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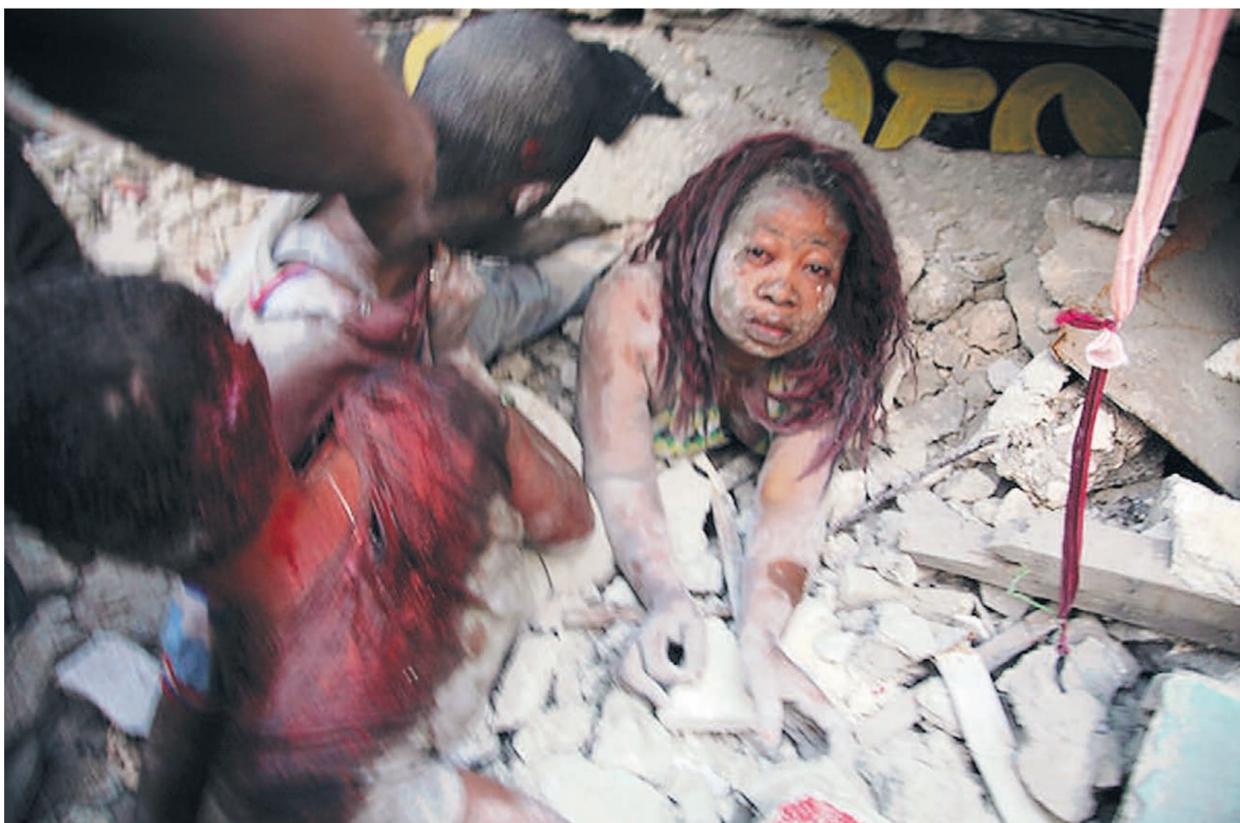
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# STUNNED HAITI LIES IN RUINS

Death toll could reach tens of thousands after horrifying 7.0 earthquake

Bodies are piling up in the streets of flattened capital of Port-au-Prince

First cargo planes arrive with food, water, shelter — and sniffer dogs



As terrible as her situation is, this Port-au-Prince woman is one of the lucky ones, having been found alive in the rubble of a building. Haitian President Rene Preval struggled to deal with the disaster. "I'm still looking to understand the magnitude of the event and how to manage," he said.

