

Mr. Edge: At the moment, we are trying to gear up ourselves. It is really too soon to tell how we are going to proceed from here. We are bringing in our own emergency personnel and working with them. As soon as we have a clearer picture of what is happening, we will be calling in our colleagues if we need to.

Jan: The Hollister area is known for earthquakes. How would you compare this to others that you felt there?

Mr. Edge: The people whom I have talked to have said that this was the biggest jolt that many of them have felt for more than ten years. This one was much more of a jolt than the rolling type of earthquakes that seem to be more prevalent around here.

Jan: We have felt two aftershocks here in San Francisco. How many have you felt?

Mr. Edge: We felt one very noticeably and a much smaller one after that. So we also felt two.

Jan: David, is there anything else you would like to tell people or any word you would like to get out to residents of San Benito County?

Mr. Edge: Just say that the emergency personnel are gearing up, that we have a plan and we will be putting it into effect, and that we will recover from this.

Jan: Again to recap, you say you have had no fatality. What about injuries?

Mr. Edge: As I said, we have one reported broken limb. That is all so far.

Jan: Alright, David Edge, county executive in San Benito County where that quake was apparently centered with the first one as 6.9 on the Richter scale and centered in the Hollister area. Now, let's go to News 74's Barbara Taylor, our KCBS City Hall Bureau Chief. Barbara, where were you when the quake hit?

Barbara: Well, I was on the first floor of City Hall and I must say it was quite an experience. I just happened to be walking down the corridor when that quake hit. The entire building started to shake like nothing I have ever felt before. And as you know, I have been working in that building for over a decade and have been in it during several earthquakes. There was a young woman standing down the hall who started screaming and literally ran into my arms and held on for dear life. The quake just continued and continued and did not stop. When it finally stopped, I ran to the phone. At that point, the whole electricity in the building went out and the telephones went out. You could hear people yelling and screaming all over the building. Just at the time when I grabbed my things to leave the building, you could see that there was debris throughout the building. Plaster came off the walls, marble came off the walls, and glass broke out of sky lights. It is really quite a mess over there. Across the street at the Health Department, there are clearly some serious problems on the second floor of the building. Water was literally gushing out of one of the windows or one of the balconies, pouring as though some pipes just went loose. As I said, water just gushed out and was pouring over the side of the Health Department Building like a waterfall. There was an immediate power outage but I think it probably extends to parts of the city. I made my way in my car through the western addition to the Upper Market Area to look for a telephone that was working

so I could call you folks and give you status report. None of the telephones is working. All the signal lights are out. All of the power is out in that entire area of town. And I suspect much more as well. There is a massive traffic jam throughout the city as people try to maneuver their way to these street corners where there are no signals to direct them. And I must say that people are behaving amazingly well under the circumstances. They are being very polite taking their turns to get through. There is of course, as I said, a whole lot of traffic congestion. I didn't notice a lot of damage as I went through the city. But as I said, it is very clear that there were some fairly substantial damage at least to the interior of City Hall. The building did not collapse. I didn't see any wall actually collapse but there were marble, plaster, dust, debris, and dirt throughout all corridors of the building that I could see. They have some problems there. We have just had some reports earlier this week about structural problems in the building and I think it is clear that people may not be going back there at least for a couple of days or so while there is some kind of a status report.

Jan: Alright, Barbara. I think it is safe to say that just about everybody's plans have been drastically altered tonight. Of course, the Bay Area was preparing to enjoy the World Series Game Three of the World Series at Candlestick Park. That apparently has been called off now because of the earthquake that hit just about three minutes before our free game show was due to begin.

(Disruption: about 20 minutes)

Jan: ...10 miles northeast of Santa Cruz. Let's go right now to News 74's Stan Bunker at the news van at Candlestick. Stan, plans certainly changed for a lot of folks at Candlestick, didn't they?

Stan:The game has been canceled and there is some doubt whether they will be able to play here and whether they will be able to play with a full set of fans in here if they play tomorrow. And here is why. We are told that some pieces of the upper deck of the stadium did crumble. There are cracks in the stadium rim way up in the upper deck out field seats. There is a man standing within our view right here in the parking lot area outside the player's entrance with a big chunk of concrete. He is holding it up as a sort of token or souvenir from tonight's ball game. That is a chunk of concrete that fell from the rim of the stadium during the earthquake. I was told by police officers on the field that there was at least one heart attack victim. He was taken off the field in an ambulance. His condition is unknown and his destination for that matter is unknown. There is a bizarre scene here at the Giants players' parking lot. I guess anyone who ever grew up and hounded autographs at Candlestick remembers sticking fingers in the fence and waiting for the ball players to leave in their cars. Well, this time you don't have to worry about what the guy looks like in his street clothes. They are going out of here in their uniforms holding their babies with their wives and other loved ones. Tony LaRussa, the A's manager, is standing right outside our news van now and motioning to members of the team and his family. Sandy Alderson, the A's general manager, tells us that he will drop by to talk to us as soon as he makes sure that all of the A's and their family members have gotten away from the stadium safely. We just saw Jose Canseco and his wife Ester walking through the parking lot with Jose still in uniform. Robby Thompson, the Giants' second base man, is now passing us. It is the strangest thing you have ever seen. And inside the stadium,

there are still a few faithful fans who are probably too drunk to notice what is going on or to understand it completely yelling "Play ball, play ball!!!" George Harris was up in the high press box, the football press box, with me when that earthquake hit. It was a terrifying experience for us, George, but I suppose also for some of the other people in the stadium.

George: Absolutely! You know I am very sensitive to earthquakes. I am from the Pacific Northwest and I am not used to this type of thing. So whenever there is any kind of shaking, whether a bus goes by or whatever, I notice it. And when this one started to roll, you may recall that I said, "Hey, hey, hey!", and you all looked at me like I was absolutely out of my mind. And the next thing you knew, it felt like that entire section was going to roll and break and shear away and drop down. I really did have my life flashed in front of me. After the pandemonium broke out, I went out and started talking to baseball fans here. You may recall, Stan, in the height of the earthquake, the fans actually started to yell in some type of defiance. They were screaming. I went out there and talked to many of them.

Fan 1: We are going to do it tonight!

George: Didn't that scare you?

Fan 2: Yes, it did. It was really scary up here. Up here, it was moving. Oh, it was really rocking.

George: It felt like this whole thing was going to go.

Fan 2: It really felt like it. And this glass here was pretty frightening. It was really moving up here.

