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Haiti reels from quake

Thousands feared dead; many trapped.

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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 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 to hospitals in wheelbarrows and on stretchers fashioned from doors.

In Petionville, next to the capital, people used sledgehammers and their bare hands to dig through a collapsed shopping center, tossing aside mattresses and office supplies. More than a dozen cars were entombed, including a U.N. truck.

Nearby, about 200 survivors, including many children, huddled in a theater parking lot using sheets to rig makeshift tents and shield themselves from the sun in 90-degree heat.

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

"I can't take it anymore. My back hurts too much," said Alex Georges, 28, who was still waiting for treatment a day after his school collapsed and killed 11 classmates. A body lay a few feet away.

"This is much worse than a hurricane," said doctors' assistant Jimitre Coquillon. "There's no water. There's nothing. Thirsty people are going to die."

If there were any organized efforts to distribute food or water, they were not visible.

The aid group Doctors Without Borders treated wounded at two hospitals that withstood the quake and set up tent clinics elsewhere to replace its damaged facilities.

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On a roll



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Andy Diep of Iowa City, sushi chef and owner of Konomi, prepares sushi Wednesday in the Great River Medical Center cafeteria. Diep serves sushi at the hospital between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

TASTY TREATMENT

Great River Medical Center adds sushi to its cafeteria offerings

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WEST BURLINGTON — The cafeteria at Great

River Medical Center offers just about every kind of meat-and-potato dish imaginable. But until about a month ago, one thing never served was sushi.

Until now. "I thought it might be a neat enhancement a few times a week," said Rich Burlingame, food services manager at the hospital.

The sushi is prepared by Iowa City chef Andy Diep, who owns three sushi

restaurants in the Iowa City and Coralville area. He's slowly been expanding GRMC employees' palate with a kind of food many have never experienced.

"Not a lot of people here have had sushi, but they're willing to try it," Diep said. "That's a good thing."

Diep runs a fairly streamlined operation at the hospital, offering 10 kinds of sushi rolls that cost between \$5 and \$9 apiece. He brings the food and supplies from his main Iowa City restaurant, Konomi, which gives him total control over ingredients and pricing.

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John Lovretta/The Hawk Eye

Andy Diep of Iowa City uses a hand torch to sear white tuna Wednesday.



Gregory Bull/The Associated Press

An injured man is carried Wednesday on a push cart by friends among destruction from the earthquake in Port-au-Prince.

Alcohol-related grades mixed

Grade A Plus reports half of businesses tested pass.

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A Nigerian proverb states "it takes a village to raise a child."

Those words drew new meaning locally.

In the United States, underage alcohol consumption, along with other legal sub-

stance abuses, poses a dilemma for many communities, including Burlington.

With that in mind, Grade A Plus, an organization whose mission is to help promote safer and healthier communities, has unveiled a project designed to raise awareness of the problem



Randall

among local alcohol vendors, opening their eyes to the existing problem and ways to provide a solution to the problem.

Research shows the likelihood of young people to drink is mostly affected by the availability of alcohol, as well as where the product is displayed in a store, advertising and signage, according to Michelle Randall, the coordinator for Grade A Plus.

To increase business owner awareness, Grade A Plus be-

gan "grading" alcohol vendors in Des Moines County last year, evaluating the number and placement of advertisements, as well as where alcohol is displayed and how frequent clerks check IDs.

Randall said more than half the local establishments received an A or B.

"We kind of did a trial run just to see where things are at," Randall said.

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S.D. trucker's IDOT suit dismissed

Judge says officer cannot be held personally liable.

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MOUNT PLEASANT — David Howard sounded distraught Wednesday when he learned over the phone that his Henry County District Court lawsuit was dismissed.

The 71-year-old Sioux Falls, S.D., man filed the lawsuit last year against an Iowa Department of Transportation vehicle enforcement officer. Howard maintains he was pistol-whipped by DOT officer Darrell Wiegand Jr. of Burlington during a traffic

stop nearly five years ago.

Wiegand is the same officer a Fort Madison couple alleged harassed and menaced them during a traffic stop earlier last year.

"I guess they are going to get away with one," Howard said. "I kind of expected the state to do it."

The suit named the officer as the primary defendant on negligence and assault and battery, stating Wiegand "did physically strike the plaintiff in the head and back." DOT also was named for alleged negligence.

Howard and his wife sought judgment in the amount that is fair "plus interest."

"This court finds that it can decide the motion to dismiss on purely legal grounds," District Court Judge Michael Schilling said in his ruling. "This is one of the exceptional cases where a motion to dismiss should be granted."

Assistant Attorney General Robin Glenn Formaker long has contended some of Howard's claims are barred "by the immunity for claims arising out of alleged assault and battery."

Chapter 669 of the Iowa Tort Claims Act gives citizens a road map of sorts by which they can sue the state. Attorneys for the state argued Howard cannot sue Wiegand and IDOT "because employ-

ees of governmental agencies acting within the scope of their employment and the individual state agencies are immune from suit" under that section.

Under the Tort Act, a suit cannot be filed against the state if it is based on "any claim arising out of assault, battery, false imprisonment, false arrest, malicious prosecution, abuse of process, libel, slander, misrepresentation, deceit, or interference with contract rights."

"That, defendants' assert that plaintiff's suit for an alleged assault by an employee of a state agency must fail," Schilling wrote.

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Microsoft settlement heads to Burlington

School district to receive part of 2007 class-action suit.

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Burlington will receive \$722,000 from a settlement with Microsoft Corp., according to school Superintendent Lee Morrison.

The money is part of a nearly \$180 million settlement in an anti-trust lawsuit against Microsoft in 2007. The suit accused Microsoft of overcharging Iowa consumers and businesses for certain products.

The settlement will bring an estimated \$60 million to Iowa schools to buy new technology.

"It's money for us to get some of the technology items that we need to interrogate technology into the classroom," said Jane Evans, Burlington assistant superintendent. "We have to develop a plan by May on how we are going to spend the money, and we have to see how it's going to improve student achievement. Microsoft wants to know that the money they are providing to schools is having a positive impact on student achievement."

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