On My Mind by Ruth L. Tighe

Except for the brief comment below, there is no column for 10/1/99, due to a combination of events, some of which ate up time, and others of which de-railed focus. The column will resume next week.

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The brief comment: due to a missing computer code, the following did not appear as a separate paragraph, as it should have. Out of concern that the suggestion could, therefore, be overlooked, as it should not, it is repeated here:

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The testimony presented [at the recent Congressional hearings] by government officials, the statements made by HANMI, the Chamber of Commerce, SGMA constituted a fulsome, pointed and instructive summary and description of the current state of CNMI affairs. No doubt the presentations will all be preserved as parts of the official record of the hearings by the U.S. Congress. It would be useful, however, if those presentations were also collected and published locally as a single volume, for use both as a general reference source, and as a resource in countering similar situations in the future.