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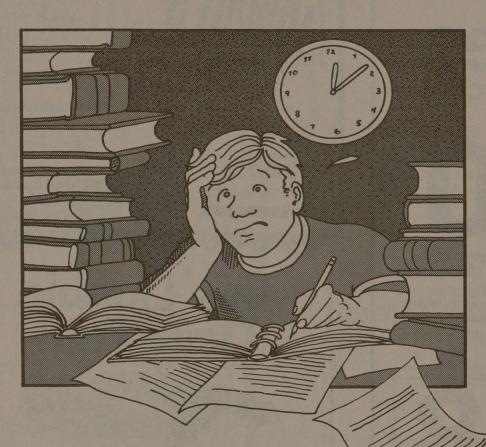
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## Waves hit coast due to quake

(AP) — Thousands of Pacific Coast residents fled to higher ground Wednesday after sirens and louds-peakers warned them of a tidal wave triggered by earthquakes.

A tsunami warning was posted from Alaska to California and for Hawaii and Japan after a major quake, measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale, hit undersea near the Aleutian Islands. Milder aftershocks continued to hit Thursday, said George Carie, a geophysicist at the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer,

About 21,000 people fled low-lying areas in Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and British Col-

Swells were only about 3 feet above normal in British Columbia.

Waves were 10 feet high in Hawaii, 2 to 3 feet in Washington and 5.8 feet in Adak on the Aleutians, an 1,100mile island chain with 16 scattered villages. Japan's Central Meteorological Agency said a tsunami of 9 inches was observed there.

The warning was called off 6 and one-half hours after the quake

In Kodiak, Alaska, where police headquarters and the jail are below the high-water line, five men serving sentences for misdemeanor crimes were set free, and only two had returned by Thursday.

"We have their belongings. We have all their money. And their clothes. Eventually, they'll get bored and come back. Maybe tomorrow, we'll get concerned and go out and bring them back," said Cpl. Susan White, a police spokeswoman.

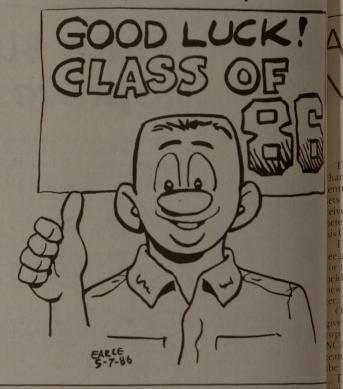
"Tsunami" is Japanese for "great harbor wave." Often called tidal waves, tsunami have nothing to do with tides, but are generated by earthquakes on or below the sea floor.

Most common in the Pacific Ocean, they can move at 600 miles an hour, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and gain size rapidly upon nearing land. Their height upon striking shore cannot be accurately

Wednesday's most powerful quake was centered about 100 miles southeast of Adak in the North Pacific, the

### Slouch

By Jim Eo



## Accidental spill puts black spot on Liberty's factorised

NEW YORK (AP) — An accidental spill of cleaning materials last winter left streaks on the Statue of Liberty's face and neck, already blackened by

Manhattan pollution.

The spill sent bicarbonate of soda solution, used to clean the statue's interior, cascading down her face, said Blaine Cliver, regional historical architect for the National Parks Ser-

Cliver blamed the accident on a backup in a vacuum system designed by the contractor to remove excess cleaning solution while the statue's interior was being scrubbed.

He predicted the streaks, caused

when the solution dried on the copper skin, will wear away eventually. He said they probably will still be visible when President Reagan unveils the renovated statue July 3 on nationwide television.

The Statue of Liberty's skin, about as thick as a penny, has been exposed to the elements for a century, and developed layers of patina that pro-tect the copper base, he said.

Most of Lady Liberty is familiar green. But much Kleinecke s side has turned blacking tennis. But Experts say Manhattan political "Anythin mis. But eaten away at the green outs exposing an inner layer A

patina. Specifications for the Withought we restoration never included the black stains.

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Cliver and other expersion kie examined the skin say there sh to eliminate the black area th endangering the copper will be held.

The best restoration of the said, was wash the Kleineck water and let whatever of pect an Ag

there shine through.
"It's not dirty," he said vig The black is a patinalayer. the statue is quite clean. Yo eat off it.

News of the stain came a ports, confirmed by several sources, that restoration found minor damage low of tue which they believe was

### Government 'irked' over record

WASHINGTON (AP) — For \$10, the Federal Record Service-Birth Records Division promises to get your newborn infant the Social Security number he or she needs to comply with a possible new federal law.

The problem, says an irked Social Security Administration, is that an infant usually doesn't need a number since there is no such law, Social Security will do the same job for free, and, despite the name, the Federal Record Service is not a government agency.

The ambitious direct mail campaign by the private Federal Record Service has set teeth grinding in Social

Security offices around the country In Washington, Social Security has asked the U.S. Postal Service to examine the company's mail solicitation to see if any action can be taken. It has written the

company, asking that "misleading" portionsol tation be changed. It also has sent alerts to offices, urging them to point up Social Security

Social Security spokesman James M. Brown problem is that the company's effort appare Despite the boldface letterhead reading cord Service" smaller type notes that it is ment agency. And it designates the \$10 as an

Efforts to reach the Federal Record Service ment were unsuccessful.

Brown said the company simply asks people a form similar to Social Security's and types the tion onto a Social Security form.

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