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News summary

The weekend death toll from a weekend rampage by mountain streams in the Appalachians and Blue Ridge mountains climbed to 49, with the discovery of one body in the Toccoa flood area and five more in North Carolina. Flooding also claimed one life in Tennessee.

Schools were closed Monday by flooded highways in portions of Tennessee and Virginia. Many bridges were knocked out in the areas. And rain soaked much of the Northeast Monday and early today.

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Carlos Poree, 35, was charged with the attempted murder of 10 persons Monday, but surrendered to police without resistance after his shooting rampage. All the victims are in hospitals.

Police said he began his spree by shooting his estranged wife and father-in-law, then shot his other victims at random in a park, a brokerage office and on a downtown sidewalk.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court took the issue under advisement Monday of whether Charlotte Horowitz, who was dismissed from the University of Missouri's Medical School in Kansas City, was denied her rights by not being given a hearing, as it began the second week of the November session.

The justices also agreed to hear arguments later in the term on whether Congress could constitutionally impose a limit—now \$560 million—on damages that can be claimed as the result of a single nuclear accident.

LONDON (UPI) — In the latest outbreak of labor unrest that is sweeping Britain, leaders of the firefighters' union voted at an emergency session Monday to strike next week unless they get an immediate pay increase from an average \$92 a week to \$120. The government's policy is to hold pay increases to 10 percent.

Home Secretary Merlyn Rees, speaking to Parliament after special cabinet-level discussions, said that "if necessary, troops may need to be used" to replace the striking firemen.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — With his aides sounding out foreign leaders on a new date for an overseas journey, President Carter invited former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir to the White House for talks on the Middle East.

Mrs. Meir, who was in the United States for the performance of the Broadway play "Golda" based on her life, scheduled a "courtesy call" on Carter today. Later, the president planned to draft the final version of his third major energy address, set for television and radio broadcast at 9 p.m.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — High officials of a federal banking regulatory agency used a loosely controlled million-dollar fund to splurge on gala office Christmas parties, front-row theater tickets and a business jaunt to a plush mountain resort, according to agency documents.

The vouchers disclosed Monday detailed expenditures by some members of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. Agency officials said the spending practices would be curbed by new rules. "None of that is going to go on anymore," Michael Scanlon, a bank board spokesman, said after the documents were made public.

Call Herald for results

Anyone wishing to know the results of today's election in Manchester may call The Herald office between 8:30 and 10:30 tonight at 643-2711. The Herald will provide full coverage of the elections in Manchester and surrounding towns in Wednesday's edition.

Rain keeping voters away

By GREG PEARSON
Herald Reporter

A rainy November day appears to be having a slight chilling effect on voter turnout in Manchester and other Connecticut communities.

The registrars of voters office in Manchester reported that 4,436 voters had been to the polls by 11 a.m. This represents just under 16 percent of the town's total of registered voters.

In 1975, the last town election, 4,914 residents had voted by 11 a.m.

This year's turnout figure shrinks a bit more when compared to total voter registration. There are now 28,105 registered voters in Manchester. In 1975, there were 26,420 registered voters, of which 14,867 persons or 56.3 percent, eventually voted.

United Press International also reported that voter turnouts in Hartford, New Haven and Stamford are less so far this morning than two years ago. Waterbury, however, has

reported a good turnout through the first few hours of voting.

One ward in New Haven opened 20 minutes late and there was an unconfirmed report of candidates campaigning within 75 feet of a polling place in the city, which is illegal.

Voting places in Manchester, as in all state communities, are open until 8 p.m. The heaviest voting hours are normally after 5 p.m.

Polling places in Manchester are as follows: District One, Cheney Tech, 791 W. Middle Turnpike;

District Two, Robertson School, 45 N. School St.; District Three, Church of Christ, 394 Lydall St.; District Four, Martin School, 140 Dartmouth Road; District Five, Buckley School, 250 Vernon St.

