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MHS boys record an important win

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CROWDED FRONT — Black-shirted Coventry High goalie Bob Johnson keeps his eyes on the ball as he's surrounded by teammates and Bolton High players during Friday's game in Bolton. Pictured, from left, are Coventry's Rob Topliff and Jeff Rheault, Bolton's airborne Cliff Dooman and Bill Robbins, and the Patriots' Jared Williams and Doug Roberto. Bolton won, 3-1.

BOLTON BOYS WIN

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — It was their game in their backyard with bragging rights for the Charter Oak Conference East Division lead hanging on the outcome.

The talented Bolton High Bulldogs, who received a pair of goals from senior Atila Lengyel and one from senior Cliff Dooman, overcame a 1-0 deficit to post a 3-1 victory over COC East rival Coventry High Friday afternoon.

The win lifts the Bulldogs to 8-1 in the league and 11-1 overall. Coventry slips to 7-2-2 in the COC and 8-3-2 overall.

Bolton took control of this match after the initial 10 minutes and dominated the Patriots the rest of the way. A fine team effort was turned in by Bolton. The Patriots had a mere two shots on goal after the intermission.

"It was a great comeback," Bolton coach Ray Boyd

said as he watched his team practice for this afternoon's home clash with unbeaten Rocky Hill at 2. "We played smart. We beat them to the ball. I think playing smart and playing under control was the difference. We played our game. It was definitely a team effort."

Coventry came out with fire in its eyes and forced Bolton defenders to make three back saves on the goal line. Just two minutes into the game, Bolton goalie David Boles made a kick save on a John Vincent shot.

The saves were made by Luke Morford, Zac Morford and John Hoar.

"I think that was the maturity of our defense," Boyd explained, referring to the back saves. "They knocked it down and cleared it out."

Coventry drew first blood at 7:38 of the first half. Sweeper Randy Leeze launched a 45-yard indirect kick which went off the fingertips of Boles into the left corner of the net. It was Leeze's first goal of the season.

"The first goal shouldn't have happened," Boyd said.

Bolton regrouped and gained the equalizer two minutes later. Off a free kick by senior sweeperback J.J. Hall, Lengyel received the ball, broke through the Coventry defense and dented the twine with his 15-yard shot.

"That was a big boost for our keeper," Lengyel said of his tying goal.

The Bulldogs took the lead for good with 12:32 left before halftime. Off a direct kick by Hall, Dooman deftly evaded his defender and beautifully one-timed a left-footer into the upper left corner of the net. It was Dooman's team-leading 15th goal of the season.

After intermission, Coventry had difficulty possessing the ball, especially in the final third of play.

"I didn't think they had any well supported attacks," Boyd said.

Lengyel added his second goal of the match and sixth of the net. It was Leeze's first goal of the season.

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Halloween under gun in schools

By The Associated Press

Pumpkin festivals are sprouting in some school districts, where parents are trying to keep Halloween out of the hallways and off school grounds because of its connection with witches and Satan.

In Alachua County, Fla., Robert Guyer gathered the signatures of about 200 fellow parents who think the holiday is a religious celebration of Wicca, a modern pagan witchcraft cult.

When teachers dress up like witches, "what happens to these little Christian kids like mine?" asked Guyer, a University of Florida law student. "How are they going to feel when it's dress-up day and they don't dress up?"

Officials in Alachua County left the decision on Halloween to school principals.

In neighboring Levy County, the superintendent asked schools to avoid using Halloween decorations and to cancel school celebrations.

Halloween, which is being celebrated Tuesday night, apparently sprang from an ancient ceremony honoring the Celtic god of death. In medieval England, it came to be known as All Hallows' Eve, celebrated before the feast day of All Hallows, now All Saints' Day. As is the case with the pagan Christmas tree, few pay attention to its religious origins.

But Guyer cites a recent 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in

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D.C. breaks '88 record for murders

WASHINGTON (AP) — The District of Columbia's 1989 homicide toll already equals last year's record of 369 killings — with more than half blamed on drug-related violence — and officials say they see no end in sight.

With two months remaining in 1989, district police reported that five slayings discovered during a seven-hour period over the weekend brought the tally to last year's record death total.

These of the weekend killings were linked to drugs. The other two were a 13-year-old girl and her aunt who were found stabbed to death in their apartment Saturday.

Police blame more than 60 percent of the district's slayings on drugs, particularly the arrival of crack cocaine.

