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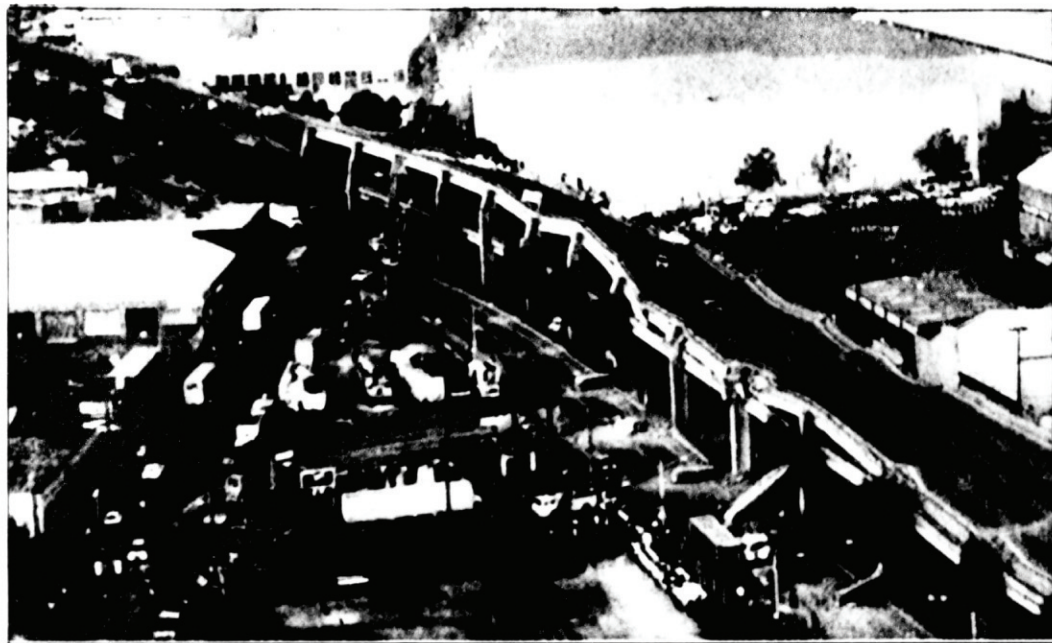
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Quake rocks Bay



The top-deck section of the Interstate 880 Freeway collapsed onto its lower level, crashing scores of vehicles with a heavy loss of life after an earthquake struck the San Francisco Bay area yesterday. Rescue workers search for survivors from the ground level at lower night.

Deaths go above 270 in 6.9-scale temblor

From Wire Reports
OAKLAND, Calif. — After-shocks to yesterday's killer quake rumbled through the battered San Francisco Bay area today, as rescue teams searched frantically for victims of a highway collapse and stunned Californians struggled to put order back in their lives.
 At least 272 people were reported killed and 650 injured in the catastrophic tremor, which wrecked buildings across nearly 100 miles, brought down a section of the Bay Bridge, and cut electric power to as many as 1 million residents.
 Severed gas lines touched off fires, including one in San Francisco that burned a block of buildings, but all were out or under control today.
 The quake, measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale, was the second-deadliest in U.S. history, surpassed only by the great San Francisco earthquake of 1906, when 2,500 or more people were killed.
 "The devastation is just horrible," said Gov. George Deukmejian, who cut short a trade mission to West Germany. Lt. Gov. Leo

World Series Game 3 off

Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent said Game 3 of the World Series would not be played tonight as a result of the Bay Area earthquake.

McCarthy said damage would total "the better part of \$1 billion."
 San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos urged commuters to stay home.
 But as dawn spread over the glass-strewn streets of San Francisco, Oakland and other Bay communities, people tried to revive a sense of normalcy, some making their way to work by ferry, by foot or over highways not blocked by damage. The Bay Area Rapid Transit system reopened this morning, as did Oakland Airport and San Francisco International Airport.
 In a grimly futile operation near

Devastation at epicenter

At least five deaths in area where earthquake was born

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From Wire Reports
SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — In areas near the epicenter of California's massive quake, the earth rumbled violently, stunning even quake veterans and turning everyday life upside down in a matter of moments — moments that seemed like days.
 At least five people died in Santa Cruz and surrounding areas, said Dinah Phillips, the county's emergency services coordinator.
 Early reports conflicted, but the 6.9 quake appeared centered on the San Andreas fault, about 10 miles northeast of Santa Cruz, near Lake Elsmar. Santa Cruz is about 60 miles south of San Francisco.
 Police patrolled for looters in the historic downtown district today and hundreds of people who spent the night in shelters faced homes and businesses destroyed by the earthquake centered near here.
 The quake's destructive energy tore into Santa Cruz and streaked up into the Santa Cruz Mountains and down to the Hollister area, 40 miles to the southwest.

