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Petition deadline Friday for ASCC senate election 'Luck of the draw' placement gives candidates even start

By VERNON MORROW TM Associate Editor

Candidates battling for 31 senate seats this semester must have their petitions in by this Friday.

All petitions must be turned in complete with 20 signatures of ASCC members in order to be placed on the ballot for the Sept. 9-10 elections.

Approximately one third of these seats are reserved for incoming freshmen. Potential candidates are advised to get their petitions in early in order to assure themselves of a place on the ballot. However, turn-in times are no longer a factor in ballot name placement.

ASCC Supreme Court changes made in the balloting procedure will make name placement on the ballot more fair by implementing the "drawing from the hat" method of name selection and placement. In past elections names were placed on the ballot in the order that they were turned in to the Student Activities Office.

Interparty tampering with times of submission caused an uproar among the political community so vehement that it forced the Supreme Court to intervene. All candidates should make a point to a check the ASCC publicity code before starting their campaigns.

It is mandatory that all flyers and posters be approved through the Commissioner of Public Relations before they can be posted on campus.

The commissioner can be reached at the Student Activities Office.

Both senatorial candidates and slate may have a maximum of 10 posters each. The senate will be overseeing a budget of

over \$400,000, not including Homecoming

oint to activities such as queen elections and float e start- building.

The student government at Cerritos College has long been recognized as one of the best in the state.

Senate watchdogs predict a fresh, new semester not chained to the troubles of the past.

Polling areas are set up throughout the campus including the Social Sciences Building, the Student Center and the Health Sciences Building.

ACCT to screen applicants for top college post

By MELISSA HERNANDEZ TM Executive Editor

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees elected to accept a contract with the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). The decision came as a result of hearing a presentation at a special Monday night meeting last week set aside for matters dealing with the search for a new college president, necessitated by Dr. Wilford Michaels' announcement to resign in December 1986 for retirement purposes.

Only Trustee Katie Nordbak protested strongly against the contract action, feeling the Board needed to hear other organizations before signing on with the first consultant considered.

Dr. William Meardy, Executive Director of the ACCT and the spokesperson for the agency, outlined his plan for the location of the right person to fill the soon vacant seat.

The ACCT has conducted some 50 pre-



CLUB INFO DAY

The Quad was filled with students as organizations such as Lambda Phi Sigma put their best fool forward for Club Information Day recently. If you missed the action, it's not too late to join a club. Contact Student Activities.

ASCC activities on hold due to decreased staff

By SUSAN PHILLIPS TM Editor-in-Chief

A 50 % depletion in staffing in the Student Activities Office has left an "air of uncertainty" hanging over a program known statewide for its excellence.

This has been evidenced by the postponement of the first Co-Rec night scheduled for Sept. 7, and a threatened cutback in Homecoming activities scheduled for October.

Coordinator of Student Activities Phil Houseman is working with club advisors and members of student government to keep the program intact. Contracted events, such as the movies at Burnight Theatre, will go on according to Houseman, but events requiring a full staff may feel the pinch.

"We're trying to run a basic program," said Houseman. "We have to get the clubs and organizations started and off the ground for the beginning of the year, orientation for student government officers and the court and get the Senate formed."

Houseman has had "good response" from club advisors who have done "anything they can to help."

ASCC President Keith Estabrook sees "no reason the program should be anything but top notch."

"We have a \$425,000 budget" and the support of the administration which other schools lack, said Estabrook, adding that students from other community colleges find our program "awesome."

Estabrook feels the caliber of the ASCC program is one reason students come to Cerritos College. "It brings in people that might not go to this school if it weren't for the athletics and other ASCC funded programs."

"Student leaders are understanding and mature about the situation," said Houseman, and "everyone is doing all they can to help."

Even with the office at full staff, there is a lot of time spent in preparation for events most students take for granted said Estab-

rook. "This is a big job. It's a lot of work. At least 20 hours of preparation go into a three hour dance."

The lack of manpower has students worried. The postponement of the first Co-Rec was upsetting, said Estabrook because this is the type of activity that gives students "a chance to get together. You don't have to belong to a club to participate in Co-Rec."

"October will be a busy month because that's Homecoming," said Houseman. At the present time, there is no indication as to just how full the traditional Homecoming activities will be.

Houseman doesn't foresee the hiring of a new Dean of Student Activities soon enough to help the program through the next few months. "It's a lengthy, thorough process," he said.

In the meantime, Houseman and his small staff is "holding an optimistic view" about the semester and plans to do all in their power to assure a good program for the students at Cerritos College.

sidential searches over the last six years. Meardy feels confident that his association will find a new president for Cerritos.

Says Meardy, "The search for a chief executive officer is today a highly professionalized and very sophisticated process." He went on to say that it is an emotional process as well as a political

Meardy feels the fundamental question involved was whether or not to hire a consulting agency. That being decided in the affirmative, Meardy showed the Board the steps whereby the end could be accomplished.

First, an Advisory Committee will be made up consisting of one or two Board members, two or three administrators, three or four faculty members, representatives of the student body, clerical and classified personnel, and four or five community representatives.

Representative heads will be chosen from each of these categories. Together with their constituants, they will go over the question "What qualities do we need in a new president.?"

Obviously the qualities needed 10-15 years ago will be altered from those we need today.

A list of qualifications for the president will be the result of the meeting.

When the ACCT come to Cerritos, they will meet with the entire Advisory Committee to discuss the matter. It will be an informal, brainstorming work session.

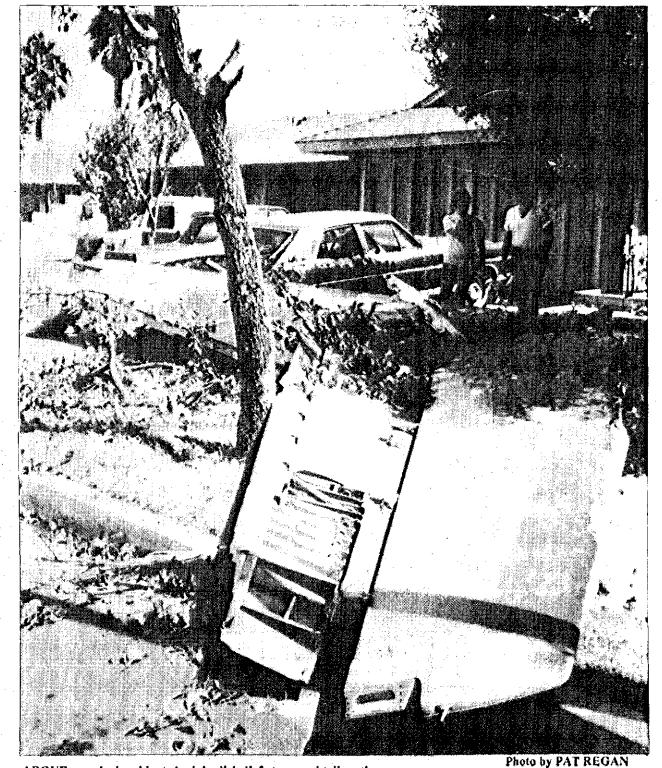
Following the meeting with the ACCT, the Advisory Committee will be temporarily dismissed. The ACCT team will then meet with the Board to present the qualifications that they, along with the Advisory Committee, came up with.

The Board, according to Meardy, will sign off these qualifications that evening.

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Big plane crashes into Cerritos neighborhood



Morning quiet reels with chaos, disbelief By KEITH ESTABROOK TM Staff Writer

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Death came from a clear, blue sky just before noon Sunday as a small private plane and an Aeromexico DC-9 jetliner collided and fell onto a quiet Cerritos neighborhood,

To date authorities said that at least 85 people died in the crash and ensuing fires. Witnesses say the Piper Archer hit the jetliner,

shearing off the tail section. The DC-9 carried 58 passengers and a crew of six. Three people died in the light plane. The

of six. Three people died in the light plane. The rest of the victims were residents of the neighborhood.

A fire department spokesman said that 18 bodies were found in the house at 13421 Reva Circle, and that only three were from the airliner.

