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Girls cry as the body of a little girl is removed from the rubble Wednesday in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The country's president fears chaos in the wake of the ruinous tremor.

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Man shot after his 911 call

BY PAT GILLESPIE

The 19-year-old man shot by a Fort Myers police officer Saturday made the 911 call that led to the shooting.

In tapes released Wednesday by Fort Myers Police, Dion Maycock told dispatchers there was a man walking down Canal Street near Meadow Avenue, armed with a gun. It was the second time in less than a week that he'd called 911 saying a man with a gun was walking down the street.

In the Saturday call, he described the person's clothes, said he had a handgun and he was walking west on Canal Street.

"He's by himself," the caller said. "He's walking with (a gun) in his hand. He has some gloves on. I don't know what he's going to do with it."

Maycock added urgency to the situation by pleading with the dispatcher to quickly send officers.

"Please hurry," he said. "Send somebody. Please."

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Listen: Hear the 911 call of the Jan. 9 shooting involving a Fort Myers police officer and the 911 call of a related trespassing incident.

Cubs may choose a suitor next week

BY GLENN MILLER

The folks behind the quest to bring the Chicago Cubs to Collier County expect to know by early next week what the team will do about its spring training future.

Craig Bouchard of Project Home Run believes word may come Monday or Tuesday whether the team will continue training in Mesa, Ariz., or move to Collier County.

"We think the Cubs may come out with a decision to choose either Naples-Collier County or Mesa, Arizona, to enter into an exclusive negotiating relationship," Bouchard said. "That relationship would last several months and would allow the winner of that decision to try to get a deal."

The Cubs have said for weeks the decision would come in January. A club official confirmed that Wednesday.

"The Cubs still expect to have a decision by the end of the month," team

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Video: Chicago Cubs get closer to spring training decision.

Previous coverage: Cubs eye Collier for spring training site.

McClatchy News Service

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI — Rescue workers dragged corpses from collapsed buildings, dazed homeless wandered the streets and the death toll climbed Wednesday as dozens of aftershocks from a massive earthquake rattled Port-au-Prince.

The Roman Catholic archbishop is dead. The top U.N. envoy is reported dead, too. And police and politicians, led by President Rene Preval — who described stepping over bodies and hearing cries of those trapped under the rubble of the national Parliament — struggled to keep the

nation from descending into chaos.

It was a day of unfolding calamity.

"I have probably seen 30 or 40 bodies today, but that is just one street," said Benjamin Hopp, a missionary with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Hopp was gathering bodies and putting them in a pickup, a snapshot in suffering that reflected a grim reality.

No reliable casualty count emerged, even as both Preval and Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellevue predicted the death toll could reach 100,000.

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Family, friends here endure grueling wait

BY CHRIS UMPIERRE

Wearing a purple head scarf and a purple sweater, Sheryl Figaro sat near the overhead TV inside a Fort Myers bakery and locked her eyes on news reports from her native Haiti.

Figaro, who has more than 10 relatives in Port-au-Prince, covered her mouth with her hand and grimaced as images of bloodied Haitians flashed on the screen.

"Oh my God!" Figaro shouted. Figaro was one of

LOCAL HAITIANS

• There are about 50,000 Haitians living in Southwest Florida, according to the Haitian Coalition of Collier County.

• There are approximately 15,000 Haitians in Lee and 17,500 in Collier.

about 10 Haitian natives who gathered Wednesday at the Fort Myers Bakery off Fowler Street. Another 15 Haitians talked around a red Dodge pickup across the

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Julie St. Louis prays Wednesday during a memorial service for the victims of the Haiti earthquake at First Haitian Baptist Church in Fort Myers. About 100 people attended the service.

Haiti at a glance

Population: 9,035,536

Official languages: French, Creole

Ethnic groups: Mulatto and white: 5%

Black: 95%

Religions: Protestant: 16%

Roman Catholic: 80%

Roughly half of the population practices Vodoun

Literacy rate: 52.9%

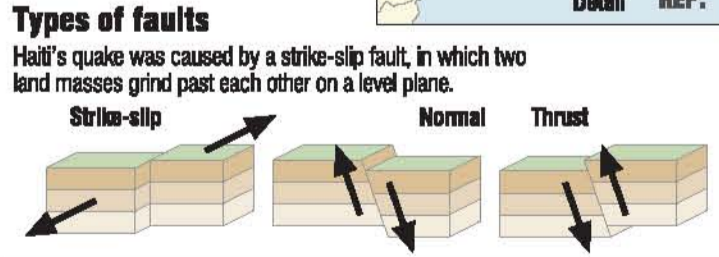
Population below poverty line: 80%

GDP per capita: \$1,300

Widespread unemployment and underemployment

Types of faults

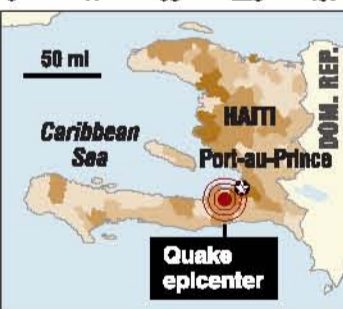
Haiti's quake was caused by a strike-slip fault, in which two land masses grind past each other on a level plane.



SOURCES: UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS; CIA WORLD FACTBOOK; BSR; USGS

Population density, In thousands

0 41 96 223 467



• Reporter Rachel Revel and photographer Andrew West will be filing news-press.com updates and newspaper stories from Haiti starting today.

• PHOTOS: See the latest images of the devastation and the relief efforts.

• VIDEO: Watch reports from Haiti on search and rescue, the survivors and more.

• TWITTER: Real-time news reports from Haiti.

• IN DEPTH: Our special Web page with blogs, how to help information, and the most recent headlines.

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• QUOTES: See what people and leaders around the world are saying about the earthquake. A6

• QUAKES: Killer earthquakes, such as the one that struck Haiti on Tuesday, are nothing new to the Caribbean area. A5

News Digest



This mom's a real athlete

A Fort Myers mother is juggling her career in a medical profession, her family and her position on a Lingerie Football League team. Lifestyles, E1

Gas prices to get higher

Gas prices across SW Florida are expected to top \$3 a gallon before summer, but likely won't challenge record highs above \$4 set in 2008. Business, D1

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