The federal government is making the nation's capital a test case for national anti-drug strategies, and city police are working long hours trying to curb drug-related violence.

"It's awful. But people in this community are reacting to deadly violence to resolve conflict," said police spokesman Lt. Reginald Smith.

The most recent victim of the weekend was a 41-year-old man found dead of multiple gunshot wounds early Sunday. He had \$11,000 cash and a large quantity of heroin in his pockets when his body was found, according to police detectives.

At the end of 1988, police had

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Costume Parade



SING-A-LONG — Shirley Zappa of 238 Birch Mountain Road sings along with granddaughter Ashley.

500 march in 'biggest parade ever'

More than 500 children dressed as ghosts, goblins, vampires and other assorted monster turned out Saturday afternoon to march in the eighth annual Halloween Costume Parade up Main Street.

"It was definitely our biggest parade ever," said Stacey Pino, who organized the parade sponsored by the Downtown Manchester Association and other local businesses. The association sponsored also a Halloween window painting contest and a pumpkin decorating contest.

Pino said the parade was a success because the children wore great costumes and "we had a beautiful day."

The parade, which started in front of the Manchester State Bank, wound up at Center Springs Park, and was followed by a concert by the Bennett Junior High School Marching Band and performance by Peanutbutterjazz, who Pino said always attracts throngs of people.

She said a highlight of the parade was Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr., who dressed as Father Guido Sarducci, a former character on the television show Saturday Night Live.

The children who marched in the parade were joined by adult guardians. For their efforts, the kids received Halloween trick-or-treating bags and Halloween safety coloring books, which Pino said contain information about careful trick-or-treating practices, such as inspecting candy for health hazards.

The winners of the window painting contest were as follows:

For ages five to seven, first prize

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Local courts overlooked as abortion focus shifts to states

By Richard Carroll
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The availability of legal abortions for many women may one day hinge on rulings by their state's highest court, a key but often-overlooked battleground in the political fight over abortion.

Public focus thus far has centered on state legislatures, Congress and the Supreme Court. But the role of state courts was dramatically underscored on Oct. 5, when the Florida Supreme Court ruled that the state

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constitution gives women a right to abortion.

As a result, women in Florida would be unaffected if the nation's highest court some day reverses its landmark 1973 decision and says the federal Constitution does not provide the right to abortion.

If the Florida Legislature merely passed a law criminalizing abortions, the state Supreme Court surely would overturn it. Anti-abortion activists instead would have to try to

amend the state constitution, an involved process not undertaken successfully since 1968.

A state may never give its citizens fewer rights than those guaranteed by the federal Constitution, but it is free to provide greater rights. And the ultimate interpreter of each state's constitution is not the U.S. Supreme Court, but that state's highest court.

For example, although governmental refusals to fund abortions for women on welfare have survived attacks based on the federal Constitution, such refusals were

ruled invalid under the constitutions of California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Vermont.

The Florida court's broad ruling was not unprecedented. The California Supreme Court years ago found an abortion right in its state's constitution.

Both state courts based their decisions on explicit statements guaranteeing the right of privacy. Although no other court has ruled directly on a right to abortion, at least five other state constitutions — those of Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii,

Louisiana and Montana — provide a right of privacy.

In a few other states, most notably New Jersey and Massachusetts, rulings by the highest court have implied a state privacy right that could include the right to abortion.

"We have studied those state constitutions and are looking at the makeup of the highest court in each of those states," said Dawn Johnson, legal director of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

Part of the abortion rights strategy will be to ask state, not federal, courts to overturn new restrictive

Homeless put state in middle

Motel placements on the rise as resources dwindle

HARTFORD (AP) — Connecticut officials say they are increasingly finding themselves caught in the middle between finding housing for the homeless and cutbacks in federal and state funding.

State and federal governments are expected to pay \$23 million this year for a program designed to provide housing for welfare families who lose their homes in emergencies.

No one seems to like the program — not the families who are forced to live in impersonal surroundings, most often motels, not motel operators who complain about property damage, and not state officials who say it siphons money from programs that could prevent homelessness and aid the working poor.

Housing welfare families in motels was rare until the summer of 1986 when the state decided to use a provision of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program to place 75 families in motels.

The program is "a stopgap, temporary and extremely high-cost non-solution," said Lorraine Aronson, commissioner of the Department of Income Maintenance, which supplies the program's money.

