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LONG BEACH. A MEETING OF THE YOUNG MINDS



Photos by Stephen Carr Staff Photographer

Student Maykel Pernia, left, and teacher Benjamin Kay of Santa Monica High School demonstrate a kayak made out of recycled plastic water bottles Sunday at the Plastics Are Forever International Youth Summit, held at Hotel Maya in Long Beach.

2nd unit explodes at nuclear facility

DISASTER: Six are hurt at Fukushima Dai-ichi plant. Blast was felt 25 miles away.

By Eric Talmadge and Mari Yamaguchi
The Associated Press

SOMA, Japan — The second hydrogen explosion in three days rocked Japan's stricken Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant today, sending a massive column of smoke into the air and wounding six workers. It was not immediately clear how much — if any — radiation had been released.

The explosion at the plant's Unit 3, which authorities have been frantically trying to cool following a system failure in the wake of a massive earthquake and tsunami, triggered an order for hundreds of people to stay indoors, said Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano.

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 Monday's explosion but it was not immediately clear how or whether they were exposed to radiation. They were all conscious, said the agency's Ryohei Shomi.

Earlier, Tokyo Electric Power Co., which operates the reactor, said three workers were injured and seven missing.

The reactor's inner containment vessel holding nuclear rods was intact, Edano said, allaying some fears of the risk to the environment and public. TV footage of the building housing the reactor appeared to show similar damage to Monday's blast, with outer walls shorn off, leaving only a skeletal frame.

More than 180,000 people have evacuated the area in recent days, and up to 160 may have been exposed to radiation.

Earlier today, pressure had jumped inside Unit 3, forcing the evacuation of 21 workers. But they returned to work after levels appeared to ease.

Associated Press journalists felt the explosion in the tsunami-devastated

JAPAN A11

PUMMELING PLASTIC

Young activists worldwide share ideas for cutting pollution



The 30-foot Junk raft, used by Marcus Eriksen of the Algalita Marine Research foundation and filmmaker Joel Paschal in 2008 to see the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch" near Hawaii, sat outside the Hotel Maya in Long Beach on Sunday. The raft was made from 15,000 plastic bottles.

By Phillip Zonkel Staff writer

LONG BEACH — Samuel Chelanga loves to talk trash. He does it in school, with his friends and in his neighborhood.

For the weekend, the 17-year-old traveled from Nairobi, Kenya, to Long Beach to do some trash talking.

Chelanga was one of more than 100 students from 14 countries who gathered at the Hotel Maya for the three-day Plastics Are Forever International Youth Summit.

Students and their faculty advisers were immersed in a comprehensive program to train and motivate young leaders as they develop and launch solutions to reduce plastic pollution in their communities.

The event was organized and hosted by the Algalita Marine Research Foundation, the Long Beach-based nonprofit group founded in 1994 by Charles Moore. Its mission is to protect the marine environment and educate the public on plastics polluting the ocean.

Moore is credited with discovering what is known as the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch," an area in the eastern part of the North Pacific Gyre, a spiral of ocean

SUMMIT A11

Study: Depressed dads more likely to spank children

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Just like new moms, new fathers can be depressed, and a study found a surprising number of sad dads spanked their 1-year-olds.

About 40 percent of depressed fathers in a survey said they'd spanked kids that age, versus just 13 percent of fathers who weren't depressed. Most dads also had had recent contact with their child's doctor — a missed opportunity to get help, authors of the study said.

FATHERS A9

Friends stepping up for Giffords



J. Scott Applewhite The Associated Press

Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., the ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services committee, has been working on behalf of wounded Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

CONGRESS: As the lawmaker recovers, colleagues and staff attend to daily duties.

By Donna Cassata
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' chair sits empty as she recovers from a gunshot wound to the head, yet three friends are ensuring she still has a presence in Congress.

At just about every hearing of the House Armed Services Committee, the panel's top

GIFFORDS A9



Daisuke Tomita The Yomiuri Shimbun

A boy is examined for radiation levels Sunday in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan, where there was an explosion at the nuclear power plant. Six workers were injured in the blast.

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- Estimated death toll passes 10,000. **A8**
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- Find out how you can help. **A8**



ONLINE POLL

Today's question: Do you recycle your plastic products? Vote at presstelegram.com.

Yesterday's question: Do you fear the Long Beach area may be hit by a massive earthquake? YES 67% NO 33%

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