

Reaction Mixed To Doomsday Dud

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The hour of the apocalypse came quietly and went the same way — leaving those who believed that Saturday evening would mark the world's end confused, or more faithful, or just philosophical.

Believers had spent months warning the world of the pending cataclysm. Some had given away earthly belongings. Others took long journeys to be with loved ones. And there were those who drained their savings accounts.

All were responding to the May 21 doomsday message by Harold Camping, an 89-year-old retired civil engineer who has built a multi-million-dollar Christian media empire that publicizes his apocalyptic prediction.

"I had some skepticism but I was trying to push the skepticism away because I believe in God," said Keith Bauer — who hopped in his minivan in Maryland and drove his family 3,000 miles to California for the Rapture.

He started his day in the bright morning sun outside the gated Camping's Oakland headquarters of Family Radio International.

"I was hoping for it because I think heaven would be a lot better than this earth," said Bauer, a tractor-trailer driver who began the voyage west last week, figuring

that if he "worked last week, I wouldn't have gotten paid anyway, if the Rapture did happen."

According to Camping, the destruction was likely to have begun its worldwide march as it became 6 p.m. in the various time zones, although some believers said Saturday the exact timing was never written in stone.

He had been projecting the apocalyptic prediction for years far and wide via broadcasts and websites.

In New York's Times Square, Robert Fitzpatrick, of Staten Island, said he was surprised when the six o'clock hour simply came and went. He had spent his own money to put up advertising about the end of the world.

"I can't tell you what I feel right now," he said, surrounded by tourists. "Obviously, I haven't understood it correctly because we're still here."

Many followers said the delay was a further test from God to persevere in their faith.

"It's still May 21 and God's going to bring it," said Family Radio's special projects coordinator Michael Garcia, who spent Saturday morning praying and drinking two last cups of coffee with his wife at home in Alameda. "When you say something and it doesn't happen, your pride is what's hurt. But who needs pride? God said he resists the proud and gives grace to the humble."

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law enforcement agencies were coordinating search and rescue and recovery operations.

Missouri National Guard Maj. Tammy Spicer said more than 100 members of the 35th Engineer Brigade, which has a battalion based in Joplin, were expected to immediately report for duty to aid in

search and rescue efforts, clear roads, provide security and help with radio communications. The guard's armory in Joplin suffered only minor damage but was without electricity Sunday night, Spicer said. One of the challenges facing the guard was simply getting in touch with all of its members in the area, she said.

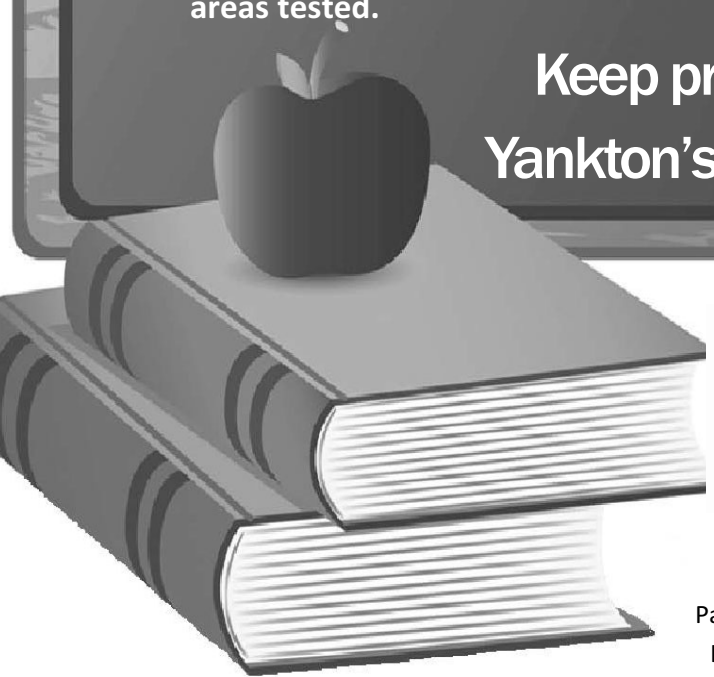
"This just looks like a horrific event," Spicer said. "We want to help the community — both the emergency response forces there and the citizens."

In Minneapolis, city spokeswoman Sara Dietrich said the death there was confirmed by the Hennepin County medical examiner. She had no other immediate details. Only two of the 29 people injured there were hurt critically.

Though the damage covered several blocks in Minneapolis, it appeared few houses were totally demolished. Much of the damage was to roofs, front porches that had been sheared away, or smaller items such as fences and basketball goals.

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State Track Meet

Friday, May 27 & Saturday, May 28 in Brandon, SD & Sioux Falls, SD


2011 YHS Boys Tennis Team

1st Row: John Fanta. *2nd Row:* Trevor Rehurek, Morgan Jones, Luke Rockne, Ben Jensen, Brandon Frick, Rashad Yousef. *3rd Row:* Chance Sorenson, Ryan Shindler, Jeremy Cap, Max Hunhoff, Derek Dvorak, Alex Fields, Coach Brady Muth

State Tennis

Thursday, May 19 – Saturday, May 21 in Sioux Falls, SD





2011 YHS Girls Golf Team

1st Row: Becky Frick, Alicia Gregoire, Payton Pierce. *2nd Row (seated):* Jessi Anderson, Hannah Withrow, Whitney Specht, Morgan Dolejsi, Ashley VanMeeteren. *3rd Row:* Coach Brett Sime, Gabby Horton, Tiffany Klug, Stephanie Campbell, Rachel Frick, Kirsten May, Amanda Gravholt, Taylor Specht, Alyssa Schild. *Back Row:* Kaitlyn Erickson, Ashley Bilbrey, Megan Mingo, Amber Livingston, Sarah Ekeren.

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