Lightning struck an apartment complex on Pacific Avenue, conducting electricity and blowing two holes in the building and one in the ground.

Above: Behind the garage, a "shop" with HAM radio equipment.

Right: A hole lower on the wall closer to the shop.

By Jeff Deuch
Daily Staff Writer

Lightning hit a HAM radio antenna Tuesday at an apartment complex on Pacific Avenue, conducting electricity and blowing two holes in the building and one in the ground.

"We have not confirmed if the antenna was grounded," said Olds Obispo firefighter Bob Rutledge.

Another firefighter said the antenna acted as a lightning rod, sending electrical currents through the antenna and into the wall of the building.

He said the strike sprayed steel debris through the interior of the building and threw a cabinet front off its hinges.

"Flying debris damaged glass and blew rust off the pipes, turning the water brown," Rutledge said.

Neighbors who were in their apartments at the time were startled by the blast.

"It was really scary," said Gwen Stahl, a neighbor in the complex. "It shook pretty bad." Stahl said the blast made a loud, cracking noise and sounded as if windows were breaking. She also said it caused a power outage.

Firefighters couldn't tell if the antenna was properly grounded because the area where it attached to the foundation was destroyed.

A firefighter said the resident of the complex was standing in the hallway at the time and was shaken by the blast.

No injuries were sustained, except for an unsuspecting bird that was killed while perching in the area when the lightning struck.

Meanwhile, The Associated Press reported a high pressure ridge gave Northern Californians a chance to dry out from this week's storms. The weather service cleaned up the mess it left behind.

Across the region, dump trucks hauled away mud, residents moved back to lower ground and road crews cleaned up flooded intersections.

One homeowner was lucky to be alive after a 100-foot-tall fire destroyed the house.

Women find strength at UN conference in China

By Peggy Curtisi
Daily Staff Writer

Rebecca Alvarez has always had trouble keeping quiet. Even when she was a young girl growing up in San Jose, she could not bite her tongue when she felt injustices occurred.

"Since I was young, if I saw something that wasn't just, I would say something," said the 23-year-old speech communication senior. "I always cared about the people and the way things are set. I guess you have to have a big heart."

Her concern for others drew her all the way to Beijing, China last fall, where she joined 35,000 women for the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women.

"It was great knowing that it's possible to be united with so many people," Alvarez told members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in San Luis Obispo Jan. 28.

The conference, held Sept. 4-15, was the fourth of its kind since the first meeting in Mexico City in 1975. Since then, thousands of women have also gathered in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1980 and Nairobi, Kenya in 1985. Their goals were to discuss problems plaguing women worldwide, such as poverty, education and gender equality.

The event provided a place for women from 185 countries to gather and draft a platform for action. The main points of the platform, according to the conference's page on the World Wide Web, were to achieve equality, encourage development and peace through the empowerment of women, and to encourage women to participate in government and not just beneficiaries.

Smiles accompanied Alvarez's descriptions of the women she befriended at the conference, while moments of silence seemed to invade her speech as she recalled some of the injustices they discussed.

"There were women there who were so angry and (were) crying. One woman told me about how the military raped and killed her daughter," Alvarez said. "You had chills. At one time you were there because you were hearing these stories. People just sharing their experiences was powerful."

Alvarez gathered with other women in special tents to talk about issues such as politics, education, spirituality and culture. Some of the different tents included a youth tent, a feminist tent, a peace tent and tents devoted to geographic regions, such as Latin America.

"(The women) were intelligent, equal in determination to weave their way out of oblivion," she said.
**TOP OF THE AGENDA**

**Feb. 6, 1996**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1996**

**Today's Weather:**
- Partly cloudy, chance of rain
- High: 50°/Low: 40°

**Tomorrow's Weather:**
- High: 50°/Low: 40°

**Today's high/low: 60°/40°. Tomorrow's high/low: 60°/40°.**

Dr. Steven Marx will be leading informational hikes to Poly Canyon to look at the ancient oak groves and other natural areas that would be destroyed by the state water pipeline. Hikes will take place every Fri. at 9 a.m. and every Sat. at 11 a.m. Meet in the staff parking lot across from Perimeter Road.

**Upcoming**

The Julian McPhee Art Galerie will present the work of three talented artists beginning Feb. 6. The exhibit will be three distinct experiences and world views as seen through the painting and pastels of "The Tapestry of the Moderns: The Modern Art of Indio and Global Sciences" by Carolyn Jones at 756-2577.