Also: District Six, Nathan Hale School, 160 Spruce St.; District Seven, Waddell School, 163 Broad St.; District Eight, Verplanck School, 126 Olcott St.; District Nine, Keeney Street School, 179 Keeney St.; District Ten, Manchester High

School gymnasium, Brookfield Street entrance.

Manchester voters are selecting a Board of Directors, Board of Education, Board of Selectmen, town treasurer, town clerk and constables.

The registrars office reminded voters who have moved within Manchester and have not notified the office of the change that they must vote in their previous voting district.



Although they won't be eligible to vote until the early 1990s, Kenny and Tommy Hastings of 34 Bilyeu Road were ready to try this morning. Standing, left to right, are parents Joan and Richard Hastings, Kenny, age three, Tommy, age four, and Richard Reichenbach, a worker at the polls. Checking off

voters are Barbara Lauzon, seated at left, and Nancy Barnes. The Hastings voted at Cheney Tech, which is the new polling place for voting district one. Polls will be open until 8 p.m. today. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Resident finishes water case

By GREG PEARSON
Herald Reporter

A Manchester resident who is seeking damages from the town because of what he considers an impure water supply completed his case Monday in Small Claims Court.

Judge Paul Falsely, however, gave strong indication that the presented case is not solid enough to warrant the payment of the requested \$750 in damages.

Joseph Reynolds and four other residents of the southwest section of Manchester had sought damages because of the water situation. The case was triggered by a 12-day period in August when residents of the southwest section were required to boil water because of high bacterial counts.

The trial started on Oct. 6 and was completed Monday when Reynolds,

representing himself and his neighbors, completed his presentation.

Judge Falsely, however, questioned whether a connection had been made between the alleged water problems and the health problems and inconveniences mentioned by Reynolds and other residents.

"I don't recall any testimony that really gets the case off the ground," Falsely said at the end of Monday's proceedings.

He also suggested, as he had before, that Small Claims Court might not be the best court to pursue the complaints about the town water system.

He said that the court cannot issue an injunction and a class-action cannot be filed.

"Even if you won the case, where would you be?" Falsely said. "I think you're in the wrong ballpark."

Reynolds, however, released a statement this morning that indicated he is pleased that the court case has helped increase concerns about the town's water situation.

"Win, lose or draw in the court, my neighbors and I feel we have accomplished our immediate goal," he said. "We have focused the attention of the citizens and the authorities on the vital need for safe, pure water in the Town of Manchester."

Reynolds said that all of the Board of Directors candidates in today's election have talked about the water situation and know its importance.

"Now, it is up to all of the citizens of Manchester to see that corrective steps are taken," he said.

Reynolds said that his statement did not mean that he and others might not pursue further action if Judge Falsely's decision is not in their favor.

During Monday's trial, Reynolds called several witnesses, including Phyllis Jackson, a town director.

Mrs. Jackson, who formerly lived on Hackmatack Street, said that there were times when the water in the southwest area was cloudy and had an odor. She described it as "undrinkable."

Others who took the stand, including Mary O'Geen of the Water Department and A.J. Marsh of the state Department of Health, said that water tests during August did show bacteriological problems with the water, but they could not say whether the water was impure.

Marsh said that other factors must also be measured to judge impurity.

The town was represented by attorney Edward Daly Jr., who said that he expects a decision from the judge within a couple of days.

There's something else up there

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI) — What is about 100 to 400 miles in diameter and orbits the sun, roughly 2 billion miles out, once every 115 years or so?

You don't know? Relax. Neither does the astronomer who discovered it, whatever it is.

"I haven't the slightest idea what it is," Charles Kowal of Caltech said Monday.

It is far too small to be a conventional planet. The smallest — Mercury — is about 10 times as big. But in the absence of any better description "you might say it is a mini-planet," he said.

"It really doesn't resemble anything else. It is definitely not a satellite (moon) of any planet or a comet. It will take a long time to establish what it is exactly."

"It is about 100 to 400 miles in diameter, small for a planet but as big as some asteroids. There are not usually asteroids in that area, and it's too bright to be a comet."

