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Students get small taste of discrimination

□ Lake-Lehman program honors legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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LEHMAN TWP. — While many schools and businesses throughout the Wyoming Valley were closed in cel-

ebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, students at Lake-Lehman High School were getting a lesson in real life.

As part of the school's recognition of the late civil rights leader's lifelong struggle for equality, students in grades 9-12 took part in an experiment dealing with the effects of segregation and discrimination.

Coordinated by the school's diversity club, in cooperation with the senior projects of Heather Prescott, Leigh

Dodson and Hollie Nickalls, students were chosen to wear red armbands, and were segregated from the rest of the student body in a way that showed the discrimination people of color have faced and continue to face in America today.

"Every day you can walk down the halls (of Lake-Lehman High School) and hear derogatory comments being made," said Nickalls. "We really wanted to have an impact on people towards educating about what this day

is all about."

For the entire day, the chosen students were forced to eat at separate lunch tables, talk only to other students wearing the armbands and use lavatories and water fountains designated "for their kind."

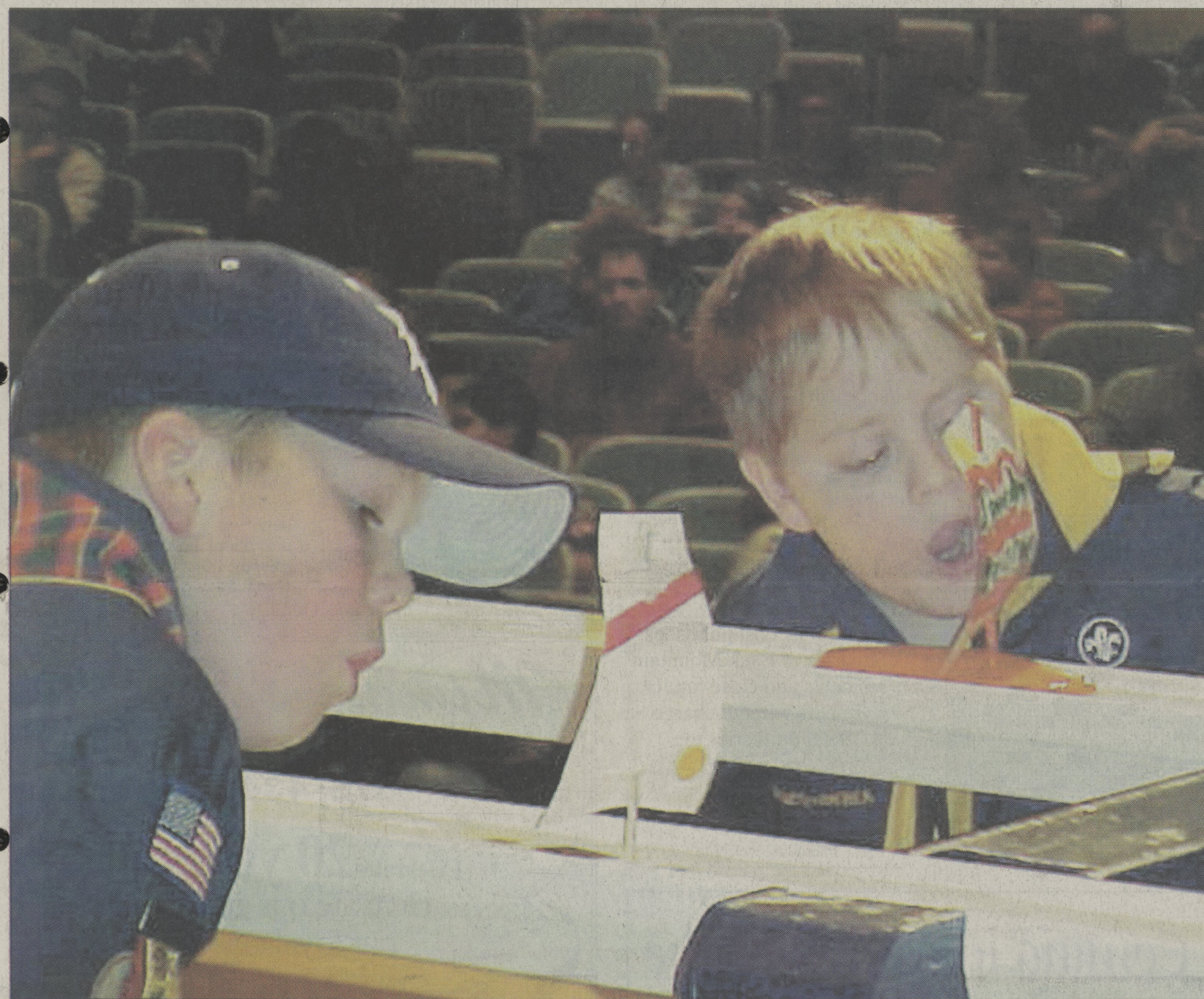
Students wearing the ribbons were also treated differently by classmates and teachers, and some of the students spoke of their experiences

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James Breese, a minister at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Wilkes-Barre, spoke at Lake-Lehman's Martin Luther King Jr. assembly.