**Physics Colloquium**

Dr. Shawn Burn's house. For directions and information, call 756-1525. Room 222. For more information, call Juan Gomez at 781-9763 or Cultural Identity" on Feb. 9 at 3 p.m. in UU 220.

**Agenda Items:**

- Sign up for Internship Recruiting Thursday, February 8, 1996
- "The budget must be balanced on submission. It must be balanced on enactment..."
- By Doug Willis Associate Press

**SACRAMENTO — The Legislature and governor face stricter prohibitions against deficit spending and tighter limits on short-term state borrowing under a proposal approved Monday by a blue ribbon panel.**

But the proposal of the Constitution Revision Commission might make it easier to enact a state budget on time by repealing the current requirement for approval by a two-thirds majority of the legislature.

California is one of only a handful of states requiring a two-thirds legislative majority to enact a budget. That has been one reason for more frequent and longer stalemates leaving state government without spending authority in recent years.

The proposed budget reforms approved by the bipartisan panel were the first — and presumably the least controversial — of six groups of far-reaching reforms of state and local governments which the commission was scheduled to vote on Monday and Tuesday.

Other parts of the plan would replace the state's current 40-member Senate and 80-member Assembly with a 121-member single-house Legislature, make the state treasurer, school superintendent and insurance commissioner appointees of the governor rather than elected officials.

It would also ban fund-raising while the Legislature is in session and permanently forbid the pay and expenses of legislators and governor for every day that the state budget in past the dead-line for enactment.

The proposals would also fundamentally restructure relations between state and local government and overhaul the state initiative process and public school and local government finances.

The plan, the product of nearly two years of hearings and studies by a bipartisan panel appointed by the governor and Legislature, goes first to the Legislature for hearings, and then to the November ballot for a final decision by voters if the Legislature gives its approval.

Most of the provisions adopted Monday were technical changes in the budget process. But they could have a far-reaching impact on how the budget is enacted and, indirectly, what it is.

Among other things, they would require a balanced state budget with a constitutionally mandated 3 percent reserve for emergencies, a periodic review of the budget to make sure it stays in balance.

"The budget must be balanced on submission. It must be balanced on enactment. It must be balanced on enactment," said commission Chairman Bill Hauck.

The state constitution currently requires only that the initial budget proposal by the governor be balanced, with no prohibition against deficits in the budget ultimately passed by the Legislature or signed by the governor.

"This closes a loophole. It provides much more discipline," said state Finance Director Russell Gould, a commission member.

The reserves of 3 percent of the state's general fund, if the constitution today, would set aside more than $2.3 billion for emergencies. The state budget enacted last year had only a $28 million reserve, and the budget proposed by Gov. Pete Wilson for the 1996-97 fiscal year contains a reserve of $402 million.

This 3 percent reserve is not going to handle a "90-style recession. This is to address fires, floods and minor caseload adjustments," said Fred Silva, executive secretary of the commission.

The panel also voted to amend the constitution to switch from a one-year to a two-year budget, with a required midterm "rebalancing bill." It would require that any state borrowing from private lenders be repaid within the two-year budget period.

A vote was deferred until Tuesday on a proposal requiring that all borrowing between state funds by paid off before the end of the two-year budget.

The proposal for a two-year budget was adopted on a 10-5 vote, with most commissioners saying a two-year budget would encourage better planning.

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WEATHER: Storm causes rivers, creeks to overflow

Eucalyptus crashed into her house and sliced it in two. She was trapped under a stairwell for four hours and prompted the evacuation of two homes. Dump trucks carted away about 1,000 cubic yards of dirt and rocks, Assistant Director of Public Works Richard Carben said.

Overnight totals for the series of storms reached 8.7 inches in Canadesso near the Russian River, 6.6 inches in Ross in Marin County and 4.95 inches in Ben Lomond in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The storm pushed the Russian River three feet past its banks at 3 a.m. Monday, flooding an amusement park in Guerneville and forcing residents of a trailer park to move to higher ground. The Napa River crested near San Rafael in Marin County and 4.95 inches in Ben Lomond in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Both rivers as well as several creeks that overflowed their banks receded by Monday afternoon. By midday, the Russian River was falling one inch per hour.

Governors agree to cut Medicaid

WASHINGTON — The nation's governors reached an agreement Monday to squeeze savings from the giant Medicaid health care program for the poor, a step they hoped would break the budget deadlock between the White House and Congress.

Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, chairman of the National Governors' Association, said the governors at their winter meeting also were near a consensus on a recommendation to President Clinton on how to overhaul welfare.

There was no immediate comment from the White House on the Medicaid agreement. President Clinton was scheduled to address the Democratic governors later Monday evening and all the governors on Tuesday.

Thompson said the governors would help him reach an agreement with the Republican-led Congress on a plan to balance the budget over the next seven years and end an impasse that has seen the government go through a partial shutdown twice since last November.

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Thompson said he needed to render any judgment, McCurry said. "As a Democrat, I feel very comfortable that the position we have outlined makes sense not only for the president but for the Congress."

The huge welfare and Medicaid programs are two of the costliest elements of the budget and the source of bitter disagreements between the White House and Congress.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said a bipartisan accord from the governors "would have a significant impact on the budget deliberations."

However, he said the governors did not discuss welfare reform in detail with Clinton, but instead focused on Medicaid. Even those conversations were too sketchy for the White House to render any judgment, McCurry said.

McCurry said the governors' proposal steers clear of "those divisive words of entitlements and block grants" and instead focuses on "unifying words on how the states can run a program."
One with Armenia
by Shahan Sanossian

On my last evening in Armenia I found myself alone for the first time in four weeks. I was walking along the road from the genocide memorial to my hotel in Yerevan. As I was walking I realized I had needed this time alone for a long time. For the past three weeks I had been living, working and eating with fellow Armenians from the diaspora who had come to work in the small village of Gorisgaran with intentions similar to mine. We had all come to help rebuild our history and experience our homeland. But after three and a half weeks I was glad to have the opportunity to think over my experiences.

For the past week I had been doing manual labor to help rebuild a four-century church in Gorisgaran. I had been helping to carry, mix and pour cement, roll boulders and lift stones with my fellow volunteers. I had grown to love these Armenians from disparate backgrounds and varying ideals. I mean this sincerely, I grew very close to them.

There was not supposed to be an Armenia. The Turks had tried their hardest to ensure that. But I was there in Armenia, I would not weep.

That is why I was surprised to find myself actually enjoying the sense of freedom I was experiencing on my solitary walk back to the Shirak Hotel. I looked back at the genocide memorial. I had seen pictures of it since before I could remember. And now, I was finally there. I had gone there alone. I didn’t know how to feel. There stood the monument that represented the lost lives of millions of Armenians. There stood the monument built in the memory of my ancestors, my grandfather’s friends, my family. There stood the monument for the dead. But I couldn’t weep. I hated myself for not crying. How could I not care enough to cry? But I couldn’t be sad. I was standing straight to the new disco clubs where the mood is right to pick up on the girls who catch their eye. Others go to the business. It was the only way they could speak Armenian.

I leave tomorrow morning," I replied. It seemed such a strange question. After all, I had ordered my drink in Armenian. But then I realized there were people in Armenia who spoke the language but weren’t Armenian. What a strange concept. But it had never occurred to me that there were Russians, Georgians, non-Armenians who could speak Armenian.

"Are you a tourist?" she asked.

"No," I replied proudly. "I was working to help rebuild an ancient church in the village of Gorisgaran the last three weeks."

"Oh, how interesting. How long are you staying in Yerevan?"

"I leave tomorrow morning," I replied. "Will you be coming back someday?"

"I will. I will come back next year, and I will come back and live in Armenia when I graduate from college."

"Oh, very good," the lady said. But what she meant was, "Yeah right! You won’t be back." She knew we were all tourists.

The sidewalks began to fill with traffic and movement. The sidewalks began to fill with people — Armenians. I thought back to my first day in Yerevan, my first walk, ‘couldn’t help but smile to myself — Everyone on the street was Armenian. So strange. How extraordinary.

In the heart of Yerevan, I could feel that the city was alive with something I had not felt for the past three weeks in the village. It was alive with the energy of its inhabitants, whose interests and aspirations were as various as could be. It had that dynamic quality you can only find in a city. Yerevan was busy living it up, taking full advantage of the summer heat, all the while aware that the harsh winter was only a few months away. Every night the city would party in its own, distinct way. Families, couples and friends hit the streets in their good clothes. Many headed to the lake of swans where young guys try to pick up on the girls who catch their eye. Others go straight to the new disco clubs where the mood is right and the music is loud. The streets are lit up like never before, an unlighted street is heard, the streets are heard, the streets are unlighted because of the fuel blockade imposed by Turkey and Azerbaijan. But no one fears for their safety, let alone their lives. There exists a feeling of friendship, even between strangers. It felt so great to walk through a city full of people and not worry about being shot down in a drive-by shooting.

