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MEMORANDUM

TO: KATHY SUPER
JOHN KELLER
STEVE PROVOST

FROM: GARY FOSTER *GF*

SUBJECT: SITE SURVEYS FOR FT. LAUDERDALE, CLEARWATER & ORLANDO,
FLORIDA

Attached are the site surveys for the President's trip to Ft. Lauderdale, Clearwater and Orlando Florida on Saturday, October 3. Once Kathy has the sites "scrubbed", implementation can begin. The first stop of the day will be in Miami to follow-up on Hurricane Andrew relief efforts. We are waiting for word from Counsel's Office as to whether that portion of the day will be considered official. No survey was done in the Miami area.

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September 25, 1992

MEMORANDUM TO: GARY FOSTER
FROM: DOUG DUVALL
SUBJECT: SURVEY REPORT FOR FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1992

PROPOSED EVENT SCENARIO:

The second stop of the President's Florida swing would be Ft. Lauderdale. Air Force One will fly from Miami to Hollywood International Airport where the President would give a mid morning address to an outdoor crowd of 5000-8000 people. Hollywood International Airport is the site of the former Ft. Lauderdale Naval Air Station where an 18 year old George Bush had his flight training before he went to the Pacific during World War II.

Air Force One would taxi to a runway parallel to AMR COMBS hangar. The President would give remarks in front of the Avenger, the torpedo bomber aircraft the President flew during the war. The audience for the event would consist of Veterans groups, Republican invitees, and general public.

After his remarks, the President could then motorcade a short distance to the building which was formerly the bachelor's officers quarters when the President did his flight training in 1943. In his official capacity as Commander in Chief, the President would receive an honorary lifetime membership to the Naval Air Station Ft. Lauderdale Historical Association and participate in a brief photo opportunity in front of a mural painted in honor of his military service. Including the drive times, this entire event would take no more than 15 minutes. At the conclusion of these events, the President would motorcade back to Air Force One and depart for Clearwater, Florida for additional campaign events.

PROPOSED EVENT SITES:

As mentioned, Air Force One would taxi to a runway parallel to the AMR COMBS hangar. The hangar itself and the AMR COMBS office building have several areas suitable for holding rooms. They have hosted the President and Vice President in the past so they are quite familiar with the requirements.

Air Force One would park on the taxiway and the President would deplane and walk a short distance to a small dais. I recommend the dais be placed in front of the Avenger which would be to the President's right as he deplaned. With this setting, Air Force One would be in the cut away shot, and the Avenger,

surrounded by veterans, would be the primary backdrop. This would visually reiterate the President's veterans message and depict the dichotomy between the two Presidential candidates' military service.

The Republican Party has already started contacting veterans groups, and they expect to be able to draw several hundred representatives of the VFW, USO, and the Foreign Legion. Bleachers filled with veterans could flank the stage. The audience would also be augmented by Ft. Lauderdale area Republicans and the general public. Since the event is on a Saturday morning, people will have no conflict with school or work. Thus, we should be able to generate a large, family-oriented crowd.

There is enough parking on the airport grounds, but unfortunately, it is not all in one lot. There are several fields which can be used, but volunteer parkers would have to be recruited. Shuttle buses are available but would probably have to be rented. The main entrance for the public would be in between the AMR COMBS hangar and office building.

A flatbed truck could be brought in for the press platform, which would be at a head-on position. A smaller trailer could be placed stage right of the President's dais for the pool photographers. The press filing center could be located in the Employee Break Room, 2nd level of the hangar. Another alternative would be in a corner of the hangar.

One concern is noise from incoming and departing airplanes. Fortunately, there is little air traffic during the proposed time of the event, but it should be addressed with airport management. Security should not be too much of a problem since AMR COMBS has hosted several official stops. The commercial airport is definitely visible across the runway as is the airport's main access road. However, the road is more than 1000 yds away and the President's stage would be blocked by Air Force One and the Avenger.

After his remarks, and while the press are filing stories, the President could motorcade to what was the Junior Bachelor Officers' Quarters, where Ensign George Bush lived for two months in 1943 while learning to operate the Avenger torpedo bomber airplane. Today, the building houses the Naval Surface Warfare Center Detachment of Ft. Lauderdale.

The President would arrive at the building and participate in a very brief ceremony outdoors. Allan McElhiney, Naval Historian, would like to present the President and a few others with an honorary lifetime membership to the Historical Association. Tex Ellison, the President's training officer in 1943, would also be involved in the ceremony. Capt. Ellison's nephew, Jim Naugle, is now the mayor of Ft. Lauderdale (D). In addition, the Historical Association would try to locate other members of the President's training class.

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After receiving the plaque outdoors, the President would proceed inside for a photo op in front of a mural which was dedicated to George Bush two years ago. Jeb Bush participated in the dedication ceremony. The mural is 27 feet long and portrays the Avenger aircraft in the traffic pattern reminiscent of WWII flying training days. This "museum" is virtually a shrine to President Bush, with several photos of him in his combat days. Even though much of the building has been converted into official office space, the day room of the 1940's is still in tact. The original pool table which was there in the summer of 1943 has not moved.

Since the US Navy owns and operates the building, they want to get clearance for the President's visit. We are proposing this event in the President's official capacity as Commander in Chief. This event would not be open to the public - only to those who are involved in the ceremony. We could limit the media to an expanded pool because of the limited space inside for the photo op.

