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'UNIMAGINABLE'

DEATH TOLL Too early to tell but it could be tens of thousands of people LOCAL MISSING Still no word from Jacksonville missionary in Haiti A-5

By JONATHAN M. KATZ
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Dazed survivors wandered past dead bodies in rubble-strewn streets Wednesday, crying for loved ones while 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.

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. peace-keeping mission was missing in the 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



Photos by JORGE CRUZ/Associated Press

Injured and now-homeless Haitians mill about in Port-au-Prince or simply sit on a street, not knowing what to do next or where to turn for assistance and comfort.

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WAITING FOR NEWS: Jacksonville's Haitian community waits, prays and braces for bad news. **A-5**

CALL FOR HELP: Northeast Florida religious groups with long-standing mission ties to Haiti are joining the chorus call for donations. **A-5**

FLORIDA AT RISK? Florida is not in harm's way from the fault line involved in Tuesday's earthquake in Haiti. **A-6**

EXTRAS

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VIDEO: Watch video updates from Haiti at jacksonville.com/networkvideo.



Debris litters a street Wednesday just as it does across the capital. From the need to look for survivors to collecting the dead to treating the injured, the immediate outlook for Haiti is grim.

Bolles graduate who runs orphanage asks for prayers

By TOPHER SANDERS
The Times-Union



Schurke

Cherry

A Bolles High graduate operating an orphanage in a village about 30 to 40 miles from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, said he fears what may happen as resources decrease and desperation increases on the earthquake-ravaged island.

Jeremy Schurke, 24, said he fought to stay on his feet Tuesday when the 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti.

"Haiti really, really needs your prayers," Schurke said during a phone call Wednesday. "I think it's going to get a lot worse before it gets better."

Schurke and his friends Jay Cherry, 25, also a 2003 Bolles graduate, and Cherry's wife,

Diana, a 2003 Stanton graduate, have been living in Haiti since September, running an orphanage in Messailier. They started a nonprofit, Lespwa Worldwide, four years ago to support orphans.

The quake, Schurke said, destroyed many of the small homes in the village but barely damaged the orphanage facility.

"It was just like an angel was

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T-U parent company restructures its debt

Filing prepackaged plan will allow it to avoid creditors temporarily.

By MARK BASCH
The Times-Union

Morris Publishing Group, publisher of The Times-Union, announced Wednesday it ex-

pects to file a prepackaged plan of reorganization by Tuesday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in order to restructure its debt.

Even before filing it in court, the company said it has "received overwhelming support" from its bond holders for the plan, which involves exchanging \$278.5 million in senior subordinated notes for \$100

million of new second lien secured notes.

Morris also said the reorganization is not expected to have "any noticeable impact" on its ongoing operations. In addition to The Times-Union, Augusta, Ga.-based Morris owns and operates the St. Augustine Record and 11 other daily newspapers, as well as non-daily newspa-

pers, city magazines and free community publications.

"The restructuring will get us on more solid financial footing as we navigate the future, and we will be a stronger company when this process is complete," said Lucy C. Talley, Times-Union publisher. "We

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YOU SHOULD KNOW

4 U.S. TROOPS KILLED

In Afghanistan: Four U.S. service members were killed Wednesday in separate attacks while battling Taliban insurgents. **A-3**

Obesity rate is high but not rising

Rate appears steady: The numbers still show that many Americans are still overweight. **A-3**

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