

# AGAIN! The Bay Area Mourns

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It was two years and three days ago when a giant earthquake ripped, cracked into and violently tore through the earth and into the lives of so many unsuspecting citizens of the Bay area populous. Buildings swayed and fell, bridges cracked and fell. Many lives were lost. Homes and families were ripped apart at the seams.

On a quiet Sunday Morning, October 20, 1991, around 10:30 AM, while on our way to church, looking into the sky to the east of San Francisco, a dark plume arose. Someone exclaimed, "Looks like something exploded or is burning!" Then, everyone went into church service. We had a wonderful time praising the Lord, giving thanks and being spiritually fed. When the Word had gone forth and the closing prayer was uttered, everyone said "Amen" to signify the end of a wonderful morning of worship. But - unknown to all who sat safely inside the church, there was great sorrow across the bay.

When we arose, all smiles and happy from experiencing such an enlightening service, we stepped out into what appeared to be a dark evening. Instead, it was supposed to be a bright afternoon. The sky was covered by a dark heavy cloud. I looked up into the sky to find the sun and it shone "red." The only other time that I ever witnessed such a sky was when I was on my way to Roseburg, Oregon to take my son to college. And as we approached the campus, the Umpqua National Forest was ablaze. The sun was attempting to shine through. I had never, ever, in my life seen anything like that before. I was truly frightened. However, this time I prayed. Because - I asked "What's in

that direction?" The response was "houses." All that I could say was "Oh, Lord help the people and save their lives."

The parked cars were covered with debris that had fallen from the air. People had coverings over their mouths. The children were running about catching the large falling objects that were floating and had drifted across the bay.

As we turned on the radio in the car, the disc jockey proclaimed the worst.

"A flash fire is out of control and is taking over. People are running from their homes, screams can be heard." Then, we got home and turned on the television to actually see what was happening. The devastation was much more, more than we expected.

It was something how the people complained about the surface of their cars being damaged -- not stopping to give thought about the lives being affected and destroyed by this devastation.

One of the victims, on the news asked "What did we do to deserve this?" Another fire victim was a lady who had relocated to this area following the earthquake. She felt doubly victimized.

The fire traveled so fast. No one had time to do anything but... "RUN! RUN!" Get out fast! The police shouted on loud speakers. The flames leaped from trees to houses and from houses to the trees.

The east hills of Berkeley is a very exclusive area like the west hills of Portland.

Death, ashes and tears reigned. "What am I going to do?" was the lamenting cry of an elderly woman sitting in a shelter. "I know that we can never get back all the things that we

had; but, I thank God that we are still alive. It happened so fast."

I spoke to my cousin in the Berkeley area. He said that their house is about three miles up the hill from where the fire was. He said that, at approximately 10:15 - 10:30, he was about to get into his car, after picking up a few things from the grocery, when a strange, strong gust of wind just came up out of nowhere. The force of the wind, blew him against the car. He saw all the leaves of the surrounding trees just blow off into the street. Then - he got into the car and started for home. As he approached the hill, he saw the smoke. He thought it was his house. The angle and the direction of the fire changed as he got closer. He was relieved to know it wasn't his house but saddened to see others loose their homes. "These houses range in price from four hundred thousand to two to three million dollars" said Dave. Claremont Terrace, in the east hills of Berkeley, California, will never be the same.

The fire raged on and on for over ten hours. It was ten arduous hours for the police department and the fire department. There were helicopters with huge swinging buckets dropping water on the blaze. And planes were diving and swooping dropping retardant on the fire.

"Fire! Fire!" everyone shouted. The governor had been contacted by the mayor of Oakland, Elihu Harris. The governor, after receiving word of the disaster, signed a proclamation, declaring Berkeley as a disaster area, on the hood of a car just outside of the capitol in Sacramento. He boarded a helicopter and quickly flew over the area and witnessed a sight of sadness. Once, it was an area to beautiful to behold; but, now it was all blackened

by a raging fire still out of control. Homes that people had scrimped, scraped and saved-up to get - and now, it was all gone in an eye wink.

The Mayor of Oakland, Elihu Harris and Assembly Woman, Anna Lee along with other dignitaries, took the helm immediately and declared it a "state of emergency."

In ten and one half hours, which seemed like a lifetime, over one thousand homes were destroyed, over five thousand people were left homeless, fourteen people were know dead, five people in one family was consumed in the fire, acres and acres of what was once beautiful, landscaped homes was now charred, black, smoldering and ugly, policemen are dead, firemen are dead and schools are closed.