It could be a former moon, escaped from the gravity of its planet, or an asteroid. It will take astronomers two to three weeks to determine its orbit, which is in the vicinity of Uranus, the seventh planet from the sun (Earth is third).

The orbit is beyond Saturn, the sixth planet. It may cross Uranus' orbit so that at times it is beyond its bigger neighbor (32,000 miles in diameter) — "maybe going as far out as Neptune," the eighth planet — and at others inside its orbit, Kowal said. By first estimates, the swing may take it from 1.3 billion miles from the sun to about 2.7 billion miles.

Kowal, 37, is a veteran at discovering new objects in the solar system, which has been neglected by many astronomers taking advantage of modern instruments to study the far reaches of the universe. Previously he discovered the 13th moon of Jupiter, and another object

which may be the 14th.

He found the unusual body while working with the 48-inch telescope at Mount Palomar Oct. 18 and 19, and has been trying to establish its orbit so other astronomers can locate it.

If it eventually is defined as a planet, it would be the 10th in the solar system, and by tradition Kowal would have the privilege of choosing a name.

That seems remote enough that he hasn't given it much thought, Kowal said. He noted that a fanciful name from mythology is considered appropriate for asteroids, "but if it's a planet, we'd have to be more formal."

PZC to air church plan for housing

A retirement center planned for the Hartford Road campus of the South United Methodist Church is expected to be scheduled for a public hearing at the Manchester Planning and Zoning Commission's (PZC) Dec. 5 meeting.

Plans for the project had been submitted to the town's planning office, but minor revisions to the plan had to be made. Alan Lamson, town planner, said. The changes were in the parking and landscaping of the proposal, he said. Philip Susag, a trustee for the Methodist Health and Welfare Services Inc., said that he expects the plans in time to be scheduled for the December meeting of the PZC. The deadline for applying for the Dec. 5 meeting is Nov. 14.

Susag said that the changes in the plan included increasing the number of parking spaces from 50 to 62.

The plans are being revised by Mankey Associates.

Richard Mankey of the firm said that he does not anticipate any problems in making the required revisions.

The revisions are being made to meet the standards set in regulations governing elderly housing. These regulations were approved in September by the PZC.

An opposition group to the South United Methodist housing proposal has formed and members had spoken against the changes in the regulations governing elderly housing. Members of the group also are expected to make a presentation against the retirement center, which is proposed as 100 units of elderly housing.

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Pipeline approved

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter today gave final U.S. approval for construction of a 4,700-mile pipeline to carry Alaskan natural gas through Canada to the lower 48 states.

Carter, who personally selected the joint U.S.-Canadian Alcan pipeline route, signed a resolution of approval passed by the Senate and House last week. The privately financed project will cost at least \$10 billion.

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Judge axes nuclear protest defense

EXETER, N.H. (UPI) — A Superior Court judge ruled today anti-nuclear demonstrators could not justify their occupations of the Seabrook nuclear power plant because of a fear of nuclear power.

Rockingham County Superior Court Judge Wayne Mullaney said the so-called competing harms defense which demonstrators planned to use was inadmissible.

Demonstrators had planned their defense based on a New Hampshire law which says it is permissible to break the law to prevent a greater

harm from occurring. The demonstrators said the Seabrook plant posed a much greater hazard to mankind than did the occupation.

Mullaney's ruling came in the case of Mark Wentworth, 24, of East Kingston. Wentworth's attorney, Eric Blumensen of Boston, continued to call witnesses to testify to the potential hazards of nuclear power, but Mullaney sustained objections to that testimony.

Earlier, Blumensen told the jury his client was frightened by low level radiation, waste disposal, terrorism

and the adverse affects the Seabrook plant might have on marine life.

Wentworth and Robert Cole, 22, of Hampton, were the first of 62 demonstrators to go on trial. The demonstrators have been convicted of criminal trespass in District Court but are entitled — under state law — to an automatic appeal and jury trial in Superior Court.

Court officials had hoped the 62 trials, the first of some expected 1,500 would be disposed of swiftly, but court clerk Unwar Samaha said Mon-

day all but 10 trials would be reassigned to the fall of 1978. Three more trials were scheduled to start today and five on Wednesday.

