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No one injured in blaze at plant

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worked to contain the fire.

Brassard said the fire was initially detected by workers who called the alarm company, who in turn called the fire department. There was nobody in the office portion of the plant at the time.

The employees did their best to control the fire by using the plant hose initially, Brassard said, which helped out the fire crews.

"The Roxul people did all the right

stuff," Brassard said, adding there were no injuries.

Fighting the blaze wasn't an easy feat for firefighters, particularly with the heavy heat of the day, Brassard said, and the department's rehab unit worked hard to ensure the crews remained hydrated.

Brassard said the Roxul office was slated for demolition and that the blaze may have started as a result of crews who were on the scene a couple of hours earlier with torches. It seems a

spark may have gone unnoticed and then smouldered for a while before igniting, the chief said.

Brassard commended firefighters' actions.

"Had (the fire) grown and not been put out by our guys, it could've threatened the entire plant," he said.

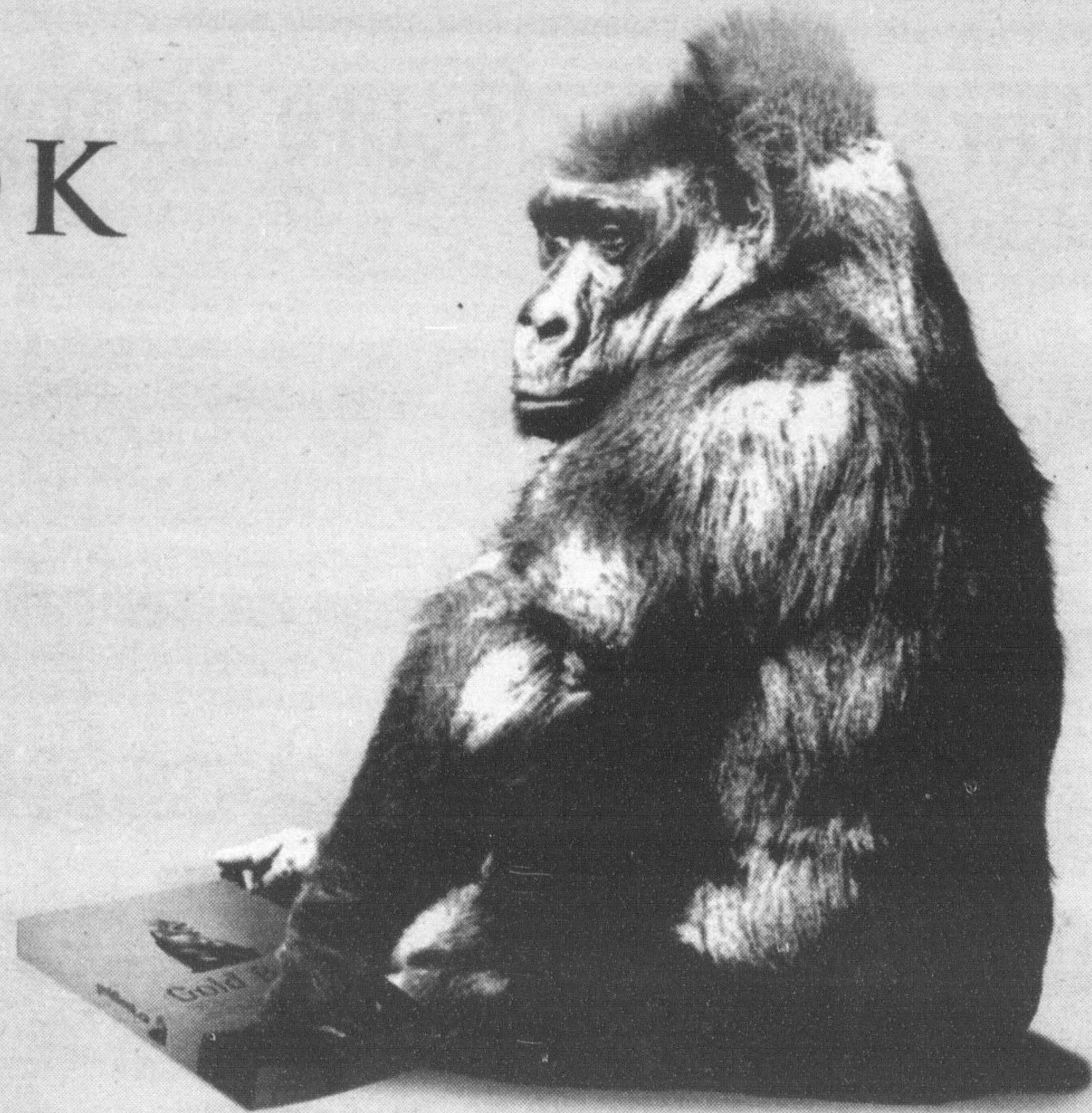
A damage estimate hasn't been made since the office was scheduled for demolition.

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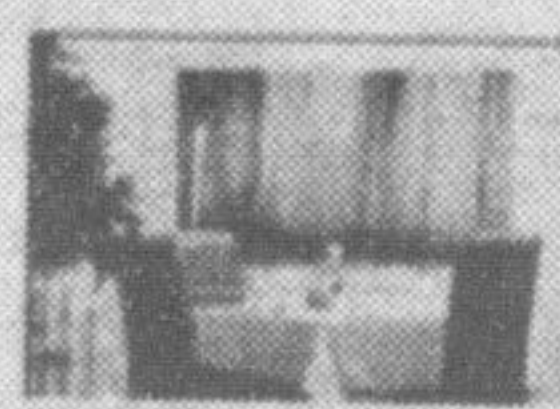
TOUGH BATTLE: Above, exhausted firefighters Adrian Uhraney, left, and Ryan Fraser take a break after battling a stubborn smokey fire in the partially-demolished section of offices at Roxul Monday evening. The fire was difficult to fight with the partial demolition and the extreme heat and humidity. Above left, firefighters survey the scene.

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