

Weekend rap-up

Indian relief army tries to stop looting

KILLARI, India — The Indian army cracked down on looting in the country's earthquake-stricken southwest on Sunday, taking control of police and civilian authorities and blocking outsiders from shattered villages.

Tremors continued to shudder through Maharashtra state, where as many as 30,000 people died in Thursday's earthquake.

In the days following the disaster, looters have slipped into villages in the guise of volunteers, stripping corpses of jewelry and wrecked homes of any valuables that could be carried away, relief workers said.

"I'm not allowing anyone today to work in the villages unless they are cleared by the army," said Col. S.K. Joshi, head of the relief effort for Killari and four surrounding villages.

Dalton says Navy chief should resign

WASHINGTON — Navy Secretary John Dalton has accused the Navy's top admiral of a "lack of leadership" and said he should resign over the 1991 Tailhook sexual harassment scandal, a senior Pentagon source said Friday.

Dalton recommended to Defense Secretary Les Aspin that Admiral Frank Kelso II, the chief of naval operations, step down from his post, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Aspin has not yet made a decision," said the source, who added that Kelso was faulted for a "lack of leadership" in connection with the scandal over sexual assaults at a 1991 convention of Navy aviators.

In a report Friday, CBS News said Dalton also recommended Aspin discipline a dozen other admirals for their handling of the Tailhook scandal.

Koresh planned on attacking Waco

WASHINGTON — David Koresh planned for his heavily armed cult to attack and kill citizens in nearby Waco, Texas, according to the government report on the failed raid by Treasury agents on the sect's compound.

"You can't die for God if you can't kill for God," Koresh told his followers, said the Treasury Department's review of the botched raid on Feb. 28.

Koresh later canceled the action, telling his followers that it had been a test of their loyalty to him, the report said.

Koresh made the announcement before the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tried to raid the Branch Davidian sect's compound, an operation that left four agents and six cult members dead in a shootout.

Ginsburg takes her seat as court justice

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg took her seat at the bench Friday in a ceremony marking the first time two women sat together on the nation's highest court.

With President Clinton and more than 300 friends, family and guests looking on, Ginsburg again swore to "do equal right to the poor and to the rich."

She took the same oath Aug. 10, when she became the 107th Supreme Court justice.

Ginsburg's new colleagues shook hands warmly with her as she approached Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist for the oath.

She took her place down the bench from Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in an historic moment.

—The Associated Press

CRISIS IN RUSSIA

Yeltsin backers attack parliament

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Government tanks and troops attacked government hardliners who have been holed up in parliament since Monday, retaliating for the previous day's riots by opponents of President Boris Yeltsin.

The Cable News Network reported that during the fighting, a round struck the United States Embassy, wounding a U.S. Marine.

Defenders of the Russian White House threw firebombs and fired back from the barricaded building, as artillery and heavy weapons rang out in the center of Moscow.

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The attack caught motorists by surprise as men waving pistols kept pedestrians and journalists off a bridge leading out to the parliament, known as the White House.

Several of the defenders were wounded as a plume of white smoke rose from the burning barricade.

The assault began when a column of armored personnel carriers approached the building from two directions at about 7 a.m. Moscow time.

Tanks and trucks carrying infantrymen followed. Yeltsin offered the hardliners a way out, saying if



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they left by a certain exit waving white flags the fighting would stop.

The attack followed a day of violence in which screaming hard-line protesters hurling rocks and firing guns broke the government siege of parliament and seized other key installations.

Protesters overwhelmed riot police in vicious street fighting and smashed their way into the headquarters of the Moscow city government and the headquarters of ITAR-Tass, the Russian news agency.

They attacked the country's main television complex with rocket-propelled grenades as government commandos and paratroopers fought back. Three TV channels went off the air. At least six people were killed, including four soldiers, city officials said.

Dozens were injured, some when they were run over by trucks driven by protesters to break through lines of riot police.

The Interfax news agency reported eight people were killed in fighting at the TV complex, but there was no immediate confirmation.

They called for Yeltsin's overthrow and the "liquidation" of his government.

It was the worst political violence in the Russian capital since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, possibly setting the scene for a bloody struggle for power that could spread to other parts of the country.

The show of force by the hard-liners caught the capital by surprise and it was difficult to gauge their strength or possible support.

There was little sign of popular support for the protesters as they fought their way through the city center to the parliament.

Onlookers watched or fled despite calls from the protesters to join them.

