Flooding continues to spread damage across parts of Europe

LONDON — Storms continue to flood parts of Europe. In Britain, the Environment Agency reported that 52 severe flood warnings have been issued for 33 rivers, while 235 flood warnings also remain in place. Twelve British citizens have died from storm-related injuries since heavy winds and rain swept across Western Europe last week. Storms in northern Italy caused floods and landslides, forcing scores of people to evacuate their homes on Tuesday. Estimates from flood damage run into the hundreds of millions of pounds, according to the UK Association of British Insurers.

Yemeni officials deny their nation aided in USS Cole attack

WASHINGTON — Senior Yemeni officials denied Tuesday accusations that any government officials were involved in the attack on the USS Cole. Published reports in the region said Yemeni government officials provided a car to the bombers in the attack that killed 17 U.S. sailors. A pair of suicide bombers detonated a bomb in a small boat alongside the U.S. warship in Aden harbor on Oct. 12. Since the bombing, U.S. officials have been pursuing Yemeni authorities to allow the United States to take part in the investigation.

Volcano eruption causes ash to fall in northern region of Japan

TOKYO — A volcano erupted in northern Japan early Wednesday, causing ash to fall on a nearby town, the Meteorological Agency said. Mount Kusatsu-Shirane, located on Japan's northeastern island of Hokkaido, erupted around 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday. The eruption triggered volcanic tremors that lasted for 10 minutes and was also reported within a 15-mile radius of the volcano near Sibutake. Smoke or steam that may have been rising from the volcano could not be observed because of the thick clouds covering the top of the mountain, the agency said. No injuries or major damages were reported as a result of the eruption. The 3,716-foot-high volcano most recently erupted on Oct. 27 after two earlier eruptions in September.

French farmers' union agrees not to sell certain types of beef

PARIS — The main French farmers' union announced it will no longer sell meat from cows born before mid-1996, in a move to address customer concerns about mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy. The decision has led President Jacques Chirac to push for an immediate ban on animal-based livestock feed. The government said dozens of French people were likely to fall victim to the brain-wasting disease Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease due to a steep rise in the spread of the mad cow strain in cattle. France already has a limited ban on animal-based livestock feed that was adopted in 1996.

Former president's son evades national manhunt in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Prosecutors in Indonesia launched a manhunt on Tuesday after Tommy Suharto, former President Suharto's youngest son, failed to turn himself in to authorities. Tommy was convicted by Indonesia's Supreme Court for his role in a 1997 $1 million property scam. Several members of the former dictator's family are alleged to have illegally amassed fortunes during Suharto's presidency. Tommy was the first of the Suharto family to stand trial.

Correction

There were no corrections reported to Cardinal Points from the Nov. 3 issue.

Please call Cardinal Points at 644-2174 if any information provided earlier is incorrect. Cardinal Points apologizes for any inaccuracies.

Students gather around the television on Election Day in the Angel College Center tuned to CNN in order to watch the state's electoral votes come in for the presidential election.

Hillary wins Senate

History was made when Democrat Hillary Clinton received word she won the Senate seat for New York. She is now the first woman Senator from New York and the only first lady to ever win a public office. The number reflected a big victory in New York City and other urban areas, like Albany. Republican opponent, Rick Lazio won in mostly upstate counties, including Clinton County. Clinton received 3,416,704 votes, 58 percent of the vote. Lazio only received 2,671,114 votes, 44 percent according to www.cnn.com.

Many choose history over sleep

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Resident assistant Mike Cashman of Plattsburgh is one person who knows the value of each individual vote in tight races. His election night lasted nearly 12 hours and started at 6:30 p.m. when he was informed that there was a tie in the 13th Congressional District. Cashman was frustrated, however, at all the confusion surrounding the ballots in Florida, the state on which the entire race now depends. Problems there ranged from missing ballots boxes to poorly laid-out ballots that caused people to accidentally vote for Pat Buchanan when they intended to vote for Gore. "It could be done in a much more professional way," he said. Some people chose not to sleep at all. Mike Cashman, resident assistant in Banks Hall, stayed up all night with a dozen of the building's residents in the second floor lounge. "It was a spontaneous get-together," he said. "It sucked us in."

Once again, Gore could not believe that the election served to illustrate the importance of each vote. Senator Rachel Wyrostek didn't vote, but regretted it after seeing the close results. "I'm mad at myself for it," she said, adding that she would definitely be voting in the next election.

Republican mayor Dan Stewart of Plattsburgh is one person who knows the value of each individual vote in tight races. His election night lasted nearly 12 hours and started at 6:30 p.m. when he was informed that there was a tie in the 13th Congressional District. Stewart was up until 4:30 a.m. watching this week's election returns. "It is definitely the most exciting race this country has seen in four decades," Stewart said. "Democracy is showing its finest hour."