

Mark Stackhouse knows about birds. He is the director of the education programs at the Tracy Aviary. But he is also something of a wizard with kids too.



Inside a large, barnlike building a Logan, people of all ages don wheeled boots and take their place in a never-ending rolling circle. See Cache magazine.

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## Bush pushed to open budget ba

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President-elect George Bush must open negotiations with Congress on a strategy for the federal budget and put defense, entitlements and taxes on the table, the General Accounting Office said Saturday.

"The budget problem is substantially worse than appears on the surface," a GAO transition report said, noting that deficits are masked by surpluses in trust funds, such as Social Security, and that the general fund shortfall could reach \$300 billion in the early 1990s.

"It can be solved, but not with magic potions, not with smoke and mirrors, not with the traditional techniques of incremental budgeting, and not by perpetuating the confrontations between executive and legislative branches that

have typified recent years," the report said.

GAO, the congressional watchdog agency, said the budget problems need "good faith political bargaining" and added a "substantial personal involvement" by Bush is essential to reach an agreement.

"All participants must consider all parts of the budget to be negotiable, including defense, entitlements and revenues," the report said, adding that "additional revenues are probably an unavoidable part of any realistic strategy for reducing the deficit."

Bush repeatedly stated during the campaign and since he was elected that there will be no tax increases. Democratic congressional leaders said they will not

push for taxes without the president-elect's active support.

GAO, in a separate report, listed only three ways to increase revenues without raising taxes — user charges (such as tolls on roads and bridges), sale of federal assets and economic growth.

GAO said the budget cannot finance all the weapons systems being developed and warned that cuts in Social Security cost-of-living increases, while providing an increase in trust fund surpluses, pose the problem of how to pay retirees if the surplus reserves are used.

The GAO also dismissed Bush's proposal for a "flexible freeze," saying much of the budget is concentrated in politically sensitive programs such as Social Security, Medicare and farm price supports.

### Democrat

WASHINGTON (UPI) urged President-elect George Bush to submit a "recovery" program to Congress a "scorched" needed domestic program.

Sasser, who easily won the Tennessee primary, succeeded in getting his name on the ballot. Sasser said the submission would be one of three steps to get the right signals to Congress.

The Tennessee senator administration to submit this January.

## Quake shakes, rattles, but doesn't roll

By Scott Harris  
staff writer

A 12:42 p.m. earthquake registering 5 on the Richter scale shook up the Cache Valley area Saturday, but apparently did not cause any serious damage.

An aftershock measuring 4.6 followed at 1:01 p.m., the University of Utah Seismograph Stations reported.

The epicenter for the main quake and the aftershock was on the Utah-Idaho border three miles west of Bear Lake, about 25 miles northeast of Logan, said Julie Shemeta, research assistant at the station.

No major damage or injuries were reported in Cache, Rich or Franklin counties where the quake was felt the most distinctly, according to dispatchers for the three counties' sheriff's offices.

Residents throughout northern Utah as far south as Salt Lake City reported feeling as many as three tremors related to the quake, Shemeta said.

Among the residents living closest to the epicenter in Garden City was one who reported the quake caused an 1 1/2-inch gap in a fireplace. Other residents reported the quake caused cracks in parking lot pavement.

Rich County Sheriff's Dispatcher Linda Tobin, in Randolph, said the quake frightened a lot of people, and that many reported parked trucks and trailers were moved by the shaking.

