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Weekend rap-up

Quakes kill four in New Guinea

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea — Four people were killed by mudslides triggered by powerful earthquakes in northern Papua New Guinea, officials said Friday.

At least 100 people were missing and feared dead.

Whole mountainsides were sheared off and cascaded into villages below, officials said. Police continued to search for missing villagers after the quake and two powerful aftershocks shook the northern provinces Wednesday.

The director-general of the National Disaster and Emergency Services, Leith Anderson, visited the area Thursday with Prime Minister Paias Wingti.

Anderson said several dozen villages were damaged by the quake. Landslides destroyed homes and gardens.

Missile builder no true 'patriot'

WASHINGTON — The maker of the Patriot missiles used in the Persian Gulf War has agreed to pay \$3.7 million to settle allegations that it overcharged the Army for them, the Justice Department said Thursday.

Patriot missiles, built by the Raytheon Company, were used in Saudi Arabia and were rushed to Israel when the Iraqis started firing Scud missiles at that country, a non-combatant in the 1991 war.

The Justice Department said Raytheon, whose Equipment Division in Marlborough, Mass., made the missiles, failed to disclose when the contract price was agreed upon that less skilled, lower-paid workers could produce the weapons.

The 1989 contract in question was for a total of \$116.9 million, but only two parts of it, worth \$22.3 million, were in dispute, said Justice spokesman Joseph Krovinsky.

Supremacists march in Vidor

VIDOR — About 25 members of a white supremacist group marched through town Saturday in what they called a "celebration" of the town's failed efforts to integrate a public housing project.

Several hundred people gathered along the town's streets to watch the group march to City Hall. Some cheered and others heckled the marchers, but there were no reports of violence.

"It's been real quiet. We haven't had any problems," said Richard Vasser, a Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman.

The afternoon march and rally, opposed by city officials, was sponsored by the Nationalist Movement, based in Learned, Miss.

Monkeys found in coat pocket

SAN ANTONIO — Three baby Peruvian monkeys who were drugged and carried into the United States in a smuggler's coat pockets have found a home near San Antonio.

The monkeys, the heaviest of which weighs less than half a pound, arrived at San Antonio International Airport Friday.

The monkeys, named Curly, Moe and Larry, were seized last month from a man who tried to sell them for \$3,500 each outside a pet store near San Francisco.

The man wasn't arrested, but still could face federal charges of illegal importation, possession of non-native wildlife and customs violations.

The little primates, all males, range in size from 6 to 12 inches when full grown, said Wallace Swett, director of Primarily Primates, a nonprofit animal sanctuary in Leon Springs.

U.S. warships in place to enforce worldwide embargo

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The first U.S. warship was spotted Sunday off the coast of Haiti, and the Pentagon said all six ships sent by President Clinton to enforce an imminent worldwide oil and arms embargo were in place.

The ships should begin patrolling international waters off Haiti by Sunday night, 24 hours before the embargo is

scheduled to begin, said Stanley Schrager, spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Haiti.

In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman, Maj. Steve Little, said all six ships were in place Sunday morning, although they might not be visible from shore.

But residents in one Port-au-Prince neighborhood reported seeing a gray warship, with a helicopter on the rear deck, off the coast. An Associated Press reporter on an aer-

ial survey spotted it halfway between the island of Gonave and the capital. Schrager said he did not know which ship it was.

Meanwhile, fear was rising in Port-au-Prince as those opposed to the return of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide announced they will shut down the city on Monday. Previous shutdown calls have succeeded, with help from the military and allied civilian gangs.

Greg Hill Time!



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Junior running back Greg Hill tries to excite the crowd at the beginning of the fourth quarter of Texas A&M's 34-17 victory over Baylor Saturday. See story on page 7.

Program stresses group therapy for sex offenders

The Associated Press

DALLAS — The most effective way to rehabilitate convicted sex offenders is through therapy sessions that bring out their deviant thought processes, say some therapists and researchers.

By listening to the offenders describe their perversions, professionals say they then can begin to distinguish the rapists and child molesters who can learn to control their impulses from those who cannot.

Such therapy sessions have begun in some Texas prisons. Still, only 2 percent of incarcerated sex offenders are receiving the treatment, The Dallas Morning News reported in its Sunday editions.

"It's such an emotional issue that people just don't want to deal with it," said Dr. Collier Cole, a Galveston psychologist and chairman of the Texas Interagency Council on Sex Offender Treatment.

The Texas program, which has an annual budget of \$750,000, stresses group therapy. It began in 1990 at three state prisons.

So far, 200 offenders are enrolled in the program. However, state figures show there are 10,609 inmates identified as sex offenders in Texas prisons; 3,740 are convicted child molesters.

In addition, there are 4,784 sex offenders on parole or supervised release from prison and about 6,900 adult sex offenders on probation for sex offenses in Texas, statistics show.

About 100 parole officers and 50 supervisors have been trained as counselors to oversee 2,850 sex offender parolees, about 60 percent of all sex offenders on parole in Texas.