George: It certainly was. And outside, there were long, long lines at every telephone booth. The escalators had stopped. You found it very difficult to get out of the stadium. Many fans got out of the stadium as quickly as possible. They said that they headed to their cars to listen to damage reports from their radios. It was not worth it for them to stay inside what they thought could possibly be a safety risk to them. But still a lot of us, Stan, and I am feeling right now emotionally charged with the adrenalin still pumping through my body. Later on when we are able to sit back and think about it and assess what really happened and especially that feeling of helplessness, it is really going to sink.

Stan: It was strange to see the looks on the faces of some of these ball players. Now, these guys are human beings. Of course, you tend to forget that when the World Series comes around and they become heroes for a week or two. Kelly Downs, the Giants pitcher, who was standing there holding his baby said, "Look, I just don't want to talk to you right now. This is pretty crazy." Mike Krukow, normally among the most loquacious people in the world, was over here right now and even Mike Krukow was a bit rattled. I saw Bob Brenley in the clubhouse runway. He said, "Hey Stan, hell of a way to have a game called hmmm?".

Jan: Alright, Stan. We want to check back in with some of our KCBS reporters because we are getting word of fatalities from this earthquake. For one thing, at Fifth and Townsend in San Francisco, an old brick wall collapsed trapping people underneath. There are reports of fatalities but we don't know how many. We know that emergency crews are on the scene and our News 74's Marilyn Sandiffer is also on the way. Our News 74's Ken

Bastida is on the approach to the Bay Bridge right now. Ken, what can you tell us?

Ken: Unbelievable, Jan! The freeway here for several hundred yards has completely separated. I am talking about an eight to ten inch-rift in the freeway. The right side or the Bay side on the approach to the Bay Bridge here, the westbound approach, has fallen away. The left side of the roadway is up about eight or ten inches higher now. Several cars have crashed into this or what is a crack in the freeway. The freeway is cracked for several hundred yards. It has split open completely. The entire approach to the Bay Bridge, the roadway, is nearly impassable at some spots because the pavement has completely opened up. This is what you see when you see pictures of the quake in Anchorage in 66 and other shots where freeway and roadway concrete has completely opened up. We have a crack running several hundred yards long on the approach to the Bay Bridge. And it is, I am not exaggerating, ten inches wide and eight inches high. The freeway has completely separated here.

Jan: Ken, what can you tell us about what the situation looks to be with regard to injuries or fatalities?

Ken: I don't see any fatalities here. There are people who are stopping and who are kind of walking around in a daze. I don't know if people are allowed to cross westbound on the Bay Bridge. I don't think that is going on right now. They are somehow turning people back around to get them on the eastbound side of this roadway here. There are people walking around who are just in a daze. People are taking pictures of this crack in the ground. The pavement is completely separating here. What is very dangerous about this is that if you are coming southbound on 80 from the Albany area and making that westbound approach to the Bridge, you will not see this crack until you are literally on top of it. And it is just a jagged line about a foot of separation in the pavement here and about ten inches high on one side which drops straight off on the other side. It is cracked all the way up on the approach to the Bay Bridge here.

Jan: And that is News 74's Ken Bastida on the westbound approach to the Bay Bridge. Let's check in with News 74's Don Weagan in the Marina District of San Francisco. Don, what is your situation?

Don: Yes. It's very bad down here, Jan. There is a fire on Beach Street in the Marina. Maybe you can even see the smoke from the Embarcadero. One resident told me that it is possible that there are still people in the building although we have no confirmation of that from the authorities. Also at Fillmore and Bay, there is a three-story apartment partially down. It looks like a two-story apartment now. It looks like a boat that is about to go under the water. There are apartments and so forth that you can barely see from the ground. There are also cracks in the roadway and in many streets in the Marina area. Gas is leaking. The smell of gas is everywhere. There is a house down on top of a car on North Point in the Marina. There are large cracks in the parking lot at St. Francis Yacht Club but nobody is injured over there.

Jan: Don, as far as this fire is concerned, you are saying it's in Beach Street. What is the cross street?

Don: I don't have the cross street but it is Beach right in the heart of the Marina and the smoke is being contained now. It was black and now it is gray or a

kind of a sooty color. But the entire structure was engulfed as I drove by. And as I said, one of the residents said, "We think there were people in there." But let's forego that now until we get the report from the authorities. But stay out of the Marina if you can. There are gas mains broken. You can smell gas all over the place. It is not the best place to be in. There are emergency crews and vehicles. The firemen are doing a ycoman's job and that is about it. The Marina at the Golden Gate Deli. Don Weagan, News 74 KCBS.

Jan: Maybe now would be a good time to mention that the San Francisco Fire Department has asked all off-duty firefighters to go to their stations because with the situation of gas mains being down and phones being out, we obviously have a major emergency here in the Bay Area right now. If you just joined us, the quake measured 7.0 on the Richter scale. It was centered 10 miles northeast of Santa Cruz. Again, those figures may be reevaluated as seismologists are able to take a second look at their seismographic equipment. But the initial report we have from UC Berkeley is: it is a 7.0 earthquake centered about 10 miles northeast of Santa Cruz. We do have reports of fatalities. We'll continue to keep you posted. We will be right back.

Announcement: This is a KCBS earthquake emergency safety advisory. There has been a major earthquake. The danger from the earthquake may not be over. There could be more shaking. If you are in your car, pull over and stop. Listen for more emergency information. Stay away from bridge overpasses, power lines and other hazards. Keep the road clear for emergency vehicles. This has been an earthquake safety advisory. Stay tuned for more earthquake coverage on News 74 KCBS.

Jan: KCBS Newstime 6:30. You are listening to KCBS San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose. I'm Jan Black and our earthquake coverage continues as we go to a KCBS listener Rob in Pleasanton. Rob, what can you tell us?

Rob: Hi, Jan. I am just glad I am not in San Francisco right now. I was in Pleasanton and I left my vehicle. I was walking over to the Stoneridge Mall.... And having been just over the flu, I thought I was having a relapse for a moment there. When all of a sudden, everything seemed to go very hazy and moved in front of me. Cars were actually banging beside each other. They were jumping like eight to nine inches apart and kind of hitting the sides of each other in a couple of places. People came out of the mall and drove. It was kind of a real nasty scene to be in. I stayed in there for a few minutes after things had settled down. As I walked through the mall, I noticed that a number of smaller stores suffered quite a bit of damage. We have had power outages here but we have the power back on right now. But it has been going on and off most of the time since the earthquake struck. I haven't heard of any other damage in this particular area other than the fact that a lot of stores in the mall had a lot of ornaments being thrown off shelves and things like this. So, we haven't suffered too much compared with San Francisco. But it has certainly been a very frightening scene.