Wreckage from the two aircraft and human body parts were found scattered over a large area near the intersection of 183rd Street and Carmenita Road, about 2 ½ miles southeast of Cerritos College.

Cerritos College students, faculty and staff live all around, but none is known to have perished or be seriously injured.

The Piper came to a rest on its belly on a baseball diamond at Cerritos Elementary school, on the south side of 183rd. The top of the plane and the tail section were sheared off, and witnesses said that two of the three occupants were decapitated.

The right wing was covered with a red substance that neighbors said was blood, but was more likely hydraulic fluid from the tail of the DC-9.

• This photographic coverage of the devastation which hit a Cerritos middle-class neighborhood Sunday just before noon is designed to reflect something of the tragedy

ABOVE, numbed residents look in disbelief at severed tail section. BELOW, fireman backs off helplessly as flames devour homes. of the landscape, especially the story of the quick flames and black smoke. The death toil had not yet been reckoned, TALON MARKS photog Abel Estrella, an area resident, was the first photojournalist on the scene.

Aeromexico flight 498, en route from Mexico City to Los Angeles, tore into a neighborhood about ¹/₂ mile to the northwest, cutting a path that destroyed ten homes and damaged at least eight others.

The impact and fire left the area around Holmes Avenue and Ashworth Place looking like a war zone. Debris was scattered onto Carmenita, and a large section of fuselage ripped through a cinder block wall separating the housing tract from the busy thoroughfare.

Al Ramos lives just southeast of where the Piper came to rest, and saw the two planes collide as he was standing in his backyard.

"It (the DC-9) seemed a little too low, and then the little plane came from under the tail and flipped the big jet," he said, gesturing with his hands.

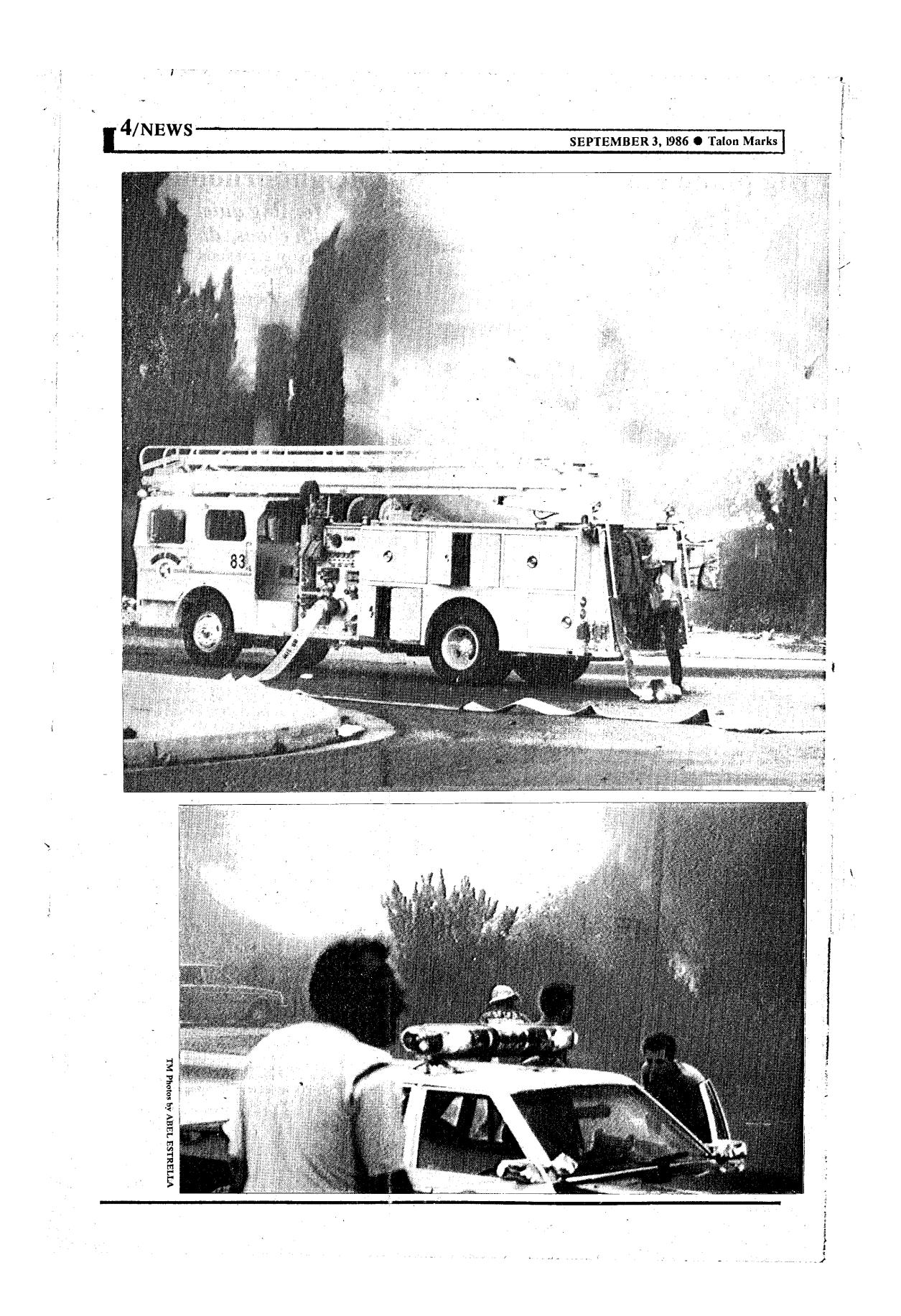
"The Aeromexico came in upside down at a 45 degree angle, and the little one just spiraled down. We couldn't tell if it was going to come down on us or not, so I grabbed my wife and my 10 year old and we ran down the street.

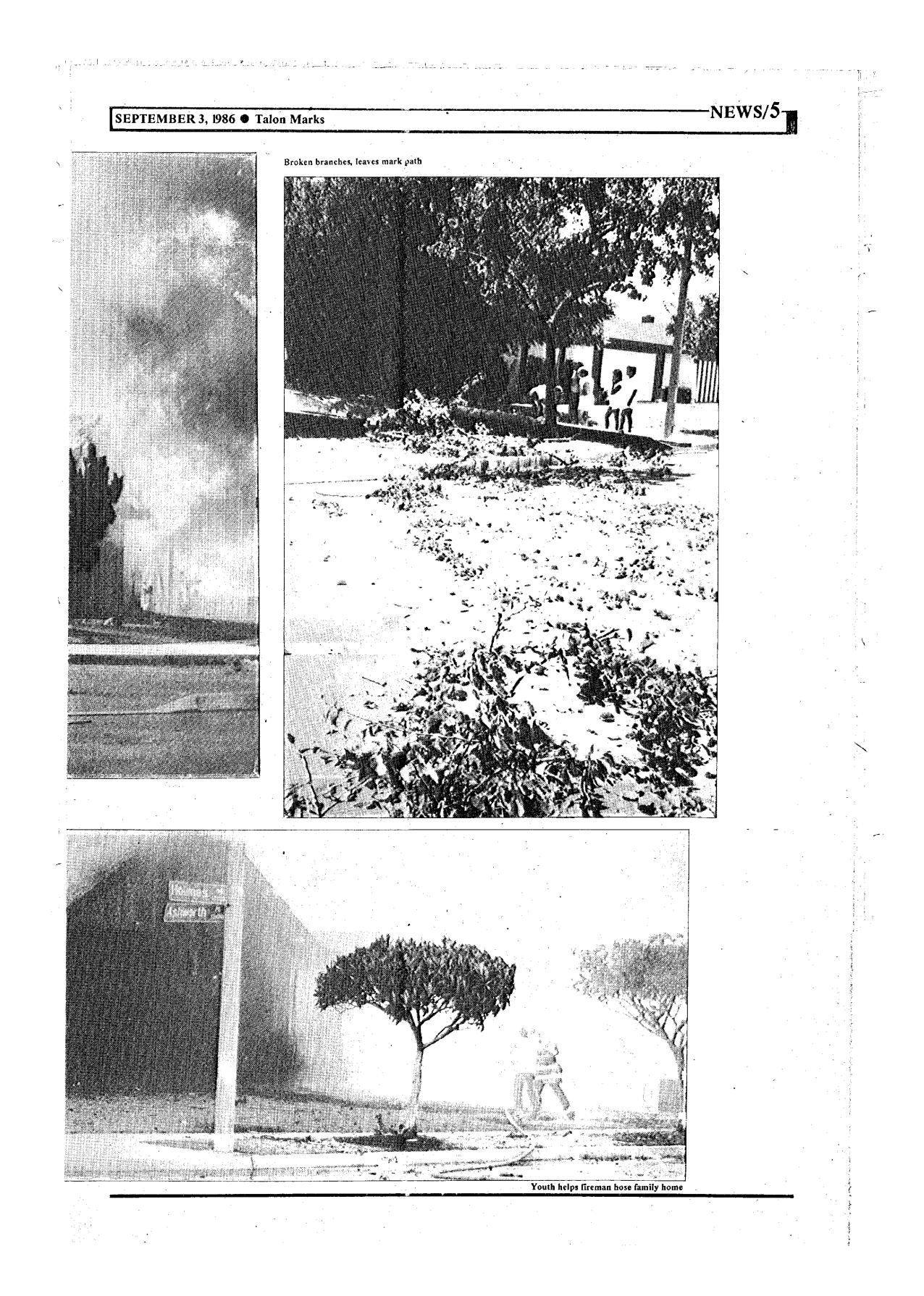
"There was no fire when they hit. It was like a dud firework, no explosion, just a little thud...poof," Ramos said, "It's lucky that school wasn't in session, or any kids having a ball game."

