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Drumming up some pep

The Dallas High School band did its part to spur the Mounts to a 42-0 win in the Old Shoe Game November 9. Dallas finished the

season with a 7-3 record. Story, more photos on sports page. (Post Photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

Taxpayers want freeze on Dallas teacher wages

By ERIC FOSTER
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Questions about the state of negotiations on a new teachers' contract in the Dallas School District were rebuffed by both the administration and union representatives at the school board's meeting November 11.

More than 100 people packed the meeting, with the lines about evenly drawn between teachers and residents in the audience.

Both the school board and William Wagner, president of the Dallas Education Association refused to give any specific information on the negotiations, saying that both sides agreed to confidentiality when the negotiations began on January 16, 1991.

"When it finally gets to the point where the board will vote on a contract, there will be significant discussion," said board president John Litz. "No, you're not going to

hear the day-by-day progress."

Wagner came prepared with a written statement: "Our confidentiality has reached so far as to exclude our own colleagues from the details of the proposals and discussions at each of the sessions. We maintain this confidentiality even though our patience has been repeatedly tested by tactics until now unknown and speculation by certain newspaper reporters who claim to have an inside track."

While half the audience applauded Wagner, the other half applauded when Charlotte Arbogast of Dallas presented a petition to the school board with 960 signatures. The petition protests the teachers request for a five year contract and what have been reported as 9.5% to 11.1% yearly salary increases. The petition asked for a one year salary freeze

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Newcomers take seats in Jackson, Lehman

By ERIC FOSTER
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The Democratic party flexed some new muscle in local, as well as county elections as political newcomers on the Democratic ballot took six-year supervisor seats in Lehman and Jackson townships in the November 5 general election.

Jackson Township, Democrat Walter Glogowski slipped past incumbent Thomas Adams 444 votes to 403. And that in a municipality where 55% of the 1,348 registered voters are Republican.

"I'm elated to think that I did win," said Glogowski. "For someone to beat an incumbent was quite a choice."

"As far as plans are concerned, I'm going to do my best to initiate and implement the concerns I gave to the voters," said Glogowski.

One of Glogowski's chief concerns is preserving the township's water quality. He's already started working on expanding his knowl-

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29 votes give Jay Pope Dallas Boro write-in win

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Dallas Borough Council's vacant seat was filled in the November 5 election when Jay Pope, an American history teacher at Dallas Senior High School, won the write-in vote. Pope — who received 29 votes — beat out seven others who received write-ins, and will take office at the council's January meeting.

Pope became involved in the election when several members of the Dallas Borough Council who knew of his interest in local politics asked him to run for office. "I ran such a low-profile campaign that an area journalist described me as the mystery candidate," Pope laughed.

Pope's two main concerns are the erosion of council support for

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Election Results—U.S. Senate and County Offices

OFFICE	DALLAS BORO	DALLAS TWP.	FRANKLIN TWP.	HARVEYS LAKE	JACKSON TWP.	KINGSTON TWP.	LAKE TWP.	LEHMAN TWP.	TOTAL
U.S. SENATE									
Thornburgh	540	1110	216	364	418	1059	208	502	4417
Wofford	381	833	168	463	434	908	199	379	3765
LUZERNE COUNTY JUDGESHIP									
Augello	689	1421	283	601	577	1482	276	585	5914
Keller	625	1287	248	435	515	1304	226	537	5177
Lokuta	298	651	142	408	361	742	180	342	3124
Mundy	827	1671	305	690	665	1687	326	684	6855
Stevens	636	1312	253	565	534	1297	299	516	5412
LUZERNE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY									
Marsilio	424	811	174	318	341	857	175	374	3474
Olszewski	429	984	174	442	437	930	185	413	3994
LUZERNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER									
Crossin	366	833	171	417	399	898	186	407	3677
Tucker	425	876	176	424	452	956	180	434	3923
Nelligan	447	911	168	378	360	885	168	361	3678
Phillips	422	898	172	327	341	888	196	373	3617
LUZERNE COUNTY SHERIFF									
Jagodinski	347	748	150	423	386	834	163	352	3403
Puchalski	387	817	183	284	303	773	162	333	3242

Dems ran surprisingly well here

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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Despite an overwhelming majority in voter registrations — Republicans nearly double Democrats — Democratic candidates did remarkably well here in the November 5 elections.

In the U.S. Senate race between Harris Wofford and Dick Thornburgh, Thornburgh took 54 percent of the votes, reversing the statewide result. But with 63 percent of Back Mountain voters registered as Republicans, a good number must have crossed over to vote for Wofford to make it that close.

The five-way race for four Luzerne County judgeships seemed to better follow registration patterns as Ann Lokuta, the only candidate to appear only on the Democratic ticket, pulled 2,000 fewer votes than the next lowest vote-getter, William Keller. Not surprisingly, local favorite Hugh Mundy walked away with the highest total, nearly 1,000 more than second place.

But the Republican majority
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Gary McCoog keeps on keepin' on with folk music tradition

By ERIC FOSTER
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When you ask Gary McCoog about his music, you're likely to hear more about the present state of American culture than you are about chords and notes.

McCoog is a folk musician; a guitarist, a balladeer — and the songs he sings are about where the culture is right now.

"Everything that has to do with folk has to do with people's everyday endeavors — the joy, the pain," says McCoog. "Folk music is about where people are — where they're heading."

During a show, McCoog plays songs by artists such as John Prine, Bob Dylan and Arlo Guthrie. He also plays pieces by cross-over artists like Paul McCartney and Crosby, Stills and Nash; artists who brought folk music to rock and roll audiences.

"John Prine has been a major

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influence on my life," says McCoog of one of today's eminent folk musicians. "He's written everything from human development to ecology songs. You'll notice that folk and country music are more in tune with people."

"For instance, John Prine wrote a song once about about a small town in Kentucky. It was being strip mined and there was nothing left of it. We can see that in our own area."

Mike Todd of Shavertown, a guitarist and a clerk at McCoog's Back Mountain Music, explains the difference between folk and rock music this way: "Rock is about here and now — the girl you're dancing with. All of the political protest songs came from the folk

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Community Events

- CRAFT & GIFT SALE** - Sat., Nov. 16, 9 AM-3 PM, Alderson UM Church, Harveys Lake. Santa will be there 9 AM-Noon.
- SUNDAY BREAKFAST** - Sun., Nov. 17, 8 AM-Noon, Lake Silkworth Vol. Fire Co. Adults \$4.00, Children \$2.00.
- ASTRONOMY SESSIONS** - Each Fri. and Sat., 8-10 PM, Friedman Astronomy Dome, Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

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