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BETRAYAL ADMITTED

Nephew testifies in murder trial

By **CARL HESSLER JR.**
For The Reporter

NORRISTOWN — Appearing to bow his head in shame at

times, a Montgomery Township man told a jury he betrayed his family by helping to plan a home invasion robbery that ended with his uncle's brutal death.

Angelo "Lo" Shin, 25, of Anthony Court, testified in Montgomery County Court that he bragged about his uncle Robert Chae's wealth to Joseph Page,

setting the stage for a violent Jan. 9, 2009, robbery of Chae's Montgomery Township home.

"I bragged about how rich he was, that he had a big store, had a lot of fancy cars and by the look of his big house he was pretty wealthy," Shin testified Wednesday as the murder trial of Page

and two alleged co-conspirators entered its second day. "I told him there might be a safe in the house, in the main bedroom."

Shin, who prosecutors once described as "a traitor of the worst kind," claimed that during a December 2008 conversation, he told Page that Chae kept

about \$100,000 at the Chae's Gwynmont Drive home.

Shin testified he told Page that any robbery would be "in and out, quick and easy."

Shin, who once lived with Chae's family after emigrating

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Thousands trapped



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PEOPLE SEARCH for survivors under the rubble of a collapsed building in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Wednesday. The 7.0-magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti on Tuesday flattened the president's palace, the cathedral, hospitals, schools, the main prison and whole neighborhoods.

U.S. ordering amphibious assault ship to sail to Haiti with 2,000 Marines

By **JONATHAN M. KATZ**
Associated Press Writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Dazed survivors wandered past dead bodies in rubble-strewn streets Wednesday,

crying for loved ones, and rescuers desperately searched collapsed buildings as fear rose that the death toll from Haiti's devastating earthquake could reach into the tens of thousands.

The first cargo planes with food,

water, medical supplies, shelter and sniffer dogs headed to the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation a day after the magnitude-7 quake flattened much of the capital of 2 million people.

Tuesday's earthquake brought down

buildings great and small — from shacks in shantytowns to President Rene Preval's gleaming white National Palace, where a dome tilted ominously

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NPSD, NPEA spar over federal funding

By **DAN SOKIL**
Staff Writer

The North Penn Education Association and district school board are back in the headlines and disagreeing with each other.

But this time, it's not because of the ongoing contract dispute between both parties, it's because of the North Penn School District's application, or lack thereof, for federal

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Area resident recounts quake experience

Editor's note: The following was submitted by Beverly Miller of Harleysville, via e-mail:

I came to serve but I wasn't prepared for an earthquake that registered 7.0 on the Richter scale.

How can this be happening to a country like Haiti, already struggling with mountains of debt and a history of political and social catastrophes?

On Jan. 9, my son and I left for southern Haiti as an outreach of Souderton Mennonite Church. My son, Jordan, needed to fulfill his

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Souderton Mennonite Church holds vigil for Haiti and mission workers

By **DAVID HARE**
Staff Writer

Members of the Souderton Mennonite Church held a prayer vigil Wednesday night for the victims of Tuesday's earthquake in Haiti, as well as for a group of fellow congregants doing mission work there.

According to Pastor Gerry Clemmer, 27 members of his church arrived in Haiti Saturday as part of a mission program called Water For Life, which provides clean drinking water for the southern part of Haiti through the drilling of wells.

Clemmer said the group is located in a village about 70 miles from the earthquake epicenter. They were scheduled to return home this Saturday.

"The team is safe," he said. "We've talked to the travel agent and the airlines about conditions, but there's no definite

On the Net

■ For video of the vigil and an interview with a local woman with relatives in Haiti visit www.thereporteronline.com

plan right now."

Beverly Miller of Harleysville and her son Jordan, a senior at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, are part of the team in Haiti.

According to Jordan's father Ken Miller, Jordan chose the trip to Haiti for a school service project.

Early Wednesday night Miller said his wife had called him on a cell phone about an hour ago.

It was a brief conversation, he said, lasting about two minutes.

"Last night the group pulled their mattresses outside and slept under the stars," he said, recounting the conversa-

tion.

Getting his family and the rest of the team home by Saturday is "iffy," he said. "They have to get back to Port-au-Prince, where the main airport is," Miller said.

The 7.0 earthquake struck Port-au-Prince Tuesday. According to early press reports as many as 50,000 people may be dead.

Other reports claim the airport is damaged but useable.

Pastor Clemmer said Wednesday's prayer vigil was held "to give thanks for the safety of our team."

"Our prayers are for the nation of Haiti," he said.

Clemmer recommended people donate to established organizations such as the Mennonite Central Committee at mcc.org.

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HAITI NATIVE Wendy Lorisme, bottom right, Pastor Sandy Drescher-Lehman, right, and Souderton Mennonite Church members hold a prayer service on Wednesday evening. Lorisme has family in Haiti and the church had members there at the time of the earthquake.

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