Jan: Rob, I think it has been the same for everybody around the Bay Area. In fact, this particular quake has been felt around a major portion of California. We have gotten reports that it was felt all the way into the heart of Southern California and as far north as Sacramento as well. That is just as far as we have talked to. It is not out of the realm of possibility that it was felt further north than that. Let's go now to another KCBS listener, Jim, in San Francisco. Jim, what can you tell us about where you are and what you

have seen? Well, we seem to be having some phone problems again. This is not to be unexpected during a situation like this. Let's check in with Lesley in Walnut Creek. Lesley?

Lesley: Yes. I am in Walnut Creek now. I was in Oakland when the quake hit. I was in a parking lot. The light posts were coming down. I was running away from the building. I really thought that was over. It was really, really rolling. I drove out to Walnut Creek. There were huge fumes of smoke coming from Berkeley and Oakland. There is a major fire in Concord. In Walnut Creek, there is a huge construction site where two cranes are on their sides and the tractors are all turned over. The power is all out. It is just a mess. A lot of hysteria is going on out here.

Jan: I can imagine that. We thank you for checking in with us. Again, if you are a KCBS listener and if you got some damage to report or if you would like to get the word across to other people about what the situation is in your area, our number is open if you can get through at 1800-228KCBS. We should mention as well that we are having problems getting information on this earthquake because of the power outages we are having around the Bay Area. Apparently, hundreds of thousands of people in the Bay Area are still without power. PG & E has no estimate at this point when power will be back on. Also phone lines are down and the phone company is asking that if you don't have to use the phone or if you are just going to call someone to say what did it feel like to you, please do not do it because they need the phone lines as much as they can for emergency information. Let's check in with Carol in Concord right now. Carol, our last caller just mentioned that she saw some damage in Concord. What is the situation as far as you are concerned?

Carol: It really wasn't all that bad here. It was shaking really well. I could feel everything buckling and moving right under my feet. It was quite an amazing experience. There are some new cracks in the walls and in the floors but it really wasn't hugely bad here.

Jan: Alright. Well, thank you for checking in with us. Carol in Concord. Let's go now to News 74's Chris Cutter. Chris, we understand that you have the Mayor of San Francisco with you right now.

Chris: I don't have him with me but I can report to you that ... come with a police escort ... sirens blaring down Ninth Street. He just got off the freeway. Apparently, he is heading towards City Hall. I am at Ninth and Mission now. The Mayor ... City Hall. He had his shirt and tie off and what not and his wife and kids in the back of the limousine. He is heading to City Hall right now.... We will try to catch up with him and see what is happening at City Hall.

Jan: Alright, that is News 74's Chris Cutter again. We apologize for the fact that some of the reports are breaking up but that is simply due to the fact that we are having some power problems around the Bay. Lines are down. We have had reports of gas mains broken as well. Let's check in now with Ron Wilson, a spokesman for the San Francisco International Airport. Ron, what is the situation out at the airport? Are you able to land and take off planes?

Ron: No, we are not. And that is the word I want to get out: that the airport is closed for both inbound and outbound traffic until at least midnight. We have moderate to major damage here. The control tower is a disaster area.

Glass is out of the cab and there is just debris all over. We are trying to restore operations. There are a couple of controllers trying to restore operations. We are running on battery power now but we are diverting all aircraft that are inbound for San Francisco out of the Bay Area.

Jan: Ron, how long is this situation going to be in effect?

Ron: Well, at least until midnight. We really cannot get anyone into the terminal buildings because of all the debris on the floor. There is just a lot of ceiling tiles, bracing supports, TV monitors, and furnitures in disarray. So, it is going to take a major effort to get this place cleared up.

Jan: What is the condition of the runways?

Ron: The runways are alright. We have surveyed the runways and they appear to be okay. It is just because of the fact that electrical power is down and the debris that is all over. We just cannot operate that way.

Jan: And this is liable to cause a major air traffic back-up, I would think, throughout the country.

Ron: Well, I am sure it will. Everyone has been alerted to the fact and we are holding aircraft at their point of origin and diverting aircraft all over the state.

Jan: Ron, was there any plane landing or taking off when the earthquake occurred?

Ron: There were a couple of planes landing. They probably would not notice that anything was any different as long as the runways stayed intact and they did. That is the first thing we do. Go out and survey the runways so we can physically get airplanes in here. It is a matter of electronics to get them in here.

Jan: Just to recap the situation, your control tower SFO is a mess and you will not be having any plane taking off or landing at SFO until at least midnight.

Ron: Until at least midnight. That is correct.

Jan: So, the best word for people who are going to be taking off tomorrow morning is just call the carriers and wait.

Ron: We are going to keep you alerted as we can as to what is going on. If things change, we'll surely let you know.

Jan: Alright. Ron Wilson, a spokesman for San Francisco International Airport. Again, you heard him say that the control tower is a mess. There will not be any landing or taking off of any airplane from SFO until at least midnight. We'll keep you posted on that situation as well. Let's go back now to PG & E. Harry Arnold is on the KCBS News line. Harry, what can you fill us in with regard to power outages around the Bay?

Harry: I can see in Alameda and Contra Costa County that we have approximately, and this is very rough, 116,000 of our customers without service. Now that sounds like a lot but we do have around 800,000 customers in the two county areas. The problem is mostly with downed power lines and the fires associated with those downed power lines. We have a critical need right

now for all available PG & E crew members to report to our Oakport Service Center on 15th Avenue in Oakland. We can use every man or woman we can get hold of.

Jan: Harry, do you have any sense how long it is going to take to get power back up and to get gas lines back up as well.

Harry: We don't have many gas problems. Most of our problems are with electricity. We are probably going to be working all evening and probably all night or maybe well into the morning as well before we get everybody back in service.

Jan: Would you like for people not to use their electricity unless they absolutely have to?

Harry: No. If they have electricity, they can go ahead and use it; and for that matter, gas, too. We want to caution people not to turn off the natural gas valve because once they do, it is going to be days perhaps before we can get out there and turn the gas back on again. Do so only if a gas leak is suspected. Generally, it is good enough to open the doors and windows to get rid of the gas smell and then report it to the PG & E and the police.

Jan: Have you had any reports of fires caused by gas main problems?

Harry: No, we have not had any report of that yet.

Jan: Overall, how would you assess the situation as far as PG & E is concerned? Obviously, you folks try to prepare for an earthquake like this. We have had one. How is it going?

Harry: We have had earthquake drills, extensive earthquake drills, in the East Bay in recent months. So, our people have a pretty good idea of what to do. Actually, from an electric standpoint, the damage that we sustained from an earthquake is not all that different from that of a major storm. We have had a lot of those and we are very used to handling it.

