Baby whale expected to die

SEATTLE — Marine biologists trying to save an infant sperm whale bandoned by its mother on an Oregon beach managed to feed the 800-pound baby a mixture of saline and krill Wednesday night, but the mammal's chance of survival was

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Nearly \$1,000 has been collected to help an

elderly couple buy their home back

from the real estate broker who gained title to the house because they failed to pay \$3.05 in back

In addition, Pittsburgh real estate agent J. Howard Mitchell offered to

pay \$500 to buy back the home back for Fedo and Hattie Mae Kenon.

A legislative hearing was called

for tonight at the courthouse in

nearby Quincy to consider reform of

the law that led to the Kenons losing

The hearing was a response to

howls of citizen protests at learning

the Kenons, who live on Social Security benefits, had lost their house

because they did not pay \$3.05 in

'Nobody has done anything il-

legal," said state Sen. Pat Thomas of

Quincy. "But there is a weakness in

the law. The Legislature never in-tended that a person should lose his home under these circumstances."

The home, valued at \$5,200, was

bought by Callahan mortgage broker John D. Barrow for \$102,

which included the back taxes and county costs in connection with the

"You did not realize you were tak-

ng a home from an elderly couple

that had worked hard all their life in the cotton field to pay for that little house," Mitchell wrote Barrow.

"You thought you were buying a little piece of land nobody wanted, and you bought it," he said. "It has

worried me ever since I read the article in the Pittsburgh Press paper. I will pay you \$500, which is more than you have in it, if you will deed it back to Hattie Mae Kenon."

"You have had some adverse publicity," Mitchell added, "but people will say, 'I knew he would treat the old couple fairly in the end.' Please do this because I know in your heart

People from throughout the coun-

try have sent money to help the Ke-

nons. Close to \$1,000 has been col-

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Money sent to save

couple from eviction

Wearing chest waders and holding onto a large towel looped be-neath its head, biologists at the Seattle Aquarium worked in twos, slowly "walking" the 12-foot infant female around a 3½-foot-deep holding pool while volunteers fed the whale special formula through a long tube and bilge pump.

belieath the water with intermittent clicking" and "popping" sounds.

"We're seeing how long the whale would hold it (the food) down," said C.J. Casson, a staff member at the aquarium. He said the whale had suffered from severe nausea before

it was soothed by the "walking" pro-Despite the successful feeding, Tag Gornall, a consulting marine veterinarian for the aquarium, still rated the animal's chance of survival

beneath the water with intermittent

"I don't like to be a pessimist," Gornall said, "but the whale's condition is such an unknown quantity Barrow declined to talk to a UPI that even if it is alive on Thursday, the chances against it's surviving ment in advance to run his full still will be 99 percent. On Friday it will be 98 percent.

"It's as if you were a gorilla and you found a human baby in the

The baby whale's head surfaced forest. Would you know how to take periodically to gasp for air. It cried care of it fully?"

Gornall said the main problem with caring for the whale was that no one knew the full dietary needs of the baby sperm whale. He said biologists will later attempt to feed the whale a different mixture of whipping cream, blended squid, protein meal and small shrimp.

Marily Dahlheim, a bioacoustician for the National Marine Fisheries in Seattle, monitored a "hydrophone" dropped into the water to record sounds the whale was making. They were the first recordings of an isolated baby sperm whale's sounds, she said.

"She's producing clicks," Dahlheim said. "She makes four to six popping and clicking sounds in a se-



the property back to the Kenons for \$10,000.

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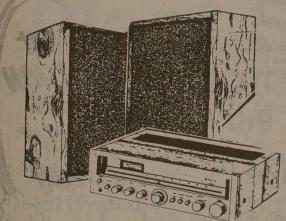
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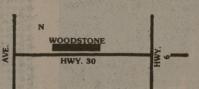


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Quake kills three in Italy

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NORCIA, Italy — The most intense earthquake to strike Italy in three years rumbled along the Italian peninsula Wednesday from north of Rome to Naples, killing at

least three people and sending thousands fleeing into the streets. A hundred aftershocks shook cen-tral Italy into the early morning hours today and rescue crews picked through the rubble of colapsed houses in search of other pos-

their stone house in the village of San Marco just outside the Umbrian hilltop town of Norcia.

Dozens of people throughout the region suffered minor injuries, offi-

Scientists at the Monteporzio Geophysical Observatory near Rome said the earthquake measured 8.0 on the Mercalli scale of intensity and was followed by a series of smaller aftershocks that continued into the early hours of today.

Police said at least three members of one family were killed Wednesday when the quake knocked down

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