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Because of space limitations, the Voters Guide has omitted the biographies and questionnaires of those candidates who are unopposed or who received both the Democratic and Republican nominations.

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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AND THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The Electoral College was a compromise written into the U.S. Constitution in 1787, with the result that the President and Vice President are not elected directly by the people but by Presidential Electors. Providing that the President be chosen indirectly through the Electoral College rather than directly by the voters was seen by the founders as a hedge against "popular passion."

The number of each state's Electors is equal to the number of Senators and Representatives a state has in Congress. Each political party's presidential nominee has chosen that number of Presidential Electors committed to the nominee.

While Pennsylvanians will choose the Electors and not the President and Vice President at this election, the names of the Electors do not appear on the ballot. Instead, the paired names of the candidates for President and Vice President are on the ballot under the heading "Presidential Electors." All votes cast for the candidates for President and Vice President are counted as votes for that party's Electors.

The Electors, in turn, will cast Pennsylvania's vote for President and Vice President.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES (vote for one)

DEMOCRATIC

BILL CLINTON
VICE PRESIDENT: AL GORE

REPUBLICAN

GEORGE BUSH
VICE PRESIDENT: DAN QUAYLE

LIBERTARIAN

ANDRE MARROU
VICE PRESIDENT: NANCY LORD

NEW ALLIANCE

LENORA B. FULANI
VICE PRESIDENT: MARIA ELIZABETH MUNOZ

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HENRY ROSS PEROT
VICE PRESIDENT: JAMES B. STOCKDALE

U.S. SENATOR

Congress, the legislative branch of federal government, is composed of two houses. The upper house is the Senate. The lower house is the House of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law.

Term: 6 years Salary: \$129,500 (Vote for one)

All Senatorial candidates were asked: (1) State your qualifications for this office. (2) Expand on an issue or issues of importance to you, or list your priorities should you be elected. (3) Provide answers to the listed questions on the issues of health care, economic policies, and reproductive rights.

DEMOCRATIC

LYNN H. YEAKEL Rosemont
Age: 51

Qualifications: Pres., Womens Way, fundraising organization for women, families. Citizen leader; non-profit business exec.; developer, innovative public/private partnerships; problem solver; coalition builder; national philanthropy leader. Board member: Private Industry Council, Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition, 21st Century League, among others. B.A., Randolph-Macon Woman's Col.; Phi Beta Kappa

Issues Statement: Rebuilding economy and creating climate where workers and businesses flourish requires: 1) public investment in education and job training for youth and adults; 2) reducing health care costs, with federal govt. as single insurer; not provider of services; 3) targeted tax incentives for investment in plant, equipment, technology, research; 4) accelerated spending of public funds for infrastructure; 5) public works projects to rebuild cities; 6) well-balanced foreign trade policy, protecting national economic objectives while recognizing benefits of open international markets.

REPUBLICAN

ARLEN SPECTER Philadelphia
Age: 62

Qualifications: My experience in the Senate has given me insights into the problems facing PA and the domestic and foreign issues confronting the nation. I am pursuing my own specific legislative program to address the problems of PA's farmers, workers, steel, coal and textile industries, children, senior citizens and veterans.

Issues Statement: From travels through PA's 67 counties, I have stayed in touch with the priorities of the people of PA: 1) economic recovery to provide thousands of jobs; 2) affordable health care for all Americans; 3) elimination of unfair foreign imports; 4) education reform; 5) drug control; 6) environmental protection. My bill (S. 1984) would stimulate consumer purchasing power by allowing middle-income America to make limited withdrawals from their IRAs for major purchases: homes, cars, medical costs, tuition.

restore educational choice. To address burdensome taxation, over-regulation, waste, and corruption, cut government down to Constitutional size. Establish honest money and free markets, limiting government so we can produce, not tax, our way out of the national debt while securing stable, full employment. Discourage citizen dependency on government.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Term: 2 years Salary: \$129,500 (Vote for one candidate)
Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government, is made up of two houses. The upper house is the Senate; the lower house is the House of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law. Every law concerning taxation must originate in the House of Representatives.

Each candidate for Congress was asked: 1) To list educational and occupational experience. 2) Expand on an issue or issues of importance or list their priorities should they be elected.

11th Congressional District

DEMOCRATIC

Paul E. Kanjorski Nanticoke
Incumbent
Age: 55

Qualifications: Attorney. Graduate of Temple University and the Dickinson School of Law.

Issues Statement: Jobs and economic development remains my top priority. I have fought to protect our Society Security jobs, to attract new businesses, and obtain funding to improve our roads, sewers, and water systems. My innovative Regional Equipment Center is saving local taxpayers millions on projects from road repair to playground construction. My Earth Conservancy

project will attract good jobs and businesses while cleaning our local environment.

