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Death toll to rise

Japan expects total fatalities from earthquake, tsunami to climb into the tens of thousands



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SENDAI, JAPAN — With a death toll expected to climb into the tens of thousands, more than a half-million people displaced and a nuclear crisis continuing to unfold, rescuers converged Monday on Japan's devastated earthquake zone while workers in relatively unaffected areas struggled to return to offices and factories.

The government reported Monday that radiation levels again rose above legal limits outside the crippled nuclear complex at quake-battered Fukushima, about 150 miles north of Tokyo, where authorities have been pumping seawater into overheated reactors to try to cool them down. Several other nuclear installations were under close watch for potential problems.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. reported that three workers have been injured and seven are missing after an

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People walk amid the rubble in Rikuzentakata, Iwate Prefecture (state), northern Japan, on Sunday, two days after the powerful earthquake-triggered tsunami hit the country's northeast coast.

Arizona East?

Immigration bill similar to Arizona's circulating in Wisconsin Legislature

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RACINE — New legislation with similarities to Arizona's immigration law has started circulating in the Wisconsin Legislature.

State Rep. Don Pridemore, R-Hartford, is in the process of trying to get sponsors for a bill that would require law enforcement to determine if a person who is arrested or charged with a crime is legally in the country if they have "reasonable suspicion" that the person may be an illegal immigrant.

It's a proposal which Maria Morales, the Racine coordinator for Voces de la Frontera, said is creating "another Arizona."

State Rep. Robin Vos, R-Rochester, said he would support the proposal.

"If someone is here illegally they should not be allowed to enjoy all the benefits taxpayers in Wisconsin provide," Vos said.

Currently, officers in the Racine Police Department do not ask if someone is a legal resident when they stop them, said Deputy Chief Art Howell of the Racine Police Department.

They do, however, ask for identification, and if someone doesn't have proof of who they are they can be detained, Howell said.

"We have to identify everyone we encounter. Otherwise you could give a false name and drive away," Howell said.

After reading Pridemore's proposed bill, Howell said he would need to learn more about the intent of the bill before determining how it would affect the department and officer procedure.

The bill has mixed language, he said, because it says officers are "required" to ask. But then it says "if" they have reasonable suspicion.

Likewise, state Sen. Van Wanggaard, R-Racine, a former Racine police officer, said he would have to learn more about the bill before taking a stance on it.

"It's been a busy week," he said.

When he was a police officer, people were already required to do background checks and

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report people who were illegal aliens.

"There is absolutely nothing new about this," he said. But he said he still wanted to learn more about it.

Pridemore did not return calls for comment on the bill.

On the other side of the political spectrum, state Rep. Robert Turner, D-Racine, who is against the bill, said it will lead to racial profiling.

If it does become a new form of racial profiling, it could end up affecting a large segment of Racine's population, considering the "Hispanic or Latino" population has jumped 42.8 percent since 2000, according to U.S. Census figures released Thursday. The number of people who identify as Hispanic or Latino in Racine increased from 11,422 in 2000 to 16,309 in 2010, according to U.S. Census figures.

"It's another law to divide people," Turner said.

He said the state Legislature should wait for Congress to pass a federal immigration law. That being said, he added he wouldn't be surprised if the state Legislature passes the bill.

"Based on other things ... I wouldn't put it past them," Turner said. "My faith in the democratic system has changed a bit."

In general, Vos said he believes most of his colleagues in the Legislature would support the bill. With the monthlong debate over collective bargaining, he said he has not heard much discussion on the immigration proposal.

But he said the recent debate over collective bargaining will not make legislators shy away from controversial issues: "We have shown the people in Wisconsin we are willing to make very tough decisions even if people say it will cost us at election time."

Married area man to be ordained a Catholic priest

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BURLINGTON — Russell Arnett remembers the day he proposed to his wife.

The Burlington-area resident made a reservation at a nice restaurant and he had roses and a card waiting for her.

It's a story many people tell about their lives, but it's not a story most Catholic priests ever have the chance to tell because most Catholic priests are not allowed to marry.

But Arnett will soon become one of very few married Catholic priests able to tell that story.

Under a provision established in the 1980s, married Episcopal priests back into religious life was at an Episcopal church in Arlington, Texas, where he felt a connection right away and eventually ended up going to the seminary.

"It just spoke to me," he said.

The sacrament of marriage

While attending the Nashotah House Theological Seminary near Oconomowoc, he met his wife, who was working at a restaurant in the area.

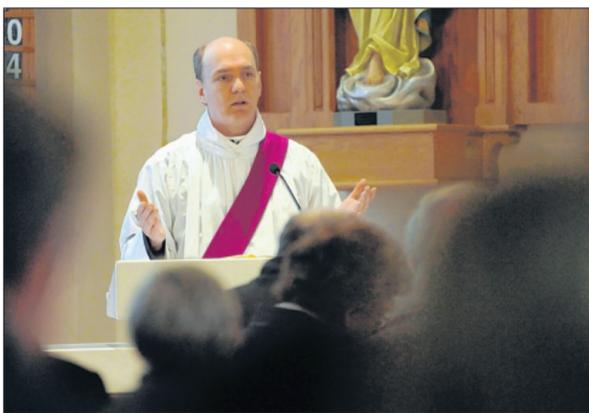
They started as friends, he said. Then, once he finished seminary he went back to Texas, and from a distance a relationship grew.

Path to priesthood

His path to Catholicism didn't start at a young age.

"I grew up in Texas. I grew up in a Southern Baptist church," Arnett said.

But he didn't feel a connection with the church and he ended up leaving it during his college years.



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Deacon Russell Arnett

reads the Gospel during Mass on Sunday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in the Town of Paris. Arnett, a former Episcopal minister, will be ordained a Roman Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on Saturday.

His first reintroduction back into religious life was at an Episcopal church in Arlington, Texas, where he felt a connection right away and eventually ended up going to the seminary.

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A year and a half later, she moved to Texas. She stayed with the girlfriend of one of his friends, and eventually he ended up in a restaurant, down on one knee.

At about this same time, through his studies of Scripture and theology, he was drawn to the Catholic Church because of its strong traditions and beliefs.

He knew he could become a Catholic priest. But for that to happen, he said, he had to go through one of the most terrifying choices of his life: He had to leave the job he loved as an Episcopal priest and become a Catholic without knowing if church of-

ficials would allow him to become a priest.

Luckily for him, he was approved. He will be ordained at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Jerome Parish, 995 Silver Lake St., Oconomowoc. Archbishop Jerome E. Listcki will preside over the Mass.

If he had to choose between the sacrament of marriage or the sacrament of priesthood, he doesn't know what he would choose. He is glad he doesn't have to decide.

"I'm thankful for both of them," said Arnett, who will be serving as a priest at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Brighton and St. John the Baptist Parish in the Town of Paris.



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