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Bush wins big at Gate of Heaven

By GRACE R. DOVE
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George Bush won the election. And only 39 people voted for him. Renegade Ross Perot snagged 30 votes, while Bill Clinton, with only 23 votes, limped in last. But only 92 people voted by secret ballot in this election. And they were all under 14 years old. The October 29 election, part of a role-playing lesson in Mr. Lynn McLaughlin's seventh and eighth social studies classes at Gate of Heaven School, ended several months' study of the presidential election process. "I wanted to make the election more real to the class," McLaughlin said. "The students followed the election from the starting primary to the end, examining candidates and major issues." After the 1992 April primary, seventh-graders Larry Medico, Randy Gardner and Chris Lohm were selected to represent George Bush, Ross Perot and Bill Clinton, respectively.

In order to make their campaigns as realistic as possible, the boys researched their candidates' positions, platforms and personal qualities. They prepared and delivered a campaign speech to the school's 92 sixth, seventh and eighth graders, who later voted in the mock election. Each student ran his own campaign with the help of friends who made signs and "talked up" their candidate. The three boys also brought in newspaper and magazine clippings about the election and their candidates for a school bulletin board.

"Perot basically wants to eliminate the national debt, which he admits will take some time to do. It's so big now that it racks up \$1 billion in interest alone every day," he continued.

Gardner added that Perot planned to help create more jobs to help reduce the debt.

As George Bush, the self-confident winner, Larry Medico argued that Bush was the only candidate who wants to cut people's taxes.

"Bush wants a 15 percent tax cut for everyone," he said. "He says this will give people more money to spend, which will help create more jobs. His trade agreement with Canada and Mexico will help our foreign policy. And Bush also is for school choice."

Chris Lohm, representing Bill Clinton, said that his candidate planned to turn the economy around the same way that he did as governor of Arkansas, by cutting taxes for the middle class and encouraging students to finish high school.

"This was great! I understand better how the election works," said Matt Latona.

Band

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"Mainly, we serve as a liaison between the parents and the band director," Stair said.

According to Stair, the dedicated dozen members, which included his daughter Megan, continued to play at games and other events despite the group's small size. Then the band began to build and grow to the 35 musicians who participate now.

Stair credits the core members with helping the band through the tough times. He truly believes that if those students had left, there would be no band program at Dallas High School.

"What really makes the band exciting is that the original 12 members are still there and participating and have brought a 'stick to it' attitude about their music," Stair said.

This year, the band is finding more success in competition because that ethic permeates the band's activities.

"We practice two days a week and the group is more serious about doing well," Megan Stair, who now is the drum major, said. She added that although band is an individual activity, everyone in the group depends on each other's success in order to do well.

Marching band is a taxing on a participant both mentally and physically, Hunter said. In competition, a band is judged individually and ensemble in visual and music categories, as well as for the general effect of both. The time of the performance and penalties also are taken into consideration by the nine judges at a competition, Hunter said.

"Sometimes, the percussion section and the drum major are judged which is important to the kids," Hunter said.

Traveling to competitions and participating has been a big part of the band's schedule as it has continued to grow. Assistant drum major Amy Beardsworth recalls when the band represented the area in the Aloha Parade during September's Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City.

"It was great; we were the only band from the area and when we went by the Pennsylvania group, they stood up and cheered for us," Beardsworth said.

Hunter said that the band was there to represent the area because Miss Pennsylvania Judy Fitch is a native of Dallas. Hunter said that the one thing that separates the Dallas marching band from others

was that they continued to play music throughout the parade.

"People enjoyed hearing the music; it's really what they come to a parade to see," Hunter said.

Hunter said that the band has had the opportunity to perform at Busch Gardens in Virginia Beach, for the Philadelphia Phillies and in the White Marlin Parade in Ocean City, Maryland.

Robert Stair said that the group's attitude on trips makes him particularly proud.

"We took 50 kids to Virginia Beach, and they were the most polite, intelligent and talented young people that you will ever find; we took them to restaurants and hotels, and their behavior was impressive," Stair said.

Library news

Matchbox cars and trucks park at library

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The display case at the Back Mountain Memorial Library will be featuring a collection of Matchbox cars and trucks borrowed from Brett Considine of Shavertown. Brett is in second grade at Gate of Heaven School and has been collecting these cars and trucks since he was 18 months old. He is eight years old and calls his display, "Auto World". He always liked cars and trucks and began collecting them himself when he was shopping, for Christmas gifts, birthdays and found them in his stocking at Christmas time. His entire family, including his grandparents and uncle buy them for him.

We have 50 cars and trucks in the display at the library and Brett has many more at home. He collects Matchbox and Hot Wheels. There is a section of roadway with trucks in action including a circus van

with elephant, Good Humor Ice Cream truck, MB TV truck, New York tour bus, wrecker, and a sea explorer van with a submarine. He has separated other cars into Classic Cars; Sports Cars; Trucks and Farm Equipment. This is an interesting and exciting display and will be at the library until November 25. Stop in and see if your favorite one is here.

The Friends of the Library are pleased to announce their first Citrus Fruit Sale...an opportunity for you to enjoy the best and freshest of Florida's citrus crop. 2/5 bushel of ruby red grapefruit (16-24 count) for \$9.50 or 2/5 bushel of naval oranges (32-48 count) for \$10.00. Orders may be placed at the information desk in the library or mailed in to the library, with check payable to the library. Payment must accompany your order. The deadline for ordering is November 17. Tentative delivery dates are December 4 and 5, with pickup at the library.

With the Christmas holiday fast approaching, the library is offering a suggestion for a different kind of a gift. The Back Mountain Memorial Library Cookbook, Chefs and Artists, would make a special gift for a homemaker or anyone who enjoys cooking and baking. These cookbooks sell for \$12.95 and are available for purchase at the Information Desk. Also, "The Flood That Came to Grandma's House" by Linda Stallone with illustrations by Joan Schooley is available for purchase at the library. This is a unique book for anyone who knows about the flood or would be interested in knowing about it. A percentage of the sale of these books will benefit the library. This book sells for \$10.55.

A new book at the library is "Victorian Tales of Mystery and Detection" edited by Michael Cox presented by Mrs. Burke Rivers in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sanders of Dallas.

Band places fourth at competition

The Lake-Lehman and Dallas High School marching bands placed first and fourth respectively in group 1 competition at the Geisinger Children's Miracle Marching Band Competition held on October 25 at Montage Mountain.

Dallas Band Director Todd Hunter said that his group missed third place by one point in a group of eight other bands. Group 1 is for the smallest bands, with under 35 musicians each.

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