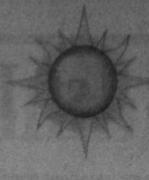


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Razor-Thin 537-Vote Margin Certified in Bush's Favor

The Associated Press

Florida's secretary of state certified George W. Bush the winner over Al Gore on Sunday night in the state's near-deadlocked presidential vote — but court contests left in doubt which man will be the ultimate victor and 43rd president of the United States.

Bush said he had won the White House and asked Gore to reconsider his

challenges. "Now that the votes are counted, it is time for the votes to count," Texas Gov. Bush said from the state capitol in Austin after Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a campaign supporter, announced that he had captured Florida by an infinitesimal 537-vote margin.

Bush announced that running mate Dick Cheney will direct his transition operations in Washington, and that former Secretary of Transportation Andrew Card will be his chief of staff.

So saying, Bush tried to preempt



After the Florida certification, Republican George W. Bush "respectfully" asked Democrat Al Gore to reconsider future legal action contesting the vote.

Gore with a campaign to persuade Americans that the election is over with, and that the outcome announced in Florida should be the last word.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, already had declared that it won't be, declaring that he and Gore had no choice but to challenge the Florida certification in the courts.

"The election was close," Bush said, "but tonight, after a count, a recount and yet another manual recount, Secretary Cheney and I are honored to have won

the state of Florida, which gives us the needed electoral votes to win the election."

Moments after Republican Harris declared Bush the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes at a ceremony in Tallahassee, Lieberman said she had certified "an incomplete and inaccurate count," and that he and Gore would challenge it.

But Bush, in a nationally televised address from Austin, said "I respectfully ask" that Gore reconsider further contesting the hairline Florida count.

If the certification of a 537-vote Bush margin stands, the Texas governor would win 271 electoral college votes — one more than necessary for victory — to 267 for Gore.

Harris said Bush had 2,912,790 votes and Gore had 2,912,253.

That gave Bush the 537-vote lead out of 6 million cast, although Harris rejected partial returns from Palm Beach County.

An unofficial Associated Press tally including recounted Palm Beach County votes showed Bush ahead by 357.

Oval Office Fight Not Over Yet

Al Gore is determined to
contest Florida's electoral
votes despite George
W. Bush's claim of victory.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — George W. Bush might be prematurely naming his White House staff and clamoring for a transition office in Washington, as Al Gore still clings to the hope that he is just a few votes — and one good court opinion — away from the presidency.

Bush has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review the Florida Supreme Court's ruling that the hand recounts requested by Gore go forward. The court is scheduled to hear arguments on Friday.

Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a Republican and Bush campaigner, certified Bush's 537-vote lead Sunday and declared him the winner of the state's decisive 25 electoral votes — even as the vice president vowed to challenge the results in court.

Her action cued Bush advisers to dust off plans they shelved Nov. 14 when the Florida Supreme Court forced Harris to delay certification pending recount results.

The strategy: Declare victory, and hope Americans accept it.

"This has been a great election, a healthy test for our democracy," Bush told a national TV audience, using the political past tense after Gore dispatched running mate Joe Lieberman to tell reporters the election was far from over.

"But now that the votes have been counted," Bush said, "it's time for the votes to count."

Though he called an end to an election that has no end in sight, Bush was gambling that Americans have grown tired of the standoff and want it over, or at least will start viewing Gore's challenges as doomed.

Gore and his team worked all day to counter the GOP strategy.

He knows his first order of business is to convince the public that continued legal fights and vote-counting will make the next president stronger and more credible — whomever he may be.

His second challenge: Undermine Bush's claim that Gore can't win.

Gore prepared for a major speech Monday outlining reasons for a continued battle.

The themes were previewed by Lieberman and other surrogates.

"This is not some forlorn hope," said Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I.

"This is not just acting out. They are, in fact, close to overcoming Governor Bush's lead."

Indeed some Republicans fear election returns could yet be reversed.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't nervous," said Florida GOP Vice Chairman Jim Stelling regarding a Democratic challenge to returns from Seminole County.



The once-local
record label
and its former
artists keep
making music

By GEOFF WESSEL
Staff Writer

Six months ago, Carrboro lost a vital component of its grassroots music scene when Mammoth Records packed its bags for New York City.

The move prompted lamentations from artists, music aficionados and community leaders. But now that the dust has settled, the company, its former employees and the area musicians it once sponsored are not slowing down. "All the staff is fairly new, and looking forward to (running the label)," said Mammoth representative Giovanna Melchiorre from the company's new New York headquarters. "It's pretty much going in the same direction."

Jay Faires, who founded the independent label in 1988 and negotiated its early success, sold Mammoth to Walt Disney Co. in 1997. Disney fired Faires last February and decided to reorganize the label, relocating it in May.

After 12 years as a mainstay of the local music scene, the departing company left almost

50 local employees jobless and several area bands without a label.

Of the few acts Mammoth retained after the move, the only local group is Chapel Hill's hot jazz heroes Squirrel Nut Zippers, which was and remains the most successful band on the label.

The Zippers are now on tour promoting their newest album, *Bedlam Ballroom*, which was released in late October. They are scheduled to appear at Cat's Cradle on Dec. 7.

Other local bands that signed with Mammoth when it was still based in Carrboro, including Raleigh's Far Too Jones and Chapel Hill hip-hop group Tyfu, have had to look for new alternatives.

Luckily for local music fans, it's easier than ever for a band to put out an album without the help of an established label.

