

5-year-old saves life of friend

LYNN, Mass. (AP) — Five-year-old Brent Meldrum can't pronounce Heimlich maneuver — he calls it "the time-life remover" — but he knew how to use Monday evening to save the life of a pal choking on a piece of candy.

Brent said Wednesday the 6-year-old Tanya Branden had turned "almost full blue."

"But he said, 'I knew what to do,'" because he had seen the maneuver on television. So the 45-pound Brent slipped his arms around Tanya from behind, clasped his hands together and squeezed.

"I lifted her up and banged her on her feet," he said. "She bended over and she coughed and it plopped out."

World and Nation

House sustains veto of bill setting textile import limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House of Representatives, by a slim eight-vote margin, today sustained President Reagan's December 1985 veto of a bill setting stiff limits on textile, clothing and shoe imports.

The 276-149 vote in the Democratic-controlled chamber fell short of the two-thirds majority required to override a veto.

No further action is required in the Republican-led Senate to uphold the president's veto.

The House vote followed an intensive personal lobbying campaign for undecided members waged by the president and top Cabinet officials.

An hour before the final tally, neither side was willing to predict the outcome.

In an election-year environment of growing frustration over annual trade deficits spiraling toward \$170 billion, the import-restraint measure had considerable support that crossed party lines.

Both sides called the textile bill protectionist.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., shortly before the vote conceded, "I'm against protectionism and this is protectionism, there's no question about it."

But, he said drastic steps were

needed to "send a very vital message to the world."

But administration allies contended it would be the wrong message.

They held that the measure could trigger global trade wars, invite retaliation by U.S. trading partners and wreck chances for upcoming international trade talks.

The vote followed an animated floor debate on the bill to roll back textile and clothing imports by 30 percent and to limit shoe imports to no more than 60 percent of the U.S. market.

World Briefs

Stock market prices mixed at close

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market was mixed Wednesday as traders continued to reassess the outlook for oil prices.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 2.53 to 1,779.53.

The NYSE's composite index dropped .10 to 136.19.

Oil stocks pulled back a bit after posting strong gains in the week's first two sessions. Exxon dropped 1/4 to 64 1/2; Chevron 1/4 to 39 3/4; and Amoco 1/4 to 62 3/4.

Climbing stairs may increase lifespan

BOSTON (AP) — A good strategy for a long life says avoid the elevator and take the stairs. Each step climbed could increase lifespan by about four seconds.

Two doctors who came up with that figure concede that their calculations are somewhat tongue-in-cheek. Their estimate is meant

to underscore the belief that any exercise is good for health.

Drs. Brent G. Petty and David M. Herrington discuss the benefits of stair climbing in a dizzying routine of mathematical gymnastics published as a letter in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Leaders meet to promote disarmament

IXTAPA, Mexico (AP) — Six world leaders who have been working for a superpower agreement to halt nuclear testing and put an end to the arms race began a two-day meeting Wednesday in this Pacific coastal resort.

The leaders, known as the Group of Six, were expected to issue a statement renewing their call for a prohibition on nuclear

tests, an end to the arms race and a reduction in military expenditures.

Officials included President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico, President Raul Alfonsin of Argentina, former President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Prime Ministers Rajiv Gandhi of India, Andreas Papandreu of Greece and Ingvar Carlsson of Sweden.

Thousands mark atomic anniversary

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — Tens of thousands of people gathered here Wednesday to mark the 41st anniversary of the first atomic bomb attack with silent prayer, noisy protest, discussion and song.

"Hiroshima repeats its appeal," Mayor Takeshi Araki said at an annual memorial service sponsored by the city. "We offer our prayer for the repose of the victims' souls . . . and rededicate ourselves anew to the cause of peace."

He also said: "Holding the fate of all humankind in their hands, the United States and the Soviet Union should hold a summit meeting in Hiroshima city . . . and take the first practical steps toward nuclear disarmament."

Araki is a survivor of the explosion of the 20-kiloton bomb dropped Aug. 6, 1945, by an American B-29 named Enola Gay.

Remembrances of the blinding flash and mushroom cloud that killed from 78,000 to 140,000 people began before dawn as families of victims began arriving in the Peace Memorial Park.

In the cool darkness, elderly men and women knelt in prayer before the arch-shaped memorial

cenotaph. They offered incense and chrysanthemums, flowers traditionally presented to the deceased in Japan.

The crowd had grown to 50,000 by 8:15 a.m., the time the bomb dropped, when the city halted for a minute of silence.

Three days after the attack on Hiroshima, up to 70,000 more were killed by a second bomb dropped at Nagasaki.

The Hiroshima service was attended this year by three Nobel laureates: Desmond Tutu, the black Anglican bishop from South Africa; American chemist Linus Pauling and British chemist Dorothy Hodgkin.

"I have been overwhelmed by what I have seen since coming to Hiroshima," Tutu said at a peace forum later. "It has been for me I think a shattering experience but also one of great inspiration. I am amazed at how the people of Hiroshima have no trace of bitterness."

The three laureates, together with other scholars and officials, announced a "Hiroshima Appeal" calling on the world to heed Mayor Araki's message.

Outside the park, demonstrators in vans

Report: Women own one in four businesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women own nearly one-fourth of the nation's businesses, although their companies generate only one-tenth of all receipts, the Census Bureau said Wednesday.

A new analysis of the 1982 U.S. Economic Census found that women owned 2,884,450 businesses.

These businesses make up 23.9 percent of all individual proprietorships, partnerships and small business corporations operating at that time.

The \$98.3 billion in receipts their companies generated amounted to 10.2 percent of all income from those types of companies, the study found.

The report did not include large corporations — those with more than 25 shareholders — because researchers were not able to determine which of those were owned primarily by women.

Of the companies owned by women, the majority — 2,661,210 — were individual proprietorships.

There were 134,184 partnerships and 89,056 small corporations.

Eleven percent of the women-owned companies had paid employees, including 668 with 100 or more employees.

About half of the women-owned companies had gross receipts of less than \$5,000, the report said.

A minuscule 0.3 percent of them brought in \$1 million or more.

Personal services, such as laundries and cleaning services, were the most common business for women to be engaged in, with 419,113 women-owned businesses in this category.

Real estate agencies were second with 225,551 businesses, followed by health services, such as nurses, doctors and dentists, with 128,389.

Rounding out the 10 largest women-owned activities were:

- Eating and drinking places, 66,811
- Special trade contractors, such as plumbers, heating and masonry contractors, roofers and so forth, 47,219
- Food stores, 37,635
- Apparel and accessory stores, 29,130
- Wholesale trade, non-durable goods, 22,231
- Auto dealers and service stations, 14,353
- Wholesale trade, durable goods, 12,021.

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