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Riverbank is in the same position as many people who bought property during the real estate boom. It paid \$1.7 million for the Del Rio Theater in 2007, and now the theater may be worth \$450,000. **Page B-1**



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## Death toll soars past 10,000 in Japan

Food hard to get; cold adds to misery

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SENDAL, Japan — The estimated death toll from Friday's disasters climbed past 10,000 on Sunday as a second nuclear reactor exploded and hundreds of thousands of people struggled to find food and water. The prime minister said it was the nation's worst crisis since World War II.

Nuclear plant operators worked frantically to try to keep temperatures down in several reactors crippled by the earthquake and tsunami, wrecking at least two by dumping sea water into them in last-ditch efforts to avoid meltdowns. Officials reported a second explosion but didn't expect it to pose a health

threat. Near-freezing temperatures compounded the misery of survivors along hundreds of miles of the northeastern coast battered by the tsunami that smashed inland with breathtaking fury. Rescuers pulled bodies from muddy jumbles of wrecked houses, shattered tree trunks, twisted cars and tangled power lines.

One rare bit of good news was the rescue of a 60-year-old man swept away by the tsunami who clung to the roof of his house for two days until a military vessel spotted him about 10 miles offshore.

The death toll surged because of a report from Miyagi, one of the three hardest-hit states. The police chief said more than 10,000 people were killed, police spokesman Go Sugawara said. That was an estimate — only 400 people have been confirmed dead in Miyagi, which has a popula-

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Man swept away in Northern California was seeking a new beginning. **Page A-3**

Japan's economy already fragile; seawalls don't guarantee protection. **Page A-5**

Will skating championships in Tokyo be canceled? **Page C-2**

tion of 2.3 million. According to officials, more than 1,800 people were confirmed dead — including 200 people whose bodies were found Sunday along the coast — and more than 1,400 were missing in Friday's disasters. About 1,900 were injured.

For Japan, one of the world's leading economies with ultramodern infrastructure, the disasters plunged or-

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### 2nd blast hits nuclear plant; 6 workers hurt

BY ERIC TALMADGE AND MARI YAMAGUCHI  
The Associated Press

SOMA, Japan — The second hydrogen explosion in three days rocked the stricken Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant today, sending a massive column of smoke into the air and wounding six workers. The plant's operator said radiation levels at the reactor were within legal limits.

The explosion at the plant's Unit 3, which authorities have been frantically trying to cool after a system failure in the wake of a massive earthquake and tsunami Friday, triggered an or-

der for hundreds of people to stay indoors, said Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano.

Tokyo Electric Power Co., which operates the reactor, said radiation levels at Unit 3 were 10.65 microsieverts, significantly less than the 500 microsieverts at which a nuclear operator must file a report to the government.

The blast follows a similar explosion Saturday that took place at the plant's Unit 1, which injured four workers and caused mass evacuations.

Japan's nuclear safety agency said six workers were injured in today's explosion but it was not clear how, or whether they were exposed to ra-

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## Modesto shop lures those hungry for foods made or grown nearby

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Stepping into Greens Market is a bit like stepping into a grocery store from a movie. The fixtures are wooden and rustic. The produce is organic and locally grown. The pastries are delicate and decadent.

But the new downtown Modesto market isn't make-believe, it's the ambitious brainchild of philanthropist and Four Seasons Farms owner Ann Endsley. The grocery store and deli at 10th and Needham streets opened Feb. 25 with a focus on local, seasonal and organic food.

"We have so much good, wonderful produce from our area," she said. "We're in the heart of agriculture country, but we don't always get it ourselves."

The market stocks seasonal, locally grown organic produce, meats and poultry, cheeses and other dairy products, sauces, spices and various grocery items. It features a large deli and bakery area with handmade meats, salads, sides, sandwiches and fresh-baked goods, and a full-service espresso bar.

The market stays true to its name in other ways. The food not used is composted and the packaging is environmentally friendly, down to the wrappers. Prepared and packaged foods include vegan and gluten-free options.

All the prepared foods, which make up 40 percent of the business, are made by

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Greens Market in downtown Modesto, owned by philanthropist Ann Endsley, stocks prepared and packaged foods as well as seasonal and organic produce. The market, which features a large deli and bakery area, opened Feb. 25.

## Business license uproar in Oakdale

Mismatch in city code, real estate agent reality

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OAKDALE — Finance Director Albert Avila was reading his Sunday paper recently when he spotted some ads for real estate agents.

Nothing wrong with that. Ads are supposed to stand out.

But Avila was not in the market for a house. He wanted to know if the agents had city business licenses. He checked; they didn't. He then checked the city's municipal code: Agents need a license.

That bit of detective work has real estate agents and brokers up in arms.

"It upset the Realtors, you bet," Oakdale Council of Realtors Chairman Don Hudiburgh said. He added that in his 12 years as a real estate agent, Oakdale had never asked him to get a business license.

Avila made his discovery as the Finance Department checks if all Oakdale businesses have licenses.

He said the city may never have required real estate agents to be licensed, although it's been on the city's books since 1972.

"I would not be surprised if real estate agents were never licensed," he said. "It was one of those things where we were looking at the code, and looking at the code, they should be paying a business license."

Agents are required to work under the auspices of a real estate broker, and the city has been licensing brokers.

Hudiburgh said agents are upset that the city gave them no notice.

He said agents have been going to City Hall and having the water turned on for a house in which they

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**INSIDE TODAY:**

The day after President Barack Obama was inaugurated, he ordered easier and quicker access to federal records under the Freedom of Information Act. But dozens of agencies are struggling to comply, a study finds.

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