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**MILLIONS IN DESPERATE NEED OF RELIEF AS DEATH TOLL FROM HAITIAN QUAKE RISES**

## Survivors sift through ruins



JORGE CRUZ / The Associated Press

The streets of Port-au-Prince were filled with dazed and injured Haitians on Wednesday, a day after a magnitude-7 earthquake leveled the capital city. Although humanitarian and rescue efforts have begun, witnesses report a grim and chaotic scene with dead bodies everywhere, widespread looting and no organized effort to distribute food and water.

### Buildings collapsed on both poor and prominent, from a prison to a palace

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 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 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

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ruins of the organization's multistory headquarters.

Police officers turned their pickup trucks into ambulances to carry the injured. Wisnel Occilus, a 24-year-old student, was wedged between two other survivors in a truck bed headed to a police station. He was in an English class when the earth shook at 4:53 p.m. and the building collapsed.

"The professor is dead. Some of the students are dead too," said Occilus, who suspected he had several broken bones. "Everything hurts."

Other survivors carried injured people to hospitals in wheelbarrows and on stretchers fashioned from doors.



LYNNE SLADKY / The Associated Press

Corpses awaiting identification line the streets of Port-au-Prince. Survivors likely will face an increased risk of dengue fever, malaria and measles.

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## Fiber-optic project may bring high-speed Web to Nome

**TOKYO-LONDON:** Polar melt allows route through Northwest Passage.

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Alaska Native corporations and a multinational firm are planning to build the first fiber-optic cable between Asia and Europe through the Arctic.

The project, estimated to cost roughly \$1 billion, involves laying 10,000 miles of undersea fiber-optic cable from Tokyo, along the Alaska

coast, through the Northwest Passage, past the southern coast of Greenland to London, company officials said Wednesday.

The cable would have two landing points in Alaska — Dutch Harbor and Prudhoe Bay.

It would be a major gateway linking Alaska to the rest of the world, particularly to the Pacific Rim, said Walt Ebell, chief executive of the Kodiak Kenai Cable Co., one of the companies involved in the project.

He said the project is possible in large part because of the shrinking polar ice cap, which has spurred increased vessel traffic in the Arctic Ocean.

Though the Asia-to-Europe project will rely on private financing, KKC has already requested \$350 million in federal stimulus grants and loans to lay undersea fiber along the Alaska coast, from Kodiak to Prudhoe Bay. Most of that Alaska line — the portion from Dutch Harbor to Prudhoe — would be part of the larger Asia-to-Europe cable that the company also is pursuing, executives said.

If the Alaska cable portion is funded and built, it could provide high-speed, reliable Internet to Bethel, Kotzebue, Nome and other

communities. In the future, the network could be expanded to bring broadband Internet to 142 villages, company executives say.

For now, most rural Alaska communities rely on satellite-based Internet, which is expensive and sometimes transmits data to households and businesses even more slowly than a dial-up Internet connection.

"It's really, really slow," said Denise Michels, the mayor of Nome, one of 14 rural communities that have written letters in favor of

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### Top Nation & World News

#### Common opiate may reduce PTSD

A battlefield study has found that morphine, if given soon after traumatic injury, appears to reduce the number of people who subsequently develop PTSD by half. The finding has implications for other traumatic events, such as rape or muggings. **Page A-5**

#### Goldman Sachs chairman says financial giant's actions 'improper'

In testimony before a special congressional panel Wednesday, the chairman of Goldman Sachs conceded that the financial megacorporation engaged in "improper" behavior that contributed to the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. **Page A-5**

## Judge rules that Kott received a fair trial

### STILL OUT OF PRISON: Ex-lawmaker says feds withheld key information.

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A federal judge ruled late Wednesday that former Alaska House Speaker Pete Kott received a fair trial in 2007 on corruption charges and that the "court has not found a sufficient basis" to order a

new trial or dismiss the case.

Kott is trying to get his conviction thrown out on the grounds that prosecutors failed to turn over critical information to the defense before the trial — the same basis upon which another federal judge threw out the case against former U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens.

A federal jury found Kott guilty of conspiracy, extortion and bribery in a trial that relied heavily on secretly recorded conversations. He was

sentenced to six years in federal prison and had served about a year and half of that when he was freed while questions over whether he received a fair trial are sorted out.

Until the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals considers the matter, Kott will continue to remain out of prison, under Wednesday's ruling by U.S. District Judge John Sedwick.

Sedwick agreed with the defense



Kott got a six-year sentence for corruption in 2007.

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