**By Jonathan M. Katz**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Dazed survivors wandered past 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 mani-

cured 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 multi-story headquarters.

At a triage center improvised in a hotel parking lot, people with cuts, broken bones and crushed ribs moaned under tentlike covers fashioned from bloody sheets.

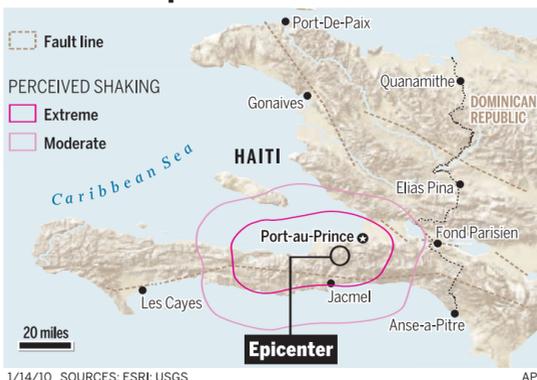
"I can't take it anymore. My back hurts

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**SN** On StarNet: See more photos of the devastation in Haiti and the mobilization of relief efforts at [azstarnet.com/slideshows](http://azstarnet.com/slideshows)

## Fault-line quake

Haiti's 7.0-magnitude earthquake occurred along a fault.



1/14/10 SOURCES: ESRI; USGS

## HOW TO HELP

Tucson-based World Care is responding to earthquake victims in Haiti after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake caused thousands of buildings to collapse in the capital, Port-au-Prince. World Care will partner with other international organizations in delivering emergency relief. The aid agency said it needs antibiotic

creams and ointments, antiseptic wipes, bleach in tablet form, Band-Aids, gauze and tape, first-aid kits and gloves, among other items. Monetary donations can be mailed to: World Care, 3538 E. Ellington Place, Tucson, AZ 85713; in memo line write: "Tools for ER or Haiti Relief." Southern Arizona volunteers with the

American Red Cross are waiting to hear from their international organization on whether they'll be heading to Haiti. The American Red Cross already has pledged \$200,000 to relief efforts. Donate online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or send check or money order to: American Red Cross, Southern Arizona Chapter, P.O. Box 28890, Tuc-

son, AZ 85726-8890; in memo line write: International Response Fund. Text to Give: Text "HAITI" to "90999." A donation of \$10 will be given to the Red Cross to help with relief efforts and will show up on the donor's next phone bill. The Red Cross is not accepting in-kind donations at this time.

# 9 schools in TUSD consider mergers

District proposal rewards campuses that combine

By Andrea Rivera  
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

At least nine schools in TUSD are weighing a district proposal to consolidate schools in the face of district budget cuts and declining enrollment.

Wrightstown and Henry elementary schools already have held community meetings to discuss merging with other elementary schools. And Holladay Intermediate Magnet School also hosted a meeting this week for staffers and parents to mull over transforming the third- through fifth-grade school into a fourth- through eighth-grade school.

Merging with Naylor Middle School was brought up at the Holladay meeting, too.

Conversations also have started at Carson Middle School and Santa Rita High School to discuss consolidating the campuses into one seventh- through 12th-grade school at the east-side high school, Tucson Unified School District officials said.

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# Fires in winter mean we need a mind-set like summer

By Tom Beal  
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Pretend it's June. That's the message from area forest managers, who say warm, dry conditions in our wild lands make it necessary to adopt fire-season behavior early this year.

"Here we are in the middle of winter and we're still seeing active fire, so it's important for people to ... take personal responsibility and not be the ignition source," said Heidi Schewel, a spokeswoman for Coronado National Forest.

Kristy Lund, fire manager for Saguaro National Park and the Coronado's Santa Catalina District, said, "Fire behavior is nothing like it should be at this time of the year." Fires are spreading rapidly and burning through the night, she said.

Five fires have started in Southern Arizona's Coronado National Forest this year.

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## COMING FRIDAY

# Spring Arts Preview: A look at what's in store for theater- and concert-goers.



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Partly cloudy, cooler