The program was designed as a temporary solution for the small number of families who lose their homes in emergencies. But cutbacks in federal housing money, low low-income rental rates and a controversial legal decision expanding the state's obligation to homeless welfare families quadrupled participation in the program to 1,100 last month, all but 300 of whom live in motels.

If the courts uphold a housing judge's order that the state scrap its 100-day limit on motel stays, the number of families in motels could rise again.

Figures compiled by the state show that 44 percent of those ending up in motels were evicted from their homes and 48 percent lived in substandard conditions, such as doubling up with relatives or friends.

Janice Gallagher, who is living at the Elm Motel in Wethersfield, said living in a motel has been rough on her two children, 3 years old and 20 months.

"This has been all right, but my babies have been eating just fast foods and sandwiches. And these babies, they like to eat," she said.

By law, Gallagher cannot cook in the motel room, which contains a bed and cots.

At Emerson Williams Elementary School in Wethersfield, which takes

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Campaign '89

Democrats maintain Osella knew of size of sewer plant fine

Three Democratic town directors said today that Republican Director Ronald Osella knew when he recommended paying a fine to the federal government for a town violation of wetlands regulation that the proposed fine was \$1.5 million.

Chamber supports town hall project

The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce hopes voters will say "Yes" to the \$13.9 million bond issue to renovate and expand the Municipal Building and Lincoln Center on Election Day, Nov. 7.

Cassano raps GOP's votes on pay pacts for employees

Democratic Town Director Stephen T. Cassano said that in the past two years the Republicans have "made a mockery of collective bargaining systems" by voting against approval of seven contracts with employees represented by bargaining groups.

He said Republican directors also voted in a 1989 budget session to reduce proposed salary increases to unaffiliated employees from a recommended 6 1/2 percent to 5 percent.

Cassano issued a news release showing the vote on the seven contracts. In some the vote against the recommended contracts came from Republican Directors Ronald Osella and Geoffrey Naab. In others Republican Director Theodor Workhoven joined in the no vote.

Cassano said the alternative to collective bargaining is to have no unions.

He said the responsibility of the directors in the contracts is to be sure to maintain fair salaries and try to avoid the situation which is the



CROWNING MOMENT — Manchester High School Homecoming King Aris Leonard and Queen Nanette Cooper prepare to be crowned at halftime of Saturday's homecoming game against Enfield.

Corps oversight rapped as overkill

BETHEL (AP) — A local official, angered by what he sees as needless delays by federal agencies, says authority over small construction projects should be limited to municipal boards and commissions.

Prison guards criticize changes

SOMERS (AP) — Recent policy changes have increased tensions at Somers State Prison and may have contributed to the recent stabbing of an inmate, correction officers said.

Health workers OK strike, but leaders urge caution

HARTFORD (AP) — Health care workers have voted to authorize a strike against 29 private nursing homes statewide, but a union official cautioned them about actually walking off their jobs.

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Bridge collapse kills 5

HEBER SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — Residents placed flowers at the foot of a collapsed span bridge to mourn the five people who died when the wood-decked span plunged 50 feet while being swayed.

Island mourns crash victims

HONOLULU (AP) — A small island gripped over the loss of 13 residents, including members of a high school volleyball team, who were among 20 people killed in a twin-engine commuter plane crash.

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She has angered some rank-and-file Conservatives with the rapid transformation of the social welfare system, which they say has left the underdogs without an adequate safety net.

Respondents in poll favor Iran relations, if it aids hostages

NEW YORK (AP) — A decade after the Iran hostage crisis gripped the nation, most Americans favor normalizing relations with Tehran if it would win the release of U.S. hostages in Lebanon, a national poll has found.

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Horita, a 55 percent, favored indirect negotiations through a third party such as the Red Cross. A majority also favored military action, but that shrank to a minority if the hostages might be killed in the effort.

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LEGAL NOTICES

The Zoning Board of Appeals made the following decisions at its meeting of October 23, 1989.

App. 1353 Bener Petroleum Corp. - Granted a variance to install a propane gas dispensing system with the condition that all vehicles areas be paved at 1000 Toland Turnpike, RI Zone.

App. 1364 Arthur Schaller - Granted a special exception to expand parking areas to provide additional storage area for new and used automobiles at 341, 351, 361 Center Street, RI Zone.

App. 1365 Duke Beattie - Denied a variance to reduce the side yard to 2 feet to construct an addition to a garage at 2000 Russell Street, RI Zone.

