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ON THIN ICE: Metro Officers Dana Owen, left, and Joe Pagliuca, right, saved the life of Robert Sostillo, 15, yesterday when the teen was trapped on a patch of ice in an MDC swimming pool in Cambridge. Sostillo was taking a shortcut across the Rindge Avenue pool when the ice began to give way, leaving him stranded. Staff photo by Steven LaBadessa

Fast cops save teen from pool's icy grave

By PAUL SULLIVAN

QUICK ACTION by a pair of Metropolitan Police officers yesterday saved the life of a 15-year-old boy who was trapped on a patch of ice in an MDC swimming pool in Cambridge.

Robert Sostillo of 88 Jackson Circle said he had wandered into trouble at the pool because his mother "kept me home from school because it

was icy."

Sostillo and a pal, Duane Allen, 10, were walking along Rindge Avenue to a Burger King when they decided to take a detour through the pool, which had at least six feet of water in it, the youngster said.

"I followed him (Allen) down onto the ice," Sostillo said. "Then he ran back out and the ice behind him started

to break.

"I was at the deep end and I didn't trust the ice. I knew I would never make it out, so I told him to go get help." Allen called the Cambridge Fire Department. Also responding were Metro Officers Dana Owen and Joe Pagliuca.

Sostillo, who is 5 feet tall and weighs 100 pounds, was on a small patch of ice at the deep end of the pool waiting

for his rescuers to arrive when, "I heard the ice cracking under me.

"It was cracking real slow. I was frozen and I couldn't move. I was scared."

After Owen and Pagliuca arrived, they attempted to lower a gurney down to the boy, but the edge of the pool was iced up and there was no way they could haul him up to safety.

Then they put a rope on the gurney and slid it to the boy, who was just a few feet from the edge of the pool. They told him to tie the rope around him, get on top of the gurney and then they hauled the youngster to safety.

In all, Sostillo was on the ice, in chilly temperatures and in pouring rain about 25 minutes. But he did not need medical attention.

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key (D-Malden), \$2,126,409; Rep. Joe Moakley (D-Boston), \$2,099,472; Rep. Barney Frank (D-Newton), \$1,688,619; Donnelly, \$1,585,292, and Rep. Nicholas Mavroules (D-Peabody), \$1,378,386.

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) would be eligible for a lifetime retirement pay of \$4,279,632 — second highest among senators.

The NTU study covers congressmen elected prior to 1984. That year Congress changed its retirement system for new members and is the reason why Sen. John Kerry and Reps. Chester Atkins, Joe Kennedy and Richard Neal — who are not yet vested in any retirement plan — are not included in the calculations.

Except for Studds, who can start receiving his benefits at age 56, the other delegation members would not get their first pension checks until they are in their 60s.

Their actual yearly payments — which could increase — and would vary greatly, are: \$46,289 for Donnelly and Mavroules; \$49,306 for Frank; \$62,089 for Markey; \$66,011 for Early; \$75,872 for Moakley; \$79,590 for Studds, and \$109,607 for Conte — which tied for eighth highest among House members. Kennedy's initial payment would be \$116,873, third among senators.

"Sen. Kennedy is already a wealthy man and he could receive over \$4 million in taxpayer-subsidized pension benefits," Keating said.

Keating said at least 300 of the 435 House members and 81 senators would be eligible for at least \$1 million in pensions.

He also said the estimates were conservative, calculated under the as-

sumption that members will leave office in 1993, which is the first year their pensions would be based on the 51 percent pay raise.

To assume retirements in that year is contrary to historical trends, which means members who continue to serve will only increase the size of retirement pensions.

On Thursday, the Senate voted 99 to 5 to kill the proposed 51 percent pay raise, which would increase salaries from \$89,500 to \$135,000.

Kennedy, who backed past pay increases, was one of the five who opposed the bill killing the latest pay hike. Before the vote he said he was "wrestling" with the issue and "looking to support something less than 50 percent."

