



JAPAN QUAKE COVERAGE

Reactors: Radioactive releases could last for months. **A2**

Resources: How to donate, where to find information. **A2**

Images: Satellite photos show scope of destruction. **A3**

Scene: City in northern Japan divided by devastation. **A4**

Apps: Useful science-oriented online applications. **E2**

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EDITOR'S NOTE

TECHNOLOGY MOVES TO FRIDAY: Today, the U-T debuts a weekly Monday conversation with the people behind San Diego business. You will find our technology in-depth coverage in Friday's print edition.

THE WORLD

A8 • PRO-GADHAFI FORCES DRIVE REBELS FROM KEY OIL TOWN: Moammar Gadhafi's forces swept rebels from a key oil town with waves of strikes from warships, tanks and warplanes, closing on the opposition-held eastern half of Libya as insurgents pleaded for a U.N.-imposed no-fly zone. Secretary of State Hilary Rodham Clinton plans to meet with rebel leaders in Paris today.

A8 • ISRAEL OKS SETTLEMENTS AFTER ATTACK: Israel said it has approved building hundreds of settler homes after five members of an Israeli family — including three children — were knifed to death as they slept in a West Bank settlement over the weekend. The attack and the government's response threatened to drive Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking even further out of reach.

THE NATION

A6 • STATE DEPT. SPOKESMAN RESIGNS: Chief State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley quit after causing a stir by describing the military's treatment of the suspected WikiLeaks leaker as "ridiculous" and "stupid," which forced the president to defend the detention as appropriate.

A7 • DEPRESSED DADS PRONE TO OUTBURSTS: 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.

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DEEPENING CRISIS

Death toll: More than 10,000 are estimated to have perished

Reactor failures: Officials race to contain cascading problems

Rescue efforts: Searchers begin to reach Japanese coastal villages



Amid the mountains of debris piled up in the wake of Friday's earthquake and tsunami, a woman weeps Sunday in the northern Japanese city of Natori. Japan's government has ordered 100,000 troops to take part in the relief effort. ASSOCIATED PRESS / ASAHI SHIMBUN

STRICKEN REACTORS DEFY BEST EFFORTS TO CONTAIN DAMAGE

HIROKO TABUCHI & MATTHEW L. WALD
NYT NEWS SERVICE

TOKYO
A second explosion rocked a troubled nuclear power plant today, blowing the roof off a containment building but not harming the reactor, Japanese nuclear officials announced on public television.

The explosion underscores the difficulties Japanese authorities are having in bringing several stricken reactors under control three days after a massive earthquake and a tsunami hit Japan's northeast coast and shut down the electricity that runs the crucial cooling systems for reactors.

Operators fear that if they cannot establish

SEE **REACTORS** • **A2**



Residents evacuated from areas surrounding the Fukushima nuclear facilities damaged in Friday's massive earthquake are checked for radiation contamination. AP

JAPAN'S STOCK MARKET PLUMMETS AS ITS ECONOMY FACES MAJOR DISRUPTIONS

MARTIN FACKLER & MARK MCDONALD
NYT NEWS SERVICE

SENDAI, JAPAN

Japan reeled from a rapidly unfolding disaster of epic scale on Sunday, pummeled by the death toll, destruction and homelessness caused by the earthquake and tsunami and new hazards from damaged nuclear reactors that were leaking radiation. The prime minister called it Japan's

worst crisis since World War II.

Japan's \$5 trillion economy, the world's third-largest, was threatened with severe disruptions and partial paralysis as many industries shut down temporarily and the armed forces and volunteers mobilized for the far more urgent crisis of finding survivors, evacuating residents near the stricken power plants and caring for the victims

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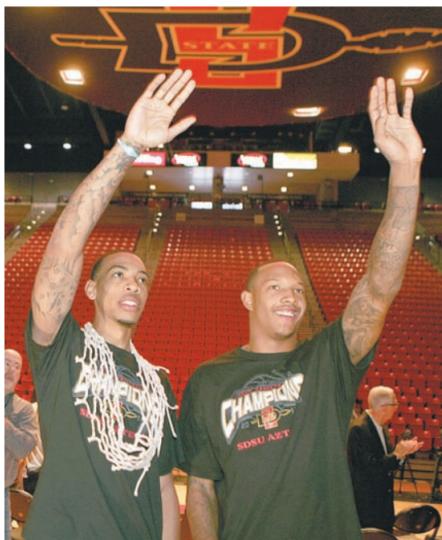
“This is Japan's most severe crisis since (World War II) ended 65 years ago.”
Naoto Kan • Japanese prime minister

AZTECS NAB NO. 2 SEED IN THE WEST; SET TO PLAY ON THURSDAY

San Diego State couldn't have hoped for much better Sunday when the NCAA Tournament bracket was revealed. The Aztecs (32-2) received a No. 2 seed in the West Region, which means their road to the Final Four would go through Tucson and Anaheim.

The Aztecs will play Northern Colorado (21-10) on Thursday in Tucson. The game will start at about 1:40 p.m.

For more on the Aztecs, an overview of the field and a tournament bracket, check out the Sports section.



Aztecs basketball players Malcolm Thomas (left) and Billy White wave to fans at Viejas Arena after Sunday's announcement of the NCAA Tournament pairings. HOWARD LIPIN • U-T

SPECIAL-ED PROGRAM'S COSTS WEIGH ON SCHOOLS

Districts must now pick up high-priced tab for students' housing, mental-health care

MAUREEN MAGEE & AARON BURGIN • U-T

As school districts prepare to eliminate programs and teachers amid California's fiscal crisis, the state has forced them to assume the expensive cost of providing mental-health care and housing for the most fragile youth — including some who don't even attend their campuses.

Mental-health services and residential programs for high-needs children have long been covered by state revenue that has flowed through county agencies. But former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed nearly \$133 million for such

programs in October. “Even though the funding was taken away, we still have to provide the services to these kids under federal law,” said Tim Glover, a supervisor with the San Diego County Office of Education. “School districts have never had to pay for this. Now we do, and we are in a funding crisis.”

Gov. Jerry Brown would restore the payments next year under his proposed budget. But many districts had hoped to find relief from the courts this year after at least three lawsuits were filed challenging the former governor's veto. The first court ruling, issued Feb. 25, upheld

SEE **COSTS** • **A8**