County prosecutors in the trials of Cole and Wentworth have called state police and officials of the Public Service Co. of New Hampshire, which is building the plant, as witnesses. They testified demonstrators were given sufficient warning the occupation was against the law and that they would be arrested if they did not leave.

In a related development, David Nixon, a lawyer who represented 10 anti-nuclear demonstrators convicted of violating a court order in the August 1976 demonstration, said an appeal is virtually certain. Their convictions were upheld recently by the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Nixon said an appeal could be filed to the U.S. Supreme Court or to the U.S. District Court. He also said there was a possibility he would ask the New Hampshire Supreme Court for a re-hearing.

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Blue Cross hikes opposed by many

HARTFORD (UPI) — A \$30 million rate hike sought by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Connecticut has come under fire from business leaders, local government officials and consumer groups in the state.

In the first of a series of hearings Monday before state Insurance Commissioner Joseph C. Mike, the opponents charged the increases appeared to be for the benefit of doctors and hospitals at the expense of the consumer. The medical company was also criticized for giving in to providers' charges for costlier services.

Representatives of retired state workers also spoke out against the proposals that would raise the costs of three major plans of the medical company an average of 25 percent.

The opponents zeroed in on the proposed 25.7 percent hike in the Century Contract, which covers physicians' fees for more than one million residents in the state.

About \$19 million of the \$30 increase would go toward the Century plan. The rest would go toward increases in direct pay Blue Cross programs and the Blue Cross 65 plan which supplements federal Medicare payments.

The Connecticut Citizen Action Group, the state's largest consumer group, charged the hike in the Century Contract were mostly for the benefit of physicians at the expense of consumers.

Elinor Budryk, speaking for the CCAAG, disputed the company's claim that it needs to raise its rates to keep physicians from dropping out of the program.

"The consumer is being sacrificed to provide physicians larger payments for their services," she said. She accused the company of "paying only lip service to containing health care costs."

"As long as the medical insurance companies have unquestionably to the claims of 'increased cost of service' by health care providers, this rate increase signals more and more in the future," she said.

She urged the proposal be rejected or at least be postponed to January to give opposing parties more time to present their cases.

Joseph F. Duplinsky, president of the medical company, testified the payments for physicians' services have not been adjusted since 1975 while the Consumer Price Index for physicians has risen 29 percent.

When questioned by the insurance commission, Duplinsky said 150 physicians of the estimated 3,500 doctors in the plan have resigned "because they do not feel payments are adequate."

A representative of the Stanley Works of New Britain complained the increases in the Century plan for employees would cost the firm another \$200,000 annually.

Retired state employee groups said the hikes would create a heavier burden on fixed incomes and questioned the effectiveness of the recent merger of Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

The commission allowed the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities to take part in the hearings as an intervenor against the proposed increases because many communities pay for medical coverage for their municipal workers.

Robert Leuba, counsel for the CCM, said city officials were concerned the Blue Cross and Blue Shield has "failed to put the lid" on professional service charges.

Home fuel price may top 50 cents

HARTFORD (UPI) — Government and industry officials are predicting home heating oil prices will rise above the 50-cent-a-gallon mark in Connecticut for the first time this winter.

"I would not be surprised to see the price rise five cents or more over the winter and that is a conservative estimate," said Charles Burkhardt, executive vice president of the New England Fuel Institute.

The Hartford Courant's random sampling of 10 dealers Monday revealed three companies were charging 48.9 cents per gallon of home heating oil and seven firms were charging 49.9 cents per gallon.

Those are roughly the same prices that were being charged in April after last year's severe winter.

If Burkhardt's assessment is accurate, home heating oil could cost Connecticut residents as much as 54 or 55 cents per gallon this winter.

Burkhardt, whose association represents 1,300 fuel oil dealers, said an impending oil price increase by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and rising inflation makes it inevitable that consumers will have to pay more.

