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IN BRIEF

Pope meets, then forgives woman

Pope Benedict XVI met on Wednesday with the woman who knocked him over at St. Peter's Basilica during Christmas Eve Mass, and he forgave her, the Vatican said. Susanna Maiolo, a 25-year-old with a history of psychiatric problems, and her family met in a private audience with the pope at the end of his general audience, said Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi. Maiolo told the pontiff she was sorry for what had happened, while Benedict inquired about her health and "wanted to demonstrate his forgiveness," Lombardi said in a statement.

— Wire report

Y chromosome evolving quickly

Women may think of men as primitive, but new research indicates that the Y chromosome — the thing that makes a man male — is evolving far faster than the rest of the human genetic code. Before men get too impressed with themselves, lead author Jennifer Hughes offers some words of caution: Just because the Y chromosome, which determines gender, is evolving at a speedy rate it doesn't necessarily mean men themselves are more evolved.

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Woman harvests windpipe in arm

For years, Linda De Croock lived with constant pain from a car accident that smashed her windpipe. Today, she has a new one after surgeons implanted the windpipe from a dead man into her arm, where it grew new tissue before being transplanted into her throat.

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I'M SMILING BECAUSE...



"I get to paint my artwork."

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Haitians mourning



AP photos

Above: People gather outside Haiti's National Palace, which was damaged by the 7.0-magnitude quake. Below: An injured child sits on the sidewalk in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Wednesday. The International Red Cross says a third of Haiti's 9 million people may need emergency aid.

Tens of thousands feared dead in quake

By **JONATHAN M. KATZ**
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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 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 above the manicured grounds.

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.

At a triage center improvised in a hotel parking lot, people with cuts, broken bones and crushed ribs

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A&M, System to share services

By **VIMAL PATEL**
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Texas A&M University and the 11-university system that governs it will be aligned more closely, a move that raises concerns about the flagship College Station campus' autonomy but that proponents say is simply financial prudence.

Under the administrative changes announced Wednesday, the head of the Texas A&M System, Chancellor Mike McKinney, and Texas A&M University's president, R. Bowen Loftin in the interim, will now have the same spokesman. Jason Cook, vice president for marketing and communications for the university, will now serve as the chief communications officer for the two leaders.

Also, B.J. Crain, associate vice chancellor for the budgets and

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Bankers sorry for bad risks

By **JIM KUHNHENN**
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Challenged by a skeptical special commission, top Wall Street bankers apologized Wednesday for risky behavior that led to the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. But they still declared it seemed appropriate at the time.

The bankers — whose companies collectively received more than \$100 billion in taxpayer assistance to weather the crisis — offered no regrets for executive pay that is now likely to increase as a result of their survival. They did say they are correcting some compensation practices that could lead to excessive risk-taking.

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Huge generator rolling through area

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Its journey from Japan to the Port of Houston might have been the easy part.

A massive 1.7 million-pound generator slowly is making its way inland, accompanied by officials with the Texas Department of Transportation, to its destination at a power plant in Riesel.

So far, crews from Mammoet USA, the company permitted to move the piece of equipment, have made it about 73 miles at a rate of about 10 miles a day.

Beginning Sunday, motorists can expect road closures and delays while crews work to move the generator through Grimes, Brazos and Robertson counties.

Crews will direct the generator along Texas 105 in Grimes County,

continuing north on Texas 6 in Brazos County and on to OSR. From there, it will be routed north on F.M. 46 in Robertson County to U.S. 79 and back to Texas 6.

According to the schedule, the generator will be out of the Brazos Valley by Jan. 23.

Planning how to move the generator that's as long as a football field, 18-foot tall and 38-foot wide took six months, said Mammoet permit coordi-

nator Nelva Trejo.

"It was a lot of trial and error, trying to find a route for something this huge," she said. "Never have we done something this heavy covering this many miles."

Something this large hasn't come through Brazos County since 2007, said Bob Colwell, a TxDOT spokesman.

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