Jan: Harry, thank you for joining us and we will be checking back with you as the evening progresses. That is Harry Arnold, a spokesman for PG & E. Let's check in with News 74's Bob Safford right now. He is in San Francisco. Bob, where are you and what can you tell us? Again, let's try to check in with News 74's Bob Safford in San Francisco. Bob, where are you and what can you tell us?

Bob: Well, I am right below our building here at One Embarcadero this time. I had to walk down the stairs. Of course, our elevator isn't running as I imagine a lot of them in the city are not. As I walked around the area here, I can see that probably the most spectacular thing in our immediate area, in our Financial District, was the Golden State Bank Building at 235 Front near Sacramento and just next to Harrington's Bar there. The whole facade on the third floor came tumbling down onto the street at the height of the earthquake. Fortunately and unbelievably, there wasn't any car parked along the sidewalk there next to that bank. If you know that area, you know that it is always covered with cars. Apparently, no one was injured there. There is a number of broken windows around this area. But I think the most encouraging part is that buildings like ours, these tall skyscrapers built on a filled area, have withstood what was a very big earthquake. I think a lot of people were probably wondering whether or not they would. But in this

particular area at least, it looks like things came out of it in pretty good shape. In the Financial District, Bob Safford, News 74 KCBS.

- Jan: But we do have reports of fatalities from this earthquake. For one thing, at Fifth and Townsend in San Francisco, an old brick wall collapsed trapping people underneath. There are fatalities there but we do not know how many. Emergency crews are on the scene. News 74's Marilyn Sandiffer is also on her way. Again, the other major damage that we have heard of is on the Cypress structure near the San Francisco Bay Bridge, that is, the double-decker section of Interstate 880 from the maze to downtown Oakland has partially collapsed and the last word we had was that twenty or twenty-five cars were apparently on the structure at that time and were somehow damaged. Some of them overturned. Some of them were damaged in other ways. We are having trouble getting more information on that. We want to check back with our news van at Candlestick Park and News 74's Stan Bunger, George Harris and other reporters who have been out there. Let's check in and see what the situation is there now.
- Stan: Jan, I am standing by here in the players' parking lot outside Candlestick Park with the Oakland A's vice president of baseball operations, Sandy Alderson. Sandy, with the game obviously canceled, do you have any clue to what is going on with the World Series now?
- Sandy: No, we do not have any idea at this point largely because we do not know what kind of structural damage exists here at Candlestick or perhaps at the Oakland Coliseum. So until engineers have had a chance to assess all of those, I think that the World Series is on hold....
- Jan: Now, we have apparently lost contact with our news van at Candlestick Park but you heard the word that the World Series is on hold. Again, the game was just about to get under way when the earthquake hit at about 5:04 this afternoon. We have had two aftershocks since then. Let's check in with News 74's Diane Callas right now with more on freeway problems in the Bay Area. Diane?
- Diane: Jan, I have just come from the Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services where I was told that the interchange at 680 and 24, certainly a major interchange here in the Bay Area especially in Contra Costa County, has been closed because of cracks in the ramps in that interchange. They are checking on them right now to see just how serious that is. I do not know just when it was closed down because of communication problems. Of course, even law enforcement and emergency personnel are having a great deal of trouble communicating with one side of the county from the other. Meanwhile, county people are checking county buildings especially the buildings where people cannot leave such as the jail, the hospital which is very old here in Martinez. They are going to check the county courthouse and all county buildings to see if they are structurally sound. Otherwise, it seems at this point that damage in Contra Costa County is not major. In Martinez, Diane Callas, News 74 KCBS.
- Jan: And we go up to Sacramento right now. News 74's Jim Hemblin is standing by at the State Office of Emergency Services. Jim?
- Jim: Well, this is the place in California where all aid, assistance, and reaction to an emergency are coordinated. The Office of Emergency Services is a part of the Governor's Office in a building here in Sacramento. They will be able to direct whatever assistance is required. So far, there has not been a

lot of requests for assistance because, of course, it is too soon for a lot of people to respond to the crisis. Tom Mollins is with the Office of Emergency Services concerned with San Benito County which is apparently one of the hardest-hit areas.

Tom: We don't have details at this point. Of course, if we are requested to provide assistance in San Benito, we will do that. Fortunately, there have been earthquake plans and exercises that all of us have been aware of over the last two years. And this is the time we hope when it pays off and we can help those people who are trapped.

Jim: Now, the National Guard has been put on alert, that is, to stand by in case they are needed. Wherever they are needed, they will be dispatched from this location, the headquarters of the Office of Emergency Services. In Sacramento, I am Jim Hemblin, News 74 KCBS.

Jan: And right now we go to News 74's Paula Drake who is reporting from San Francisco. Paula, we understand you are in the Marina District of San Francisco.

Paula: Yes. I have been trying for about an hour to get a phone line to get to studio. All the phone lines in this area are down but this is not the least of it. There is a major fire burning at Divisadero and Beach. It was a corner apartment building which is now ashes and the flames are spreading to the adjacent buildings on either side of that corner. Also, the firefighters are spraying down the buildings across the street from that fireball. It really is what it looks like. I was so close to it. It was very, very hot on the skin. There was mass confusion with people running around saying, "If you are not a reporter, leave the area, leave the area.", sirens going off, paramedics arriving, and everybody trying to figure out what is what and who is who. I did manage to find someone who looked official, a fellow in a lab jacket who looked like a doctor. And it turns out that he was an attending physician who lives in this neighborhood. When he saw what had happened, he came down and began helping the authorities. Here is a piece of an interview I did with him as we stood and looked at a building that had been a three-story building. The top floor of that building is now at eye-level. The building was collapsed. And he explained to me the rescue efforts in getting out some of the people inside.

Paula: Are there people trapped in there?

Doctor: We pulled two people out. One just had some scratches and scrapes. The other one looked like she had a fractured pelvis but other than that, I think she was okay.

Paula: Were they in what used to be the top floor of this building?

Doctor: They were This is the third floor here and they were pinned between a couple of cross beams. The ... of life came in and pulled the second girl out.

Paula: Do you know if there are more people in there?

Doctor: There are some bodies around the other side that were just uncovered now.

Paula: Fatalities?

Doctor: That I don't know. You might walk around and check.

