

HIGHLIGHTS

United Way Funds Drop

United Way collections in Orange County dipped a little in 1991, ending a steady upward trend.



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UNITED WAY DIP: Despite record donations by county government workers and Japanese-owned firms, pledges to the United Way last year fell short of 1990's \$21.4 million, and far shy of the group's \$23-million '91 campaign goal. **B6**

DANA PARSONS: Rick Broccoli has resurrected a hair salon business that only recently failed, and that takes plenty of vision, guts and determination. **B1**

HILL ON THE MOVE: Six San Juan Capistrano families whose properties are periled by a landslide braced for further destruction as a swimming pool threatened to slide downhill. **B1**

TRIAL BEGINS: A tawdry tale of adultery, love and hate in a trailer park unfolded as opening statements were made in the trial of Neill F. Matzen for the 1990 murder of Donna J. Connaty, 34, a Buena Park nurse. **B4**

GOAL FOR LIBRARY: The Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace surpassed all other presidential libraries in paid attendance last year but has yet to reach its goal of 1,000 visitors per day. **B4**

RUNNING ON EMPTY: Orange County transportation officials have agreed to cut 54 jobs and stall some projects to close the gap on a \$42-million budget deficit. **B6**

EDITORIALS

STATE OF UNION: The nation heard proper concern about domestic needs from its President, but it may not be unfair to say that the farther away from our shores a problem is, the clearer President George Bush appears to see it. **B10**

O.C. PERSPECTIVE: The \$300 million President Bush is expected to include in the budget for health and education programs for newly legalized immigrants is not enough to do the job. California's delegation needs to continue to work together on his issue. **B10**

ON THE RECORD

"We need people who are not in it for the pension, who are not in it for the money, who are not in it for the bennies. . . . What's wrong with politics today is careerism. No. 2 on that list are campaign consultants. They are running this country, not the candidates."

Anaheim Mayor Fred Hunter, who is proposing term limits. **B1**



ROD BOREN / For The Times

A woman in home where a propane stove exploded is comforted as others who were injured in the fire are treated nearby.

Explosion Burns 3 Critically

■ Fire: Propane stove blows up and a blaze races through a house, leaving a young woman, her brother and father with burns over most of their bodies.

By ERIC YOUNG
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SANTA ANA—The explosion of a propane stove sparked a fire that raced through a home and critically burned three family members over most of their bodies Tuesday, authorities said.

The 4:08 p.m. explosion occurred after one occupant tried to repair the malfunctioning propane stove at 1309 N. McLean Drive, fire officials said.

Kim Mai, 22, suffered burns over her entire body. Her brother, Tan, 18, was burned over 70% of his body, and their father, Viet Mai, 57, was burned over 50%, officials said. They were listed in critical condition at the burn center of UCI Medical Center in Orange.

The mother, Nam Le, 45, was taken to Garden Grove Hospital and Medical Center for smoke inhalation and shock, according to the Santa Ana Fire Department.



Santa Ana Firefighter Lorenzo Abundiz is aided at fire scene by fellow firefighter.

Fire investigators said they did not know how the propane stove was used or why it was in the six-bedroom home. **A**
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Anaheim to Vote on Term, Contribution Limits

■ City Hall: The council decides to put the issues on the ballot after inquiry shows more than \$2 million in donations since 1984.

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ANAHEIM—Acting on what they contend is a growing national and local discontent with government leadership,

November, though the wording of the ballot measures is not set.

Mayor Fred Hunter proposed that the city follow the county's lead by restricting contributions to \$1,000 per contributor for each election term. Candidates for the Anaheim council now need about \$200,000 to wage a successful campaign.

"What's happened in politics is that too many people have made politics a career in this country," Hunter said. "We need people who are not in it for the pension, who are not in it for the money, who are

"outrageous."

Hunter made his statements as a computer-assisted investigation by The Times showed that the five current council members have received more than \$2 million in contributions since 1984.

Although voting to place both issues on the November ballot, Councilman Tom Daly said the city's political history did not warrant a limit on council terms.

"I'm wondering what the problem is and what needs to be corrected," Daly said. The councilman referred to a city study

Swim Pool on Top of Hill Breaks Loose, Perils Homes

■ Landslide: Damage has mounted to \$1.5 million, and six homes face new danger. Workmen seek to stabilize the pool and hillside.

By LEN HALL and DAVAN MAHARAJ
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SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO—Six families whose hillside properties are threatened by a landslide braced for further destruction Tuesday after a swimming pool on the top of the undermined hill broke free from its foundation, threatening to topple onto the homes below.

Two of the homes endangered by the landslide are on top of the hill, the others are at the bottom of the slope.

The slide has already caused at least \$1.5 million damage to the six properties, city engineers said Tuesday. The city on Monday condemned one home and ordered the evacuation of two others.

Officials granted an emergency permit to Sanford Schipiro to begin construction to reinforce the hill below his home to prevent his pool from following part of its patio down the slope. Workmen with tractors and huge drills worked around the clock, boring holes, removing dirt and preparing to pour cement pilings to stabilize the back yard, the pool and the house.

Residents speculated that a persistent leak from the Schipiro's pool began eroding the slope two months ago and that the pumping of water from the pool on Sunday for repairs led to the hillside's collapse on Monday. The Schipiro refused repeated requests for comment on the allegations.

MARK WELSH
A neighbor

'They told us they kept trying to refill the pool Sunday and it kept draining down the hill. In my mind, the whole slide seems to emanate from that pool.'

Paul Filipowicz, whose house at 26375 Calle Lucana was the one condemned, said he is convinced that the slide was caused by the swimming pool leak. His neighbor, Mark Welsh, made a video of a workman siphoning water from the Schipiro pool with a hose Sunday and draining it onto the slope below.

"They told us they kept trying to refill the pool Sunday and it kept draining down the hill," Welsh said. "In my mind, the whole slide seems to emanate from that pool."

The threatened homes are assessed at \$230,000 to \$530,000.

City Engineer Bill Huber refused to speculate on the cause of the slide at a press conference Tuesday. Geologists said, however, that the soil throughout the area is susceptible to slippage, especially when long-time resident Al Jimenez that lots along Via Alano were created within the last 15 years with extensive grading and filling, which might have contributed to the collapse.

"We can look at the cause of the slide once we have done the geological work," Huber said. "Anything else would be pure speculation, which I don't want to get into."

The Filipowicz residence, whose struc-