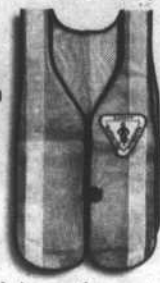


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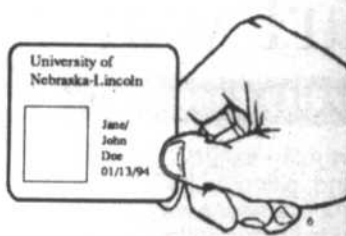
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Quake aid could total \$7.5 billion

Biggest chunk of funds to benefit homeless, roads

"We view this as an emergency situation by any definition of an emergency."

—Panetta, White House Budget Director

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration will ask Congress for \$6.6 billion in emergency earthquake funds for California, White House Budget Director Leon Panetta said Tuesday.

Panetta said the request for emergency federal relief will be sent to Congress Wednesday with the hopes that it can clear the legislative process in the next few weeks.

The biggest chunk of the funds, \$3.89 billion, would go to the Federal Emergency Management Administration to help those left homeless by the earthquake.

"We view this as an emergency situation by any definition of an emergency," Panetta said. "What we would ask is that Congress and the American people approach this situation with the same sense of compassion and concern that we have applied to other

disasters ... and that Congress act expeditiously to approve this relief."

Panetta said the administration will ask Congress for an emergency supplemental appropriation totaling \$6.6 billion. In addition, the administration already has released \$879 million in contingency funds, for a total federal cost of \$7.5 billion.

Panetta said that the \$6.6 billion request was a "placeholder" to begin the legislative process. He said that the actual price tag would likely climb higher and the administration would seek additional funds as more information on the damage is obtained.

While Panetta urged Congress to act quickly, conservatives in both the Senate and House have already said they want to see the increased federal spending offset by cuts in other programs.

Panetta said the administration opposed that approach, as it did a similar effort to offset spending on the Midwest flooding last year.

"We do not think victims of this kind of tragedy ought to be held hostage," Panetta said.

In addition to the FEMA funds, Panetta said that the administration was seeking \$1.39 billion to repair damaged highways and \$1.3 billion to provide disaster loans to businesses through the Small Business Administration.

In addition, other federal funds would be channeled through the Veterans Administration, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Education Department, which will provide \$245 million to help repair 100 schools damaged by the earthquake.

Michael Jackson settles out of court

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Without admitting guilt, Michael Jackson settled a lawsuit Tuesday that alleged he molested a 13-year-old boy.

Terms of the out-of-court agreement were confidential, but a source said it was at least \$10 million.

The settlement could end the criminal investigation, experts said, but Jackson's problems were far from over.

"I am very happy with the resolution of this matter," said Larry Feldman, attorney for the boy, now 14. Feldman also said the boy was "very happy with the resolution of this matter."

Feldman said nothing in the settlement pertained to the criminal probe. He also didn't rule out having the boy testify in any criminal proceeding.

"Nobody has bought anyone's silence," Feldman said.

"We have been talking to the district attorney all along," he said. "The district attorney has taken all of our evidence."

Feldman and Jackson attorneys Johnnie Cochran and Howard Weitzman met privately in the chambers of Superior Court Judge David Rothman before the announcement.

"We signed off on the deal. That

"Nobody has bought anyone's silence."

—Feldman, Jackson's attorney

was it," Feldman said.

A statement from Jackson's lawyers, read by Cochran, maintained the entertainer's innocence.

"Michael Jackson has maintained his innocence since the beginning of this matter and now, since this matter will soon be concluded, he still maintains that innocence," the statement said.

"The resolution of this case is in no way an admission of guilt by Michael Jackson. In short, he is an innocent man who does not intend to have his career and his life destroyed by rumors and innuendo," it said.

The lawsuit filed in September alleged that Jackson, 35, committed sexual battery, seduction, willful misconduct, intentional infliction of emotional distress, fraud and negligence in a campaign to entice the boy last

year. Based on the boy's allegations, authorities in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties began a criminal probe that has continued for five months. No charges have been filed.

An out-of-court settlement in the civil case would severely diminish the state's criminal probe because, in California, victims of sexual abuse can't be forced to testify against their will.

Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti had no comment. Santa Barbara County District Attorney Thomas W. Sneddon Jr. said he had no comment on Monday's events in the civil lawsuit and refused to discuss the county's criminal investigation of Jackson.

Jackson abandoned his "Dangerous" world concert tour in the midst of the media frenzy over the allegations, saying he was forced to retreat to a drug rehabilitation center in Europe to kick prescription painkilling drugs.

Promoters sued Jackson for more than \$20 million, claiming an addiction to morphine and other drugs destroyed his ability to perform. That lawsuit is pending.

Forbes magazine estimated Jackson's net worth at more than \$150 million.

Mild earthquake rattles north-central Nebraska

AINSWORTH (AP) — A tiny tremor that hit north-central Nebraska rattled windows and shook some dishes off shelves, but caused no injuries or major damage, the Keya Paha County sheriff said Tuesday.

"It lasted about a second and felt about like a sonic boom," Sheriff Gary Sell said from Springview, located just a few miles from the epicenter of the earthquake that hit at 8:45 p.m. CST Monday.

There were reports from across Keya Paha County from people who felt the tremor, which the U.S.

Geological Survey said measured 3.3 on the Richter scale.

The quake's epicenter was 15 miles northwest of Ainsworth, said Pat Jorgenson of the geological survey in Menlo Park, Calif.

Springview is located 20 miles north of Ainsworth.

The Richter scale is a gauge of energy released by an earthquake as measured by the ground motion recorded on a seismograph.

A quake that measures 2 is the smallest normally felt by humans. In populated areas, a quake measuring 3.5 can cause slight damage.

Monday night's earthquake was felt in Ainsworth, the village of Springview and throughout Keya Paha County, Jorgenson said.

"This is an area of infrequent earthquake activity but some of the past earthquakes have caused minor damage," Jorgenson said.

Geologists have not been able to identify a fault in the area, but one must exist, Jorgenson said.

There have been three previously recorded earthquakes in the area: Jan. 2, 1922, March 28, 1964 and March 4, 1983.

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