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# Desperate Haiti in ruins

**KILLED:** Quake's rising death toll includes Catholic archbishop

**DESTROYED:** Prison, hospitals and entire neighborhoods crumble

**INJURED:** Bettendorf woman is one of the many hurt



Gregory Bull/AP

A woman stands in the rubble of her home Wednesday, the day after an earthquake hit Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

## Quad-Citians yearn for contact with friends, family

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Devastation and uncertainty lie across a gap of 1,900 miles. No answers come from the other end of the phone, in the subject line of an e-mail or a few characters in a text message from Haiti, where an earthquake devastated the capital city, Port-au-Prince, on Tuesday.

Husbands want to know about wives. Haitian college students want to know about family and friends. There is much to know, but little way to find out.

"We cannot talk to anyone," Josue "Josh" Myrtil, said Wednesday. "We don't know anything."

Myrtil, 24, is one of three students from Haiti studying at Scott Community College



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— JOSUE MYRTIL, 24, a student at Scott Community College



**"We are trying to get through, but there is no communication."**

— JASMINE PHANOLD, 21, a student at Scott Community College



**"There is a lot of devastation. There are a lot of injured, and the Grand Goave hospital was destroyed."**

— BILL RANDS, Bettendorf, whose wife, Judy, is on a mission trip

**▶ VIDEO:** Bill Rands talks about his wife's mission trip to Haiti

through an international program. They scour the Internet for news.

The husbands of five Bettendorf women who went to Haiti on a humanitarian mission share the same frustration.

Tyrone Wilson learned Tuesday night that his wife, Peggy, 55, was injured when a wall

collapsed during the earthquake, but he knows little else. More news, that she likely suffered broken ribs but nothing more serious, trickled in Wednesday morning.

"It was very unnerving not knowing anything and being

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## Thousands feared dead, many trapped

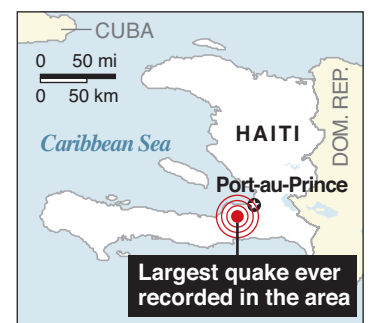
By Jonathan M. Katz  
The Associated Press

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



Largest quake ever recorded in the area

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

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## Quinn stumps in State of the State

Governor lists his achievements as primary approaches

By Kurt Erickson  
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SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn attempted to bolster his primary election chances Wednesday in an often-rambling, sometimes-heartfelt 75-minute speech to state lawmakers.

With 20 days before voters head to the primary election

**PAGE A5 REACTION:** Some lawmakers wanted more budget details.

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polls, the Democrat from Chicago used his first formal State of the State address to tick off a laundry list of achievements and goals, ranging from the passage of a statewide construction plan to the possible expansion of passenger rail service to such places as Rockford

and the Quad-Cities.

It was not until nearly 50 minutes into the speech, however, that he addressed what some lawmakers call the "elephant in the room" — the dismal condition of state finances.

Although Quinn said the state needs to become more efficient, the governor spoke more about programs he would keep than cut in a bid to close a whopping \$11 billion budget hole.

"I do believe we need more revenue," said Quinn, who has called for a 50 percent increase in

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Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn greets Dan Hynes, state comptroller and a Democratic candidate for governor, after Quinn's State of the State address Wednesday at the Illinois State Capitol.



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