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CONSERVATIVE HARD-LINER:

Ratzinger rose as the Vatican's enforcer of church teaching.

'TRANSITIONAL' POPE:

At 78, he figures to uphold his predecessor's policies.

THE PAPAL NAME:

Benedict XV was a moderate who reigned during World War I.



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'A simple, humble worker': Pope Benedict XVI, elected on the fourth ballot, waves from a Vatican balcony Tuesday. He had been a front-runner, but his election surprised many because of its speed.

Childhood under Nazis fueled Ratzinger's rigor

By DANIEL J. WAKIN
The New York Times

ROME — The man who has become Pope Benedict XVI was a product of wartime Germany, but also a deeply Catholic region, Bavaria.

As the Nazis strengthened their stranglehold on Germany in the 1930s, the devoutly Catholic family of Joseph Ratzinger moved frequently between villages in rural Bavaria.

"Unemployment was rife," he wrote in his memoir *Milestones*. "War reparations weighed heavily on the Ger-

man economy. Battles among the political parties set people against one another."

His father, he wrote, was a determined anti-Nazi.

The Roman Catholic Church, Ratzinger recalled, was his bulwark against the Nazi regime, serving as "a citadel of truth and righteousness against the realm of atheism and deceit."

But he could not avoid the realities of the day. Ratzinger was briefly and unenthusiastically a member of the Hitler

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Oldest pope in centuries

The new pope, who turned 78 Saturday, is the oldest since Clement XII, who was three months older when he was elected in 1730.

Ages of popes at election:

	Age	Served
John Paul II	58	1978-2005
John Paul I	65	1978
Paul VI	65	1963-1978
John XXIII	76	1958-1963
Pius XII	73	1939-1958
Pius XI	64	1922-1939
Benedict XV	54	1914-1922

By IAN FISHER
The New York Times

VATICAN CITY — Roman Catholic cardinals reached to the church's conservative wing Tuesday and chose as the 265th pope Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, a seasoned and hard-line German theologian who served as John Paul II's defender of the faith.

At 5:50 p.m. (11:50 a.m. EDT), wispy white smoke puffed from the chimney above the Sistine Chapel where the cardinals were meeting, signaling that the new pope had been chosen, only a day after the secret conclave began.

His name was not announced until nearly an hour later, after the great bell at St. Peter's tolled, the scarlet curtain over the basilica's central balcony parted and a cardinal stepped out to announce in Latin: "*Habemus papam!*"

"Dear brothers and sisters," Ratz-

inger said, speaking Italian in a clear voice, spreading his arms wide over the crowd from the balcony, "after the great John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me, a simple, humble worker in the Lord's vineyard."

He announced his name as Benedict XVI.

The unusually brief conclave seemed to suggest that Ratzinger, 78, was a popular choice inside the college of 115 cardinals who elected him. He

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Video, photos and updates from the pope's first Mass at PalmBeachPost.com

Witness Jarkera Harris demonstrates Tuesday how Delray Beach police officer Darren Cogoni was holding his gun in the February incident that led to the death of Jerrod Miller, 16. It was the second day of an inquest.

CHRIS MATULA
Staff Photographer



No witnesses saw crowd past teen's car

The audience has more questions than a prosecutor in the Delray inquest.

By RANI GUPTA
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

DELRAY BEACH — For the second day in a row, no witnesses corroborated police officer Darren Cogoni's taped statement that he shot Jerrod Miller as he drove through a school breezeway be-

cause "a large group of people" was in the path of Miller's car.

But conflicting statements from the students and administrators who testified fueled a flurry of questions from the spectators as the inquest into the shooting death of the 16-year-old continued Tuesday.

Written questions from the audience far outpaced those asked by Assistant State Attorney Doug Fulton.

Spectators also expressed frustration about the absence of the two

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Delray Beach police officers who were working off-duty security at a dance the night of Feb. 26 at the Delray Full Service Center school.

Audience members submitted several questions about why Cogoni and partner Kenneth Brotz, both rookie officers, were not in court.

County Judge Debra Moses Stephens stressed that Cogoni has the right not to testify.

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The state reports violent crime and weapons cases rose. **Local, 1B**