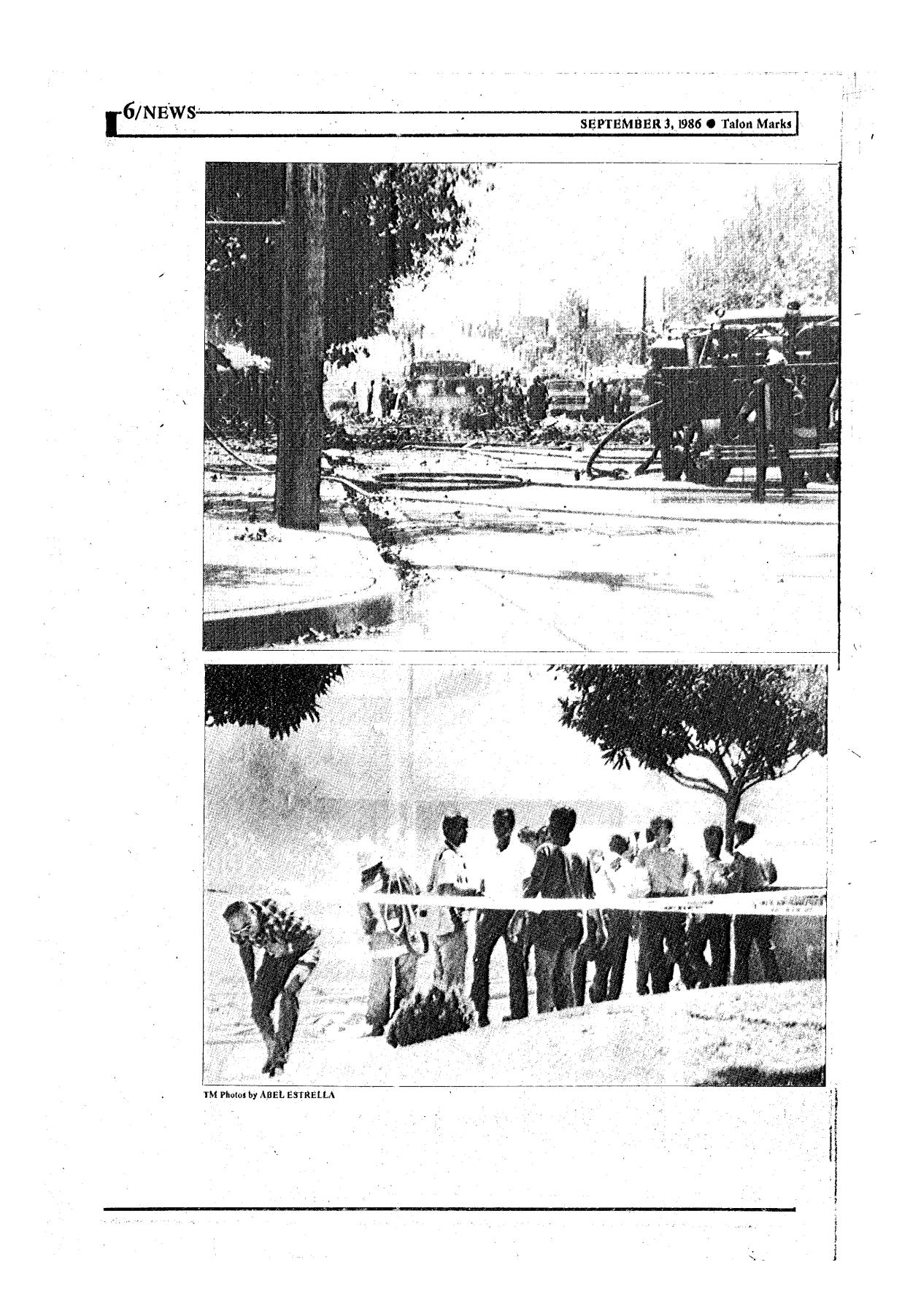
Yolanda Lell lives across the street from the school, about 200 yards from where the Piper hit. According to Lell, there was a group of teenagers that had the ball diamond reserved, but cancelled their game when one of them went out of town.