Paula: We tried to walk around and check but we were stopped by officials who said that at any moment, we could have an aftershock and the gas mains could leak out, that there could be an explosion, and that the neighborhood could blow. It is that serious. People are acting very foolishly. I have to tell you there are no traffic lights, no electricity in this neighborhood, and no water. Very few phones work. The firemen had to extend their lines blocks and blocks away from the scene of the fire at Divisadero and Beach in the Marina to get water on that fire. In any case, they are trying to evacuate all the people. People are going nuts. They are trying to get their cars out of garages whose doors do not open anymore. They are zooming off on motorcycles. There are photographers everywhere. I will try to stay on the scene and give you a more in-depth report as soon as I can.

Jan: Alright. That is News 74's Paula Drake reporting live from Divisadero and the Beach in San Francisco. To recap as far as our situation is concerned, we understand that San Mateo Bridge has been closed as a precaution, that the Golden Gate Bridge has been checked though it is okay and apparently they have no damage there. Again, it is open. Let's check in now with News 74's Marilyn Sandiffer who is reporting from Sixth and Mission in San Francisco. Marilyn, we have had a report that there were some fatalities there as well.

Marilyn: I don't know about any fatalities in this area. What I can tell you is that I have walked about a mile from the Financial District to this area. There are no street lights at all so it is beginning to get dark out here. The traffic is very thick and it is moving slowly. People are actually making better progress in some cases just by walking along the street. There is a lot of broken glass here and bricks on the ground. There is quite a bit of damage along Mission Street. For anyone trying to get out of the area, this would be a good time to either walk it or try to grab a bus if you can because it is getting dark and they will not be able to see much longer. Reporting from Sixth and Mission Street, Marilyn Sandiffer, News 74 KCBS.

Jan: And because the Bay Bridge has been closed, the Red and White Fleet says that it will give free rides from San Francisco to Oakland Jack London Square and you will be able to board the ferries at the Ferry Building in San Francisco. Let's check in now with News 74's Steve Baffery reporting from the Haze Valley section of San Francisco. Steve?

Steve: Well, it was a jolt here as, of course, it was throughout the area and probably the strongest one that I have ever felt in the thirty years that I have lived in California. What happened here in my home was that all the chandeliers just swung through about a three-foot arc. Every picture in this house is astir. The power is off. The phone service was intermittent and actually remains that way even now as I have tried to check in a couple of times. Occasionally, the calls just get canceled. Neighbors in this area were out on the street and all were reporting that their power and their phone service were out. We do not appear to have gas problems here. Everyone is obviously still deeply concerned. A number of my friends are checking in. This is going to become a half-way house on the way from the city to home tonight. One girl friend here was in the dentist chair having three crowns drilled at the time the power went out. The dentist was able to put a temporary cover over those. That is obviously not a very pleasant situation. Another friend who works in the 45 Hyde building downtown reports a great big crack in the wall of the library and bricks falling out of the library

building into the parking lot. And he reports that amazingly, the bricks didn't hit any of the cars that were there in the parking lot at the time. Obviously, we are in for a long night in the Haze Valley area and I suspect throughout the Bay Area.

Jan: And we have a very, very eerie situation in San Francisco right now. That is News 74's Steve Baffery reporting from Haze Valley. In San Francisco looking out the window from the 32nd floor of No. One Embarcadero Center, we do not see any light on at all in any of the buildings around the Bay Area. Obviously, as PG & E has been telling us, they do have a major power problem. There are hundreds of thousands of people without power right now. I understand that KCBS is operating on our emergency generator so we can bring you the latest information. Let's check in with BART's spokesman Si Melberg right now. BART has had some problems earlier in the afternoon right after this earthquake hit. Si, what is the situation?

Si: Well, it is just about the same. You were talking about PG & E and not having power in San Francisco. That is our problem, too. We have no traction power from Montgomery Street Station out to Daly City. In other words, even if we can get trains through, they go nowhere until we have that power. We are trying to cross over some of the power sources that we have to give us some more traction power. There is an inspection going on right now in the Trans-Bay Tube. On all the lines we are mov...where there is power, we are moving in inspection trains with our engineers and our inspectors. We are probably an hour or an hour and a half away from any kind of assessment of when we can get the service going. However, AC Transit will accept BART transfers on the stations on the Richmond Line and the Fremont Line and in downtown Oakland. CCCTA, that is the county transit in Contra Costa County, is running a bus bridge for us from McArthur to Rockridge and it is stopping at all the stations on the Concord Line. So, folks will be at least able to get away on the buses. But as far as train service is concerned, it is going to take us at least another hour possibly to assess where we are and to try to find some way to bridge some power into San Francisco. As it stands right now, we are not moving anything except inspection trains.

Jan: Okay. And you just have no idea when you will be moving again?

Si: No. Once those reports start coming in, which we feel is going to take us a good forty-five minutes to an hour, we'll begin assessing our damage and see what we can do.

Jan: And to recap, the Red and White Fleet says it will be giving free rides from San Francisco to Oakland Jack London Square. You will be able to board the ferries at the Ferry Building in San Francisco. We have been talking to BART's spokesman, Si Melberg. Let's go to News 74's Ken Bastida right now. Ken, we understand you are on the Bay Bridge?

Ken: That is right, Jan. I am on the...just approaching the incline section. I am talking to some Caltrans workers who have closed the bridge now. As you know, the bridge is closed or at least in the westbound direction. We are confirming and getting confirmation now from the Caltrans crews that the bridge has collapsed, two 50-foot sections of pavement broken clean through into the water. We have had an upper section break through, trapped two cars on the bottom, and then portions of the bottom section break right through to the Bay as unbelievable as it sounds. There were two

cars, as I mentioned, in the debris that remained on the bridge. Now, we are told that there were significant injuries associated with the victims there. We don't know if there were any fatalities. We cannot confirm that but people were seriously hurt. This is a weird situation. Seventeen lanes of traffic here. The only personnel out here are military men. I guess they are coming from the Oakland Army Base. And there is a number of military helicopters now in the area of the collapse. From what we can understand, the actual structure, the steel structure, did not collapse. What collapsed was the pavement itself. Actually, blacktop broke and shook, came crashing through from the top into which would be the roof of the lower section, and the weight of that broke the bottom section through. So, we have a complete rupture of the pavement on the bridge itself. The bridge is closed. These people, the Caltrans workers, here are telling me they need help from Sacramento. They want to try to get the word to Sacramento immediately to get down here and take a look at the situation. The bridge will be impassable presumably for several days. The approach to the bridge itself which runs about a mile and a half or two miles back to 580 is almost impassable. The ground buckled several inches high, every sixty or seventy feet or so. There are cracks that are as much as ten inches wide and that run several hundred yards long. The pavement now is partially inundated with water from the bay which is seeping up from the north side. There is a tunnel underneath the Bay Bridge here that connects the Toll Plaza headquarters with the outer side of the toll taker's booth which is now flooded with bay water. Bay water is coming in now and the stairs have collapsed in that building. They are very concerned about that. Now, for the first time, two CHP officers on motorcycles are here. As you can imagine, the police protection here is a bit stretched right now. Again, there are several other military helicopters flying up and down the length of the bridge. We are confirming now that the bridge pavement has collapsed from the Bay Bridge on both upper and lower decks. This is about an eighth of a mile to the tip of the inclined section heading westbound at marker 291. If you know where that one is, that is where the bridge gave way this afternoon when this thing started shaking. On the Bay Bridge, Ken Bastida, News 74 KCBS.

