



**First Lady Barbara Bush**

# America's First Lady In Central Penna.

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First Lady Barbara Bush says she's ashamed to admit it, but she refuses to watch television during the last month of the 1992 presidential election.

"At this stage in the campaign, I barely *look* at the television," Mrs. Bush said last week during a visit to York.

"Every election George has ever been in, I've stopped about a month before. I get this sort of knotted feeling. And I read a lot of, sort of, not very high caliber books."

The silver-haired lady who is often referred to as "America's Favorite Grandmother" laughed heartily at the thought.

"George," of course, is President George Bush.

And his high-profile wife, whose popularity consistently transcends partisan politics—and sometimes even exceeds his own—can hardly put up with the incessant criticism the President faces just before a big election.

"It's because I love him so much," Mrs. Bush stresses with a smile. "I know how good he is, and I can't stand the lying that goes on about him."

The First Lady met with representatives from three weekly newspa-

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pers on Mon., Oct. 5 after touring the Crispus Attucks Community Center in York and visiting with a group of daycare students during a campaign stop on behalf of her husband.

Asked how she manages to distance herself from the madness that can sometimes accompany international politics, she told the **Press And Journal**, "George reads seven newspapers, from five o'clock until about a-quarter-to-seven every day. I say to him, 'If there's any good news, read it aloud'."

Then, after pausing for effect, she acknowledged, "He *rarely* reads aloud."

Mrs. Bush readily admitted that she is critical of the media for its coverage of the President's administration, using a recent controversy involving Vice President Dan Quayle as an example:

"I really can't stand it when something wonderful has happened, and we talk about how you spell 'potato' for two weeks instead... I can't spell tomato, either, but it's *not* national news. I think it's very poor reporting, quite honestly."

Mrs. Bush asserted that there are much better subjects to talk about during the campaign—important topics that are often overlooked because of negative publicity.

"We're not talking much about the good news, partially because in order to win the election, the opponents have to tell you all the bad news. They're not accepting that things are getting better."

The First Lady pointed to recent strides in education and drug prevention as examples of how "the country is coming back." In addition, she said, the United

States economy has seen "five quarters of growth," which indicates that the worldwide recession is "definitely turning."

Most importantly, peace is now possible throughout much of the world due to the end of the Cold War, Mrs. Bush said.

"We'd pay almost any price for peace, and I think we have."

Earlier in her visit, the First Lady read the children's book "Amazing Grace" to about 25 daycare and latchkey students aged 5 to 10 years at the Crispus Attucks Center, a successful community organization on S. Duke St.

After leaving the center, the First Lady attended a fund-raising reception for the re-election campaign of U.S. Rep. Bill Goodling and then spoke at the York Co. Republican Committee's annual dinner.