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The Weather

Today		Tomorrow	
High	96	High	96
Low	77	Low	77
Chance of rain	15%	Chance of rain	15%

Earthquake toll may be up to 5,000

United Press International
ANKARA, Turkey — Search parties covered the bodies of more than 700 people from Iran's second devastating earthquake in seven weeks, and officials said the death toll could climb to 5,000.

Tehran Radio said Wednesday 900 injured people were treated in field clinics manned by medical teams flown to the stricken region 500 miles southwest of Tehran.

Pars news agency said 40 people were killed and 400 injured in the provincial capital of Kerman, but the quake inflicted the greatest damage to a string of villages in the mountainous region surrounding the city.

An "air bridge" was set up to fly medical supplies, tents for the homeless and food to devastated villages in Kerman province and road crews were trying to open roads ruined by the quake, the radio said.

The quake, which measured 7.3 on the open-ended Richter scale, rocked Kerman province Tuesday evening as villagers were breaking their daily dawn-to-dusk fast of the Ramadan holy month.

Kerman Governor General Abdolhossein Saveh told the official news agency "4,000 to 5,000 people are predicted to have lost their lives" in the earthquake.

Pars said "about 90 percent of the area has been destroyed and a great deal of casualties have been inflicted."

The village of Sirk was destroyed and the radio said several other villages also were flattened as the quake rumbled through the Anduhgerd, Shabbaz and Golbah regions.

Pars said rescue helicopters had trouble reaching the affected villages because of the height of the mountains in the region, but that a team of doctors had reached Kerman.

Medical teams began disinfecting the rubble to prevent outbreaks of epidemics in the heat of the Iranian summer.

The radio said survivors in tent cities were short of bread and baby-feeding bottles.

Tuesday's quake was the third disastrous quake in as many years for Iran.

In September 1978, more than 1,000 people were killed in a quake at Abbas, north of Kerman. Another quake killed more than 3,000 people in Kerman last month.

Streams built to test damage of herbicides

Early findings from 32 artificial streams built on a Texas A&M University rooftop indicate exposure of stream algae to atrazine, the active ingredient in the herbicide Aatrex, can all but destroy the photosynthesis of the single-celled organisms.

Algae are vital in any creek ecosystem because they add dissolved oxygen to the water through photosynthesis, a process that can be destroyed or temporarily blocked by some herbicides, said Texas A&M biologist Dr. Robert Kosinski.

Other preliminary tests suggest that another herbicide known as trifluralin, used in the cotton-farming chemical Ellan, poses few problems for algae, said Kosinski, chief scientist on the unique Environmental Protection Agency-funded project.

In what is believed to be the only study of its kind in the world, Kosinski said several graduate students have built the simulated streams and monitor oxygen levels in the water following introduction of amounts of herbicides similar to what might enter creeks naturally.

The Texas A&M researcher said the EPA is also interested in identical tests of the herbicide paraquat, used in conventional marijuana field spraying, and monosodium methanearsenate (MSMA).

Tests will be carried out on those two chemicals before this fall, said Kosinski. The EPA earmarked \$117,094 to fund the two-year project.

Kosinski said algae from two different water sources will be used to test herbicide effects.

One source, the Little Brazos River, contains algae which have had much exposure to herbicides and may have built up a partial resistance.

The other source, a spring with its own chemical stability and no exposure to agricultural chemicals, will supply algae which are encountering herbicides for the first time.



Photo by Mary Chaney

Tender loving care

Mandy, a young addax, gets the finishing touches from handler Mary Densmore after a shampoo and style job. Densmore, a graduate student from Danville, Ill., will use Mandy in her re-

search on the reproductive biology of the addax. An addax is a species of North African and Arabian antelope. The horns of the male are twisted and can grow to be four feet long.

England's royal pair begins honeymoon at family estate

United Press International
ROMSEY, England — Newlyweds Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales, carried echoes of the tumult and multitudes of their splendor-filled marriage into the solitude and stillness of an idyllic honeymoon hideaway today.

With political and perhaps violent turmoil a few days ahead, a Royal Marine contingent was flown to Gibraltar Wednesday to guard against it.