App. 1366 William D. Fitzgibbon - Granted a variance to reduce the side yard to 14 feet at 94 Keeney Street, RI Zone.

App. 1367 Rail Line Associates - Granted a variance to reduce the footage to 57.3 feet and denied a variance to reduce minimum side yards at 141 Middle Turnpike West, RI Zone.

App. 1368 Richard Simmons - Granted a variance to reduce the side yard to 3 feet with the condition that gutters and a downspout discharging into a street be added to the proposed car port at 28 Flower Street, RI Zone.

All actions have an effective date in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes. Notice of these decisions has been filed with the Town Clerk.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Edward Coleman, Secretary

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Inside today: A special section on Manchester candidates

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Number of HOV violations discourages law enforcers

By Rick Santos Manchester Herald

Commuters are violating the minimum passenger requirement for the new commuter lanes on Interstate 84 with such consistency that law enforcers are discouraged, a state police spokesman said Friday.

"We're constantly seeing people traveling with less than three," said Sgt. Scott O'Mara, who is keeping a running tally of infractions along the High Occupancy Vehicle lanes.

The lanes can be used only by cars with three or more passengers. Records show between 10 and 40 drivers are stopped by police every day for not traveling with the minimum number in their vehicles.

"People who choose to violate the statutes are defying the purpose of the lane," which was to improve commuting by encouraging carpooling, O'Mara said.

"He said traffic officials have noticed violations along the lanes peak on Fridays, and there was one Friday on which many of the lawbreakers were out-of-staters, many who said they were traveling north through Connecticut to view the foliage in northern New England."

O'Mara said it is possible they were unaware of the restrictions.

Another violation, which is not as common, is people getting in and out of the lanes without using the marked entrances and exits.

These are clearly marked, O'Mara said, and therefore there is no excuse for not using them.

A few days after the lanes opened on Sept. 26, the state Department of Transportation monitored their use for about one week, said Leonard Whitlock, chief of the traffic engineering division of the DOT. About 1,200 to 1,500 cars were counted in the lanes each day.

The DOT will monitor the use of the lanes again in early November.

Bush announces summit with Gorbachev Dec. 2

Shipboard session seen as a warmup for later meeting

By Barry Schwid The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush announced today he would hold an unexpected, early summit with Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Dec. 2 and 3 aboard an American and Soviet naval vessels in the Mediterranean. An announcement was also made under way in Moscow.

"It's a chance to put our feet up and talk," the president said.

Bush said, "I made the proposal," for the meeting. He said an arms control summit with Gorbachev will take place as scheduled next year, "separate and apart" from the two days of talks next month.

Bush said the Mediterranean meeting would be to permit the two men "to deepen our understanding."

"He said neither he nor Gorbachev expected 'substantial decisions' to be made in the two days of talks."

"In this time of change, I didn't want to miss something," Bush said. "I don't want to have two gigantic ships pass in the night because of failed communications."

He spoke at a hastily arranged news conference at the White House. Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze was making a simultaneous announcement in Moscow.

The unusual midwinter summit was to be held one day on an American ship at sea, and the other day on a Soviet vessel.

Today's surprise announcements in Washington and Moscow came at a time when Bush is under pressure from congressional Democrats to demonstrate more flexibility in responding to the dramatic changes in the Soviet Union and especially in other Eastern European countries, including Hungary and Poland.

Gorbachev is under pressure of a different sort at home - to demonstrate that his policies of perestroika, or economic restructuring, can improve the daily lives of millions of Soviet citizens.

"Now that the meeting has been announced, I expected there will be an awful many suggestions as to the subjects to be discussed," Bush said.

He said there was no formal agenda and that the two men would discuss a "wide array of subjects." The president stressed that the success of the summit should not be judged on whether decisions are reached.

Bush said he originally proposed the idea of the summit in July, and got a "very prompt" and favorable reply from Gorbachev.

The full-scale Bush-Gorbachev summit next spring or summer in the United States was announced in September when Secretary of State James A. Baker III met with Shevardnadze in Wyoming.

A potential centerpiece is a new treaty to sharply reduce long-range nuclear weapons, provided negotiators in Geneva, Switzerland, can complete the accord.

Bush said he hoped to talk with his Soviet counterpart about his "aspirations for Perestroika."