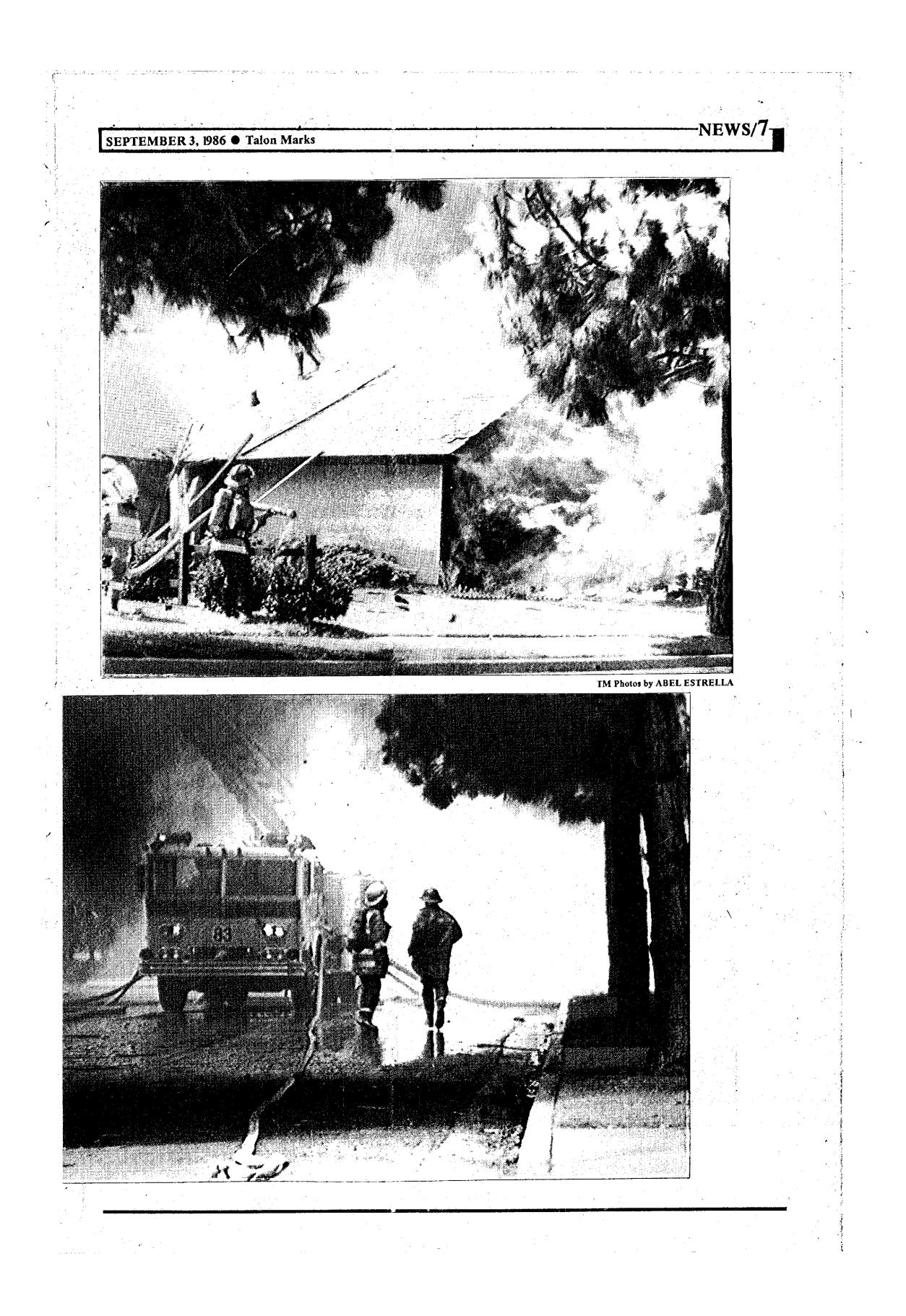
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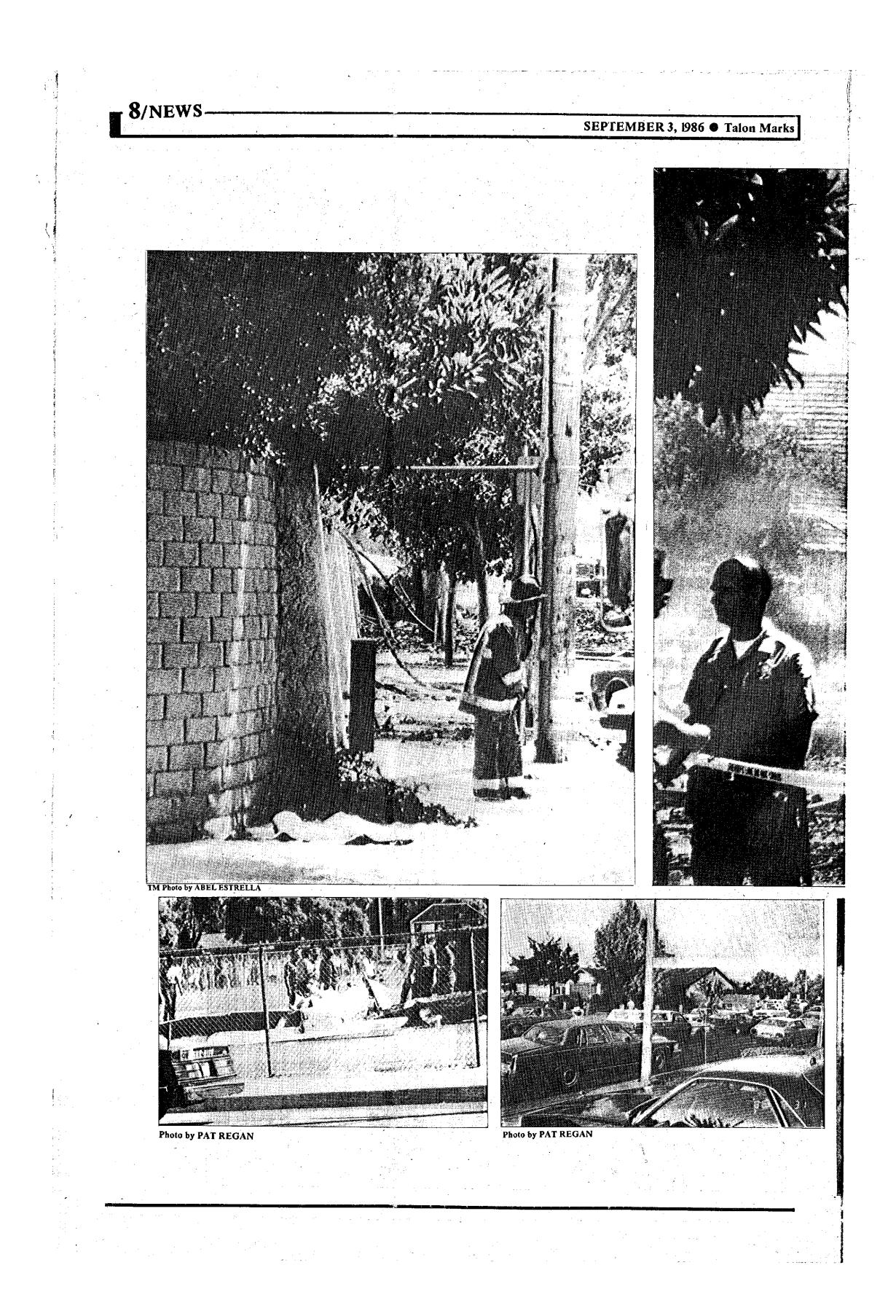
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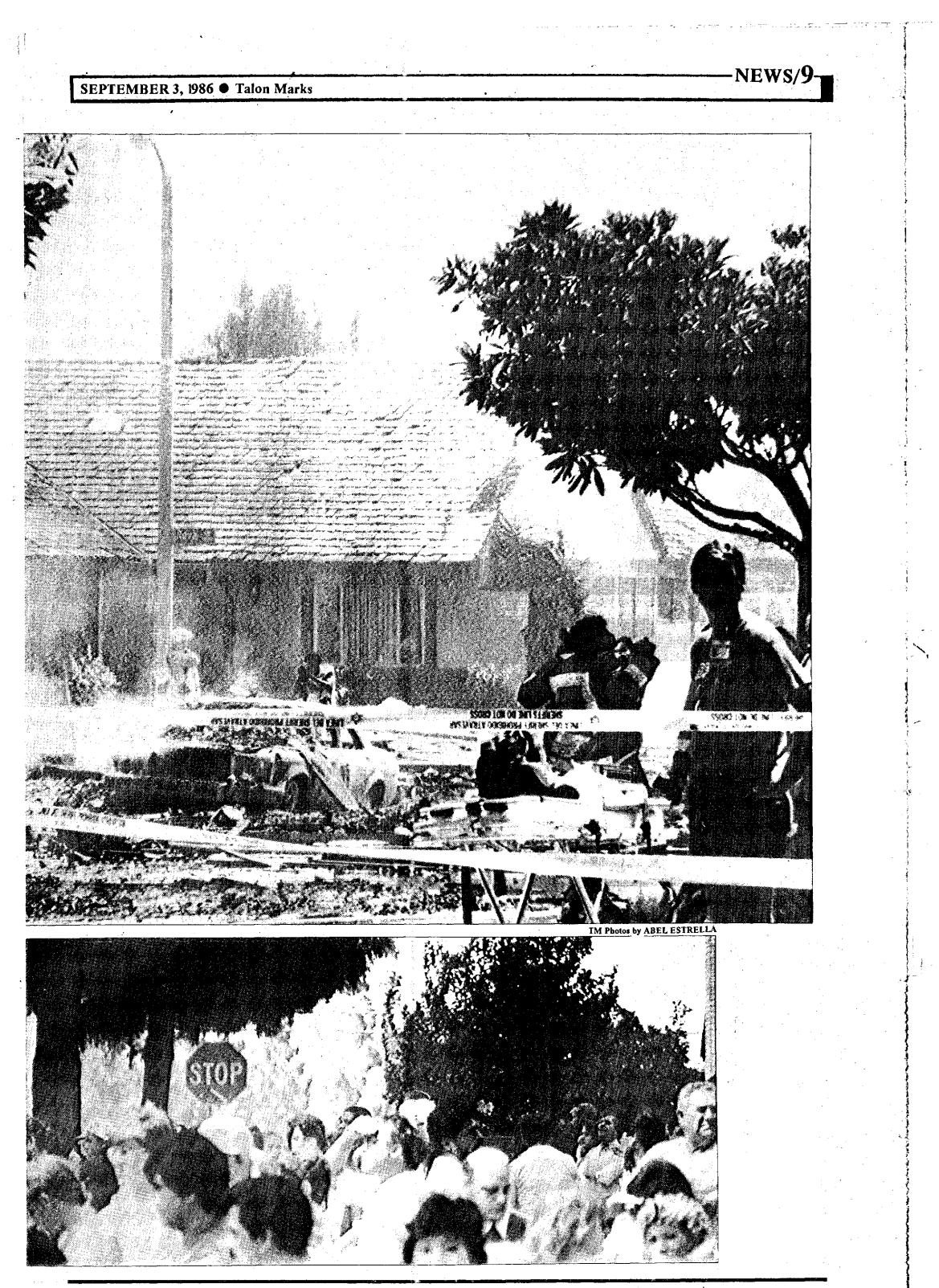


