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Man buried alive under tons of books

Elderly bookworm Anthony Cima was nearly crushed to death when an earthquake rocked southern California — and tons of books fell on him.

“There were about 9,000 books stacked from floor to ceiling in his tiny hotel room and the old man was virtually buried alive,” said San Diego police spokesman Rick Carlson.

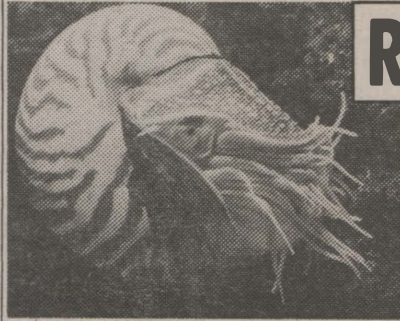
Cima, 86, could barely breathe, let alone scream for help during the 12 terrifying hours before he was discovered by other hotel tenants.

“He is a very frail man and lived

9,000 volumes kept him trapped for 12 hours

alone,” said Carlson. “He may not have survived much longer.” Cima was hospitalized in the in-

tensive care unit of the University of California-San Diego Medical Center in San Diego.



Rooms with ocean view

The weird creature pictured at left is celebrating its 450 millionth birthday on earth. It's called the chambered nautilus and was made famous in a poem by Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Scientists say the modern species we know as the octopus and squid evolved from this amazing deep sea critter which predates the dinosaur.

THE NAUTILUS shell features spiral-shaped rooms.