Burkhardt said a five-cent hike would cost New England consumers \$132 million. About 70 percent of Connecticut's homes are heated by fuel oil.

Joseph Belanger, director of energy and research policy for the state Office of Policy and Management, was not as pessimistic as Burkhardt, but he did predict a price increase. Belanger said prices will rise to at least 51 cents a gallon by winter's end.

Belanger predicted as many as 200 of New England's 2,200 fuel oil dealers will be forced to close or sell their businesses before the end of winter.

Grasso pledges help in Uniroyal layoffs
NAUGATUCK (UPI) — Gov. Ella T. Grasso is pledging special help for workers if Uniroyal Co. follows through with its tentative decision to close its footwear division and put 750 persons out of work.

The closing, announced in notices posted on company bulletin boards Monday, cited higher production costs and increased foreign imports among the reasons for the shutdown.

The announcement was no surprise to the workers who said they knew layoffs could become a reality by the end of the year. The company gave no timetable on how and when the layoffs might occur.

The footwear plant began 1977 with 3,000 employees and is presently down to 1,500 because of transfers and previous layoffs.

The company did not announce any plans to assist those workers who may be laid off.

Gov. Ella T. Grasso, later in the day, pledged state assistance to the Uniroyal workers.

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Area police report

South Windsor
Richard O'Brien, 24, of Windsor Locks, was arrested Monday on a Common Pleas Court warrant charging him with breach of peace, criminal trespassing and criminal mischief.



Winner in Coventry
Mary A. Healey of Coventry is a winner of the top cash prize of \$10,000 in Connecticut's Instant Match IV lottery game.

Insurance firm says Vernon needs walks

While Vernon has received a letter from the Hartford Insurance Group stating the town has improved the sidewalks in the Rockville section the letter also states that there are seven or eight other areas that should be fixed.

Mayor will comment on HUD proposals

Vernon
The town of (Vernon) is going to have the last say, Mayor Thomas Benoit commenting on a recent proposal from the office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Church fair planned

Coventry
The Gleasons Group of the Second Congregational Church of Coventry will hold its annual holiday fair on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Church Community House on Route 6A.

Registration begins
The Vernon Recreation Department will conduct registration sessions for its various youth leagues starting this week.

Board meets tonight

Andover
The Andover Board of Education will meet tonight at 7:30 at the Andover Elementary School conference room.

Harvest supper slated by Friends for Music

South Windsor
A Harvest Family Supper, sponsored by the Friends for Music, will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Area fire calls

Tolland County
Monday, 4:37 p.m. — Gas odor investigation, Haney Lane, Vernon. Monday, 7:39 p.m. — False alarm, East Main Street, Rockville.

Jai alai results

Table with columns for Monday night and Tuesday jai alai results, listing names and scores.

Charades at Vernon school

Students in Miss Maxine Rhodes's room at the Lake Street School, Vernon, acted out book titles Friday in preparation for the school's book fair.

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Advertisement for CBT Second Mortgage with headline 'Up to \$25,000 for homeowners.' and a table of loan options.

Aggressive Manchester High booters nip Trumbull on Smayda's goals, 2-1

By LEN AUSTER
Herald Sports-Writer
More aggressive than in recent outings, Manchester High rode Greg Smayda's two-goal performance in upending Trumbull High, 2-1, yesterday at Memorial Field.

CIAC tourney
Coach Dick Danielson, "I enjoyed watching. There were periods of great soccer. We played well together and in the last 15 minutes of the half our halfbacks didn't let them (Trumbull) get anything going."

one-on-one with the goalie. His blast from just outside the penalty area was touched by Schneider, but the momentum carried it into the cage.



Greg Smayda



Mark Copeland

Manager of Year in NL to Lasorda

NEW YORK (UPI)—Tom Lasorda, who inherited the mantle worn by Walter Alton as manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers for 23 years, Tuesday was named U.S. National League Manager of the Year.

Herald angle

Earl Yost
Sports Editor
Fine season noted
Hat is dotted in the direction of Bill Troy who coached the Iling Junior High football team to a fine record of five victories in six starts this fall.