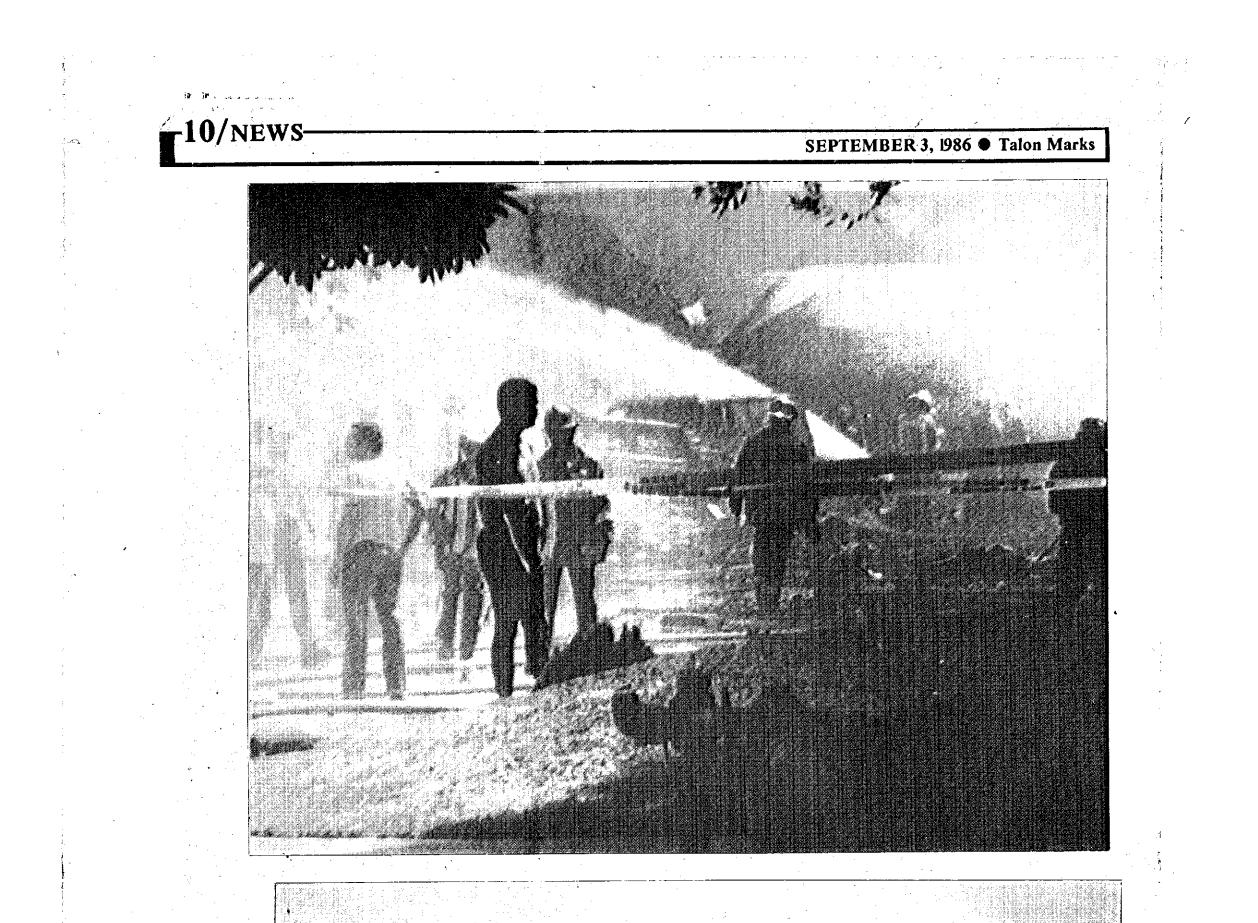


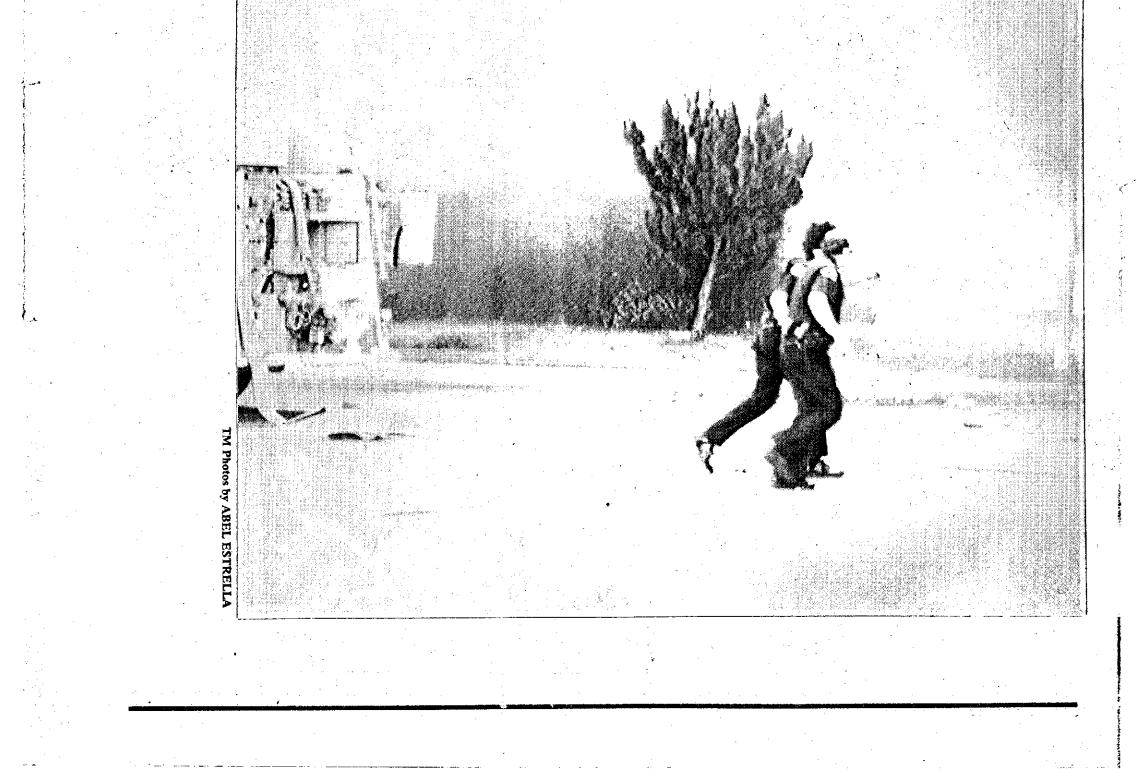


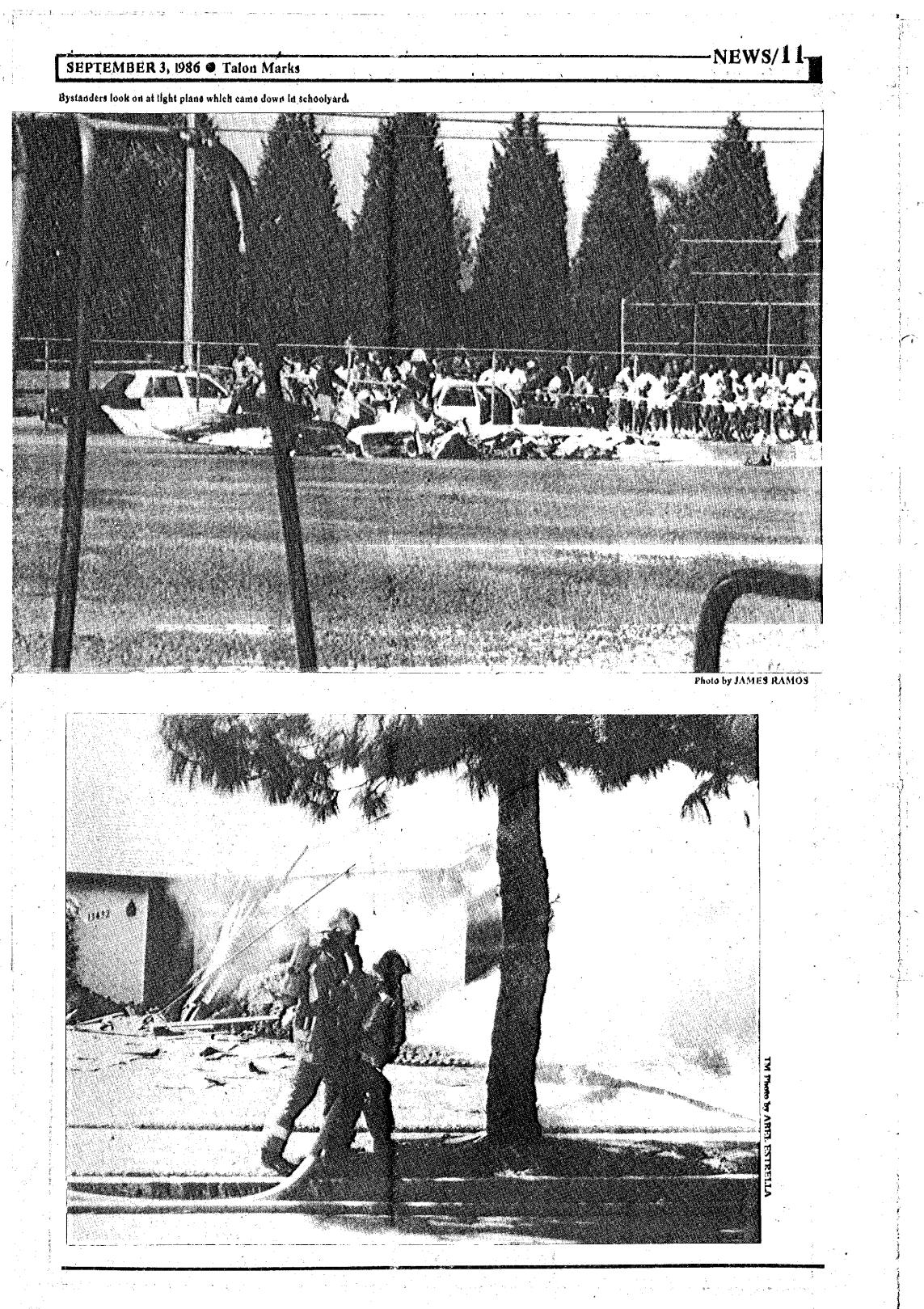






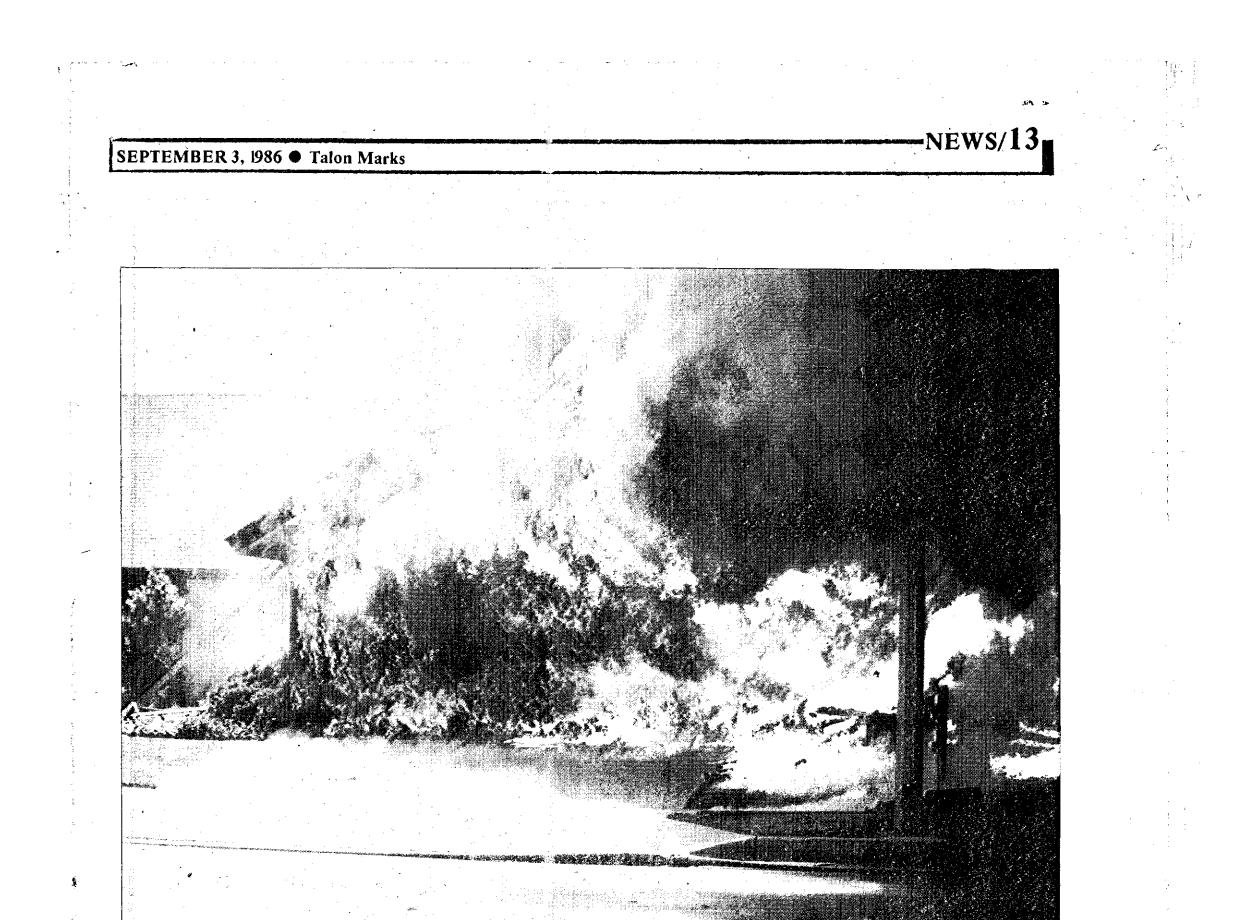








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human bodies strewn all over

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wife Pat, who heads up the Medical Assisting Program at Cerritos College, live behind the church on Laurelbrook St.

Regan was at home watching his two-month old grandson when he heard the DC-9 coming over the houses.

"I knew that noise and thought, 'My God, that must be a plane about to crash.' I set my grandson on the couch and ran outside. I got out there just as it hit (the ground) and I saw the smoke and flames."

My neighbor said a small jet just went down. I thought it was a military jet," Regan continued. "We saw a silver-orange piece explode in the sky. I thought it was missiles, so I ran back in to check on my grandson."

"Parts were coming down and my neighbor couldn't get back to his house, so he pinned himself against my garage," said Regan. "We didn't know what was happening. There were parts of bodies and the tail section on the street behind us, and parts in our driveway, but nothing hit our house or cars."

"(It) sounds just like they do in the movies," Regan said, "It's really eerie because you think it's coming right into the room with you."

Andy Malarski was watching a World Wide Wrestling title match on TV when the screen went blank.

"I heard a boom and the power went out for about a minute," he said. "Then it came back on and I finished watching the match. Then I went outside and stood on the fence. I saw a lot of smoke and some flames.".

"I went over to Bob Coker's," Malarski said, " and the small plane was in the field across the street. The wing was covered in blood so I stayed away."