"It was definitely a good situation for us, getting free from Mammoth," said Tyfu's John Hackner, a.k.a. Hack. "But it was also an

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Professor 'Shu' Faces Multiple Cancer Battles

The popular journalism professor and basis
for comic-strip character "Shoe" is receiving
radiation treatment at UNC Hospitals.

By ELIZABETH BREYER
Assistant University Editor

The University community was met with sad news last week as renowned journalism and mass communication Professor Jim Shumaker, the basis for the comic strip character "Shoe," was hospitalized Nov. 18.

Shumaker's adult son Karl said doctors at UNC Hospitals have found cancer in his father's brain, shoulder blade, lungs, and femur, and are trying to determine from a biopsy whether his liver is cancerous as well.

"He is receiving radiation treatment on his brain lesions," Karl Shumaker said. "But we won't know anything about how to combat the other cancers until late Monday or Tuesday."

"This time, he has a really good medical team working on it."

Karl Shumaker said his father will be in the hospital for at least two more weeks, until the current sequence of radiation treatments is completed. The elder Shumaker has battled numerous health problems in recent years.



Professor Jim Shumaker's three classes will be taught by instructors filling in for the rest of the semester.

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CHHS Singers Join N.Y. Parade

By JAMES MILLER
Staff Writer

The rigors of performing show tunes and providing community service in one of the world's largest cities could not dim the spirits of a group of Chapel Hill High School students this weekend.

Members of the Chapel Hill High School Choral Department toughed out two 10-hour bus rides, early morning wake-up calls and a practice schedule befitting a professional dance troupe during their trip to New York City, where they performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"It was really tiring, but it was quite an experience," said junior Hallie Zook. "I've always seen the parade on television, but to be in it was a different thing."

The almost 100-member choral department arrived in New York City on Tuesday afternoon.

They were just in time for rehearsal with John Jacobson, president of America Sings!, the nonprofit service agency that invited the choir to perform in this year's parade.

"We got there at 3:30 on Tuesday in time to check into our hotel," Zook said. "Then we went to rehearsal for six hours."

Ann Huff, director of the group, said it was a thrilling trip and a great experience for the students.

"I liked this trip because the students

had to rehearse like any professional would," she said. "The directors expected very professional things of them."

Less than 48 hours later, they were performing in the heart of Manhattan, accompanied by nearly 1,000 members of high school choruses from across the United States.

"We all went down to Herald Square in front of Macy's and did 'We Believe in the Music,' — that was our big, televised, choreographed spot," said junior Ned Malone. "Then we went on the subway to 81st Street and joined the parade."

Hundreds of thousands of bystanders looked on as the performers took in the excitement of their surroundings as they marched, sang and danced their way through the core of the Big Apple, Malone said.

"We all had our choreography down so well that we could actually see the city and the sights while we were marching," he said.

"It was so cool to be able to walk straight through the middle of New York and Times Square."

One of the things the group did not miss seeing was the fact that they followed one of the world's greatest icons

through the streets of Manhattan.

"We marched three hours in the parade ... behind Santa Claus," Zook said.

Students did more than just sing and dance while they were in the city.

As part of the America Sings! program, students performed social service activities on the day before Thanksgiving.

"On Wednesday morning, we were supposed to be on the top floor of our hotel to make sandwiches at 7 a.m.," Malone said. "We were each making three or four sandwiches."

"When you've got 1,100 kids making three or four sandwiches, you've got a whole lot of sandwiches."

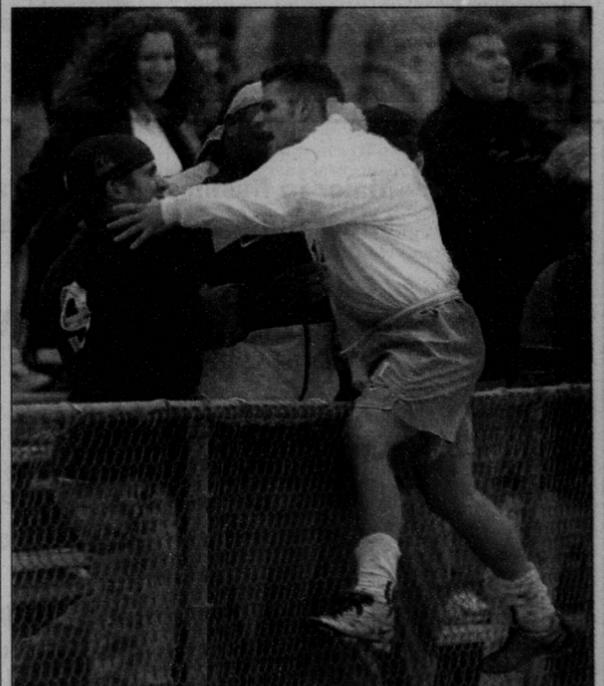
Both the sandwiches and toiletry packs put together by students were then delivered to local shelters.

Helping New York City's homeless was an important part of the choral group's experience, said junior Kate LaVange.

"It was really rewarding to know how much we made and how much was going to the homeless," she said.

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CARRIERI'IED' AWAY



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Junior forward Chris Carrieri leaps into the crowd after scoring in Sunday's match against Rhode Island. The UNC men advanced to the quarterfinal round of the Men's College Cup with the 3-1 victory. See story Page 12.

We can try to avoid making choices by doing nothing, but even that is a decision.

Gary Collins