But the 32-year-old heir to the throne and his bride spent the first day of their honeymoon in a setting so perfect for the purpose it seemed a fairy-tale writer had invented it.

There were indications Charles and Diana spent part of their first married evening watching television replays of their "wedding of the century." They left TV-schedule magazines behind in the train which brought them the 90 miles from London to Romsey.

Charles and Diana were wed Wednesday amid spectacle and pageantry that had nearly 1 million flag-waving people cheering themselves hoarse. Nearly 1 billion others watched or heard the ceremonies around the world.

Diana, in a swirl of ivory-shaded silk,

exchanged her first public kiss with Charles on the balcony of Buckingham Palace — London newspapers Thursday said Charles asked his mother first if it was all right to kiss. A sardine-packed throng estimated at 600,000 below the palace balcony watched and cheered.

Then, in a delightfully human and unregal touch, the royal pair set off on their honeymoon in a state carriage festooned with heart-shaped royal wedding balloons. On the back someone — probably Charles' younger brother Prince Andrew — had hung a hand-lettered sign emblazoned with arrow-pierced hearts and the unnecessary message, "Just Married."

With a heavy contingent of police aboard and a helicopter overhead, the train brought them to Romsey. A car whisked them to Broadlands at the edge of town.

Broadlands, the 214-year-old country home of the late Earl Mountbatten, the prince's great uncle, is a jewelbox of a house, secure within its 6,000-acre estate, as private as it is beautiful.

The prince's parents, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, began their honeymoon in 1947 in the house. So did

Lord and Lady Mountbatten.

The newlyweds will enjoy this idyll until Saturday. Then, with Prince Charles at the controls at least part of the way, a Hawker Siddeley Andover of the Queen's Flight will fly them to Gibraltar — and into probable trouble.

The 25,000 Gibraltarians loyal to the British crown planned a rousing welcome for the royal couple, who will board the royal yacht Britannia there for a Mediterranean cruise.

But Spain, which claims Gibraltar, took such umbrage at the stopover King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia, in a calculated snub, sent back their wedding invitation and ostentatiously set off on their own Mediterranean cruise while the Charles-Diana marriage was taking place.

British authorities belatedly discovered there was no protection for the royal yacht against aggravation from small boats, although Royal Navy destroyers were assigned to shadow the yacht on the high sea.

So a contingent of specially equipped Royal Marines was flown to Gibraltar Wednesday, a defense ministry source said.

House passage of Reagan's bill prompts party

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Reagan, savoring a stunning tax-cut victory as an encore to his equally impressive budget triumph, had bottles of champagne popped open and said it had been "a nice day."

Reagan, in another tribute to his power of legislative persuasion, scored a decisive win Wednesday when the House approved his tax plan, rejecting an alternative pushed by Democratic leaders.

Coupled with earlier approval of his budget cuts, Reagan now can implement two of the major ingredients of his formula for improving the economy and returning the nation to prosperity.

Reagan celebrated the victory in the Oval Office with Vice President George Bush, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, top aides and the champagne.

"I believe these first six months of 1981 will mark the beginning of a new renaissance in America," he said.

For the past several weeks, Reagan had lobbied hard for passage of his 33-month, 25 percent across-the-board tax cut. In recent days, he talked with scores of congressmen and Monday made a broadcast address to the nation.

When the smoke had cleared and Reagan had again won, House Speaker Thomas O'Neill and other Democratic tax foes called him to formally inform him of the outcome and to offer congratulations.

Recounting one conversation, an aide

said O'Neill told the president he was shocked by the vote, and Reagan replied: "I'm a little stunned myself, and you're no pushover either."

O'Neill replied: "I want you all to know how much this all means to me. We really do have the best system in the world. You fought a hard fight. Now we go forward together. That's the way it's supposed to work."

Reagan told O'Neill: "This is most gracious, Tip, and it means more to me than I can say."

O'Neill replied: "Good luck, old pal." The president then telephoned the House GOP leadership and "bottle weevil" Southern Democrats who supported him. When Rep. Phil Gramm, his staunchest Democratic supporter, got on the line, Reagan said: "This is a great day for America."