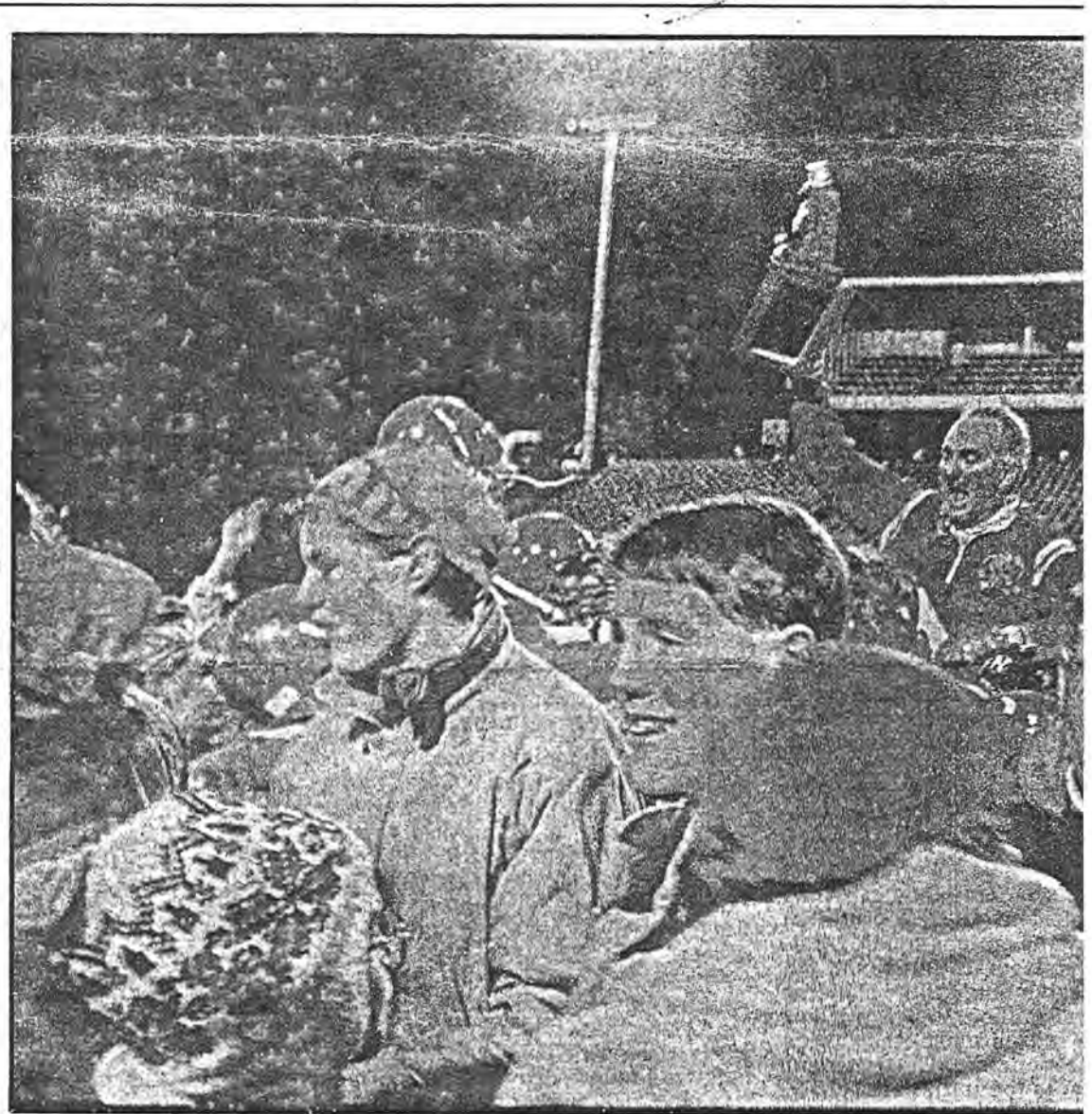
Throughout Cache Valley residents reported the earthquake rattled glass and made buildings sway.

"The whole house shook," reported one Lewiston resident. "This was no small tremor; it was a significant quake."

A Cache County Sheriff's dispatcher, who did not give her name, said she had received many calls about the quake. She said no one had reported any major damage, although at least one resident said the shaking had caused cracking in a building foundation.

Gene Needham, owner of Needham's Jeweler, Inc., 141 N. Main, Logan, said as the ground shook his store, glass rattled and he could feel the building move. But although his store is stocked with glassware as well as jewelry, nothing was broken.

However, the seismograph station said it had received reports some windows in the area had been broken.



### Logan High champs rejoice

Jubilant Logan High School players and fans carry head football coach Perry Christensen aloft Friday night as they celebrate the school's first state 3A football championship in 10 years. The Grizzlies defeated Pleasant Grove, 44-12, at Rice

Stadium in Salt Lake City, second straight year a Cache Valley title — Mountain Crest defeat Pleasant Grove, 44-12, at Rice Stadium. Complete details of

## Activists say Laotians admit holding Am

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. (UPI) — Two American activists held for six weeks in rat-infested Laotian jails were back home Saturday, declaring their mission proved POWs are still being held in Southeast Asia.

When Donna Long and James Copp arrived in Jacksonville Friday night, the last leg of their

journey home he was clutching a copy of William Safire's book "Freedom," and she triumphantly held a bottle of champagne.

Long, 45, a Jacksonville freelance writer, said in a telephone interview from her home Saturday the pair suffered mental and physical abuse at

"We were abused," she said. "It was mental and it was physical in that we were not fed enough and that wears you down. We were not beaten, but we were certainly abused."

Long and Copp, 44, an elementary school teacher in Hampstead, N.C., said nine days after they were captured in a Laotian village along the

Mekong River, they were held in a prison with no contact with the outside world.

"We thought we were going to die," Copp said.