In an ominous sign for the government, scores of police defected to the parliament side. It was not clear if they were supporting the protesters or just trying to save their lives.

Protesters also took dozens of riot police prisoner as they stormed through the streets.

The protesters were an odd mixture of communists, fascists and extreme nationalists united by their opposition to Yeltsin and his democratic political and free market reforms.

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Saw Varsity's horns off . . .



Mike Steele/The Battalion

The Texas A&M women's soccer team and head coach G. Gurreri sing the fight song after their 4-2 double overtime victory over Central Florida Sunday. See story Page 8.

ATF officials resign after cult raid report

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Two senior government officials who were accused in a report of lying and misleading the public after the botched Branch Davidian raid have resigned.

Dan Hartnett, associate director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and Dan Conroy, deputy associate director, told Treasury Department officials Saturday they were leaving the agency immediately.

In their first public comment since the release of the Treasury Department's review of the Feb. 28 raid, Hartnett and Conroy said they were unfairly accused of intentionally misleading the public and their superiors during the siege near Waco.

"We are resigning because we do not agree with the findings of the Waco administrative review. The report does not reflect the facts of what occurred in the aftermath of the Waco tragedy," Hartnett and Conroy said in a prepared statement. The two men were the agency's the

two highest-ranking law enforcement officials until being placed on administrative leave last week in the wake of the treasury report. Three other ATF officials also were suspended with pay pending further review by the Treasury Department, which oversees the ATF.

The treasury report said Hartnett and Conroy, along with some others in Washington, did not take into account inexperience of raid commanders in planning

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Fraternity kicks off Kappa Week for increased social awareness

By Cheryl Heller

The Battalion

Texas A&M's Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity kicked off Kappa Week '93, a week of entertainment and social awareness, with a Kappa social on Sunday in the MSC.

Kappa Week includes events, which are open to the public, that are designed to spotlight Kappa Alpha Psi, address social issues, and allow students to get to know fraternity members, Kappa Alpha Psi President Julius Cox said.

"We want to give Texas A&M students a chance to see the fraternity members outside of class and the library," he said. "We don't have many chances to get to see each other without the pressures of school, so I think this week will

be beneficial to a lot of people."

Kappa Week continues Monday with a service project from 4-7 p.m. that will offer tutorial and counseling services to Bryan-College Station youth.

Tuesday night Kappa Alpha Psi will sponsor a "Can't We All Just Get Along?" forum at 8:30 p.m. in Room 111 of the Student Services Building. The forum will focus on the tension between athletes and Greeks, and a panel of student athletes and Greek representatives will answer questions and offer possible solutions.

An informational meeting to discuss Kappa Alpha Psi membership intake will be held Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in Room 292B of the

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Health program full of problems, professionals say

By Stephanie Pattillo

The Battalion

How to halt rising medical costs and at the same time provide health care coverage for all Americans is a key question surrounding President Clinton's health care proposal.

If passed by Congress in its original form, the president's plan will provide health security for all Americans, control costs, maintain quality, simplify the system and make everyone responsible for contributing to the system.

But economists and medical professionals say some of the most fundamental problems with America's health care system are not addressed by the president's proposal.

Dr. Thomas Saving, director of the Free Enterprise Research Center, said the fundamental problem with the health care system depends on what people see the problem as.

"If you think that every person in America needs insurance, then the plan will work," he said. "But, if you are talking about the cost of medical care, then the plan will only exacerbate the problem."

Saving said the problem with the current health care system is that no one who has insurance cares what it costs.

"They don't price shop," he said. "Medical costs will skyrocket unless we ration."

But Ron Gay, regional director of the southwest health plan at Scott & White Clinic, said he doesn't see anything in the plan that guarantees rationing.

"Consumers, medical providers, and insurers will have to become more cautious with the type of medical care they give out," he said. "But I don't see the problems that Canada has had with people dying before they get the care they need."

Gay said the real concern most Americans have about health care is that they don't feel secure about their coverage.

"People are worried about having their health care canceled because either they use their health care too much, because they may lose their jobs, or because they change jobs," he said.

While Clinton's health care proposal is aimed at providing all Americans with coverage, many say the fundamental problem with the spiraling cost of medical technology is not addressed and will interfere with the costs of insurance coverage.

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WEATHER

•Monday: partly cloudy, highs in 80s, lows in 50s

•Tuesday: still partly cloudy, highs in 80s

TEXAS LOTTO

•Saturday's winning Texas Lotto numbers: 3, 8, 29, 34, 48, 49