He told his supporters the House Democratic leadership "couldn't have been more gracious and we don't want to do any gloating."

The final House vote was 238-195, with 48 Democrats defecting to Reagan.

Afterward, Reagan summoned reporters to the Oval Office to discuss the tax vote and the immediate economic future.

On leaving the Oval Office, he told the gathering "it was rather a nice day."

Reagan flies to Atlanta today to address the National Conference of State Legislators and the main subject again will be taxes.

Administrator ready for trip to China

By JANE G. BRUST

Battalion Staff
Besides his usual activities as husband and father, one Texas A&M administrator has been spending time at home practicing with chopsticks and reading up on Chinese culture.

Vice President for Student Services John J. Koldus and his wife Mary Dell Saturday will travel to the People's Republic of China along with four other administrators from Texas universities.

Koldus explained that the Chinese consulate in Houston invited several Texas administrators, including Texas A&M System Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert, to visit China's institutions of higher education. Because of the current special session of the Texas Legislature involving some University matters, Hubert asked Koldus take the trip in his place, Koldus said.

The University vice president said he has not received a complete itinerary, but the trip will take them to several Chinese cities to see how that country's schools operate.

"I think basically the Chinese are much more interested now in what's happening in education and research around the world, what others are doing and how they're doing it," he said. "They're interested in having a lot of people come over and talk with them."

Koldus said the party will arrive in Beijing, China (formerly called Peking) and will travel to other areas of the country during the two-week trip. "I've learned that most of the institutions of higher education are in the major metropolitan areas," Koldus said.

Koldus said the climate in China at this time should be similar to the weather in southeastern United States. "I'm assuming it's hot and humid. They've

had the flooding in southern China, but our travels will be on the eastern side."

With the help of a paperback tour guide and other publications, Koldus said, he has learned a little bit about everything to do with China. However, he did point out: "I've made no attempt at the Chinese language at this time."

He said he's learned more about China's educational systems as well as facts about the country's economic, industrial and agricultural situations.

Koldus and his wife have been trying their hand at eating with chopsticks, he said, because the Chinese people like to see visitors use them.

"My wife is fairly proficient; my hands aren't very good — but I'm trying. If you can't handle chopsticks, they have silverware; they'd much prefer that you enjoy your food."

Although this is their first trip out of the country — except a trip to Juarez, Mexico — Dr. and Mrs. Koldus seem to be making all necessary preparations. "We're not world travelers, but we're definitely prepared in terms of pictures and slides," he said. "I'm responsible for the slides."

He said they've got their new passports ready and they have time zone charts handy so they'll know when to call home.

Koldus said he's ready to exchange ideas with Chinese educators. "Whenever we go some place, those people are interested in knowing how we do things at Texas A&M. I think people involved in education or in anything are interested in exchanging ideas."

"I'm interested in learning about their student personnel programs, seeing what unique things they do."

Red Adair to address industrial firefighters

Red Adair of Houston, the world's best-known fireman, Friday will visit Texas A&M University to address 2,100 industrial firefighters and instructors during the 52nd annual Texas Firemen's Training School.

Adair, whose life has inspired everything from a movie about oilwell firefighters to a "do-you-know-me?" American Express commercial, is scheduled to speak to the school's participants — who hail from more than 25 countries — at 8 a.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

Dr. Don Newbury, new president of Western Texas College at Snyder, will address the course's annual banquet at 7 p.m. Thursday in Sbisla Dining Hall.

The industrial classes, second in a series of three that make up the world's largest fire school, are designed for petrochemical plant safety directors and fire brigades who must battle hazardous material as well as flames.

Sponsored by the Texas Engineering Extension Service, the annual fire school has already trained more than 2,000 city firemen and will teach nearly 500 Spanish-speaking "bomberos" the latest techniques in fire prevention, investigation and fire fighting next week.

The courses are taught by hundreds of instructors who pay their own way to the school, and all participants provide their own protective equipment which they wear during summer afternoon field exercises southwest of the University campus.

The engineering extension service's Fire Protection Training Division also works seven days a week year-round teaching other industrial fire squads and volunteer fire departments the latest firefighting methods.