My long walk had made me thirsty, so I stopped for a Russian-made Fanta at a make-shift soda stand on the corner. I could feel the city in front of a run-down Soviet-era apartment building. After I had ordered the drink, the lady behind the table asked, "Are you Armenian?"

"Of course I am," I replied. It seemed such a strange question. After all, I had ordered my drink in Armenian. But then I realized there were people in Armenia who spoke the language but weren’t Armenian. What a strange concept. But it had never occurred to me that there were Russians, Georgians, non-Armenians who could speak Armenian.

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LETTERS

Soaking the international students

Editor:

After reading your article entitled "Committee says 'yes' to $120 fee increase for Cal Poly students" (Feb. 2), I groaned heavily. In fact, every time I hear the phrase 'fee increase,' I groan heavily. Why? It's not just because of the horrendous cost of a decent college education these days, it's even worse for international students who come from all over the world to in California.

Being an international student from South Africa, I have to pay comparatively sky-high tuition fees of $163 per unit. That's a $1,956 in tuition alone for a 12-unit load! Add to that the $690 per quarter for registration and the monthly premiums for mandatory health insurance and you almost literally have to be rolling around in money just to make ends meet.

With international students already paying well over $2,000 per quarter for a 12-unit load, an additional $120 hike would put an even bigger burden on the already overburdened students and parents/patrons currently paying for a decent college education.

Although a $120 hike is better than a $180 hike, I believe $120 is still a large enough increase to have significant repercussions on fee-payers, especially those already having a tough time finding the money for college.

Gil Sery
Journalism junior

Mind your own DUI business

Editor:

This letter is regarding the Police Log that appeared in the Mustang Daily, Friday Jan. 26, 1996. It was extremely disconcerting to see the lack of sensitivity displayed by the Daily. Although the Daily claims to "report crimes that may be of interest to the student population," I do not see how some of the information disclosed should be of interest to the general public.

For example, Driving Under the Influence. Regardless of the other crimes the suspect committed, I did not need to know that he had been caught Driving Under the Influence. In this case, he is a friend and he probably did not want me, let alone the entire Cal Poly-Mustang Daily reading population, to know he had been issued a DUI.

True, he should have realized the consequences of his actions, but the Daily also needs to realize what its actions can do to a person's life. Luckily, Jeff's actions did not harm another person, animal or pole, but think about what that one paragraph in the Daily did to his life and reputation. He will now be known to complete strangers, employers, teachers, classmates and acquaintances as, "Oh, you're the guy who got the DUI." What an awful feeling it must be to walk into class and have your teacher look at you as if to say, "I read about what you did." In a court of law, one is innocent until proven guilty, but in the mind of the average person, suggestion might well mean guilt.

In my opinion, the fine line between a person's right to privacy and the public's right to know was crossed. Please be more considerate toward your fellow classmates. Something I learned in elementary school comes to mind: MYOB.

Ya-yin Chiang
City and regional planning junior

Fight for which rights?

Editor:

Mr. Deach makes a valid point. If, in fact, the residents of Park View want to limit the noise resulting from parties, they should say so, and a useful first step might be to get in touch with the students in the neighborhood and discuss the issues.

However, when Mr. Deach encourages students to attend the city council meeting to "fight for our rights as students," he loses me. I have no idea what he means by this. I had thought one's right as a student is that of getting (and demanding) the best possible education.

However, this issue doesn't arise in his column. Surely, he can't be so simple-minded as to mean one's right as a student is the right to party as long and as loud as one chooses.

More to the point, rights may not be the issue in this case.

It's a matter of responsibilities, most specifically one's responsibility as a neighbor. Having lived in a student-heavy neighborhood until a growing family caused me to move, I am fairly familiar with the party problem. It is no pleasure to have my family awakened at 2 or 3 a.m. by the noise next door. It is not heartening to look out the front window and see persons urinating on my lawn. It tends to make the milk of human kindness curdle to go next door and politely ask the hosts to at least bring the party inside and to turn down the music and be cured of it, assuming the person I talk to is coherent enough to curse. It does tend to sour one on student neighbors to find broken bottles and drying puddles of vomit in one's driveway the next morning. To be sure, assuming that the residents' aims are to eliminate student parties by imposing parking restrictions, the method is somewhat roundabout and more than a little dishonest. On the other hand, looking at the problems from the residents' point of view, I find I have a good deal of sympathy with their goals (granting Mr. Deach's assumption), if not with their methods.