REPUBLICAN

Michael Fescina Hazleton
Age: 50

Qualifications: Retired Operations Office/Program Manager, Central Intelligence Agency, University of Scranton, B.S., Chemistry. George Mason University, MBA.

Issues Statement: Congress has become more concerned about its perks, privileges and prerogatives than it is about solving our problems. We must send individuals to Congress who can implement an economic plan which is based on creating the highest skilled work force in the world, encouragement of saving and incentives for investment. We must balance the federal budget by giving the president line item veto. And we must implement programs to protect our senior citizens from medical bankruptcy.

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General is the head of the Department of Justice and PA's chief legal officer. The Attorney General enforces the criminal laws of the State, convenes investigative grand juries and appoints a Consumer Advocate and the Director of Consumer Protection. In civil matters the Attorney General shares the responsibility for representing the Commonwealth and its agencies with the Governor's Office of General Counsel and independent agency counsels.

Term: 4 years Salary: \$84,000 (Vote for one)

The candidates for Attorney General were asked: 1) State your qualifications for this office 2) What do you consider to be the important issues to be dealt with by the Attorney General in the coming term?

DEMOCRATIC

JOE KOHN Devon
Age: 35

Qualifications: Attorney Joe Kohn is an expert in RICO (Racketeering Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act). Kohn represents small businesses, homeowners fighting illegal mortgage practices, neighborhoods working to close crack houses, families who need health care and workers with pensions in jeopardy. Kohn, a lifelong Pennsylvanian, graduated cum laude from Univ. of PA.

Issues Statement: "Families face problems, high auto insurance rates, unfair mortgage practices, unsafe workplaces, pensions in jeopardy -- the Attorney General can help solve these problems. To date, we have had passive lawyers in that office. We spent 185% more dollars on the drug war in four years, yet there were 20% fewer arrests - that's indefensible. We need leaders not politicians who use our money to run for the next higher office. I will be an aggressive Attorney General and a leader."

REPUBLICAN

ERNE PREATE Scranton
Age: 51

Qualifications: Univ. of PA., Wharton School (1962). Univ. of PA, Law School. (1965) U.S. Marines, Vietnam Vet, Platoon Commander. 1970-77 Assistant DA 1978-89 Lackawanna Co. DA. Trial prosecutor, specializing in drug cases (20), murder cases (19) and appellate advocate including the U.S. Supreme Court. Author and Lecturer on Criminal Law Practice.

Issues Statement: Who is most qualified by training and experience to be the State's Chief Law Enforcement officer? I have demonstrated that leadership in the drug fight, as an advocate for consumers, and in my efforts to reform the legislative budget process. I've made government work for people: major drug dealer arrests are up 40%; task force arrests are up 400%. Consumer refunds jumped 300% to a record \$42 million. I want to continue this fight for justice.

LIBERTARIAN

JOHN R. EW BANK Southampton
Age: 76

Qualifications: 55 years experience as patent attorney and political activist as a decentralist, world federalist, pacifist, and environmentalist. Married 52 years. Member Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment, Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, World Federalist Association, etc. Formerly: President, Fellowship of Intentional Communities; Vice-Chair, Pennsylvania Libertarian Party; Secretary, Southampton Republican Club.

Issues Statement: Each elected Attorney-General had more than 2,000,000 votes, approximately proportional to campaign expenses. I seek 1,000,000 votes, quite inadequate to be elected, but sufficient to show that many Pennsylvanians are dissatisfied with the Republican-Democratic system. I symbolize home-rule, decentralization and minimized government. Major candidates can spend more than my symbolic campaign. All who dislike "the system" should have person-to-person conversations urging others to courageously cast unique votes for "Ewbank for Attorney General."

STATE AUDITOR GENERAL

The Auditor General, head of the Department of the Auditor General, is responsible for auditing the Treasury Department to ensure that all money to which the Commonwealth is entitled has been deposited in the state treasury and that the public money has been disbursed legally and properly. The Department post-audits the financial affairs of state government agencies and certain local government agencies, officials, and organizations and examines the accounts or revenue collecting agents.

Term: 4 years Salary: \$84,000 (Vote for one)

The candidates for Auditor General were asked: 1) State your qualifications for this office. 2) What duties and activities of the office of Auditor General do you see as important in

informing the legislature and the public about the state's financial condition?

DEMOCRATIC

CRAIG LEWIS Southampton
Age: 48

Qualifications: As a State Senator and Attorney, I understand state government operations and how to probe for information. I served four years as the Democratic chairman of the appropriations committee where I built the first professional staff in Senate history. I was also the first chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee.

Issues statement: The Auditor General's principle duty to the public and legislature is to assure them that tax dollars are being spent properly, according to law. However, much more should be done. The Auditor General can take the information from audits performed and recommend how to spend money more efficiently and productively. The State's financial condition can be substantially improved if this type of performance-auditing system is implemented.

