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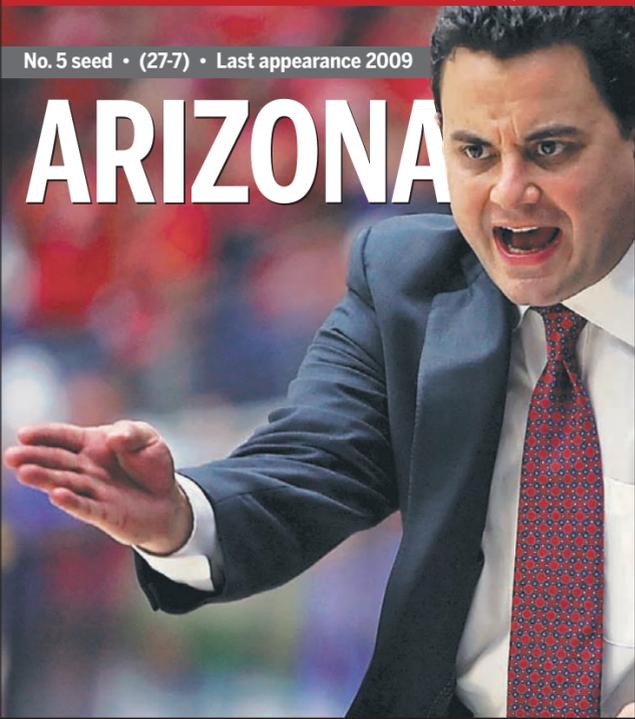
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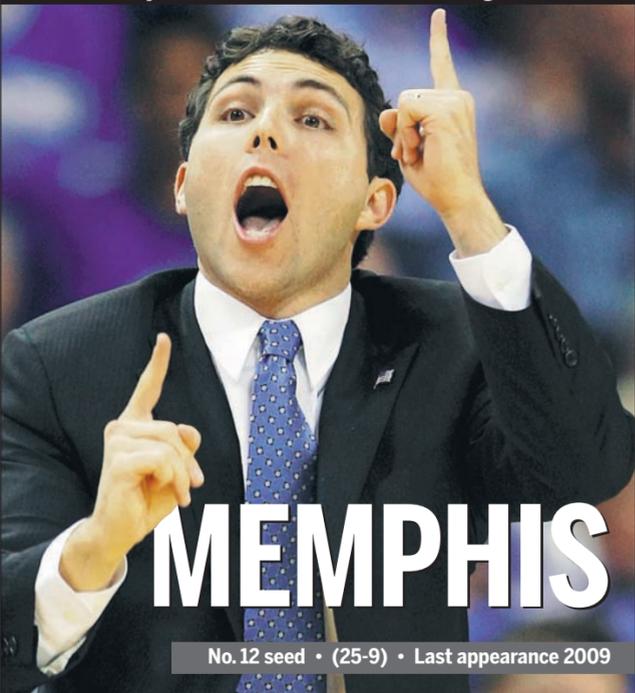
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No. 5 seed • (27-7) • Last appearance 2009

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Friday, 11:45 a.m. • in Tulsa, Okla. • Coverage, B1



MEMPHIS

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PLAYING IN TUCSON

The Old Pueblo hosts the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2005. Our eight teams include the top team in the West and a couple of unknowns. Who's your favorite? All games at McKale Center, call 621-2287 (CATS) for tickets.

Thursday, March 17

No. 7 Temple (25-7)

No. 10 Penn State (19-14)

No. 2 San Diego State (32-2)

No. 15 Northern Colorado (21-10)

No. 4 Wisconsin (23-8)

No. 13 Belmont (30-4)

No. 5 Kansas State (22-10)

No. 12 Utah State (30-3)

Saturday,
March 19

Sweet 16
games next
weekend

JAPAN DISASTER OVERWHELMS



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A rescue worker scans a man for radiation contamination at an emergency center in Koriyama, in northeastern Japan. Crews continued struggling to keep damaged nuclear plants from leaking radiation.

Toll may top 10K; millions hanging on

By Eric Talmadge and Todd Pitman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOMA, Japan — Rescue workers used chain saws and hand picks to dig out bodies in Japan's devastated coastal towns today, as Asia's richest nation faced a growing humanitarian, nuclear and economic crisis in the aftermath of a massive earthquake and tsunami.

Millions of people spent a third

night without water, food or heating in near-freezing temperatures along the devastated northeastern coast. Also, the containment building of a second nuclear reactor exploded because of hydrogen buildup.

The stock market, meanwhile, plunged over the likelihood of huge losses by Japanese industries including big names such as Toyota and Honda.

More than 10,000 people are estimated to have died in Friday's twin tragedy, which has caused unimaginable deprivation for people of this industrialized country.

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Second blast rocks nuclear plant / A17

SN On StarNet: View footage of the earthquake and tsunami damage in Japan at azstarnet.com/video

Tucsonans crowd Festival of Books

Authors, performers, exhibitors offered plenty to see and do

By Andrea Rivera
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

They came in droves.

They crowded a culinary tent to watch cookbook author and PBS chef Steven Raichlen demonstrate his grilling skills.

They posed for photos with their favorite storybook characters.

They practiced compression-only CPR at the University Medical Center tent.

They interacted with about 450 authors and performers.

They mingled with 240 exhibitors.

The two-day Tucson Festival of Books wrapped up Sunday on the University of Arizona Mall.

Attendance figures weren't available Sunday, but organizers expected more than 100,000 people at the third annual event.

Beth Lake and her 9-year-old son, Colin, made it to both days of the festival.

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Conditions prime for severe wildfires

By Doug Kreutz
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Dry winter weather, withering winds and an abundance of flammable grasses have set the stage for potentially severe wildfires in Southeastern Arizona.

"We are anticipating an active wildfire season on the Coronado National Forest," with the potential for some large, fast-moving fires, said Heidi Schewel, spokeswoman for the forest.

"The fuels (including grasses and other vegetation) are dry," Schewel said. "Add an ignition source and we've got wildfire. Add heat and wind, and we have fast-moving wildfire. It's up to our forest users not to provide that ignition source."

Other fire experts shared in the worrisome fire forecast.

"I think we have a greater probability of having a severe fire season than we've had in recent years," said Kristy Lund, interagency fire management officer based at Saguaro National Park.

The unusually dry winter — coupled with large expanses of vegetation that were "freeze-

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COMING THURSDAY

Luck o' the readers

Your local guide to the music, movies and fun of St. Paddy's Day, in Caliente.



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Part of its ongoing effort to attract new students. **Page A5**

Local man wins fight with Marvel

Lawyer to get royalties for Spider-Man Web Blaster. **Page A10**

TODAY'S WEATHER

High: 84 / Low: 49
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