

# Officials adding quake damage

PORTLAND (AP) — State emergency officials hope to have a better assessment of the damage caused by last Thursday's earthquake early next week when Clackamas and Marion counties plan to submit their damage reports.

Damage from the 5:34 a.m. quake, which measured between 5.3 and 5.7 on the Richter scale, occurred mostly in the Willamette Valley south of Portland.

A team from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Bothell, Wash., took a quick look Friday at the damage, but team leader Larry Moore said detailed inspections needed by FEMA will begin next week.

Estimates of damage were to have been submitted to the Oregon Emergency Management Division on Friday morning, but many localities had not finished surveying the damage, spokesman Tom Worden said.

Clackamas County on Friday declared a state of emergency and asked for assistance from Gov. Barbara Roberts.

The damage to Molalla Union

High School alone was about \$2 million, according to Clackamas County commissioners. The gables beneath the roof of the three-story brick building collapsed in the quake.

School representatives met Friday morning with Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, who is in Oregon on a fact-finding mission in preparation for President Bill Clinton's forest conference Friday.

"We told him we are facing the loss of housing for two-thirds of our high school population — and that's a disaster for any community regardless of the size, whether it be Molalla, Portland or Washington, D.C.," said Steve Barsby, chairman of the Molalla School Board.

Babbitt said he would try to expedite the process of getting federal assistance available to the area, but he wasn't any more specific.

Worden said 19 jurisdictions submitted earthquake reports on Friday. They included Polk County, with \$200; the city of Gresham, \$10,000; Washington County, \$900,000; and Yamhill

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County, \$616,000 to \$717,000.

Most of the estimated cost in Washington County involved damage to the Forest Grove Fire Hall. The fire hall was in poor shape before the quake, but now must be rebuilt entirely, said Washington County sheriff's spokeswoman Arlene Whitmeyer.

In Yamhill County, much of the damage involved buildings on Newberg's main street. Fourteen buildings were damaged, four of them structurally.

The city of Gresham estimated damage at \$10,000, most of it to private homes.

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Art work in the building below the dome complicates the repair work.

"Some of the damage threatens the historic murals in the rotunda. We don't know if we'll have to remove them to do repairs. These types of elements potentially add cost to the repair work," he said.

Leach estimated it would cost anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1 million to do all of the repair work.

Molalla Union High School, a three-story brick building built in 1925, sustained major damage. Crews were securing walls and clearing a pile of bricks and mortar from the school's main entrance.

John Rogers, superintendent of the school district, said the school board was trying to determine how it would house its students following spring break.

Meanwhile, a series of aftershocks continued to shake Western Oregon. Rick Benson, a research scientist at the University of Washington in Seattle, said more than 45 aftershocks were recorded by late Friday. Most of the aftershocks were below 3.0 on the Richter scale.

In Mount Angel, St. Mary's

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Settlemer House Caretaker

Catholic Church will be closed for at least two weeks because of quake damage, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland said.

Large cracks were found in the bell tower and the bell was jolted off of its cradle in the 81-year-old structure.

The church and street in front of it were closed to the public because of the unstable church steeple, said Elaine Fennimore, a bookkeeper at St. Mary's.

"It's a safety precaution," she said. "We have a lot of farm traffic out here; we're afraid that any kind of rumbling could cause something to fall."

For now, all services at the church will be at the Parish Center next door to the church, Fennimore said.

"It's going to have to be our church for an indefinite period of time," she said.

Bricks fell from the church's facade and cracks appeared on the church's interior during the quake. Daylight peeked through

the opening left when the south wall separated from the ceiling, she said.

The earthquake damaged a bridge on Highway 18 near Dayton and repairs on it could take anywhere from a few days to more than a week, said state Department of Transportation spokesman Fred Chamberlin. He said there were adequate detours available for motorists in the area.

The 102-year-old Settlemer House in Woodburn lost three chimneys in the quake. But Sharon Walsh, the historic mansions caretaker, said everything's back to normal.

"I think the mood of the people is a little more cautious," she said. "A lot of people are saddened by the damage. A lot of people are grateful there were not injuries."

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries said it was "as large as any historic earthquake to occur in northwestern Oregon."

"I'm terrified," Walsh said.

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# Jurors see sides in LA beating trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jurors in the Rodney King beating trial were warned early on that the black motorist is not on trial. Yet they have heard King compared to a "monster," a "Tasmanian devil" and a man with "hulk-like strength."

The jurors have also seen a California Highway Patrol officer dissolve in tears on the witness stand as she described a smiling, dancing King having his head smashed by the baton of Officer Laurence Powell.

Which picture was the real Rodney King?

The answer is essential to the outcome of the federal civil rights trial of four police officers. But oddly enough, the witness stand appearance of King himself, ballyhooed as a turning point in the case, may not be the deciding factor.

His testimony disagrees with some details in most other witness accounts, and jurors could decide that King's memory is too fuzzy to rely upon.

Now, after four-and-a-half weeks of testimony, jurors have seen both sides. They can balance Sgt. Stacey Koon's image of an "incredible hulk" against CHP officer Melanie Singer's portrait of a smiling if bizarre suspect who might have been handcuffed peacefully if Koon had not exerted his authority and told her to get back.

The most threatening gesture Singer could remember Friday was King shaking his buttocks at her.

But to Koon, King was a "monster-like figure akin to a Tasmanian devil" that he had seen in a cartoon of a PCP suspect in a police training bulletin.

Koon said the image was with him as he ordered officers to beat King repeatedly after Koon had fired an electronic Taser stun gun at the black motorist.

"I believed he had thrown approximately 800 pounds of officers off his back," said Koon, who described King as "buffed out," the muscular look convicts get from lifting weights in prison.

Koon remembered King as having a glassy stare, a sign of PCP intoxication.

"The look that he gave me was that he looks at you and looks right through you," he recalled. "It's a bizarre look. On the street I had seen it many times before in drug suspects."

Although toxicological tests showed no trace of PCP in King's system, the defense has made the drug the centerpiece of its case. Defense lawyers claim that a person on PCP has superhuman strength and officers have been killed in fights with such suspects.

The defense says just the suspicion of PCP was justification enough for beating King into submission.

One witness, school police Officer Paul Beauregard, said, "The baton was used several times. He was still standing. It didn't seem to have too much effect on him. He was just standing there as if he didn't know he was being hit."

Koon is on trial along with officers Laurence Powell, Theodore Briseno and former officer Timothy Wind in the March 3, 1991, beating that became a national cause celebre when an amateur's videotape of the scene was broadcast worldwide.

The officers were tried on assault charges in state court at Simi Valley exactly a year ago and were acquitted on most charges.

At week's end, the defense effort to paint King as a fearsome aggressor had suffered a severe setback.

Singer, who stands over six feet tall, acknowledged King's behavior was bizarre. But she burst into tears when she recalled the moment that she saw Powell's metal baton strike King's head.

"I saw the blood come out of the side of his cheek," she said. "I heard the driver scream ... the driver then clasped both hands over his face as Officer Powell came forward and took another power swing."

Singer said King's face was split from temple to chin and recalled Powell continued to flail away.

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