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In the news

■ **Deborah Mullen**, the wife of Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in Washington that military suicide-prevention efforts must also consider suicides among troops' spouses, adding, "There's another side to this, and that's family members who commit suicide. It's our responsibility. These are our family members."

■ **Michelle Obama**, the first lady, announced at the White House that in 2010 she intends to lead the administration's efforts to tackle the epidemic of childhood obesity and that if she has to go to Capitol Hill, lobby lawmakers and delve into policy, she will do it.

■ **Capt. Moussa "Dadis" Camara**, the leader of the military junta that seized power of the West African country of Guinea in December 2008, has turned up in Burkina Faso to recuperate after he was ejected by authorities in Morocco, where he had been since an attempt on his life last month.

■ **Mehmet Ali Agca**, who shot Pope John Paul II in 1981, said in a letter released by his lawyers that he would answer questions about the attack after he is released from prison in Turkey next week.

■ **Rick Perry**, the Republican governor of Texas, said his state won't compete for up to \$700 million in federal stimulus money for education because the program "smacks of a federal takeover of our public schools."

■ **Pope Benedict XVI** met with Susanna Maiolo, a 25-year-old who knocked him over at St. Peter's Basilica during Christmas Eve Mass, and he forgave her, the Vatican said.

■ **Nicolas Sarkozy**, 54, the French president, has become a grandfather after the wife of his 23-year-old son, Jean, gave birth to a boy named Solal.

■ **Capt. Anthony Juliana**, of a Salvation Army chapter in South Carolina, said the agency had received over \$75,000 from more than 250 people nationwide after a \$25,000 check donated in December to help needy families bounced, leaving the agency in financial straits.

■ **John "Junior" Gotti**, son of the late Gambino family crime boss John Sr. and who has seen four previous trials end in hung juries, will not face a fifth racketeering trial, a U.S. attorney in New York announced.

■ **Taylor Pugh**, 4, has been suspended from his pre-kindergarten class in a suburban Dallas school district because his hair is too long, and he does not want his parents to cut it.

Haiti in ruin; untold dead



The search for survivors goes on amid crushed cars and the rubble of a collapsed building Wednesday in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Thousands missing as world gets aid on way

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Dazed survivors wandered past dead bodies in rubble-strewn streets Wednesday, crying for loved ones, and rescuers searched collapsed buildings as officials feared that the death toll from Haiti's earthquake Tuesday would reach into the tens of thousands.

The first cargo planes with food, water, medical supplies, shelter and rescue dogs headed to the nation a day after the 7.0-magnitude quake flattened much of the capital of 2 million people.

Hospitals, schools and the main prison collapsed.

The capital's Roman Catholic archbishop was killed when his office and the main cathedral fell. The head of the U.N. peacekeeping mission was missing in the ruins of the organization's multistory headquarters.

"This is much worse than a hurricane," said doctors' assistant Jimitre Coquillon at a triage center in a hotel parking lot. "There's no water. There's nothing. Thirsty people are going to die."

Haiti's leaders struggled to comprehend the extent of the catastrophe — the worst earthquake to hit the country in 200 years — even as aftershocks still reverberated.

"It's incredible," Haitian President Rene Preval told CNN. "A lot of houses destroyed, hospitals, schools, personal homes. A lot of people in the street dead. ... I'm still looking to understand the magnitude of the event and how to manage."

Looting began almost as quickly as the quake struck at 4:53 p.m. Haiti time, and people were seen carrying food from collapsed buildings. Many lugged what they could salvage and stacked it around them as they slept in streets and parks.

About 3,000 police officers and international peacekeepers cleared de-

THOUSANDS beg for help as bodies litter Haiti streets. Page 4A.

ARKANSAS Witt, already in talks on Haiti, ready to help with recovery. Page 5A.

LIST OF ways to send aid to Haiti. Page 5A.



AP/REED SAXON

Injured people (right photo) gather on Delmas Road in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday. Above, Los Angeles Fire Department Capt. Billy Monahan and search dog Hunter get ready to fly to Haiti with their unit to assist rescue efforts.



AP/JORGE CRUZ

In state, folks with Haiti ties wait

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Arkansas churches with mission programs in earthquake-ravaged Haiti are nervously waiting to hear from their colleagues and preparing to help the only way they can — by raising money.

"We feel like our job is to raise funds so that when they call us, we can have money in hand," said Susan Turbeville,

a spokesman for El Dorado-based Haiti Education Foundation.

"There are medical teams that have gone down in association with us, but we would just be a hindrance to them at this point because we don't have disaster training. They would just have to take care of us," Turbeville said. "The best thing we can do is raise money so the people we have in place there can minister to the people that need to be

ministered to."

The Haiti Education Foundation supports 40 schools that house about 10,000 students and 400 teachers. Turbeville didn't know the extent of damage at the facilities run by the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti or whether there were injuries or deaths.

Walter Smith, senior minister of Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church in Hot Springs Village, said he had managed to get some con-

tact with a mission group in Pignon, Haiti, about 60 miles northeast of Port-au-Prince, after the 7.0-magnitude quake struck.

"We have been able to get through to a group out of Michigan on [the social-networking sites] Twitter and Facebook and by text on cell phone," he said, noting that no Arkansans were on mission trips in Haiti through the Methodist Church.

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State school fund looks short for '11

Anemic revenue, reserves mean program cutbacks, legislators hear

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The state's Public School Fund must cut programs, and may eliminate others, in fiscal 2011 because of revenue shortfalls and dwindling reserves, Education Commissioner Tom Kimbrell said Wednesday.

"We know there will be some tough times ahead," Kimbrell told the Joint Budget Committee.

Also Wednesday, Gov. Mike Beebe defended his proposals that would give him new authority in deciding where state dollars go.

Beebe said that as a former state senator he's "very

STATE PRISON officials expect 2011 budget to rise. Page 6A.

sensitive" to any perception among legislators that he may want too much power.

"I don't want to take any authority they don't want to give me," Beebe said.

The committee's budget hearings continue today with the state's Department of Health and Department of Human Services.

The hearings are in preparation for the Legislature meeting Feb. 8 to deliberate on the state's budget for fiscal 2011, which starts July 1.

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AP/PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS

Lloyd Blankfein (from left) of Goldman Sachs, **Jamie Dimon** of JPMorgan Chase, **John Mack** of Morgan Stanley and **Brian Moynihan** of Bank of America are sworn in Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

Bank execs: Sorry for bad practices

Panel probing financial crisis told of risky, harmful behavior

DANIEL WAGNER AND JIM KUHNHENN
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WASHINGTON — Wall Street executives said Wednesday that they underestimated the severity of the 2008 financial crisis and apologized for risky behavior

and poor decisions.

They also defended their bonus and compensation practices to a skeptical commission investigating what caused the collapse.

Americans are furious and "have a right to be" about the hefty bonuses banks paid out

after getting billions in federal help, the commission's chairman told chief executives of four major banks, all survivors of the deepest and longest recession since the Depression.

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WEATHER

LITTLE ROCK
Today Mostly cloudy, a slight chance of light rain.
High 50, light south-southeast winds.
Tonight Slight chance of rain.
Low Mid-30s.



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