David Kaun
English professor

FROM THE HIP:

Will you donate money to Cal Poly after you graduate?

I would definitely donate money if I could hire beautiful, female professors for my department.

David Ip
Electrical engineering senior

I would donate money to start a racquetball team, in my name. Depending on how rich I was, I'd probably donate up to $2,000.

Soo Kalob
Business freshman

I will build a Japanese restaurant of the Sandwich Plant.

Hiroshi Okada
Ornamental horticulture exchange student from Tokyo, Japan

I'd donate money to start a lacrosse team, instead of a club.

Nigol Stinson
Mechanical engineering freshman

I probably would. I'd have it go towards improving the residence halls. I'd donate anything to make it livable.

Julie Barger
Nutritional science sophomore

"I'd donate money to keep the basketball team from losing.

David Ip
Mechanical engineering freshman

"But, who shall watch the watchers?"

Anonymous

"Hell no. F*** that! They've already taken all my money."

Alke Vaniadene
Graphic design senior

Quote of the week that should make you stop and wonder just who is it that you're trusting with your life

"Armenia" from page 4

that I could go back to America and live my easy life. I would have a full meal every night in a heated home and forget my past, my history, my people. I will forget Armenia. I would forget my experiences, my stories. I will forget my past, my history, my people. I will forget my country. Sure, I will go back when I am 50, visit the church I helped to build, stay in the fancy Hotel Armenia, visit my tourist attractions, but then I will must return soon and live in my homeland.

The sun was beginning to set over Yerevan when I arrived. I was ready to go back to America and live my easy life. I would have a full meal every night in a heated home and forget my past, my history, my people. I will forget Armenia. I would forget my experiences, my stories. I will forget my past, my history, my people. I will forget my country. Sure, I will go back when I am 50, visit the church I helped to build, stay in the fancy Hotel Armenia, visit my tourist attractions, but then I will leave again. I will forget my promise to her as soon as she is out of sight, just as I will forget Armenia as soon as I am out of sight of the group.

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Shahan Suroian is an architecture sophmore.
Pope in Guatemala, first visit to Central America in 13 years

By Victor Simpson

GUATEMALA CITY— Pope John Paul II arrived here Monday on his first visit to Central America in 13 years, joyfully welcomed by Guatemalans hoping his mission may help end civil war and stir a lingering civil war.

"True peace beckons," said the pontiff, who called himself a "pilgrim of hope" for a nation awaiting more than a "history of war and violence."

The pontiff, in two Guatemalan fighter jets, the pontiff's airplane circled the blue skies above Guatemala City and landed at 4:25 p.m. (5:25 p.m. EST) at the international airport.

Patricia, were waiting. A military honor guard stood at attention in red-and-gray uniforms as the pope saluted the crowd of dignitaries and church leaders. An Indian girl in native costume waved a colorful banner. The pontiff kissed each on the forehead.

"We have come to Guatemalans' national anthem and honor guard neatly arrayed, as the pontiff circled the blue skies above Guatemala City and landed at the international airport.

In a welcome speech, Arzu said he hoped the pope's visit would help in spurring an end to the 35-year civil war, the last and longest in Central America.

"May we be inspired by your presence in exhibiting lasting peace," said Arzu. His welcome was broadcast to a people weary of war and fraternal fighting.

Pope John Paul II declared he saw great hope for ending the war that has lasted more than three decades. After his speech, the popd left in part in a parade across Guatemala City.

Guatemalans laid a giant welcome mat of roses petals and colored wood shavings for miles behind the capital to welcome the pontiff, who last visited in March 1983 when the nation was under military dictatorship.

"Welcome, Pilgrim of Peace," read posters strung on lamp posts for miles.

Many hope the pope's presence will help revile slugging peace talks Guatemala's leftist rebels announced a cease-fire, the third since November, in honor of the pope's visit.

"The pope's visit is a message of peace. All of us in Guatemala desire peace," said Ana Maria Sanchez de Davila, 49, a housewife who has four who joined hundreds of others decorating the parade route.