Jan: Ken, we want to keep you on the line here a second. What can you tell us about the possibility of cars in the water when that collapse occurred?

Ken: Nobody can confirm that. They are talking right now about trying to get a boat in but, as you can tell, it is twilight now and we are losing whatever daylight or whatever minutes are left here quickly. They are so stretched out right now in just trying to keep people out of the area and trying to keep the air space above clear for the military helicopters that a rescue by boat may be out of the question right now. It is just too busy an operation. We cannot confirm that any car went into the water. We don't think that occurred but we do know that at least two cars were hit with debris when the upper deck broke loose and that pavement started crashing through. I cannot give you the condition of the people in that car, their identities or anything like that. It is just too confusing. There is also a lot of smoke coming up from downtown Oakland and occasionally, we see something that is like a transformer short-out. That is in the Cypress structure area. I cannot get over there to that area right now because it is being crowded up by people right now. But the Bay Bridge, without a doubt, will be closed for several days here, if not longer. They will have to get up when daylight comes around and check it out structurally to see if the steel itself has in fact failed or whether this is just a roadway that can be replaced. Unbelievable! I guess that is one way to sum it up in a quick term. I do not know what

other words to use out here. There is the sound of sirens here in the East Bay constantly. There are helicopters. There is a C-130 Hercules reconnaissance plane that was flying low altitude over here in a circular pattern a little while ago. That has gone now. But there is sort of an eerie calm on the approach to the Bay Bridge. Normally, there are seventeen lanes of bumper to bumper traffic but right now, there is absolutely no vehicle on this structure.

Jan: And that is News 74's Ken Bastida reporting live from the Bay Bridge. Again, you heard him say that about two 50-foot sections of the Bay Bridge collapsed and we are only beginning to guess what the damage might have been when that happened when the earthquake occurred at about 5:04 this afternoon. It has been about two hours right now and we are just now learning about the kind of damage this earthquake has caused. Apparently, damage is widespread throughout the Bay Area. We have a spokeswoman for Pacific Bell with us on the Newslines to tell us more about the phone problems that it has caused. Diane Wentworth, thank you for joining us.

Diane: Glad to do it. There are a couple of messages we want people to really take to heart right now because it is important. The most important one right now is that we would like to ask people not to use the telephone. It is working in most cases but we do ask that you should not use it unless it is an emergency call. The more people are on the phones at the same time, the slower it makes the network run for everyone so it is really important to stay off. There are some other things that you might be interested in. We have evacuated some of our buildings so you may have some trouble getting some calls through because our employees had to be evacuated as well and we have to safety check those buildings now before we can let them back in. But we do ask that you do not use the telephone unless it is necessary. And if you have a second, go around the house or the office and check and put the phone receiver back on the hook. That will help speed restoration of the network as well.

Jan: Alright, Diane. Anything else that you would like to get across? Any message that you would like to get across?

Diane: One thing that everybody has, and it is often hard to remember in a case like this,...on the white pages in the front of your phone book is a survival guide. It has some emergency instructions and first aid. It is a good thing to take out and find it now. You may not need it but it is a good thing to take and have with you in case you need it later on tonight.

Jan: Yes, since we have had a couple of aftershocks. Diane, it sounds like very good advice.

Diane: It is going to be too late to look for it when you need it so you might as well find it now. Rip it out. Rip the pages right out and just keep them with your family.

Jan: Yes. A lot of us are probably going to be having a sleepless night as we wonder and learn more about the damage, the injuries, and the fatalities that this earthquake has caused.

Diane: We have gotten into our Santa Cruz offices. By the way, calls are actually getting in and out of Santa Cruz. We have also activated what we call our emergency operations center out in San Ramon. This is not unknown to us. In fact, just two months ago, we had a large earthquake drill. We have drills

on a regular basis and we practice exactly this same sort of scenario, that is, a major earthquake hitting the Bay Area. As far as we are concerned, we are doing exactly what we practiced in the drill back in August.

Jan: Would you say that the phone system has performed better or worse than you thought it would under this kind of a situation?

Diane: Hard to tell right now because I am not in a position. I am not out in San Ramon to look at the monitors and see. But it seems like most people are getting through. The one thing that makes people often think that the phone is not working is because they don't get dial tone when they take the receiver off the hook. They think something is broken. Most times, it is not. Often, because a lot of people are trying to make phone calls at the same time, it just takes a longer time. Normally, when you pick up the phone, the dial tone is right there. You don't even think of it. In this case, it may take five seconds, ten, twenty, thirty seconds and it seems like forever. Your best bet, the best tip is, if you need to make that call, pick up the receiver and then just wait and the dial tone will be there.

Jan: Okay. Again, if you don't need to make a call, don't.

Diane: Please do not make that call. We really need you to stay off. You can chat about the earthquake at some later date but it is really necessary for emergency and life threatening calls to get through at this point.

Jan: That is Diane Wentworth, a spokeswoman for Pacific Bell. Now, we understand as well. We should mention that because of the problems on the Bay Bridge and problems on the approaches to the Bay Bridge, the Red and White Fleet is giving free rides from San Francisco to Oakland Jack London Square. You will be able to board those ferries at the Ferry Building in San Francisco. As far as BART is concerned, they are only running trains without passengers because they are still checking for damage. As you heard Ken Bastida report just a few minutes ago, it looks like the Bay Bridge will probably be closed for at least the next several days. So, you might want to make alternate plans if you have to get into the city or if you are in the city and have to get to the East Bay. Let us check in right now with Dan Green, our News 74's Dan Green. Dan, where were you when this happened?

Dan: Jan, I was probably in the best spot to be when an earthquake is occurring. I was in the air flying into the Bay Area from the Yosemite area and was told by flight service and tower controllers to divert and that all airports at that time in the Bay Area were closed. I have since talked to the people at Stockton Flight Service and found that some airports in the Bay Area are now open. Hayward Airport is open. San Jose Airport, at last call, is open. Two runways at Oakland are open. However, San Francisco which was on emergency power for a while is now fully closed to airport traffic.

