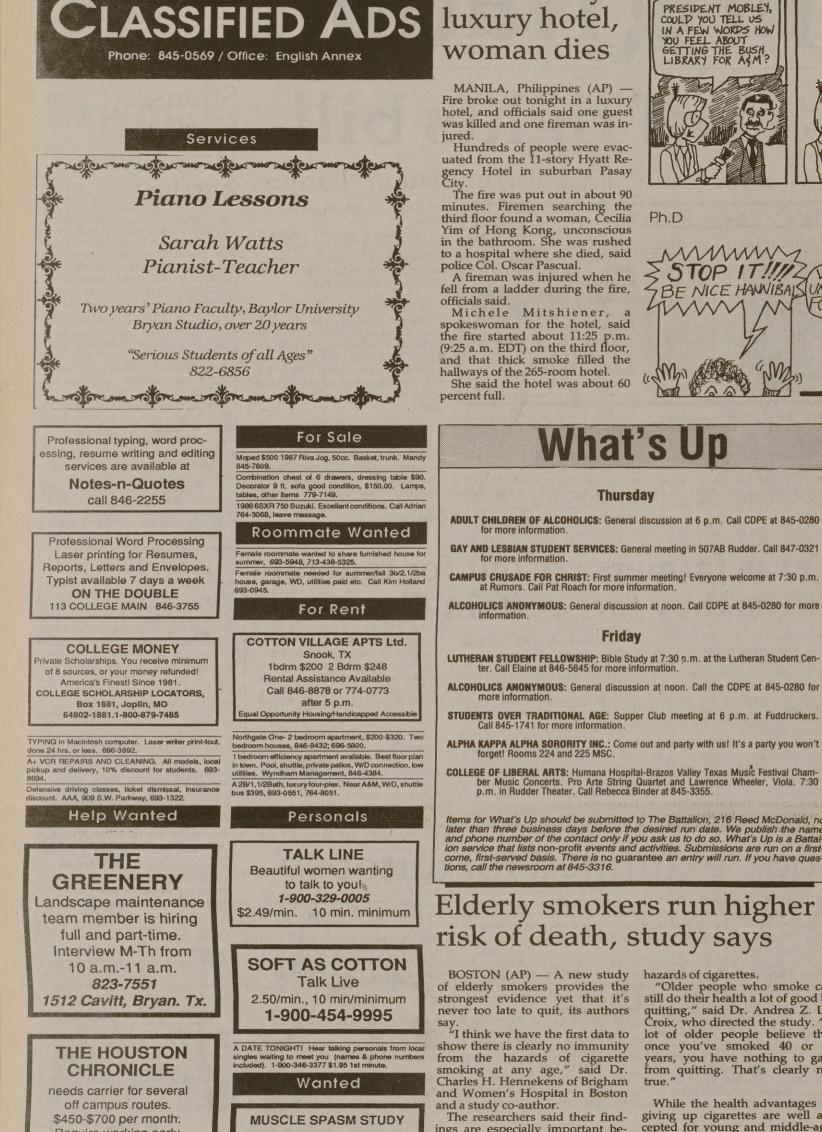
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Fire destroys luxury hotel, woman dies

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Fire broke out tonight in a luxury hotel, and officials said one guest was killed and one fireman was injured.

Hundreds of people were evac-uated from the 11-story Hyatt Regency Hotel in suburban Pasay City.

The fire was put out in about 90 minutes. Firemen searching the third floor found a woman, Cecilia Yim of Hong Kong, unconscious in the bathroom. She was rushed to a hospital where she died, said police Col. Oscar Pascual.

A fireman was injured when he fell from a ladder during the fire, officials said.

Michele Mitshiener, a spokeswoman for the hotel, said the fire started about 11:25 p.m. (9:25 a.m. EDT) on the third floor, and that thick smoke filled the hallways of the 265-room hotel. She said the hotel was about 60 percent full.

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Gorbachev wants West to send aid

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev said Wednesday in his Nobel Peace lecture that Western failure to heed his call for economic aid could dash hopes for a peaceful new world order.

Gorbachev also said he expected to sign an arms pact soon to slash superpower nuclear arsenals, and 1990 Nobel Peace Prize in December for his part in ending the Cold War by concluding arms pacts, allowing East Europe to shed un-popular Communist regimes, and curtailing proxy wars in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

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And the superpower summit, once set for February, was delayed by the Gulf War and lingering dis-In his most cogent appeal yet for

Western aid, Gorbachev said, "To me, it self-evident that if Soviet perestroika succeeds, there will be a real chance of

building a new world order." Mikhail S. Gorbachev "And if perestroika fails, the

prospect of entering a new peaceful period of history will vanish, at least for the foreseeable future," he said, using a Russian word for his reforms.

Two hecklers interrupted the Nobel lecture and police said they arrested 30 people who staged street protests against Gorba-chev's refusal to allow the Baltic republics to secede.

Gorbachev's delivery of the long-delayed Nobel lecture and news of the summit underscored the resurgence of his domestic and international standing after the bloody Baltic crackdown last January

Gorbachev seemed to have won Bush's backing to be present in London next month when the Group of Seven leading industrial nations meet. A U.S. source said the Soviet leader likely would meet with the Western leaders outside the actual summit.

Gorbachev was awarded the sources.

Researchers modify TB vaccine

NEW YORK (AP) - Research- opment of a vaccine that could ers have transformed tuberculosis protect humans against a grab-bag vaccine into a one-shot, multidi- of a dozen or more diseases, the sease vaccine that triggered de- researchers said. fenses against AIDS and tetanus in The vaccine, once perfected, mice, according to studies being could be especially useful in the published Thursday.

The achievement marks an im- is scarce and vaccines are the most portant step toward the devel- cost-effective form of medical care.

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peaceful solution of domestic Soviet problems despite the violence sparked by some aspects of perestroika. But he cautioned Western leaders against expecting the Soviet Union to imitate them slavishly.

"Our task is to stay the course while also addressing current everyday problems - which are literally tearing this policy apart ---in

such a way as to prevent a social and political explosion," he said. "We are now approaching what might be called the crucial point, when the world community, and above all the states with the great-est potential to influence world de-velopments, will have to decide on their stance with regard to the So-viet Union," Gorbachev said. It is, he said, "futile and danger-ous to set conditions, to say: 'We'll

understand and believe you as soon as you, the Soviet Union, come completely to resemble us." In Washington, State Depart-

ment deputy spokesman Richard Boucher restated the U.S. stance that the Soviets must continue their economic and democratic reforms in order to make best use of their natural and human re-

