

# National



Rain from both directions

Staff photo by Brian Tate

As the rains fell from the sky Tuesday, they also came from the ground. A vent in front of the Oceanography and Meteorology

Building for the underground steam tunnels on campus was blowing the rain into the air as it drained off into the vent.

## Vacationing aquatians are catered to at the Fish Hotel

United Press International  
NORWALK, Conn. — The octopus liked to dine on time at the Norwalk Aquarium Fish Hotel — but if his food was late, it was no problem. He'd come and get it.

"Oh if he got hungry he'd just move the top cover of his tank and stick out two tentacles. If he didn't get the food then, he'd be out of the tank," proprietor Peter Falcione said.

Falcione's guest, a smaller variety of octopus, was about as big as a soccer ball, with tentacles 18 to 24 inches long. Its owner had trained the octopus to look for food itself, Falcione said.

Tanks are available year-round at the Fish Hotel, either on the European or the modified American plan. The European plan calls for one daily feeding and the American for whatever food the customer specifies. The staff is also available to "fish-sit" in people's homes.

Customers bring a water sample from their home tank to the Fish Hotel which Falcione analyzes. Then he sets up one of 32 tanks for his guest with precisely the same chemical balance.

Falcione's hotel business started as a courtesy to customers in 1951 when some hobbyists left their pets at his tropical fish store when they went on vacation. Now the hotel is often booked solid, especially during school vacations and over long seasonal holidays.

Falcione says there are similarities between his hotel and conventional ones, but there are differences, too. Nobody steals his towels. The ashtrays are safe. And his guests don't flirt with the maids.

The most costly stay involved an executive being transferred at company expense from Connecticut to Los Angeles. He arranged for the Fish Hotel to ship his four-tank aquarium after he arrived in February.

The shipment had to be held up for six weeks until spring because Kennedy International Airport personnel require ground

temperature to be above 55 degrees for tropical fish shipments. The total bill came to \$1,000.

The longest a guest has stayed at the Fish Hotel was six months. A little girl with a 20-gallon aquarium and 20 small fish tele-

phoned Falcione and wanted him to put them up for the six months she and her family expected to be in Florida.

"She didn't have but \$60 or \$70 in fish," Falcione said. "It would have cost \$250 for six months. I

told her to let me speak to her father. He said no. Then the little girl comes into the store with all those fish. I told her, "You father said no." The kid points to a woman with her and says "Grandma says it's OK."

# MICKEY'S

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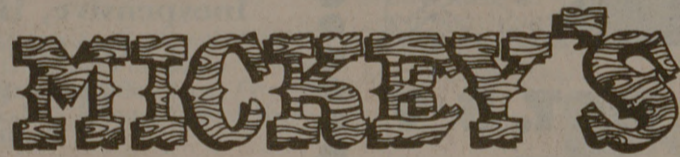
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## Metals found on sea floor

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — Scientists exploring the eastern Pacific sea floor by submarine discovered an accessible 25-million ton natural concentration of copper and other metals worth an estimated \$2 billion.

Dr. Alex Malahoff, chief scientist of the National Ocean Survey, announced the spectacular find Tuesday and said there is evidence of similar mineral lodes off Oregon and Washington.

"It could mark a new and dramatic turnaround in the assessment of the volume of accessible world-wide deposits of strategic minerals," he told a Na-

tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration news conference.

He said deposit believed much richer than ore in any mines on land could be mined by current technology. The deposit is so new, however, the fledgling ocean mining industry has not yet explored the possibility of tapping it.

The Russian-born scientist held a fist-sized chunk recovered a mile and a half beneath the surface of the water by robot arms on the research submarine Alvin.

He said the deposit lies on the sea floor in international waters 350 miles west of Ecuador.

Malahoff said the deposit

marked by a forest of stalagmite-looking cones tens of feet high was at least 130 feet thick, 650 feet wide and 3,200 feet long.

It was located along a fracture zone in an undersea ridge 240 miles east of the Galapagos Islands and 350 miles west of Ecuador.

The metals precipitated out from hot mineral-laden water seeping up through cracks in the sea floor crust.

Similar geological structures exist around the world, raising the possibility of vast new supplies of some of the metals most valued by modern technology.

## "Mickey Mouse" convicted of fraud in running income tax scam in prison

United Press International  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A former Missouri prison inmate who once filed a tax return under the name Mickey Mouse pleaded guilty in federal court to running an income tax refund scam from his prison hospital room.

George Turner, 55, of Chicago admitted filing a false claim against the government and also pleaded guilty to forgery, said

Eve Miler, spokeswoman for the Internal Revenue Service in Nashville.

In a statement read by an IRS agent it was revealed that Turner prepared and filed at least 47 false tax returns claiming a total of \$4,500 in refunds while imprisoned at a medical facility for federal prisoners in Springfield, Mo.

Miller said Turner previously was convicted for filing the forms

under the name Mickey Mouse, but declined to elaborate.

"It didn't become a matter of court record," she said. "You can put this under the headline of 'Mickey Mouse caper closed.'"

U.S. District Court Judge John T. Mixon set sentencing for Nov. 4. The two counts carry a maximum of 15 years in prison and an \$11,000 fine.

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