The east bound traffic on 580 to St. Stephens was blocked by the fire. The news caster announced "Stay Away!" All arteries from San Francisco to East Bay roadways are all closed. Traffic is being re-routed.

Monday morning found many homeless and weeping. The fire is still smoldering and the area is still not out of immediate danger.

Some had accused the fire department for the fire because there had been a bursh fire on Saturday which had been ignited by someone burning trash. There are many fingers being pointed but to no avail. The tragedy is so wide spread.

Insurance companies certainly have their work cut out for them. Some people had just moved into the area. One question which was asked was "Does a person still have to make payments on property that has been destroyed? The sad answer is "Yes!"

To the people of California, "May God grant you peace in your time of sorrow."

## Companies Boost United Way to 40 Percent of Goal

Employee fund drives and corporate gifts have advanced United Way of the Columbia-Willamette to \$8.1 million of its \$20.5 million fund-raising goal after eight weeks of Campaign '91.

Firms such as Technaflow Inc. and American Steel have helped the North Region raise \$388,589, 39 percent of its \$1,000,528 goal.

"The response from local companies this year has just been tremendous in terms of corporate gifts and employee participation," said Campaign Chairman Robert L. Ridgley, president and CEO of Northwest Natural Gas Company. "Companies and their employees are responding to the need for human services in our community."

Theodore M. Carpenter Jr., vice president/associate regional manager at Kaiser Permanente, leads the North Region, which runs from St. Johns east to 42nd Avenue and from the Columbia River south to Burnside St.

Technaflow Inc. increased its United Way donation total by 42 percent over last year with 50 percent of its employees contributing. American Steel posted a 40 percent increase over its total contribution from last year.

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the annual workplace fund drive for federal employees, has raised \$275,384, 25 percent of its \$1.1 million goal. United Way of the Columbia-Willamette is one of many non-profit organizations that receives funds from the CFC. "Federal employees understand the need for those vital services and, once again, are responding with their traditional generosity," says George R. Miller, CFC co-chairman and area manager/meteorologist-in-charge, National Weather Service.

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette raises and distributes funds to nearly 200 agency programs in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties in Oregon and Clark County in Washington.

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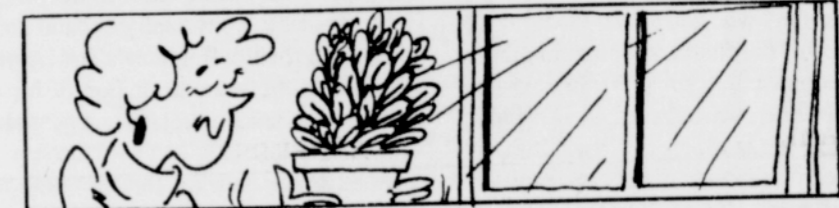
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## U.S. Bank Pledges More Than \$500,000 To Oregon High School Activities

The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) and U.S. Bank today announced a \$500,000 sponsorship agreement which will help support all high school state championships and related activities through the 1993-94 academic year.

Don R. Peterson, executive director of the OSAA, and Kevin Kelly, president of U.S. Bank of Oregon, extended the exclusive sponsorship which was announced at a downtown reception for the OSAA executive board and U.S. Bank representative.

"Our ongoing partnership with U.S. Bank helps us offset increasing tournament costs at a time when school budgets are growing tighter," said Peterson. "U.S. Bank's more than \$1.2 million in direct and indirect cash contributions since 1984 has enabled the OSAA to reimburse more funds to high schools around the state."

"The bottom line is that OSAA activities are challenging and productive outlets for teens in Oregon. We're committed to seeing these competitions con-

tinue year after year," said Kelly.

The OSAA is a non-profit organization which regulates high school interscholastic activities, including 70 team and 224 individual state championship events for boys and girls annually. Activities range from volleyball to speech.

In addition to being a cash sponsor, U.S. Bank offers numerous marketing and production resources to the OSAA. Many OSAA materials used for promotions and events during the academic year are designed and produced by U.S. Bank.

"Time, resources and relationships, not just money, have helped establish a very productive, years-long partnership between the OSAA and the bank," said Kelly.

U.S. Bank of Oregon, Oregon's largest bank, is a subsidiary of U.S. Bancorp, the largest financial services company headquartered in the Pacific Northwest, with assets of \$18.6 billion as of June 30, 1991. Other U.S. Bancorp subsidiaries include U.S. Bank of Washington and U.S. Bank of California.