Jan: Alright. As we heard from Ron Wilson, San Francisco International Airport spokesman, a few minutes ago, it is going to be closed to airport traffic until at least midnight tonight. Ron Wilson was telling us that the SFO control tower has sustained some major damage. He says it is an absolute mess. Also, we want to update a story. There is a fire burning in San Francisco right now caused by the earthquake. It is burning at Divisadero and Beach and we understand that the Fire Department is having very bad problems in terms of fighting that because they are about to run out of water. Again, the Fire Department has requested that all off-duty firefighters report to their

stations. Let's check back in with News 74's Stan Bunger who is in our news van at Candlestick Park. We have been saying that Stan had hoped to have a very happy story to report this evening as far as the World Series is concerned. Stan, what is the situation there right now?

Ron: Jan, I do not know if you can hear me. This is Ron Lions in the news van and Stan is inside where it is completely dark. There was a command post set up in center field at Candlestick Park and we are waiting Stan's return from that. Let me briefly tell you what is happening here. Very few of the probably sixty plus thousand people have left Candlestick Park because they did not hear what was going on in terms of the Bay Bridge being closed or they simply cannot get out because traffic is a mess. Nevertheless, at least in the area where I am, there are probably thirty to thirty-five thousand people who simply cannot move. Let's go to News 74's George Harris who has been talking to people ever since the earthquake occurred. George, where were you when this thing happened?

George: When it happened, I was up on the upper deck in the press area in a sky box type configuration. And when that earthquake happened, the glass appeared to almost shatter. It did not. It stayed intact. But it seemed that the whole upper area would just shear away and we would just tumble down many, many, many feet. It appeared that there would be thousands and thousands of deaths. Thank goodness! That did not happen. The stadium for the most part held in place but a lot of people immediately headed for the parking lot and got out of the stadium. This is what is happening. And now, Stan Bunger has returned and what information do you have for us, Stan?

Stan: Well, it is very eerie inside the stadium right now. There is a little electricity on inside Candlestick Park. It is coming from diesel-powered generators which obviously didn't kick in time to provide enough electricity for the scoreboard or for the P.A. system to work during the game. I was just inside with the Giants head grounds' keeper, Candlestick head grounds' keeper, Joe Delcardo. He says that if this thing had happened about now, maybe in the seventh inning of the ball game, you would have had mass bedlam at that stadium. It is hard to describe what the place looks like with just a few exit signs lighted up. Imagine the kind of fear we felt inside there with broad daylight sitting over the stadium and then try to imagine that in total darkness. I am a little out of breath. I have just run back from the center field area. There are some cracks in the stadium. We understand there are cracks about the sky box area below the upper deck. There are some cracks in the upper center field or the upper left center field area along the rim of the stadium. No one knows now how serious the damage is, that is, if it is structurally significant or simply cosmetic in nature. No one knows now if there is going to be another World Series game here at all this year or if they will be back here tomorrow afternoon playing Game Three. They simply cannot get people into the ball park to get a look at it because traffic is so badly tied up all over the Bay Area. And as you look out across the parking lot here, thousands of people are still here. They simply cannot get out of the area because of the tie-up on the freeways. You know, it was bad, it was scary as it happened inside the ball park but it could have been a lot worse if this thing had happened later in the evening. What worried me, Ron, was that the police waited a good, I guess, forty minutes or thereabouts before they moved their units onto the field and began to give orders to people over the police squad boxes, on their mobile units, on their squad cars. I guess they probably waited because the crowd was pretty calm inside the ball park but again we are very fortunate this happened when it

happened. If it had to happen with sixty thousand people in the stadium, it was still fortunate that it happened in daylight and not in darkness.

Ron: One quick note before we go back to you, Jan. We want to inform you about the fact that we still have mounted policemen from the San Francisco Police Department here. We do not know if the crowd is going to get unruly. But we should point out that a lot of people have been here since noon, one or two o'clock and biding. And they are all in the dark. They are all sitting in their cars. So we'll let you know what happens out here. Live from Candlestick, along with Stan Bunker and George, I am Ron Lion, News 74's KCBS.

Jan: And PG & E is now asking us to repeat to our listeners that people should not turn off their natural gas unless they smell natural gas. And PG & E says not to monkey with the natural gas unless you smell natural gas. And as far as the telephones are concerned, do not use a telephone unless you absolutely have to for an emergency. Let's check in with News 74's Jerry Wilcox right now. Jerry, we understand you are on San Pablo Avenue in Oakland.

Jerry: I am on It was pitch dark ... Central Avenue in Oakland. Much of Berkeley and Oakland does not have electricity. The signal lights at intersections...have gone through many, many intersections. That is a very dangerous situation because people are approaching...from different directions obviously and meeting at the intersections. Most people are being very careful but this is a very dangerous situation.

Jan: And we are having some problems obviously with that transmission from News 74's Jerry Wilcox. No doubt these problems are caused by that earthquake. We are having some intermittent power outages in the Bay Area. In fact, PG & E tells us that hundreds of thousands of people around the Bay are without power. The phone situation is not all that bad as you heard Pacific Bell reporting just a few minutes ago. Let's check in now with News 74's Don Weagan who again is reporting from the Marina District of San Francisco where there has been a major fire. Don, tell us more about the location.

Don: Okay, Jan. I have a little more for you than I did an hour ago. The location is Beach and Divisadero. It is directly kitty-corner from the Newcomer Grade School, Beach and Divisadero. The corner building, an apartment building, is gone. It is history. It is completely rubble. It is burned all the way to the ground. Now, the problem is that the next building adjacent on the Beach side and the next building adjacent on the Divisadero side have both caught fire. Now, they brought five trucks in here since the first time I reported to you, as I say, forty-five minutes to an hour ago. If anybody has any idea how to get an airdrop in here like they do in some of the fires in Southern California, I am telling you that is exactly what they need because from the Beach side, there are about two, three, four, five buildings and they are all tucked right adjacent to one another. On the Divisadero side, you have one, two, three, four buildings right there. So far, one down. A fire department official from San Francisco told me that one unlucky person drove in the area just as the building collapsed and that person was apparently trapped in the car. And he could possibly be and more than likely a fatality. But that is the situation. Gas lines are broken, homes in the street, one home in the street at North Point, one home in the street on Beach. Please stay out of the area because of the fact that there are

gas leaks everywhere. Reporting from the Marina, Don Weagan, News 74 KCBS.