Rising at dawn, the volunteers adored the cathedral gates with palm fronds and strange garlands of red, purple, and white flowers on an outdoor altar built for a Mass on Tuesday.

The mood was festive as the fact that at least 4,000 police and security forces were on heightened alert for a possible attack Sunday on Arzu and his wife were riding horses on a rural road when he tried to ram his pickup truck into the president. He knocked a metal pole off a highway guard rail and fled.

Banja Luka would suit Bosnia's Serbs fine as capital of republic

By David Cory

BAJNA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Too little heat. Too few jobs. Yet despite the rough edges, Banja Luka seems to be the major city and likely capital of a society that no one but Bosn-Ja's Serbs really wants.

The traffic lights don't work. Power blackouts flicker on a daily basis. Stark reality. A matter of economics, politics, it's the most important thing.

"The city, along the Vrbas River 90 miles northwest of Sarajevo, is the leading can- didate to become capital of the new Serb Republic within Bosnia and Herzegovina," said Zeljko Kopanja, a Serb politician.

"Bajna Luka feels they're part of Europe, but they know they will never take democracy to show them that they're impatient with violence elections." Before war began in 1992, Banja Luka's population was at least 200,000. An estimated 50,000 people — mostly Muslim and Roman Catholic Croats — left during the war, fleeing in- timidation and terror. Between 85,000 and 100,000 Serbs were also forced to leave, according to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

The refugees, many from rural areas, have not always coexisted smoothly with the Bosnian Serbs who lived here.

Bajina Basta, vice president of Banja Luka's regional government, said the Serbs have the advantage over Poles, a much smaller town in the mountains near Sarajevo, where Serbs were headquartered during the war. The Serbs kept up a steady stream of troops shot and killed him. A mo- tive for the attack was not given.

"We hope this was nothing more than an isolated incident," interior Minister Rodolfo Men- den said. Officials gave no sign of any other changes in the popd visit as a result of the attack.

The pope is to spend Monday and Tuesday in Guatemala, visit El Salvador on Wednesday, and fly to Venezuela on Thursday.

The Roman Catholic Church has long been fighting inroads by the growing evangelical groups across Central America and the pope is expected to remind the faithful of his message to the Spanish colonization.

Tensions remain high in Nicaragua, the scene of recent church bombings, and in El Sal- vador, despite accords that ended civil wars in both countries in the 1980s. Some were unsure whether the pontiff would help Guatemala's peace process.
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President Clinton ordered to testify at Whitewater trial

By James Jefferson  
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — President Clinton was ordered Monday to testify at next month's Whitewater trial for James and Susan McDougal, his partners in a failed northern Arkansas land deal. The White House said it wants the president to testify by videotape rather than in person.

Mrs. McDougal is accused of receiving a $300,000 loan that a former Little Rock businessman and municipal judge, David Hale, says Clinton pressured him to make. The loan has been charged, has denied the accusation.

U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. approved the subpoena on Monday afternoon. Ms. Horan added. "I don't expect President Clinton would in any way hold it against us."

The McDougals and Tucker were named in a 21-count indictment handed up last August, alleging that transactions they made through McDougal's savings and loan and Hale's Capital Management Services were designed to defraud federal regulators.

Four of the counts against the McDougals relate specifically to the $300,000 loan made to Mrs. McDougal in 1990 by Hale. McDougal said Clinton's testimony would constitute an attempt to protect Mrs. McDougal, said the subpoena, was a protective layer of water and a boundary to halt the cold.

"Ice storms are disastrous for the citrus industry that brings growers an estimated $821 million and consumes 20 percent of their orange crop," said the funeral home's manager. "All events at 280 California unless otherwise noted."

"We have worked with the families and they have worked with us," said former funeral home director David Cummings. Everyone "has been real understanding."
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Plane crash kills 4 delivering medical equipment to Mexico

MEDICARE: Proposal extends trust fund to 2011

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Medicare trustees for the year would be released to Congress in April, when annual Medicare reports routinely are issued.

President Clinton's budget proposal would extend Medicare's solvency until 2011, said McCurry. "Nothing that the Republican majority in Congress proposes extends the life of the trust fund any longer than the president proposes."

Nevertheless, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said at a news conference in Marietta, Ga., that the report "strengthens the hand of those who want to save the system through reform ... The longer we wait to save Medicare, the more difficult and dramatic the changes have to be."