Education dominates TNT talk

By James F. Henry Manchester Herald

BOLTON - More than 70 people packed the Community Hall for a meeting of The Neglected Taxpayers Monday to air their views on the future of the school system.

While many urged the group to not "short-change" education others called for staffing cutbacks at the high school to reflect dropping enrollments. People who attended the meeting were handed a five-part questionnaire on plans for the school system.

TNT, which has complained about rising tax rates, has targeted education as an issue of concern. Members of the Board of Education attended the meeting.

School officials are currently discussing a number of plans to deal with the loss of Willington students at the high school. The town of Willington, which does not have a high school, opted not to send incoming freshmen to Bolton High School this year.

Zachary Morford, 17, a senior at Bolton High School, said he attended the meeting because he is worried about the future of the school. One of the plans under consideration is to close Bolton High School and enter into a regional school district.

"The kids at school are getting concerned about what is going to happen to the school," Morford said after the meeting.

Morford also said his experience at Bolton High School has been that problems are not being dealt with.

"If you keep pushing things off, they're going to keep on getting bigger, and harder to deal with," Morford said.

Those sentiments were echoed by several people, all urging people not to "short-change education."

Some people advocated cutting teaching positions from the high school, saying that within the next few years the total number of students at the school could drop to 200 or fewer.

Board of Education member Pamela Sawyer said, in an impassioned plea, "There will be a dip down to the 200 level. I guarantee it. But in 10 years, there will be 350 students" at the high school.

She added, "Ten years is not a long time."

Sawyer based her figure of 350 students on a report presented to the Board of Education by a local fundamentalist church that advocates strict child-rearing, saying the state has no business intruding into a matter as private as disciplining children.

"It comes down to this: Who owns the kids, the state or the parents?" asked Bill Taylor, a friend of the DeCostas.

Taylor and others have sat for many hours this fall outside Plymouth District Court as part of a background for deciding when parental discipline becomes so harsh that the state must intervene.

The state has asserted a right to protect the children of Stephen and JoAnn DeCosta by filing felony assault charges against them and by taking their four children, ages 3 to 14, on grounds that the parents abused the two youngest in beatings administered with a stick and a paddle.

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FOIC decision prompts three to quit in 8th

By Alex Girolli Manchester Herald

Three members of the building committee of the Eighth District District have resigned in protest over a Freedom of Information Commission decision involving another district committee.

Identical letters of resignation from the three were read during a recess at a special meeting of district directors Monday night.

The letters were from Arthur Warrington, John Flynn, and Andrew Katakouskas. They said the FOIC decision, which held that the elections committee was an agency of the district and should have kept formal minutes of its meetings, threatens the volunteer tradition of the district.

The letters said the FOIC complaint, brought by Perry Dodson, a district resident, amounted to harassment of volunteers.

The position of John D. LaBelle Jr., district legal counsel, in the dispute over minutes of the election committee, was that the group was a committee of citizens and not a board agency subject to Freedom of Information law.

Warrington told the Herald Monday that he had decided to resign because he was "fed up with politics," but no mention of that was made in the letter according to directors Joseph Tripp and Thomas Ferguson, who were at the meeting.

Warrington said the partisan politics have been injected into district matters.

He referred to a political advertisement in the Herald which contained a photograph of District Director Samuel Longest with Democratic Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. in front of the firehouse which has been transferred to the district under terms of an agreement between the town and the district.

DiRosa and Longest were the chief negotiators of the agreement. The advertisement said the agreement ends decades of misunderstanding between the town and district. It calls on voters to elect DiRosa.

Because of that advertisement, Wallace J. Irish Jr., a Republican district candidate who is a district resident, has said he will ask Longest to resign from the campaign committee. Irish said the district had

Investigating crash - State Trooper Richard Jamalus photographs the wreckage of a single car crash off I-384 in Bolton Monday. The driver was seriously injured. See story on page 3.

Limits of parental discipline at issue in case

PLYMOUTH, N.H. (AP) - A closed courtroom in rural New Hampshire has become a battleground for deciding when parental discipline becomes so harsh that the state must intervene.

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The state has asserted a right to protect the children of Stephen and JoAnn DeCosta by filing felony assault charges against them and by taking their four children, ages 3 to 14, on grounds that the parents abused the two youngest in beatings administered with a stick and a paddle.

But the DeCostas and their supporters, many of them fellow parishioners at a fundamentalist church that advocates strict child-rearing, say the state has no business intruding into a matter as private as disciplining children.

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