It was a long day for Patriots

Sports briefs

Most improved players
LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Golfers Bruce Lietzke and Homer Austin and tennis players Brian Gottfried and Wendy Turnbull were honored by Golf Digest-Tennis magazines Monday as the most improved professionals in their sports in 1977.

Unsung workers

Among the unsung men involved in a hockey game are two linemen, who do more than just pick up the puck and race around the ice for faceoffs.

Victory 'all the sweeter'

BALTIMORE (UPI)—To Baltimore Colts Coach Ted Marchbroda the winning touchdown—a leaping, 12-yard pass reception by wide receiver Freddie Scott—represented a team effort and made victory "all the sweeter."

Quite an experience

Two Manchester men, who still remain nameless, were among a bus load of football fans from a local club that motored to Foxboro, Mass., last Sunday to watch the New England Patriots lose to the Buffalo Bills.

Scott's TD grab gives Colts win

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Fairbanks still hopeful Pats will gain playoffs

FOXBORO, Mass. (UPI)—Coach Chuck Fairbanks says the 5-3 New England Patriots still might gain the playoffs this year.

Hoop shrine alters rules

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (UPI)—Trustees of the Basketball Hall of Fame have voted to increase membership on the election committee to make it a little easier for someone to be named for the honor.

Texas holds No. 1 spot

NEW YORK (UPI)—Unbeaten Texas held on to the No. 1 spot Tuesday in the United Press International Board of Coaches football ratings after a 35-21 victory over Houston last weekend.

Porter traded

DETROIT (UPI)—Piston guard Kevin Porter, favored by the fans for his slick ball control, will be traded to the New York Nets along with forward Howard Porter.

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Mrs. Griffen gets a second daughter

By MAL BARLOW

East Hartford Reporter
Mrs. Roberta Griffen, 22, failed to regain custody of her first daughter, Heidi, this year from her ex-husband John Griffen.
But she did get a daughter.
She bore Jessica Griffen Aug. 30 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. The beautiful child is doing well and Mrs. Griffen is making a home for her at 100 Columbus St., an apartment complex run by the East Hartford Housing Authority.

But Mrs. Griffen is still determined to regain custody of Heidi. Part of her motivation in setting up her new home is to make a good home for both her daughters, Heidi too.
"I don't care what anyone says that baby (Heidi) is mine," she said Monday.
"I'll kidnap her if I can. I'll take Jessica with me."
Mrs. Griffen said she married too young, just 17. She once walked out on her husband. He sought and won a divorce in Connecticut March 4, 1976.

The decree awarded custody of Heidi to her. He had visiting rights.
Mrs. Griffen at one time lost her apartment and her ex-husband took Heidi with him for several weeks. While she set up another apartment, he moved with Heidi to live with his brother in Palma, Calif.
Mrs. Griffen was frantic about the loss in the spring of 1976. But she had no funds to chase after Heidi. She did not know what to do.
In December 1976, The Herald told her story. She was a mother without her child just before Christmas. She then got some help and guidance. She took a bus to Palma and found her ex-husband.

She forced him and his brother into a California court Jan. 15. She describes the court scenes as heart rending for her. She was accused of being a bad mother and not having a home in which to keep the child.
Although she did see Heidi, she could not take her.
"They put me through so much hell," she said.

Friends she made there put her on a plane and sent her home. She later "flipped out" and was hospitalized for about five weeks, she said. She could not take the loss of her child.
"I'm not saying I wasn't bad. But I'm a hell of a lot better now. And I'm getting stronger all the time."
She is convinced Heidi would have a better home here. She has received word her ex-husband's finances have suffered greatly since she was there. She didn't like how pale Heidi looked before the court scene. She could not see Heidi after.

Jessica's father is an East Hartford man who took care of Mrs. Griffen last year and at times this year, she said. He has helped her with Jessica but will not help her regain custody of Heidi, she said.
She is a C-8er. Friends on the air have urged her to continue seeking help, she said. She needs a stove and refrigerator for the apartment as well as a few items of furniture.
Once she is settled, she will again seek Heidi, she said.
Heidi will be 5 this Thursday.



