

100 killed in earthquake on Indonesia's Sumatra Island

SUNGAIPENUH, Indonesia— Trucks carted the bodies of earthquake victims through a torrential rain Sunday to the edge of town where soldiers labored to dig enough graves.

The work was slow the day after 100 people died in a pre-dawn quake on the island of Sumatra, as the downpour filled the graves with water and turned the ground into mire.

Another 700 people were seriously injured in the magnitude-7 quake, and 10,000 buildings collapsed or were seriously damaged. The epicenter was near this town of 40,000 in a remote south-central valley.

The earthquake struck at 1:09

a.m., when most people in this remote valley in south-central Sumatra's Jambi province were asleep. Tremors were felt hundreds of miles away in Singapore and Malaysia.

"We were all in deep sleep when the house started to shake and sway," said Ngatimin, a municipal worker who like many Indonesians uses only one name.

"I heard hysterical cries and screams. ... The lights went off and we were scrambling to get out in pitch darkness."

Five strong aftershocks on Sunday drove survivors out of their homes and into the open, where they huddled in the rain and wept.

Pope: Democracy needs virtue

BALTIMORE— Preaching in the cradle of U.S. Catholicism, Pope John Paul II urged the faithful Sunday to heed America's founding fathers and bring religious convictions to bear on political issues, especially those affecting human life "from conception to natural death."

"Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought," John Paul told 50,000 followers who filled a baseball stadium.

The scoreboard displayed the message, "He is here," and the soul group

Boyz II Men serenaded the pontiff as he entered the ballpark in his popemobile. The stadium had not rocked to such cheers since Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's 56-year-old record of playing in 2,130 straight games.

Later, in the final address of his fourth U.S. pilgrimage, the pope insisted that the American democracy must not merely guarantee religious freedom, but also act on religious principles.

"Democracy needs virtue, if it is not to turn against everything that it is meant to defend and encourage," the pope said at Baltimore-Washington Airport, where he was seen off by

Vice President Al Gore. "Democracy stands or falls with the truths and values which it embodies and promotes."

With the Democratic vice president who supports abortion rights sitting at his elbow, the pope said that central among these values is "the sanctity of human life in all conditions and at all stages of development ... from conception to natural death."

The pope and Gore also talked to each other for about 10 minutes. The vice president told John Paul that President Clinton appreciated his efforts to bring peace in Bosnia.

Newspaper reports Simpson's plans to wed

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — O.J. Simpson headed to the Dominican Republic on Sunday for a speedy marriage to model Paula Barbieri, a local newspaper reported.

In a front-page report, the Listin Diario newspaper quoted unidentified sources as saying Simpson and Ms. Barbieri left Los Angeles on Saturday for Miami and were to fly on a private plane to the Dominican Republic on Sunday.

There was no confirmation of the report. Dominican immigration officials would not say whether Simpson had arrived or planned to arrive. Several Dominican airports and the U.S. Embassy also said they had no information about the reports.

Attorney Johnnie L. Cochran denied Simpson was on his way to the Dominican Republic, telling CBS Radio, "No, there's no truth to that at all." Cochran did not return repeated telephone messages left by The Asso-

ciated Press on Sunday.

Listin Diario is the newspaper that broke the news of Michael Jackson's marriage to Lisa Marie Presley in the Dominican Republic last year.

The Simpson marriage rumors started surfacing in the Italian media Friday, three days after a jury in Los Angeles acquitted Simpson in the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman on June 12, 1994.

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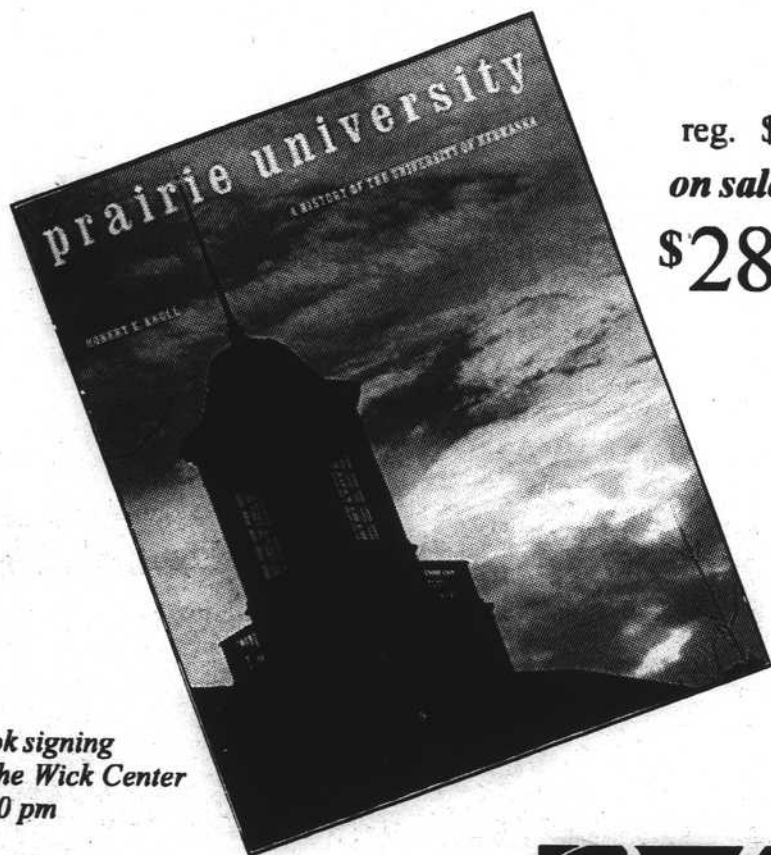
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