He said congressional hearings would be held in the next couple of weeks to give the Medicare administrator and Shalala a chance to explain what's going on from their point of view.

"We are concerned that this new information may indicate that the Federal Health Insurance Trust Fund will actually go bankrupt earlier than the date of 2002 predicted in last April's report board of trustees," said the letter to Shalala signed by Reps. Bill Archer of Texas, Bill Thomas of California, Thomas Biley of Virginia and Michael Bilirakis of Florida. They are the chairman of the House committees and subcommittee with jurisdiction over Medicare.

Richard S. Foster, chief actuary of the federal Health Care Financing Administration, which runs Medicare, cautions against jumping to conclusions about the future.

"It is too soon to draw a firm conclusion about the projected depletion date of the Medicare Hospital Trust Fund," he said.

The causes of the 1995 shortfall are still being analyzed, he said. But a reason for the deficit could be more hospital admissions than anticipated with patients being sicker and hospitals filing claims faster than expected, he suggested.

CONFERENCE: Focus on empathy, not politics

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Although the conference focused on women, a significant number of men attended.

"I was pleased (the men) were willing to learn and be supportive of women — be their allies," Alvarez said. "That needs to happen more often."

Historically, China is not known for its human rights or gender-equality record, but Alvarez, who spent 20 days in China, felt the conference was a step in the right direction.

"I think it was a big step for (the Chinese) to let them have (the conference) there. They could have said no."

Apartments were built especially for the event in nearby Huairou, one hour from conference headquarters in Beijing. The women were the first to use the facilities, which were later going to be open for the public for permanent residence.

Despite the willingness of Chinese officials to host the conference, Alvarez said, at times she felt intimidated by Chinese guards while talking to others in small discussion groups.

Security measures were also tight with guards stationed in living quarters and constant security checks.

Cal Poly's Director of Women's Programs and Services Pat Har ris, who helped raise some of the $3,500 needed for Alvarez's trip, said the grissy security conditions prevented her from attending.

"Two people gathered together could be considered a mob and they could haul you away," Harris said.

Overall, Alvarez spoke more about her personal experiences rather than political issues, said Maureen Forgeng, who organized the recent trip.

"Her talk was not as political but more empathic than I thought it would be," Forgeng said. "The empathy you develop from the contacts you make are what comes through — empathy will stay."

Alvarez hopes to write an article about her personal experiences in China and further educate people about the concerns of women around the world.

"It was an immense dream that happened to me — just to meet and share time with other women," she said. "It was just something I never in my 23 years of living thought I would do."

The four, who were the only ones aboard, had flown out of California and made an over­ night stop in St. Johns, said Police Chief Bruce Overson.

Exact ages and hometowns were not immediately available, but the dead were identified as pilot and plane owner Robert Kelder, Larry Jones, Jerome Jacob and John Crocker, Overson said.

The aircraft was a military transport plane converted for civilian use. It was carrying den­ tals and X-Ray equipment, donated by a doctor in Sonoita, Calif, and firefighting hoses, protective clothing, breathing ap­ paratus and air bottles from fire departments in Watsonville and Carpinteria, Calif, according to the Monterey County Herald, of Monterey, Calif.

The plane was headed for Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

Witnesses said the plane was headed toward a county office building seconds before the 9:49 a.m. crash, but that it turned the aircraft toward the field.

"The pilot to me was a hero," said Tim Leeperance of Katy's Country Kitchen, a restaurant near the crash site. "If the plane would have been going this way it would have hit a few buildings."

The plane was a C-121 converted for civilian use as a Con­ vair 440, said Carol Long, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Los Angeles. The plane carried about 50 people or be used as an air ambulance, Long said.

Kelder had filed flight plans to Brownsville, Texas, and continu­ ing to Chetumal, Mexico. Long said. It crashed a half-mile west of St. Johns Airport.

"I heard a noise that sounded like engine trouble. I looked out at the sky and saw the plane barely above the treetops and it kind of nosedive to the ground and exploded into flames," said Debra Hall, a teacher's aide at Corno­ nado School, about a half-mile from the crash site.
By Diane Duster

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The threat came from the same court that in July ordered a 12-year-old girl jailed for refusing to visit her father. That girl was released a day later pending a full court hearing on scheduled visitation days, and his efforts to find them in contempt have only increased their bitterness toward him for leaving and have made them furious.

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