Fires broke out. Buildings, walls and ceilings collapsed.
 Objects not nailed to walls fell and shattered. Rock slides blocked Highway 17, the main artery into the Santa Cruz area from San Jose's Silicon Valley. Power and phone service was knocked out. Gas supply lines burst.
 Devastation also was widespread in Los Gatos, 40 miles to the northeast in Santa Clara County.
 Several blocks in the commercial old town district and two homes were destroyed, and 30 houses were knocked off foundations.
 "Many buildings have collapsed. Damages are in the millions and millions of dollars," said Police Chief Larry Todd. There were no deaths, but about 25 people suffered injuries ranging from broken bones to heart attacks.
 Some looting was reported in Los Gatos' central business district, but no arrests were made, Todd said.
 The historic brick Pacific Gar-



Freeway collapses onto cars

By MARK SCHWANHAUSSER
Of Knight Ridder Newspapers
OAKLAND, Calif. — A raised section of Interstate 880 collapsed during yesterday's earthquake, flattening dozens of autos and reportedly killing at least 253 people.
 The highway looked as if a bomb had hit it. Cars were smashed and tractor-trailer rigs that fell from the upper level sprawled upside-down on top of the pile.
 "It looks like a giant took a meat ax and chopped the freeway in two," Alameda County Sheriff Charles Plummer said.
 Rescuers worked frantically with forklifts, crowbars and their bare hands to pull survivors loose where the raised southbound portion of the highway collapsed into the northbound lanes between 12th and 30th streets.
 George Donovan, a Berkeley truck driver, was on the upper deck

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Batman will join our comics pages, but we're asking you to tell us which comic it will replace. Features, Page 31.

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Auto section

A new auto section debuts with news for the car consumer.
 Don't miss an issue. For home delivery, call 426-NEWS from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Board avoids Homestead paper's profanity

By VALERIE VON FRANK
Of The News-Sentinel
 The meeting of the Southwest Allen County Schools board adjourned without anyone commenting directly on the issue a score of people were there to discuss.
 A dozen parents and about 15 high school students attended the routine meeting last night. They were anticipating talk about articles in the Homestead High School newspaper, the Spartana, that included profanity.
 Board President Hank Fischer adjourned the meeting after completing the agenda, however, saying it is board policy to address only agenda items.
 He directed concern about the words that appeared in two articles in Friday's Spartana to Spartana adviser Mark Kornmann, Homestead Principal Jim Manak or Superintendent Dave Hales.
 The articles were interviews with drug

users about the effects of drugs. One was in the form of an open letter from a former addict who used the words s--- and f-----.
 A second article about drug users at Homestead included the words a--, s--- and f-----.
 Hales said after the meeting that he has no plans to discipline the newspaper or Kornmann, but he called the words "inappropriate" under a school board policy that states, "Material which is libelous, vulgar or obscene according to popular legal definitions, shall not be printed."
 "Sometimes you have to learn what is responsible journalism," he said. "I hope as we work through this, our students can learn. Some (parents) feel it is not inappropriate. Most of them have the reaction that it is."
 "I feel these are great kids doing a great job. In my opinion, they made an error in judgment. I hope we could avoid all this in the future."

Hales said avoiding using the words in print is not censorship. He said Supreme Court decisions have made that clear for high school newspapers.
 "These are not student newspapers," Hales said. "They are school-supported publications for student expression. It's a forum for learning and hopefully what they learn is how to write and communicate and how to do it responsibly. . . . I don't call that censorship. I call it responsibility and accountability."
 One parent said after the meeting that she is "appalled" at the language.
 "I'm embarrassed that he's (Kornmann) encouraging that kind of language," said the woman, who asked that her name not be used for fear of retribution against her child, who attends Homestead.
 Parent Stephen Hall said the language was "offensive and totally unnecessary."



East German party dumps longtime leader

BERLIN (AP) — East German leader Erich Honecker was stripped of power today, ending 18 years of iron-fisted rule as the government grapples with growing public demands for a freer society.
 State news media said the Communist Party leadership replaced the 77-year-old Honecker with Egon Krenz, a younger, though orthodox, party member likely to continue resis-

tance to pro-democracy demands.
 Honecker, who directed the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961, also will be relieved of his largely ceremonial post as head of state and as chief of the military, the government-run news agency ADN said.
 ADN said Krenz, 52, a Politburo member in charge of security issues and government-run youth groups, already had taken over as the party

chief and would be recommended for military chief and head of state.
 The latter two require the approval of the nation's Parliament.
 In Washington, President Bush said Krenz's rise to power was unlikely to signal fundamental change.
 "Whether that reflects a change in East-West relations, I don't think

Car sought in killing

By ANNYS CORCORAN
Of The News-Sentinel
 Police are looking for a possible suspect in the murder of a Wells County woman, and they're asking for information on his whereabouts.
 Investigators want to question a white male who is believed to be driving a mid-to-late-1970s Chevrolet Camaro, said Sgt. Rod Mitchell of the Indiana State Police. The car is dark red or maroon and has stock sport wheels, a raised rear end, a spoiler on the trunk and double stripes running from the front to the rear and on the hood, roof and trunk.
 Anyone with information about the car or its driver is asked to call Rick Oates of the Indiana State Police at 432-8661 or (800) 552-4876.
 Mitchell declined to comment on the identity of the man or how police learned about him.
 Sheri Rene Herr, 18, was found beaten to death and stabbed Friday at her family's home on Wells County Road 900S in Jackson Township.



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