"The area around my house looked like Disneyland," Malarski continued, "There were little pieces of airplane coming down all over the place and then there were a thousand fire trucks and sheriffs cars."

The site of the disaster falls in the jurisdiction of the Lakewood Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Department called back everyone from days off and asked deputies scheduled to work to come in early. Others worked overtime. Deputies were called in from East Los Angeles, Pico Rivera, Norwalk and Industry stations to help out. Joining them were units from La Palma, Buena Park and the CHP.

Fire trucks, paramedics and ambulances lined the streets of the disaster area.

Sightseers caused major problems as thousands lined the streets to get a look until the Sheriff's Department cordoned off the area with roadblocks on Artesia Blvd., South St., 183rd St. and other neighborhood entrances.

⁸ Residents of the most devastated area found themselves cut off from their homes. Entrance to neighborhoods around the perimeter of the disaster area was limited for the most part to residents with proper ID.

But sightseers had no problem getting onto Laurelbrook Circle to view the demolished Piper.

"It's like a amusement park around here," said Bob Coker, who lives across the street from the schoolyard.

"People are coming here before they go to Knott's Berry Fann. They have no respect for the dead. They leave their beer bottles, they're throwing body parts and airplane parts over the fence," he said. "They didn't stop coming until this morning."

Residents applauded Coker when he set up a roadblock with construction barricades, but the police quickly removed them,

One family of sightseers found out that sightseeing can be costly. After a ten year old boy locked the family's keys in the trunk, a bystander charged the driver \$20 to retrieve the keys. As the woman was leaving, he told her, "Normally I would have done that for free, but you sightseers are ridiculous. You don't belong here."

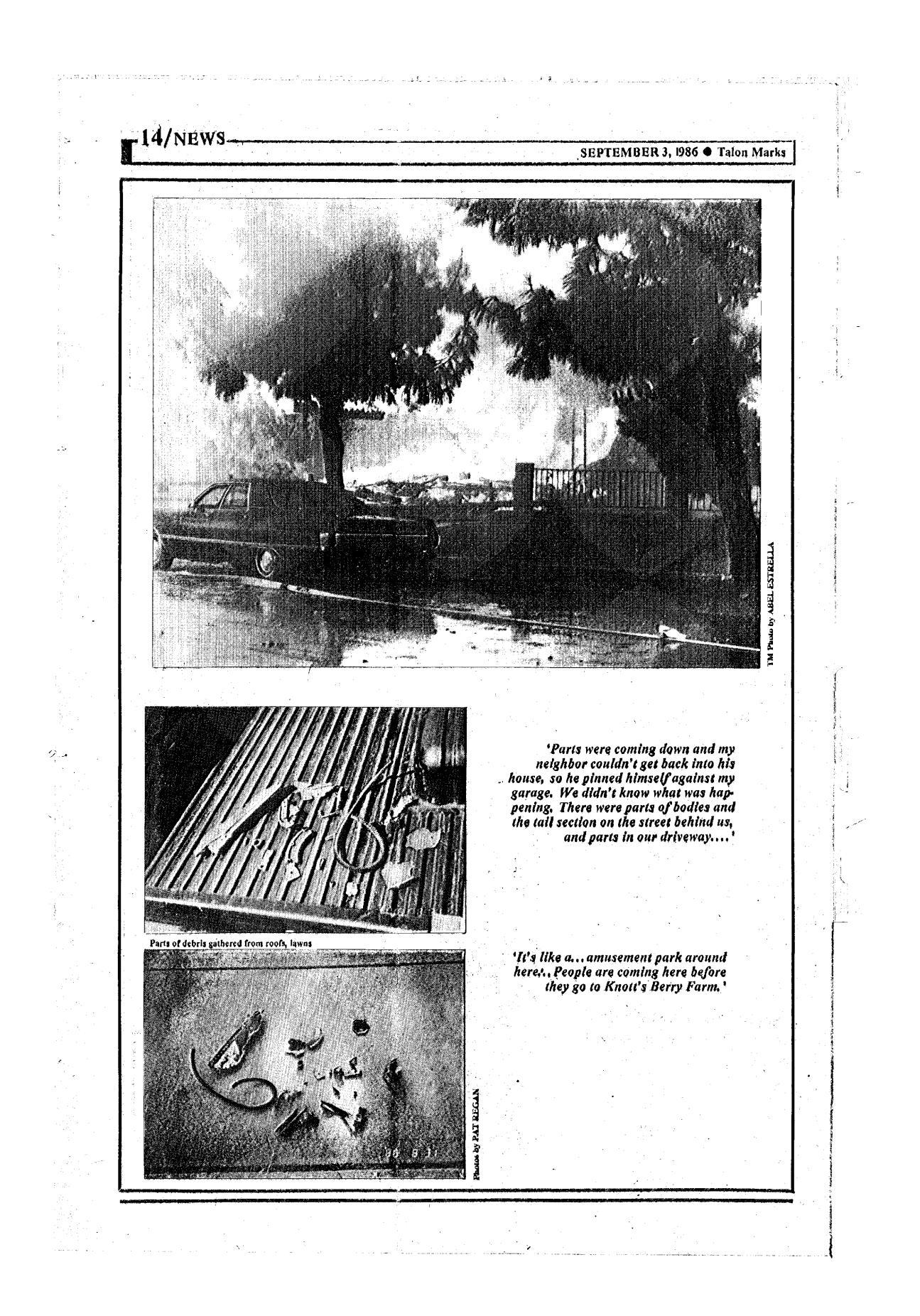
The American Red Cross set up a shelter in the GTE Building at the corner of 183rd St. and Carmenita right after the crash, and later moved it one mile west to the gym at Cerritos High School.

"We originally set up at GTE because of its proximity to the scene, and the fact that it has a large bank of phones," said Stan Schwartz, public relations officer for the Long Beach Chapter. "We moved it to Cerritos High because the GTE basement is open and drafty."

Message boards at the gym were filled with pleas from those who were looking for lost loved ones.

The damage caused by fire might have been lessened but for the fact that all of the houses in the 17 year old tract of homes have shake shingle roofs. The material is banned in new construction in parts of Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Blackened chimneys were all that remained of many of the homes. The fire department could do little more than try to stop the fire from spreading.



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The wounds of Sunday

The Aeromexico airliner and small plane which collided and fell to the streets of Cerritos exploding and killing, left us all feeling a bit more aware of how lucky we are.

We've all read of air disasters over the years, shocked by the sight of the devastation and death each accident brings.

Nothing like that could ever happen here. This time, the death and suffering came too close to home. To date, we know of no members of the Cerritos College family who perished. But many students and faculty live near the crash site.

And, but for the grace of God... Sights such as the one we witnessed Sunday leave us feeling helpless. The devastation is just too overwhelming for any of us to be able to do anything to really help the survivors. But we can help.

We have homes unscathed by the fire storm that followed the crash, we have ample food and clothing to share, we have cash to help begin the rebuilding that must happen before the wounds of Sunday can begin to heal.

A mere few seconds difference in the events leading up to the collision would have moved the impact zone a few blocks one way or the other.

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A fleeting brush with 'Fame'

By LAURA MENDOZA TM Feature Editor

Everybody at least once in a life time has met, or dreamed of meeting someone famous. This weekend, I had a chance to meet a television personality.

However, for me the triumph doesn't directly involve the personality, but rather in the fact that I actually got the autograph.

There we were, my family and I sitting in a restaurant at Magic Mountain when a group of what looked like regular people walked in.

These people were dressed in regular jeans and t-shirts and looked pretty normal until my cousin exclaimed, "Hey, ins't that the guy who plays Jessie Velascuez on Fame?"

For the next half hour, the conversation at our table was limited to deciding whether it was him or not. "No, that's not him, look at his face." "He's an impersonator." "Yeah,



With five steadfast faces staring at me, I knew there was no way out. So taking a deep breath, I stood up and marched across the room, which seemed to

get longer with each step I took. Finally reaching him, I found out that he was in fact Jessie Barrego and did play on Fame. He signed the napkin, and answered a few questions, unfortunately I don't remem-

Organization plans advertising campaign in presidential search

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An advertisement will be designed before the ACCT ever leaves the Board and it will be placed in the Chronicle of Higher Education and the ACCT Advisor.