Mrs. Roberta Griffen and her second daughter, Jessica Griffen, two months. (Herald photo by Barlow)



Holding the Democratic fort

Eugene Paganetti, left, and James Fitzgerald man the phones at Democratic Party headquarters over the Friendly's Restaurant on Main Street early this morning to make sure voters have rides to the polls despite the rain. Paganetti is a member of the party's State Central Committee. Fitzgerald is chairman of the Democratic Town Committee in East Hartford.



Contacting the party faithful

Sophie and Walter Forrest, Republican Town Committee members, phone GOP voters in East Hartford from their headquarters at 149 Burnside Ave. They want to insure that the party faithful vote in the town elections Nov. 8. GOP workers will also try to contact unaffiliated voters to seek their support. (Herald photo by Barlow)

East Hartford bulletin board

Speaking tonight

Tonight at Penney High School, Bill Halloran, a nationally known speaker on reading, will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
Halloran's approach says that children will read when they're excited about books. He knows ways to spark them.

Teachers, parents and citizens are invited to the free program which is part of the townwide Recognition of Schools program.

He will show parents how books can be every bit as intriguing as TV and a lot more useful. He takes a positive tack. He shows "Why Johnny can read."

He shows how reading can be a springboard to all the language arts including listening, speaking and writing.
"The real magic happens when you bring reading success to your children," Halloran says.

Program canceled

Because there will be a power outage at East Hartford High School Wednesday, there will be no women's recreation program. The swimming pool will also be closed.

Penney High School pool will be closed Wednesday and Saturday due to swim meets. Both pools will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, Veterans' Day. EHS pool will open Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Both pools will remain closed during the Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend beginning Nov. 24.

Volleyball bash

The Department of Parks and Recreation will offer men and women a volleyball bash at Penney High School Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Games and a tournament will take place.

Roller skating

The Department of Parks and

Recreation will offer roller skating Saturday, Nov. 12 at St. Mary's School Hall, 1451 Main St. from 7 to 9 p.m. A low charge covers the admission and skate rental.

Band yes, lights no

The East Hartford Exchange Club board voted to contribute \$100 to the EHS marching band for their February trip to Disney World. But the club voted not to give \$150 for town Christmas lights as requested by the Chamber of Commerce.

The club will buy four dozen "Thank You God for Everything" bumper stickers for use by club members.

Club to meet

The East Hartford Democratic Women's Club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the Senior Citizens Center on Remington Road at 8 p.m. Mrs. Loretta Diest will lecture on home decorating and interior decorating.

Midgets end the season

By SHEILA TULLER

Herald Correspondent
East Hartford's four midget football teams, the Cardinals, Elks, Mustangs, and Vikings, played their last regular season games against each other at McAniff Park Sunday. The games also counted as the first round of the town championship playoff.

Cardinals win

In the first game the Cardinals beat the Mustangs 26-20.
The Cardinals got things going early in the first quarter when Tim Marsh recovered a fumble setting up Scott Dineen for a touchdown.

The Mustangs followed suit when Charlie Taylor recovered a Cardinal fumble on the five-yard line. Jackie Sexton took the ball in to tie the score 6-6.

Cardinal running back Jim Neary skirted past all Mustang attackers to gain 40 yards and another TD. Greg Micolelli added the extra points putting the Cardinals ahead 14-6. Before the first half ended, Dave Cushman plunged over the goal line to make it 20-6 for the Cardinals.

In the third quarter, Jon Twitchell grabbed another Cardinal fumble and Larry Mirabile ran the ball in a few plays later for a B team TD.

Cardinal Ray Schultz picked off a Mustang pass and ran it in for a TD. At the end of the third quarter, the Cardinals were leading 26-12.

The Mustangs weren't ready to call it quits and went on to score again in the fourth period. A pass from Jackie Sexton to Jack Linger put the Teamster's team in scoring position. Sweeping around the end for 10 yards, Fitz Davis added another TD.
Matt Rymkiewicz added the extra points.