REPUBLICAN

BARBARA HAFER Elizabeth
Age: 49

Qualifications: Dormont High School, 1961; South Side Hospital School of Nursing (R.N.) 1964; Duquesne Univ. (B.S. in Nursing), 1969; public health nurse, 1965-69; health administrator, McKeesport Hospital, 1969-73; executive director, Allegheny Co. Center for Victims of Violent Crime, 1973-79; elected twice Allegheny Co. Commissioner, 1983-88; elected Auditor General, 1989-present.

Issues statement: Through the GAAP audit, an annual review of the state's financial statements, we provide timely information to the public and Legislature on the true fiscal condition of the state. My accurate reporting of the state's billion dollar deficit is an example of the need for an independent fiscal watchdog. Completing 8,000 audits last year, we've cut the backlog, increased standards, and professionalized and streamlined the office to recommend areas for cost savings and management improvements.

LIBERTARIAN

JAMES N. CLYMER Millersville
Age: 44

Qualifications: An honors graduate from Washburn Univ. School of Law and Millersville Univ.; Has practiced law in Lancaster, PA since 1978 with an emphasis in Business, Tax Law and Estate Planning; Political Activities: President, United Pennsylvanians Committee (Conservative Pro-Life, Pro-Family PAC); Chairman, PA Taxpayers Alliance; County Chairman, Luksik for Governor (1990).

Issues Statement: The Auditor General's duty to make audits of persons, agencies and institutions receiving state monies requires a committed to wise and frugal use of taxpayers' money. Waste is abounding in every level of government with legislators spending money for their own gratification and power. It is imperative that Pennsylvania's Auditor General be an independent watchdog, un beholden to the major parties now dealing the largesse to state agencies. Exposing their fraud and waste is my priority.

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Term: 2 years Salary: \$47,000 (Vote for one in your district)

The General Assembly, the legislative branch of state government, is made up of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. A majority vote of both houses is necessary to pass a law. Every law concerned with taxation must originate in the House of Representatives.

Each candidate for state representative was asked: 1) To list educational and occupational experience. 2) Expand on an issue or issues of importance or list their priorities should they be elected.

ISSUE: HEALTH CARE

Background: Proposals for dealing with the problems of providing adequate and cost-efficient health care for Americans include establishment of a national health-care plan, or reform within the present system by a variety of means, including: • Tax credits to low-income people to purchase health insurance • Requiring businesses to provide insurance to all employees or contribute to a government-financed plan (play or pay) • Government incentives to health care providers in medically underserved areas (MUA's) • Rationing of services, by making decisions as to who will be eligible when care is extremely expensive or resources are limited.

ISSUE: HEALTH CARE (*NA Indicates that the candidate did not answer the question)

Do you support the following?	A national government run health care plan	Tax credits to buy private health insurance	"Play or pay" employer provided health insurance	Government services to MUA'S	Setting criteria for rationing of health care resources
U.S. Senate					
Lynn H. Yeakel/Dem.	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Arlen Specter/Rep.	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
John F. Perry	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO

ISSUE: ECONOMIC POLICIES

Background: The effect of higher tariffs on imported goods is in question. Some think higher tariffs are necessary to protect American jobs, while others fear they could raise prices to the consumer and promote inefficient production. • Temporary tax credits for additional business investment in plants and equipment could stimulate the economy • Some feel using defense savings to reduce the national deficit should be a priority in order to ensure economic stability for America • Another suggested use for defense savings is increasing payments to state and local governments which are in fiscal crisis, partly due to reductions in federal funding.

ISSUE: ECONOMIC POLICIES (*NA indicates that the candidate did not answer the question)

Do you support the following?	More protective trade tariffs for U.S. goods	Tax credits for 1st time home purchase	Temporary tax credits for business investment	Using defense savings to reduce federal deficit	Using defense savings to restore aid to state & local governments
U.S. Senate					
Lynn H. Yeakel/Dem.	NA*	YES	YES	YES	YES
Arlen Specter/Rep.	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
John F. Perry	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO

ISSUE: REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Background: The U.S. Supreme Court has reviewed the PA Abortion Control Act. If a future case before the Court should result in overturning Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Congress could pass legislation to legalize abortion with limitations, or responsibility could be shifted to state legislatures.

ISSUE: REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS (*NA indicates that the candidate did not answer the question)

Do you support the following?	Federal law based on Roe v Wade	Legal abortion after rape and incest only	State control over abortion	Family planning counseling in federally funded clinics	Abortion counseling in federally funded clinics	Amending Constitution to give fetus full rights
U.S. Senate						
Lynn H. Yeakel/Dem.	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO
Arlen Specter/Rep.	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO
John F. Perry/Lib.	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES