House majority," May said. "Although a gubernatorial election of the Republican William W. Scranton III would help the party win some House seats, Druce said, "We're not looking to Bill Scranton's coattails to win the legislature." The Democratic party agrees. "The coattail effect is limited," May said. Democrats have done well in Republican districts and this election year with Casey running well we expect to do well there also. Republicans historically do well around the Susquehanna Valley. May does not expect a high voter turnout this year except in Philadelphia and Allegheny County. Both political parties will be affected evenly by either a low or high turnout. According to the Pennsylvania Political Report, an independent political publication, the "immense power of incumbency means there will be very few new faces in (the House)." The report said "just two Democratic-to-Republican switches could give the GOP control." "The Democrats believe that they have a shot, albeit a long one, at 77th District (Centre and Clearfield) Representative Lynn Herman," the report said. The local challenger to the 77th District, George Field, "has come on like gangbusters and has a real chance against incumbent Lynn Herman. The election will be dependent on what the University community thinks," May said.

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The U.S. Senate race

Sen. Specter looks to build seniority . . .

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Republican U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter wants to hold his GOP seat representing Pennsylvania for six more years. Through his role on the Appropriations Committee, the Judiciary Committee and the Committee on Veterans Affairs Select Committee on Intelligence. The 56-year-old senator has degrees from the University of Oklahoma, University of Pennsylvania and Yale University. "Through his role on the Appropriations Committee, Specter helped allocate \$1.8 million to the University's Agriculture Science and Industry Center. The Republican senator feels his record on education speaks for itself. "I believe in maintaining opportunity on college campuses through increasing grants to students," Specter said. Recently, the senator

has opposed cuts to the Guaranteed Student Loan program during the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. "I believe the biggest problem in Pennsylvania is unemployment," Specter says adding that the state is on its way to decreasing that rate. Specter said with six more years, he can gain much needed seniority on the Appropriations Committee that would help bring more federal funds to Pennsylvania. A supporter of the Gramm-Rudman law, Specter said while he has been in office the economy of the nation has rebounded. He said the heavily debated budget-balancing bill is an integral part of the solid economy and in the next four years will lead to a reduction in the national deficit. "Controlling runaway inflation and decreasing unemployment have been two goals that are being met," Specter said.



Sen. Arlen Specter



Rep. Bob Edgar

. . . while Edgar says jobs key

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Bob Edgar, a six-term Delaware County U.S. Representative, is vying to take one more step up the political ladder as he attempts to become the first Pennsylvania Democrat in the U.S. Senate in 24 years. He considers revitalizing the state's environment and labor bid against incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter. "My key issue is labor. I want to help provide more jobs in the state," Edgar, 43, said. In Congress, Edgar has been a strong advocate for job creation and economic development. He serves on the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation and the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

"If the economic and environmental conditions of the state do not improve, fewer people will remain in the state after college," Edgar said. He says one of his fortes in Congress has been restoring funds for water and environmental projects to areas where they were most desperately needed. The loss of manufacturing jobs, he said, will also be tragic to the state unless the federal government becomes involved in job development. He said the government needs to provide relief to the unemployed and must support the growth industries of the country with capital investments. Edgar strongly disapproves of the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law saying that it is flawed politically and opposes cuts to student financial aid programs. Edgar said he wants to "make college accessible to all Pennsylvanians." The congressman supports giving small business tax breaks to allow them a chance to expand and re-invest in the industry. He said small businesses are a net growth investment in the future. He fully supports all federal job training bills to place more people in the workforce. He has voted against administration requests for funding in space weaponry research on the Strategic Defense Initiative. Edgar called it unfortunate that this program came between President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev. Edgar has taken a stand against aid to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua but also supports strong sanctions against South Africa saying the time has come for the United States to help lead that country to dismantling apartheid.

SDI explodes on campaign trail

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Only moments after President Reagan returned from the Iceland summit, political observers quickly took sides on whether the trip would help elect more GOP congressmen on lead to a Democratic takeover of the U.S. Senate. At the heart of the U.S.-Soviet dispute is the question of continuing research on the "Star Wars" missile defense system. In the past few weeks, the candidates representing Pennsylvania on Capitol Hill have faced the issue head-on. U.S. House and Senate candidates differ on whether the Strategic Defense Initiative will help lead to an effective arms control agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union. "We're on the brink of something happening that is good for the United States and the world," Republican U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter said last week about the Iceland talks between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. "We almost had a very big arms agreement," he said. Republican U.S. Rep. William F. Clinger said in a debate last week that SDI is the reason the Soviets agreed to a meeting in Iceland and that the talks put the issue of arms control and better Soviet-U.S. relations on the right track. Specter said, "The Strategic Defense Initiative is a success because it's brought the Soviets to the bargaining table." He said he has been more active in arms control and in 1982 proposed a summit between the president and the Soviet leader. The U.S. senator said the way to deal with the Soviets is from a position of strength. "Even if you don't like anything about SDI, you have to concede that it has brought them to the bargaining table," Specter said. "The way to have arms reduction is to proceed from a position of strength." During Jimmy Carter's presidency, Specter said, the administration could not come to an agreement be-

cause the Soviets did not believe they had to deal with the United States. Clinger's Democratic opponent, Bill Wachs, said research at lower levels, as when the Carter administration began. Specter said he supports the continued research in SDI but without increased funding. He said the budget for the project should be increased from last year's level by only 3 percent. He said the United States invested less than 1 percent of defense budget in SDI research last year. Clinger compared the SDI program to the research and development of the national space program in that the targeting of the program got the ball rolling. He said, "It created lots of new jobs . . . The same thing is going to happen with the SDI program." Specter's Democratic opponent, U.S. Rep. Bob Edgar, said earlier this month that he does not support the program "not just because I think the technology is flawed" but because it is a waste of money. "I find it strange we can find plenty of money for shelter for MX missiles but no funds to find shelter for the homeless," Edgar said, adding that Specter "will say this is a bargaining chip, but whenever the scientists can't explain a peculiarity of a weapons system, they say it is a bargaining chip." Edgar, a six-term congressman from Delaware County, said: "We're spending an awful lot of money on bargaining chips that didn't make us more secure. In fact, they destabilize our world." Wachs said the United States should work to establish an agreement rather than risk something that monumental on the continuation of President Reagan's SDI program. "The Soviets were willing to reduce (intercontinental ballistic missiles) aimed at us in exchange for keeping SDI in the laboratory," Wachs said last week in a debate with Clinger. "That's a favorable proposal for all Americans and one I would agree to."

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