The Mustangs couldn't get past the strong Red defense again.

Cardinal Coach Ray Micolelli cited defensive players Carl LeBree, Mark McCoy, Mike Visintainer, Todd Merlenti, Rene Kleeff, and Greg Micolelli. Paul Zalkaric earned a pat on the back for an interception and Tim March and Doug Hallquist for recovering fumbles.

Micolelli also praised his offense, especially his five score-makers.

Elks win
The Elks, defending town champions, beat the Vikings 20-6 in the second game.

"The Vikings were really up for this game," Bob Blake, Elks coach, said after the game.

The Vikings came on strong and held the Elks A team scoreless in the first quarter. An Elk fumble recovered by Viking Ray Chalcoine in the end zone thwarted the Elks first quarter hopes.

B team running back Gary Rodegher sparked his Elk teammates with a 38 yard run for a TD.

Chris Darby's pass to Scott Casserino was good for the extra points and the Elks went ahead in the second quarter 9-0.

In the third quarter a brilliant 28-yard run by Dave Brown put the Vikings on the scoreboard though still trailing 8-9.

Danny O'Connell grabbed a Viking fumble in the last seconds of B team third quarter play setting up the Elks A team for a scoring drive. The Elks A team then broke the game wide open.

John Rodegher started the action with a 28-yard touchdown run. Rodegher couldn't be stopped Sunday. He grabbed a Viking pass to gain another 25 yards for the Elks.

Rodegher then took the ball in from the 14-yard line for the final tally of the game. Though it sounds like the Rodeghers played the Vikings, Coach Blake cited several other key players.

Emilio Gilberto who usually is among the scorers added several yards and needed first downs to the Elks cause with hard running.

"Emilio was our battering ram today," Blake added.

Mitch Gabron earned coach's praise when he took over at center for injured Brian Skeels.

Defensive players who were cited for containing an eager Viking team were B teamers Tommy Parlante, T.J. Fogarty, and O'Connell. A team defensive standouts were Nick Carella, Scott Sirois, and Kenny Puchalsky.

The Vikings had many defensive standouts, notably Captain Todd Green who intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble, Tom Fleming, Dave Brown, Steve Blais, and Bob Logan who also recovered fumbles.

Coach Charlie Brewer also cited defensive stars Leo DiLoreto, Joe DeLampo, Paul Mazzaferro, Jerry Downing, Wade Brewer, and Jeff Paradis.

Next Sunday the locals will enter division play. The Elks will travel to Vernon to play the Windsor Giants. The Cardinals drew a first round bye. The town championship game between the Elks and the Cardinals will be played Nov. 20 at McAniff Park. Depending on the outcome of Sunday's Elks tilt, the Nov. 20 game could also be a division title.

East Hartford fire calls

Monday, 12:51 a.m. — Dumpster fire at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant on Main Street.
Monday, 3:30 a.m. — Brush fire at Hockanum School.
Monday, 6:18 a.m. — Smoke in hallway at 225 Main St.
Monday, 11:12 a.m. — Medical call to 9 Phillips St.
Monday, 12:30 p.m. — Medical call to Maple and Forbes streets.
Monday, 2:25 p.m. — Medical call to 1331 Main St.
Monday, 4:17 p.m. — Medical call to Main Street and Burnside Avenue.
Monday, 4:40 p.m. — Medical call to 292 Tolland St.
Monday, 7:32 p.m. — Auto accident at 678 Burnside Ave.
Monday, 7:32 p.m. — Medical call to 48 Graham Road.
Monday, 7:47 p.m. — Medical call to Burnside Avenue and Walnut Street.
Monday, 10:28 p.m. — Medical call to Fuller Ave.
Today, 12:14 a.m. — Medical call to 54 Cannon Road.

Now you know

Mexico's southeast peninsula got its name in 1517 when the conquistadores arrived and asked in Spanish what the place was called. The natives, who knew no Spanish, replied in their tongue: "Yucatan (what do you want)!"

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