The recent arrests of convicted child molesters for the murders of Quana Colquitt of Dallas and Ashley Estell of Plano have renewed discussion over how to rehabilitate offenders.

James Brewster, 51, is accused of killing Quana, his 13-year-old step-granddaughter, on Oct. 5. Parolee Michael Blair, 23, faces trial in the Sept. 4 strangulation of 7-year-old Ashley.

Four-year degree — exception, not rule

By Geneen Pipher

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Texas A&M University officials say it is becoming more and more difficult for students to graduate in the four years prescribed by most degree plans.

Karen Price, an assistant registrar and degree auditor, said students who complete their degrees in four years or less are in the minority.

"What you are going to find is that very few students actual-

ly finish on time because it has become so difficult to do so in four years," she said. "Those who do finish in four years are those who go to school, fall, spring and summer consecutively, with no breaks."

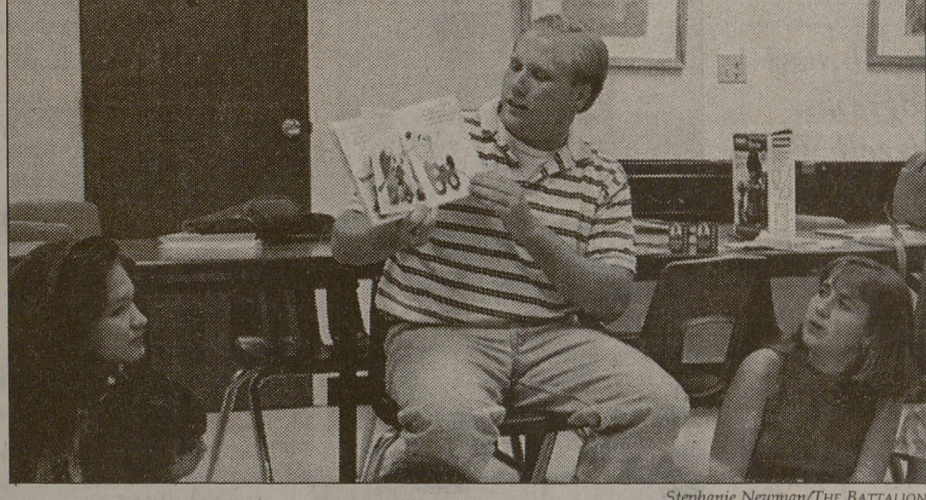
"Four-year students are definitely in the minority," she said. Price said most departments have very demanding curriculums, and unless students take the maximum course loads every semester, it is almost impossible to finish in four years.

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Literacy program benefits the whole family

By Stephanie Newman

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Mark Freeman, an education major from Hondo, reads to a group of elementary students at the Bryan Alternative Education Center.

A group of Texas A&M University students are helping some Bryan-College Station children build an environment of love in order to learn and respect differences in their peers.

Two nights each week, education majors in a multicultural reading course, which is taught at Texas A&M, spend three hours working with children whose parents are studying for the high school General Equivalency Diploma examination.

The students and children are part of a federally funded program called the Family Literacy Tutoring Program, a cooperative effort between Texas A&M and the Bryan Independent School District.

One night each week, education majors tutor one child while the child's parents are in class nearby at the BISD Cen-

ter for Alternative Education.

The program's philosophy is simple: By teaching parents and children together, education becomes more meaningful to both.

George and Chloe, his eight-year-old daughter, study separately most of the evenings. George, who makes stained glass, plans to continue his education after he passes the GED exam.

"She [Chloe] has always been good in her schoolwork," George said. "She just comes for help with her reading."

George and the other parents come to the children's play area during a coordinated break when the children get snacks and spend time with their parents reading or coloring.

The evening is divided into segments, allowing student tutors to plan lessons, help their child with homework, and play educational games.

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Hospital stay no excuse for bad grades, University officials say

By Carrie Miura

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After being hospitalized for more than two weeks during the school year, one Texas A&M University student is upset that the University forced him to leave because of poor semester grades.

Chris Jakubczak, a junior general studies major, asked the College of Business to erase his grades after being injured on the Bonfire cut site and having to miss two weeks of his freshman year.

Les Fiechtner, director of undergraduate programs for the College of Business, said the school denied his request because of a lack of evidence on Jakubczak's part.

"The pieces of documentation I saw did not prove he was out of school hospitalized for two weeks," Fiechtner said.

"Certain situations require greater evidence or support for modifying someone's records," he said. "His information was reviewed, including all of his letters and documents. After having considered all of that, his record change was denied because the information did not sway in his favor."

Initially diagnosed by Beutel Health Center as having a sprained muscle, Jakubczak later found out his muscle was torn.

Jakubczak said he had a difficult time working with advisers in the College of Business.

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- Monday: partly cloudy, highs in 80s, lows in 70s
- Tuesday: mostly cloudy, scattered showers, highs near 80

TEXAS LOTTO

- Saturday's winning Texas Lotto numbers: 4, 6, 17, 30, 38, 45

-The Associated Press