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Dennis Dundas listens to his arraignment proceedings at Windsor Superior Court in White River Junction Monday. Dundas pleaded not guilty to a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the East Bethel shooting of Donald Giovannella on Sunday night. VALLEY NEWS PHOTOGRAPHS — SARAH PRIESTAP (ABOVE) AND JAMES M. PATTERSON

Nepal Quake Death Toll Tops 4,000

By KATY DAIGLE AND BINAJ GURUBACHARYA
 Associated Press

KATHMANDU, NEPAL — As the death toll from Nepal's devastating earthquake climbed past 4,000, aid workers and officials in remote, shattered villages near the epicenter pleaded Monday for food, shelter and medicine.

Help poured in after Saturday's magnitude-7.8 quake, with countries large and small sending medical and rescue teams, aircraft and basic supplies. The small airport in the capital of Kathmandu was congested and chaotic, with some flights forced to turn back early in the day.

Buildings in parts of the city were reduced to rubble, and there were shortages of food, fuel, electricity and shelter. As bodies were recovered, relatives cremated the dead along the Bagmati River, and at least a dozen pyres burned late into the night.

Conditions were far worse in the countryside, with rescue workers still struggling to reach mountain villages two days after the earthquake.

Some roads and trails to the Gorkha district, where the quake was centered, were blocked by landslides — but also

by traffic jams that regularly clog the route north of Kathmandu.

"There are people who are not getting food and shelter. I've had reports of villages where 70 percent of the houses have been destroyed," said Uday Prasad Timalisina, the top official for the Gorkha region.

World Vision aid worker Matt Darvas arrived in the district in the afternoon and said almost no assistance had reached there ahead of him.

Newer concrete buildings were intact, Darvas said, but some villages were reported to be devastated. He cited a "disturbing" report from the village of Singla, where up to 75 percent of the buildings may have collapsed and there has been no contact since Saturday night.

In the villages that have been reached, World Vision said the greatest needs were for search-and-rescue teams, food, blankets, tarps and medical treatment.

Timalisina said 223 people had been confirmed dead in Gorkha district but he presumed "the number would go up because there are thousands who are injured."

He said his district had not received

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Shooter Argues Self-Defense Suspect, Victim Had 'Made Peace' After Previous Incidents

By JORDAN CUDEMI
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EAST BETHEL — A 66-year-old East Bethel man was released on bail after pleading not guilty to shooting and injuring his friend during a fight that ensued over a bottle of brandy, according to court documents.

Dennis Dundas told police he was acting in self-defense when he shot Donald Giovannella, 47, also of East Bethel, three times on Sunday night, according to a Vermont State Police affidavit. Giovannella was airlifted to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center following the 9:30 p.m. incident. He underwent surgery for his injuries and was listed in stable condition on

Monday.

Dundas said the two were having drinks together at Dundas' Route 14 home when Giovannella threatened to leave with Dundas' bottle of brandy, Sgt. Todd Baxter wrote.

According to the affidavit, Dundas told police that Giovannella started "acting crazy," grabbed his arms and neck and threatened to kill him, prompting Dundas to pick up his nearby Remington .380 handgun. Dundas said Giovannella wrestled him for the gun, at which point Dundas fired three shots into Giovannella's chest, arm and abdomen, Baxter wrote in the affidavit. Police documented friction-type red marks on Dundas'

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Vermont State Police evidence collectors examine clothing left where Giovannella was treated after being shot the night before.

Governor: State of Emergency in Baltimore

By MICHAEL MUSKAL AND W.J. HENNIGAN
 Los Angeles Times

BALTIMORE — Baltimore braced for a night of violence and police clashes after looting, fires and rock throwing erupted Monday afternoon, hours after the funeral for Freddie Gray, whose spine was severed in police custody.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan declared a state of emergency as night fell and activated the National Guard to address the growing violence and unrest in the city that has been racked by tense protests since the weekend.

The baseball game between the Baltimore Orioles and the Chicago White Sox was postponed as a precaution. At least seven officers were seriously injured Monday with broken bones, and one was described as "unresponsive," officials said.

The violence began in the early afternoon and built through the hours. Television images showed angry, rock-throwing people confronting phalanxes of police around the area of the Mondawmin Mall.

Police fired tear gas and used pepper spray to hold back crowds. Several police vehicles were disabled and one

was seen burning as people looted and set fire to a nearby drugstore.

"This is a group of lawless individuals with no regard for people," said Baltimore Police Capt. Eric Kowalczyk. "We don't know who is out there. We do know they are criminals and have attacked officers without provocation."

By early evening, throngs of people were still on the move at the shopping center and toward downtown. People with clubs were breaking into stores, including private loan outlets.

"Today's looting and acts of violence in Baltimore will not be tolerat-

ed," Hogan said. "I strongly condemn the actions of the offenders who are engaged in direct attacks against innocent civilians, businesses and law enforcement officers. There is a significant difference between protesting and violence and those committing these acts will be prosecuted under the fullest extent of the law."

The city has been on edge since Gray, an African-American, died April 19, a week after he was arrested by Baltimore police. Last week's protests began peacefully, but dozens were arrested over the weekend when

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Regional Courts Proposed in Vt.

By ELIZABETH HEWITT
 VtDigger

MONTPELIER — New language adopted in the budget bill last week would authorize the judiciary branch to hold some hearings in courthouses that cover as many as four counties.

The Senate Appropriations Committee accepted language that would allow the judicial branch to establish regions of up to four counties — a proposal termed "regional venue." The plan would allow certain hearings for termination of parental rights cases to be held at any of the courthouses within those regions.

Currently, proceedings must be held in the county where the case was brought — which can pose scheduling difficulties in coordinating times for court officials and legal representatives who work across many counties. According to

members of the judicial branch, this change could help the courts make better use of time and resources.

Chief Superior Judge Brian Gearson said that regional venues will help courts maximize judge time and allow residents involved with the court to have their cases heard.

"It will allow us to more efficiently process our cases," Gearson said. "We can be more flexible with scheduling within a certain geographic area. That's what it's designed to do."

Sen. Dick Sears, D-Bennington, said that the idea for regionalization for hearings involving terminating parental custody cases was floated last year, when legislators met for a special committee to study the state's child protection system.

The language that the Senate Judiciary Committee recommended

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Professor: Curb Grade Inflation

By ROB WOLFE
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HANOVER — If the current trend in student assessment continues unchecked, the Dartmouth College class of 2064 will graduate with about 1,200 valedictorians.

Though he cast it as an unlikely scenario, such was the picture biology professor Mark McPeck, who heads a committee on grade inflation, painted for his colleagues at an all-faculty meeting Monday afternoon.

At Dartmouth, as at any of its peer institutions, grades are following a linear progression over time, and its direction is up: Among all marks, the propor-

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Study: Humans Cause 75% of Hottest Days

By SETH BORENSTEIN
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WASHINGTON — If you find yourself sweating out a day that is monstrously hot, chances are you can blame humanity. A new report links three out of four such days to man's effects on climate.

And as climate change worsens around mid-century, that percentage of extremely hot days being caused by man-made greenhouse gases will push past 95 percent, according to the new study published Monday in the journal *Nature Climate Change*.

Children cool off in the summer heat in Rio de Janeiro in January. The next day it's unusually hot, scientists say you can blame three-quarters of it on humans.

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CLASSIFIED	B6	OBITUARIES	A4
COMICS	B10	SPORTS	B1
EDITORIAL	A6	TELEVISION.....	B9
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 Breezy, afternoon rain,
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