These publications have nationwide distribution. Also, a brochure will go into the making, spelling out items that will not be included in the advertisement, such as history of the college and budget information.

Next, a national recruiting effort will be started and due dates established. Application expectation is somewhere, tween 60-100. It is quality, not quantity, that

they want, according to Meardy. These applications will be mailed directly to Cerritos College and very important reference checks will be made.

an in-depth reference check of those 5 names. The Board of Trustees will be notified of these checks before they interview the candidates.

The Board is encouraged to keep the other 10 names in reserve just in case a change should need to be made.

Two Board members are required to make a home city/campus visitation of potential presidents.

Meardy cited this entire procedure to cost\$10,850. The search is expected to take four months to finalize.

His organization is a tax exempt, nonprofit one and Meardy says he has no profit motive. "I'm not about to rip off the very instance that support this occupitation."

trustees that support this organization." He calls it the single most important decision a college will make and admonishes the Trustees not to gut corners

The applications will be mailed from the the Trustees not to cut corners.

My family, still in disbelief, told me to get his autograph.

Suddenly the more I thought about confronting him, the more nervous I got.

With butterflies, goose bumps, and sweaty palms, I started making excuses, "I don't want to bother him, and anyways I don't have a pen."

That problem was easily solved, waitresses always carry pens.

After getting the pen, I realized that I didn't have any paper.

No sooner were the words out of my mouth than a napkin was placed in my hands.

ber what they were. After thinking about how long it actually groups of

took me to go up to him I realized that I had Applicants gotten nervous over nothing. 15.

Jessie Barrego turned out to be a normal person: he didn't bite, bark, or tell me to get lost, and he even drank classic Coke. Co * What I ve learned is the longer you put

something off, or ponder over the situation, the more timid, or in my case, chicken you become.

You just have to get out and do what has to be done.

Aggressiveness can overcome (imidityyou just have to take the first step.

It used to take me days to talk to, or confront somebody over a certain situation, but now the more people I confront, the easier it becomes, whether he be a celebrity or not.

college to the highly-trained ACCT in groups of 10-15.

Applicants will be screened down to ri 5. A

Following this, the ACCT team will return to Cerritos to meet with the Advisory Committee to go over a minimum of 15 applications. They will listen to a preliminary reference check by the ACCT.

The 15 will be reduced to five. Again the Advisory Committe will be dismissed temporarily.

A presentation of those five names will be made by the ACCT to the Board who will either accept, reject or amend them.

Meardy explains that out of 50 presidential searches, only two boards made a change in the final five.

A 10-day working period is required for

Meardy explained how some boards do their own searches but they do so at great risk. They will make mistakes that the ACCT will avoid.

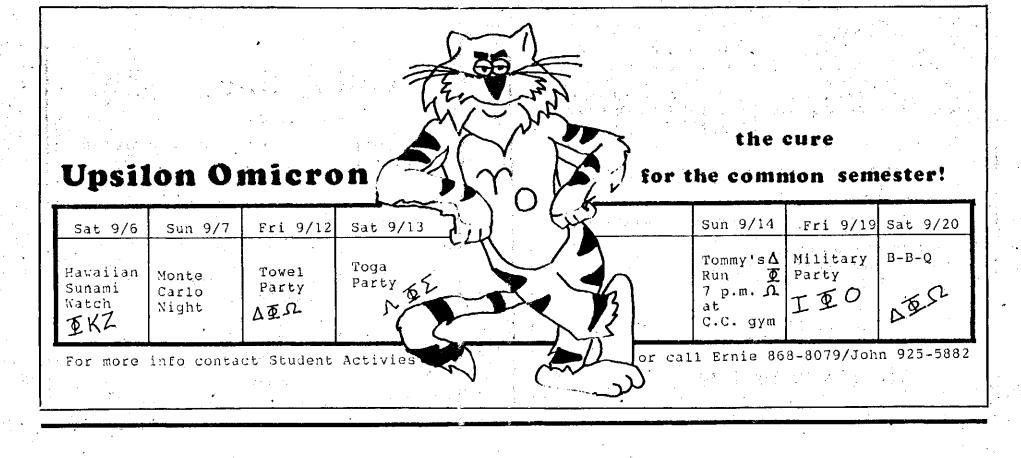
Verification can be made by calling those who have utilized the ACCT's services, Meardy says.

Emphasis is placed on the fact that the the Board "never has to diminish their responsibility or authority."

The game plan is published for all to know and there is no "hidden agenda".

Faculty morale, Meardy claims, will be greatly improved because they will know it is a national search and also that affirmative action guidelines are followed.

"We want to help this Board be successful in its most important responsibility," adds Meardy.



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Exchange student likes it here

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Peter Andersen of Denmark gets around on cycle - just

like on the farm at home.

TM Photo by SEAN DECKER

By JOHN WELSH TM Staff Writer

He likes M & M's, lives on "sort of a farm" that does not have any animals or crops, and believes that where he comes from there are more blondes.

More blondes than Southern Cal? By now you have probrably guessed that don't like basketball " is his response. this individual is not of L.A. origin.

His name is Peter Andersen. As an 18 year old foreign exchange student from Denmark, he finds living in Los Angeles "so different from Denmark' and simply says of the States: "It's nice."

Back home, some of the myths about L.A. that Andersen hears are how Californians are a fun bunch.

Softball, swimming, soccer, and volleyball fill his week with a heavy load of athletics. The two latter being his two favorite sports.

A16'6¾" one might ask the stereotypical question if basketball was on his list of popular extra curricular activities. However, "I

He was going to go out for the soccer team but found the time involved a little too much to handle.

An economics course is sandwiched in his active load.

As a business administration major he has, he says, what is equilivent to an A.A. degree.

However, he points out that it is hard to determine the transferral of education from

Cerritos Veterans support state Vietnam memorial bid

By KRUZ ROBERTS TM Staff Writer

Cerritos College Veterans Affairs is providing staff support and facilities for a commission to erect a memorial on capitol grounds in Sacramento. The memorial commemorating 58,020 Americans who gave their lives in Vietnam will cost approximately \$2 million to complete. Jerri Ewen, Executive Officer of the commission said, "No contribution is too small — each dollar. individual or corporate, helps us reach our goal."

Assembly Bill 650 was signed into law by Governor George Deukmejian enacting the" California Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission" effective from January 1984 to January 1988.

Fred Foster, President of the Veterans Club said that the memorial is important to California Veterans because many of their friends - including friends of those in the club - were lost in Vietnam. He also commented that 5500 of the dead or missing were from California - more than any other state.

LA Street Scene gala kicks off Friday 19

By NANCY BALLARD TM Managing Editor

The 9th Annual Los Angeles Street Scène Festival will open this year with a gala event Friday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m.

This year's Street Scene is dedicated to the Child Survival Campaign and will feature more than 300 live performances by top entertainers.

Approximately 150 booths will feature all types of ethnic foods, artists, and craftspeople from all over the world.

A gigantic Street Scene Parade featuring

A picture of the winning non-political design can be seen at Veterans Affairs, located in the financial aid office between the bookstore and the cafeteria.

Renter policies must be heeded **By MÖNICA CURI**

TM News Editor

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A renter's policy change, initiated in California, now makes it illegal for anyone to discriminate on the basis of sex, religion or

Under the old policy, renters were allowed to state preferences, making it difficult for students to find rooms or houses to rent.

Housing is available in the areas of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada and Norwalk. Rents range from \$200-\$300 and may or may not include utilities,

Anyone advertising for a room mate, should include information on rent, whether or not utilities are included and a phone number where you can be contacted.

The Student Activites Office has a bulletin board available for posting information on available housing.

Terrorism expert seminar speaker

By DIANE MARIL TM Staff Writer

Nationally recognized terrorism expert Dick Callaghan will present a seminar in the Burnight Center Theatre Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 8 p.m.

He will discuss "Terrorism: Cause and Effect."

General admission is \$5. Cerritos College students and senior-

ethnic origin