## PCC Cascade Campus Announces Links Up With Saturday Academy

In order to expand learning opportunities for children in north and northeast Portland, Portland Community College recently met with Saturday Academy officials and have established a pilot science Saturday Academy course at the Cascade Campus.

The Cascade Saturday Academy Program will offer classes for students in grades six through 12. Tuition assistance will be available for families with financial need. Current plans are to offer the pilot course spring term, according to John Koroloff, PCC biology instructor and liaison with the academy.

Saturday Academy is a non-profit education program hosted by the Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology. Classes are offered after school and on Saturdays in computing, engineering physical and biological sciences, communications, business, humanities and the arts.

"Hopefully, the pilot course will get this up and rolling for kids in the north and northeast neighborhoods. The science course is the seed... there is the potential of much broader curriculum and PCC will be a resource in the community," Koroloff added that PCC's collaboration with Saturday Academy will provide an opportunity for community professionals and faculty members to become involved in creating learning environments for children in north and northeast Portland.

The pilot science course will expand a program developed last year for children from Beach and Humboldt elementary schools which received the 1991 Award of Merit for school-business partnerships from state Superintendent Norma Paulus.

Biology instructor John Koroloff, will be developing a course based on materials from PCC course in environmental science titled, "Race to Save the Planet." In addition, other faculty members and community professionals will have an opportunity to become involved in creating learning environments for children in Portland's north-northeast community.

For more information, please contact either Gary Story, Cascade Campus dean, at 244-6111, ext. 5280 or John Koroloff at 244-6111, ext. 5401.

## Free Prostate Exam At Woodland Park

A free physical examination for prostate cancer and an antigen blood test is being offered by Urologist Dr. Kirit Shah and Woodland Park Hospital, Monday, November 4 or Wednesday, November 6, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Call 24-NURSE (246-8773) for an appointment. Woodland Park Hospital is located at 10300 NE Hancock Street.

## Taxpayers Discuss Tax Revolt To Protest Unconstitutional Attack Against Nation of Yahweh

Taxpayers are calling the People For Truth (PFT) to state "they got the message" from the interview with the National TaxPAYERS for Justice (NTPJ). The nation's tax base has learned — that elected official and their appointees are our servants — that as our servants, their jobs are dependent on our votes and our taxes — that we have a right to withhold our taxes from an unconstitutional government — and that we have the votes to replace servants who do not serve us or our concerns; they can no longer ignore our voices and remain in office.

One million of these voters, taxpayers and concerned citizens of all ethnic backgrounds have signed petitions demanding that the unconstitutional indictment that labels the "Nation of Yahweh" as racketeers be dismissed now. If permitted to stand, this case could set a precedent against all religions under R.I.C.O.

Our servants have spent and borrowed us into a \$345 billion national

deficit, while they bounce personal checks that cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars in returned check fees. These are the same servants that are responsible for passing R.I.C.O. and Pre-Trial Detention into law. They must now know that the R.I.C.O. monster has gotten out of control and has become a national concern in its use against religions, as well as be made aware that Pre-Trial Detention has become a tool of the courts that can be applied as a punishment before any conviction in violation of basic human rights and the world's greatest constitution.

Our servants need to answer this question, "Why has Yahweh Ben Yahweh been held as a political prisoner for 12 months?" Could it be that he taught his followers "To do for themselves," and dared to build a \$250 million empire for African-Americans without government assistance? Conservatives, as well as liberals, can be proud of how Yahweh Ben Yahweh



helped to avoid another demand on government spending. Yahweh Ben Yahweh is "The Point of Light" in a troubled economy. He and his followers of Yahweh have been held long enough for setting a perfect role model for all people to follow.

Remember, we are calling our servants to demand the release of Yahweh Ben Yahweh and His followers until victory!!!

Why is the U.S. Government attacking Yahweh Ben Yahweh? Why does the government want to put an end to his good works? What if Yahweh Ben Yahweh is the Christ promised to return? To find the answers to these questions, watch "From Poverty To Riches" featuring the Honorable Yahweh Ben Yahweh every Sunday at 9:30 pm on channel 28 (Continental Cable). Also order your copy of "From Poverty To Riches — The Works of Yahweh Ben Yahweh" by sending a \$50 cashier's check or money order only per book to: PEESS Productions, P.O. Box 1768, Sequin, TX 78155.

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