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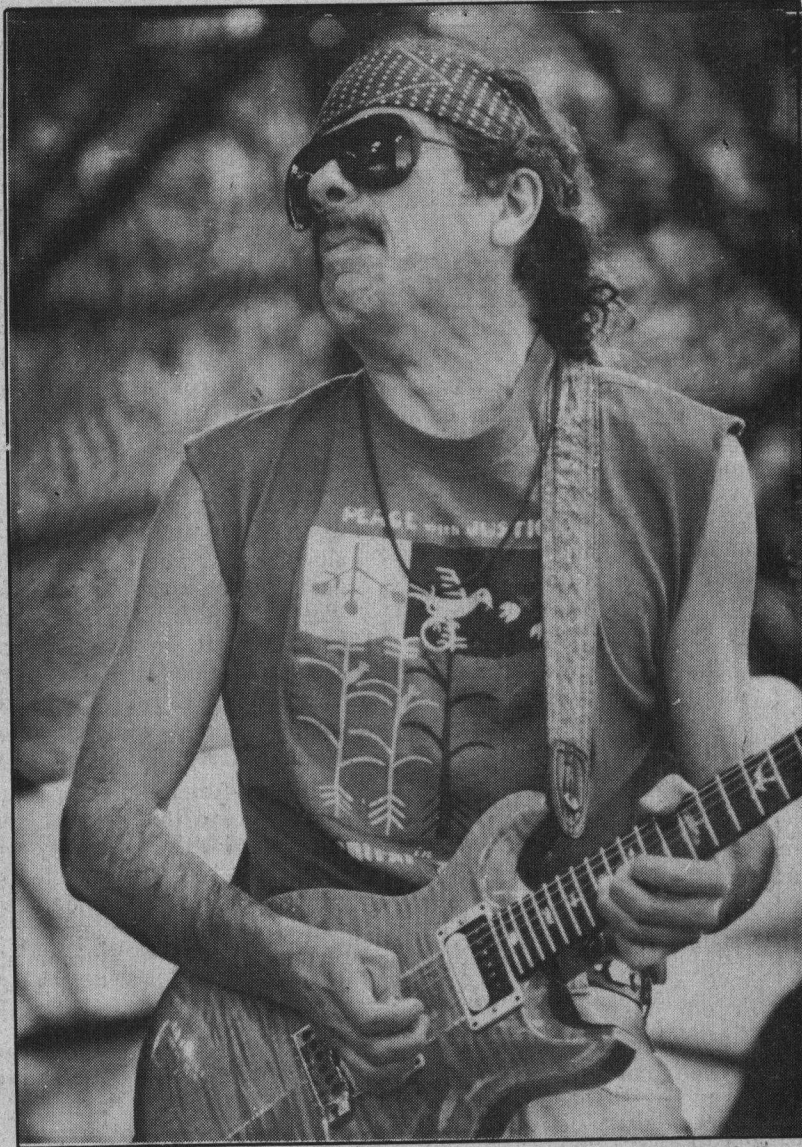
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Cesar Rosas, above, of the rock group Los Lobos, and Carlos Santana, right, gave the sellout Watsonville crowd a good show yesterday.



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Quake-relief concerts bring in big bucks

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Yesterday's concert telethon for earthquake relief raised more than \$2 million, of which Watsonville will get one-sixth.

San Francisco promoter Bill Graham, who organized the shows, announced early today that donations had topped the \$1 million mark. Graham had pledged to match the first \$1 million in donations.

The money will be split equally among the Red Cross and the relief funds for the cities of Watsonville, Santa Cruz, San Jose, San Francisco and Oakland.

The shows, held in Watsonville, the Cow Palace in San Francisco

and Kaiser Center in Oakland, drew about 20,000 people. The Watsonville show drew half the total.

The concerts were televised on public television's KQED and carried statewide on other TV and radio stations.

Bob Hope, appearing at a rock concert for the first time in his career, received a standing ovation from the crowd of about 8,000 at the Cow Palace.

"They must know me from somewhere," Hope said backstage.

The rock bands included Crosby, Stills & Nash, Neil Young, Santana, Steve Miller, John Fogerty, Bobby McFerrin, Big Brother and the Holding

Company, the New Quicksilver Messenger Service, Lydia Pense and Cold Blood, Taj Majal and the Chambers Brothers.

Other celebrities making pitches for donations from TV studios included actor Danny Glover, rock singer Huey Lewis and San Francisco 49er quarterback Steve Young.

Assembly Speaker Willie Brown issued a televised challenge to fellow politicians to contribute, promising to match their donations from his own campaign funds up to \$50,000.

More than a thousand volunteers worked to put on the concerts at the three cities hit hardest by the Oct. 17 earthquake.

"This kind of thing can only

happen in the Bay Area because of the musicians here," Graham said.

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The Watsonville City Council is scheduled to determine policy for distribution of its earthquake-relief fund at tomorrow night's meeting.

The city has already received more than \$500,000, and another \$300,000 to \$400,000 is expected from yesterday's earthquake-relief telethon.

Mayor Betty Murphy said she will recommend using the money to seek matching funds from the federal government for new, permanent housing.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.