Jan: And the best advice in most Bay Area cities and towns tonight is to stay inside because the traffic lights are out all over the Bay so you would have a lot of trouble travelling around the Bay. Unless you absolutely have to travel, the best advice is just do not. Let's check in with Frank now, our KCBS listener in Redwood City. Frank, what kind of damage have you seen?.....Alright, Frank is apparently no longer with us on the line. Let's check in with Bret in Morgan Hill. Are you there, Bret?

Bret: We got a lot of mess down here on Monterey Highway through the city. A lot of windows are being boarded up. Glass is everywhere. We just checked in with Noel Hill off Monterey Highway and they said they were not going to open for three days. I had a look in the window and it was so messed up in there.

Jan: Again, this quake was centered in the Hollister area. It measured 7.0 on the Richter scale according to the latest information that we have from the State Office of Emergency Services. As far as this emergency is concerned, we want to check in now with Phylis Brown, a spokeswoman for Highland Hospital in Oakland. Phylis, what word would you like to get out?

Phylis: I would just like to inform all the physicians, nurses, and technicians who work at the hospital that they are needed at the hospital and if it is at all possible they should return there as soon as possible.

Jan: Phylis, what have you seen with regard to injuries or fatalities?

Phylis: We have seen a number of patients when I was there last which was about half an hour ago. There were approximately five patients who had come into the hospital but I do not really have any reading at this point of the total number of patients or the degree of injury.

Jan: Have you heard anything about whether most of these people have cuts or heart attacks or anything like that?

Phylis: I really have not. I have been most concerned with trying to facilitate having our staff return to the hospital.

Jan: Another question which comes to mind. Is there any need for blood as you can tell in the Bay Area?

Phylis: I really don't have a reading on that yet. I think it is very early in this disaster to determine that at this point. The main concern is just being able to staff the hospital adequately and treat the patients we are seeing now.

Jan: Phylis, would you say that it is safe to say that most Bay Area hospitals also would like all their off-duty physicians and nurses to report?

Phylis: Absolutely!

Jan: Okay. Phylis Brown reporting from Oakland Highland Hospital. As far as Oakland is concerned, we have another KCBS listener on our line calling from there. Steve, what is your situation?

Steve: Yes. I went down and surveyed the damage to the Cypress section of the Interstate 880 and I had expected the early estimates that I heard on your station to be somewhat exaggerated. Unfortunately, they are exaggerated on the low side. The damage is very extensive. I would say that there is at least a quarter of a mile of the double decker section where the top deck is completely collapsed onto the lower deck. There are sections where both decks are leaning over at a thirty-degree angle onto their supporting piers. I am just imagining the number of cars that were on that section of the freeway at five after five. Your estimate was about twenty-five cars. Not being able to see it very well, of course, I would estimate there must have been at least two hundred cars underneath the freeway.

Jan: And unfortunately, we are having problems getting the exact information in terms of fatalities and even in terms of the rescue operation. Again, all of our wire services are down. We have had some major problems. Actually, I understand that Reuters is up right now. But we are not able to get any kind of information from Associated Press and United Press International. This is the kind of situation we or all of us who live in the Bay Area have worried about happening. It has happened. It is a tragedy in the Bay Area this evening. We do have word of fatalities, of fires, of injuries from this 7.0 earthquake which was centered about ten miles northeast of Santa Cruz. News 74's Jim Carlton is with us now on the line. Jim, we understand you are at the Amfac Hotel in Burlingame.

Jim: Right across the street from the Amfac Hotel. It suffered some major damage to the top two floors. The elevator shaft is completely exposed on the top. There were eight injuries. Those injuries ranged from chest pains to some fairly severe injuries. They were all transported to the hospital. It is located on the inner Bay shore there right next to the Bay. The power was out completely in the area until just a few moments ago. Everybody is walking around. The streets are blocked off. Obviously, it is the same scene in many, many other places in the Bay Area, Jan.

Jan: And that is News 74's Jim Carlton reporting from the Amfac Hotel in Burlingame. Let's go now to one of our KCBS listeners. Let's check in with Chuck in Saratoga. Chuck, are you on the line?

Chuck: Sure, I am! Listen, I was in Palo Alto when it happened and I came down 280. There is a nice little lump in the road between Magdalena and Foothill Expressway. I am ... southbound because CHP was there and had traffic slowed down and I am not sure if it was northbound at all. But other than that grid-lock, we made it home safely. Everybody is pretty well okay here. We had some minor damage of plates falling off shelves. Everything else looks okay.

Jan: Alright. That is good to hear because that is not the situation we are hearing from other parts of the Bay Area. KCBS Newstime, it is 7:14. I am Jan Black and we continue our coverage of the earthquake which hit the Bay Area about 5:04 this evening. We have had two aftershocks since then. Joining us right now is Laury Olson with the Red Cross in San Francisco. Laury, what can you tell us?

Laury: Well, we are setting up a shelter now at the Marina Middle School. There is a fire that is burning out of control and we have sent a disaster bus down to that area to transport some of the victims out of the fire scene. We have all of our disaster action volunteers and staff called in. We are operating full force. Right now, I am sitting in the San Francisco office at 1550 Sutter

Street and we have about twenty people here working to establish food centers for people. As many people know, there are approximately 360,000 people who commute in and out of San Francisco. With the Bay Bridge, the Golden Gate Bridge, the San Mateo Bridge, and other bridges closed, these people have no way to get back to their homes. BART as well is closed. So, we will be setting up shelters. We have had calls both to our Sacramento office and our Los Angeles office and to the warehouses. They are standing by to possibly ship cart here so that we can set up additional shelters.

Jan: Now Laury, what can you tell us with regard to any injuries that you have heard about. Any fatalities? Any need for blood?

Laury: I cannot give you any information on that at this time. We are standing by.

Jan: Okay. Laury, I expect we will be checking back in with you. So the word that you would like to get across to people in the Marina District who have been put out because of that fire burning at Divisadero and Beach is that an emergency shelter is being set up at the Marina Middle School in San Francisco. Also in San Francisco right now is News 74's Luis Meconian with more on that fire. Luis?

Luis: Well Jan, what I can tell you is that I just went out here right now and residents are waiting outside their homes in the block just before Jefferson and Beale. It is dangerous just to even stay out here. There is natural gas and you can smell it everywhere. And this fire is burning here. There are sparks as you can see coming across the street. Now earlier, there had been a lot of concern about water getting into the area. I can tell you a lot of water is going onto that fire now. In fact, as I approached Jefferson, fire officials told me to back up and they started spraying the hoses. I am wet because I got caught in that part. They are definitely working on this fire as best as they can. From what we understand, it was a three to four-story apartment building that is completely leveled as you have heard before. Let me tell you if you are heading anywhere into the Marina from