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**JAPAN QUAKE**  
**Death count climbs to 10K**  
Residents warned of new tsunami

From wire reports  
SENDAI, Japan — The estimated death toll from Japan's disasters climbed past 10,000 Sunday as authorities raced to combat the threat of multiple nuclear reactor meltdowns 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.  
Soldiers and officials along a stretch of Japan's northeastern coast warned residents that the area could be hit by another tsunami today and ordered them to higher ground. But the Meteorological Agency said there was no risk of another deadly wave.  
The death toll surged because of a report from Miyagi, one of the three hardest hit states. The police chief told disaster relief officials more than 10,000 people were killed, police spokesman Go Sugawara said.

**INSIDE A10**

**Second explosion hits plant**  
Six workers are injured after another explosion rocked the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, according to Tokyo Electric Power Co.  
A hydrogen explosion similar to the first that hit the plant was the source of the blast, according to Japan's chief cabinet secretary.

**CAJON PASS**  
**Working on the 15**  
Roadwork on the 15 Freeway in the Cajon Pass will delay traffic on the southbound lanes on Tuesday.  
Caltrans will be doing paving work on the freeway between Highway 138 and Kenwood Avenue between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
At least two lanes will be open while construction is under way, a spokesman said.

**SAN BERNARDINO**  
**Tribute to U.S. agent**  
A memorial tribute honoring a slain U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent is planned for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in front of San Bernardino City Hall, 300 N. D St.  
The event, organized by the Claremont-based group We the People California's Crusader, will honor Agent Jaime Zapata, killed Feb. 15 when his SUV was attacked after being stopped on a four-lane federal highway in northern Mexico.  
For more information, call Raymond Herrera at 909-565-0621.

**REDLANDS A3**  
**Anti-war activist in town**  
Cindy Sheehan, the anti-war activist who gained national recognition in 2005 by camping outside of then-President George W. Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, spoke Sunday in Redlands, encouraging local activists to stand against the Obama administration's foreign policy.

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# Work force on road

## 40 percent of I.E. residents commute elsewhere

By Wes Woods II Staff Writer

The Inland Empire may be a great place to live, but if you want to make some money, you may need to drive elsewhere.

More than 40 percent of residents from San Bernardino and Riverside counties commute to work outside the region.

The long drives pay off. Those locals tend to have higher-skilled jobs and bring back larger checks.

The findings were released last

week in a report prepared by Beacon Economics for the UC Riverside School of Business Administration.

The Inland Empire needs to have a strategy focused on attracting high-value jobs instead of warehouse jobs, said David W. Stewart, dean of the school.

"For many years, the criticism of the region has been we don't have the jobs because we don't have the educated work force," Stewart said. "In fact, we do have the educated work

force. The work force is leaving the counties to work in Los Angeles County or Orange County or San Diego County. If we had more high-value jobs here we would have the work force to fill those jobs."

Nearly 20 percent of Inland Empire commuters work in Los Angeles County, 12 percent make the drive to Orange County and five percent head to San Diego County.

The reason locals work elsewhere isn't a total surprise — there is a

dearth of employment opportunities in the Inland Empire.

One of the report's authors, Christopher Thornberg, said the study's findings underscore the lack of employment.

"In order to capitalize on its own residents — especially its highly skilled residents — it will be important for inland Southern California to cultivate new business formation and attract existing businesses into the area," Thornberg said.

There are about 23 percent more working residents than available jobs

**COMMUTE A4**

## BLUE MOUNTAIN

# One day for wilderness



Gabriel Luis Acosta Staff Photographer

A group of llamas leads hikers during the annual hike up Blue Mountain in Grand Terrace on Sunday. The event was hosted by Friends of Blue Mountain to gain support for the creation of a 500-acre wilderness park and trail system that would link to Reche Canyon and Box Springs Mountain reserve.

By James Rufus Koren Staff Writer

GRAND TERRACE — The trail leading to the top of Blue Mountain, the peak that gives the city its motto — "The Blue Mountain City" — and its eastern boundary, is closed for all but one day each year.

But that hasn't always been the case.

"It used to be open all the time," said Arlene Arthur, who has lived in Grand Terrace for nearly 16 years. "But now it's just once a year."

That once a year was Sunday, and

about 600 hikers and bikers from Grand Terrace, Redlands, Highgrove and other parts of San Bernardino and Riverside counties came out to take the 1.6-mile trail leading from the foot of the mountain to its peak.

It's the fourth year that the Friends

of Blue Mountain, a nonprofit group that wants to see the mountain become the center of a 500-acre wilderness park, have opened the trail for their annual walk. The event was co-sponsored by the city of Grand Terrace.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN A4**

# Rialto school board rejects bilingual cards

## Montes says he will pay for his own cards

By James Rufus Koren Staff Writer

RIALTO — At every campus in the school district, officials say at least 50 percent of parents speak Spanish.

But when Rialto Unified school

board member Edgar Montes asked to have his district-provided business cards printed in English and Spanish, other school board members said no.

"I didn't see it as a big deal," said Montes, who was elected to the school board in November. "I really didn't expect the outcome that we got."

At its meeting Feb. 23, the school board voted 3-2 against an item that

called for allowing board members, administrators and secretaries to get bilingual business cards from the district.

Montes, who brought the motion to the board, and board member Joseph Ayala voted in favor.

Joe Martinez, one of the three who rejected the motion, gave several reasons for his vote against bilingual busi-

ness cards — he said a Spanish-language card wouldn't be that different from an English one and that it's insulting to think Spanish speakers can't figure out a business card written in English.

But his primary reason was this: "Very simply, we're an educational institution, and my belief is we need

**CARDS A4**