

Quakes scare Californians

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PLEASANTON, Calif. — For many Livermore Valley residents, the terror of the recent earthquake and aftershocks continued long after the ground stopped trembling.

Two weeks after the first earthquake of Jan. 24, women were still unable to sleep soundly, suffered crying spells, headaches and weight loss, had bad dreams and were continually fearful and anxious.

Children suffered nightmares and had to sleep with their parents. Some were still too afraid, two weeks later, to go to school. The men, whatever they felt, kept silent.

Responding to a barrage of telephone calls following the initial Thursday quake and a weekend of two strong aftershocks, the Alameda County Mental Health Services clinic in Pleasanton quickly organized two-hour seminars in which distraught citizens could express their fears and anxieties. The first session Jan. 31 drew 38 people.

Late last week, a UPI reporter was invited to sit in on a session attended by nine women, all still badly upset by the quake and the much-publicized promise by seismologists of "The Big One" — the major earthquake expected to hit California in this decade.

"TV and the newspapers scared the pants off me," said one older

woman, who was seconded by every member of the group.

Two days later, on a Saturday evening, an aftershock actually larger than the original quake struck again.

Several of the women said they had been unable to take showers for fear of being caught naked. One woman with two children said she now carries a flashlight at all times after dark, in case the lights go out.

"The common theme that emerges in the sessions is that an earthquake is unpredictable. You are out of control. There is a fear of the unknown," said Diane Hall, a county psychiatric social worker who organized the seminars.

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Baker gets time equal to Reagan film scenes

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TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Television station manager Foster Winters said he never dreamed the Janu-

ary airing of "Hell Cats of the Navy" starring Ronald Reagan, would come under FCC's "equal time" clause.

Supporters of Republican hopeful Howard Baker did, however. Following a showing of the 1948 film on WGTU-TV's "\$2.98 Movie" program, Baker's Michigan field coordinator Julie Weeks asked Winters to grant the Tennessee senator equal time.

"When I first heard about it, I thought we should grant equal time to any candidate who had appeared in a 1948 movie," Winters said. "But they (the FCC) didn't see the humor in it."

Winters was told to give the Baker campaign air time equal to the amount Reagan spent on the screen.

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WEDNESDAY
HILLEL: Dr. William Hyman will speak on "The Role of Technology in Medical Care" at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Student Center, 800 Jersey.
ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS: Will meet and hear speakers from J. W. Bateson Company at 7 p.m. in the Architecture C Auditorium.
PRE-VET SOCIETY: Will meet and hear a talk on toxicology at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.
LAMBDA SIGMA: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 100 Harrington.
SPORTS CAR CLUB: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder.
RUDDER'S RANGERS: Juniors only will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 315 Military Sciences Bldg.
LAMBDA SIGMA: Applications for new members must be received by 5 p.m., Feb. 15 in 221C MSC.
"THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MISS JANE PITTMAN": Cicely Tyson won an Emmy Award as a fictional black woman whose life story spans the century from the Civil War to the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement in the early 1960s. The feature will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater.
NEWMAN ORGANIZATION: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.
VALENTINE CANDY SALES: The Alpha Phi Sorority is raising money for the Heart Fund through sales of heart-shaped lollipops at the Manor East Mall, Culpepper Plaza, Woodstone, and Town & Country shopping centers.
SHARE GROUP: The group, sponsored by the Student Y, will meet at 9 p.m. in the Meditation Room of the All Faiths Chapel.
SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS: Linda Hart and Helen Bolton from Texaco will speak at a meeting at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry Engineering Center.
COOKIE SALES: Fowler Hall will be taking orders for heart-shaped Valentine cookies from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MSC hallway. The price is \$1, and the cookies will be delivered on campus Feb. 14.

THURSDAY
NEWMAN ORGANIZATION: Will hold a Bible study at 7 p.m. at Mary's Student Center.
BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: Will have an international supper at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center.
PLANT SCIENCES CLUB: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 1037 Sciences Bldg. to finalize plans for the trip.
GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL: Will meet at 5 p.m. in a conference room of the Coke Bldg. All graduate students are invited and can call 845-4016 for more information.
CIRCLE K: Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder.
"LASERBLAST": A young man finds a mysterious laser gun in the desert which controls his life and sets him on a course of incredible destruction, which only intervention from outer space can terminate. The feature will be shown at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. in 601 Rudder. Admission is 75 cents.
LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder.
BACKPACKING SEMINAR: The MSC Outdoor Recreation Committee will sponsor a seminar on backpacking in Big Bend National Park at 7:30 in 401 Rudder.

FRIDAY
BRAZOS BOWMEN ARCHERY-INDOOR LEAGUE: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Fannin Gym, 501 S. Baker, Bryan. Everyone is welcome.
NEWMAN COFFEE HOUSE: Will be open with games and entertainment from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center. There is no admission charge.
MISS TEXAS A&M SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT: Will begin at 7 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.
"THE MUPPET MOVIE": Kermit the frog, Miss Piggy and the rest of the Muppet gang star in this musical comedy featuring Kermit's adventures as he travels to Hollywood to seek his fame as a movie star. The feature will be shown at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater.
"M*A*S*H": Donald Sutherland, Elliot Gould and Sally Kellerman romp through the slaughter of a Korean War army hospital in the offbeat and popular comedy. The feature will be shown at midnight in Rudder Theater.

American held hostage for 3 years

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BOGOTA, Colombia — Despite a mother's repeated anguished appeals, leftist guerrillas have failed to produce any word on the fate of Richard Starr, a Peace Corps volunteer kidnapped three years ago Feb. 14.

Starr, a botanist from Edmonds, Wash., was working for a Colombian government agency when he was seized Feb. 14, 1977, in the town of La Macarena in the sparsely settled Meta Territory in Southeastern Colombia.

Seven months after the kidnapping, the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces — a guerrilla group known by its Spanish initials FARC — delivered a statement to a national radio network offering to negotiate for Starr's release through the U.S. embassy in Bogota.

"Richard Starr is in good health and since his capture by the forces of FARC, he has been well taken care of," the guerrilla statement said.

That statement 2½ years ago was the last public word on Starr's fate, but people close to the case are known to have received word that he was alive three months later.

Periodic unsubstantiated reports in the Colombian press have said both that Starr is still alive or dead, but it has been impossible to confirm either version.

The kidnapping is approaching the grim record of American businessman William Niehous, who was held by guerrillas in Venezuela more than three years and four months before being rescued by authorities last June.

Starr's mother, Charlotte Starr Jensen, also of Edmonds, has made repeated appeals to the guerrillas to release her son or at least provide proof that he is alive.

"I hope the people that are holding you understand the terrible pain and anguish that we suffer, wondering how you are and when you will return to us," Mrs. Jensen said. "Please message directed to her in the year. The message was broadcast over Colombian radio stations in Spanish.

"If they permit it, please let my heart to see you soon."

In an earlier appeal to Starr's mother, Mrs. Jensen said, "Please me some proof that he is still alive and that he is well. You can help to help a mother, who has heard news for a long time and is worried about her son's health."

FARC is the largest of Colombia's five active guerrilla organizations. Founded in 1966, the group is reported to operate 11 different "fronts" or battle groups in scattered areas of Colombia's mountains and jungles.

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