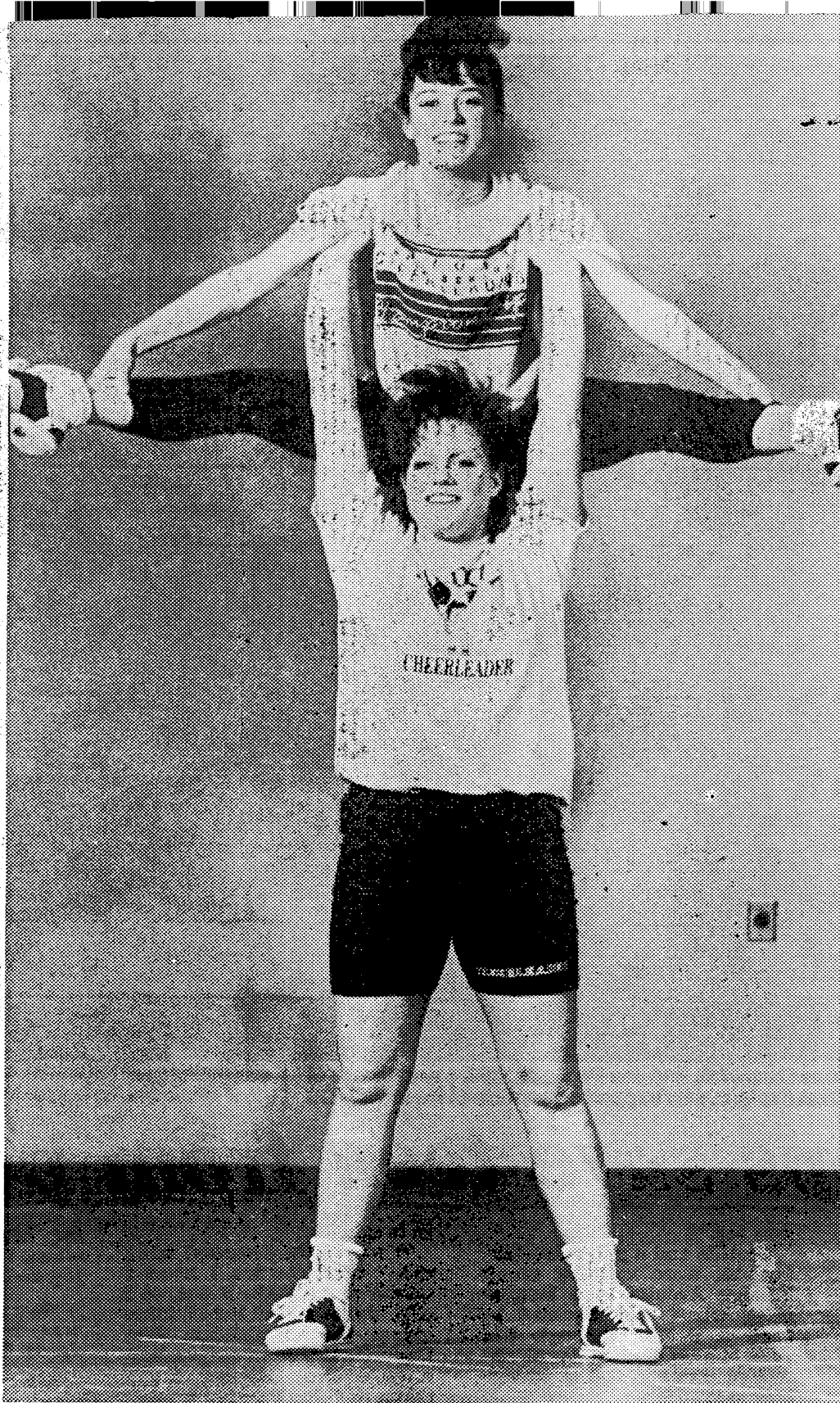
After rejecting the pay raise, the Senate then voted to forbid senators from collecting speaking fees and other honorarium if the pay raise remains.

That sent the issue to the House, which must vote by Feb. 8 to block the hike from taking effect. House Speaker Jim Wright has already said he will let the \$45,000 increase take effect, then offer legislation slicing the raise to 30 percent for a new salary of about \$117,000.

The new salary of \$135,000 would only boost future pensions of current congressmen, federal judges, top federal officials and generals. It would not change the pensions for members who have already retired.

In the House, Kennedy and Neal oppose any pay increase. Early supports the increase if tied to elimination of honorarium.

Atkins now supports the proposed 30-percent pay increase.



IN NEED OF A LIFT: Stacy Smart, top, gets some support from Weymouth South cheerleader teammate and captain, Kathy Fitzgerald. The cheerleading squad is seeking to raise funds to travel to Florida for national competition.

Staff photo by Steven LaBadessa

would cheer WSHS squad

By KATHY LANDERS

FOR THE second year in a row, the Weymouth South High School cheerleaders have won the right to compete in the National High School competition in Florida, but they still have to raise more than \$5,000 for the trip.

The 13-member squad was invited to compete in the championships in Orlando on Feb. 25, after placing fifth in the regional contest at Emmanuel College last month.

Ann Gage, coach of the regional cheerleading champs, is optimistic about the girls' chances, but she concedes the competition is tough.

But Gage said there'll be nothing to cheer about if the squad is unable to raise the cash. The trip is expected to cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000. And only \$3,000 has been raised from donations and raffles so far.

The cheerleaders are kicking in with a major fund-raising drive this weekend, starting off with a raffle when they perform today and tomorrow at the Harbor Light Mall in North Weymouth.

Jim Colony of WXKS-FM has organized a Converse-Media All-Star basketball game Monday at Weymouth South High School, with all the game proceeds to go to the cheerleaders.

Last year, donations from local businesses and friends sent the Weymouth South squad to Seaworld in Florida, where it placed 48th out of about 96 squads.

Cambridge firefighters to the rescue

CAMBRIDGE firefighters were praised yesterday for their part in the dramatic rescue of a 15-year-old boy who became trapped on a pool of cracking ice Friday.

Robert Sostillo, and a pal, Duane Allen, 10, decided to take a shortcut to Burger King through a pool containing about six feet of water. But the ice broke, trapping Sostillo. Then, the Cambridge Fire Department and Metro Police came to the rescue.

Cambridge firefighters Kurt McLaughlin, Kevin Kelly, Kevin McGonigal and the members of Ladder 4 pulled Sostillo to safety.

Doubts dog first pooch's pregnancy

FIRST lady Barbara Bush has raised doubts about the much-publicized pregnancy of her springer spaniel Millie and rebuked her husband for the announcement that has dogged the White House.

"Of course, we think so. I haven't checked yet," she said, adding that mail has poured in from people wanting one of the nation's "first dog" puppies since her husband announced, perhaps prematurely, that Millie was pregnant.

"I could kill George Bush," she said. "He's fooling around in my household. He should not have mentioned that — at least until we know she's having them. I am writing people saying they are all promised."

Compiled from Herald staff and wire reports

professionals

ton Society of Young Professionals, ordering they not give out complimentary tickets at any event held on behalf of a charity without written permission. The court also ordered any charity party held by the group be registered with the Attorney General's office.

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AT ISSUE with the attorney general's office are two parties held within the last three months in the names of the Pine Street Inn and the American Cancer Society.

No donation has yet been made to either charity.

Neither charity was informed beforehand that its name was being used for the event. Public Charities law forbids the unauthorized use of a charity's name in connection with any solicitation.

However, Southmayd claims he was unaware that he had to inform the charities if, in fact, the event was not an outright fund-raiser.

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