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Powered by the pack

Ryan Shannon, Webelos Den 52, and Nicholas Evans, Wolf Den 103, blow their way to the finish line in the Rain Gutter Regatta, held last week by Cub Scout Pack 281. Story and more photos on page 4.

'Hot Dog Bob' and his cart find a new home

BY TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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SHAVERTOWN — It is said that if at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

For Bob Prescott, a.k.a. Hot Dog Bob, success is finally on the way.

After being forced out at the Luzerne County Courthouse and at Harveys Lake, Hot Dog Bob has finally found somewhere he can call home.

Prescott has set up shop in front of Cook's Pharmacy on Rt. 309, and business could not be better.

"It is a significant weight off my back now," said Prescott. "The Back Mountain really came out in force to show me the support."

A Back Mountain resident himself, Prescott has found that the support of Back Mountain residents, especially Cook's owner Frank Lombardo, has been far greater than expected.

"Frank Lombardo is a true gentleman," said Prescott. "The whole Lombardo family seems wonderful. It was his idea to bring me here, and I really ap-

preciate it."

Lombardo said he got the idea back in October, when Prescott was still out at Harveys Lake. He contacted Prescott to extend the invitation, and after a few months, Prescott finally accepted.

Prescott said he was skeptical of Lombardo's offer, but decided to come to Cook's.

"I was suspicious at first. It seemed too good to be true," said Prescott. "Dealing with some of the people that I have dealt with is why I have been so suspicious."

In only about a week, Prescott said that business is booming. Lines of people, both regulars and those who are captured by the novelty of it all, are crowding the front of the pharmacy, and Prescott could not be happier.

"(The masses of patrons) are great," said Prescott. "I never would have expected this many people."

Many patrons would not comment because of a fear of political repercussions, but said they enjoyed Prescott's food, and

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"Hot Dog Bob" Prescott served a customer last week at his cart set up outside Cook's Pharmacy in Shavertown. He says many customers have stopped by to offer encouragement.

School directors claim finances are manipulated

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
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LEHMAN - Two members of the Lake-Lehman school board claim district taxpayers are being overcharged, and that the district's records are being manipulated.

Board members Angelo DeCesaris and Lois Kopcha expressed their concerns at a special work session held Tuesday evening.

The board met to discuss refinancing bond money at lower interest rates, but during discussions DeCesaris expressed displeasure over the financial analysis presented to the board by the business manager, Kathleen Williams. Williams was asked to prepare a financial analysis to determine if additional funds for building athletic fields and a field house on the senior high school project needed to be added to the bond money. DeCesaris questioned the \$1 million difference between a budgeted deficit and projected surplus.

"A \$1 million swing in my mind is a significant dollar amount," DeCesaris said. "It

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Angelo DeCesaris
Lake-Lehman school director

seems we get numbers presented to us for a particular purpose at a particular point. We generate a budget of a \$450,000 loss to support a millage of 221 mills." Now, six months into the year, "we prepare a report that shows \$500,000 because we need the money to spend for an athletic field. The numbers should be the numbers. They should not change based on the purpose."

DeCesaris pointed out that while a \$450,000 deficit had been budgeted, the district expected a surplus of more than a half million dollars, a difference of about \$1 million, and he be-

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Harveys Lake eyes larger police station

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HARVEYS LAKE — Harveys Lake police chief Jeffrey Butler has felt like he and his officers were stuffed in their small office in the Harveys Lake Borough Building like a can of sardines over the past few years.

But not any more.

Harveys Lake Borough has been working out an agreement with the owner of the former Wheels and Water building located across Route 415 from the borough building to purchase the property as a future home for the police department.

"There has been an issue concerning the size of the office space for some time now," said Butler. "It will really help the department to move into the new station."

The borough has talked to owner Joe Paglianite, and is looking into renting the building and surrounding property for \$400 a month with the opportunity to purchase the property. The rent would go towards the mortgage.

Harveys Lake Mayor Richard Boice reached a verbal agreement with Paglianite to rent the property with the idea of buying it.

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