All in all, these two events would certainly highlight the President's agenda to the citizens of Florida. It would also target veterans and emphasize the contrast between the President's and Gov. Clinton's military service. These events would provide a natural forum for the President to talk about the contributions veterans have made to this country; our country's military advances; the success of Desert Storm; and the early age at which the President decided to serve his country. To this day, George Bush remains the youngest commissioned Naval Officer in the United States.

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September 25, 1992

MEMORANDUM TO: GARY FOSTER
FROM: DOUG DUVALL
SUBJECT: SURVEY REPORT FOR CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1992

PROPOSED EVENT SCENARIO:

The President would make the third Florida stop in Clearwater where he will address a group of senior citizens at a retirement community. Air Force One could land at St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport and motorcade 20 minutes to the Activities Center of the On Top of the World retirement community, which is located in Pinellas County. The President would have the opportunity to speak on issues which directly affect senior citizens. The audience would be comprised of over 1000 residents of the retirement community. After remarks, the President would motorcade back to the airport for his departure to Orlando, where he will participate in other campaign events.

PROPOSED EVENT SITE:

On Top of the World retirement community has approximately 9000 residents and almost 5000 apartments/condos. Given its size, the community is virtually a city within itself. There is a golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts, shuffle board, horseshoe pits, many service organizations and other organized activities for the seniors. Their largest meeting area is the Activities Center which is located in the heart of the development.

The Activities Center can hold a seated crowd of 1000. There are two partitioned rooms to the rear of the hall which could seat an additional 300 persons. The hall is very much like a high school all purpose room. There is a large, curtained stage to the front of the room. The President could arrive at the Activities Center at the rear entrance where he would be escorted to a holding room back stage. There are several offices and dressing rooms suitable for Presidential and senior staff holds. The President would be announced into the room from an off stage announce position.

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90% of the audience would be residents of On Top of the World retirement community. The remainder of the audience would be made up of Republican invitees from greater Pinellas County. Given the limited seating, the event would obviously need to be ticketed. I would recommend that after times are finalized and tickets have been printed up, the manager's office at the Activities Center be used as a distribution center.

On Top of the World has its own newspaper, closed circuit television and bulletin boards to be used for advertising the event. The newspaper is bimonthly, so we already missed the deadline for the next issue. Mr. Sidney Colen, builder and manager of the community, plans on making a general announcement of the President's visit this weekend over the television broadcast. Posters could be placed in the entrance of each residential building, and if necessary, flyers could be distributed in everyone's mailbox. A special mailing to those residents who are registered Republicans could also be considered.

Pinellas County has 225,000 registered Republicans and 190,000 registered Democrats. The DNC has recently launched an aggressive radio and television advertising campaign in the area which focuses on Seniors' issues and the economy. The community itself, is in an area which is strongly Republican, and the majority of the residents are likely to be very of the President.

CONTACTS:

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P-6, (b)(6)

September 28, 1992

Memorandum to: Gary Foster
From: Pat Mizell
Re: President's Visit to Orlando, Florida, October 3, 1992

The President would travel to Orlando, Florida to attend a rally.

PROPOSED EVENT SITE:

Church Street Market

The Church Street Market is located in downtown Orlando, Florida. It is an area of shops and restaurants on a picturesque street.

I propose that the dais be placed on the street, and the crowd be allowed to view from all four sides of the dais. This achieves a picture of the President talking with the people. To achieve this affect, the dais will need to be low, and the press platform will need to be tall, to allow for a shot down on the President surrounded by people. Down the street approximately eighty feet is a railroad track. I propose an old-fashioned train be placed across the railroad track as a backdrop. The train will also be needed to block a line of sight to a freeway which is at the far end of the street.

A chute could be created with barrels and ropes from the dais to one side, which would allow access to the dais for the President.

There is a "Sports Jamboree Weekend" planned that weekend in the Church Street Market. The organizers of the Jamboree are willing to work with the advance team to reschedule events currently planned for the late afternoon slots. Although we can take advantage of the people attending the Sports Jamboree, the President's event should not be billed as attending the Sports Jamboree.

The attached diagram demonstrates the placement of the dais in relation to the square.

A fundraiser has been requested, and the Lilly Marlene Room in the Church Street Station has been identified as a suitable fundraising site.

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The Orchid Room in the Church Street Station would be suitable for a press filing center. The room is available for Saturday, October 3, and has been reserved.

EVENT SCENARIO:

The President would arrive at the Orlando International Airport and proceed via motorcade to the Church Street Market. Drive time is approximately twenty minutes. Upon arrival at the Church Street Market the President would proceed to the train station for holding. The President would be announced onto the dais, and proceed through the crowd to the dais. The President would make remarks, and on conclusion of remarks the President would depart the dais to the motorcade. The President would then depart the Church Street Market to the Orlando International Airport.

Contacts: Ken Wright is the Orlando Bush-Quayle Chairman. His office number is (407) 423-3200. His home number is [REDACTED] P-6, (b)(6)

Todd Parish is a Bush-Quayle Assistant. His numbers are (407) 341-3834 and [REDACTED] P-6, (b)(6)

The property manager of the Church Street Market is Barbara Muenks. Her office number is (407) 872-3500. Her home number is [REDACTED] P-6, (b)(6)

The president of the Church Street Station, which is an adjoining property where the filing center and the fundraiser will take place, is Robert E. Windham. His office number is (407) 422-2434. The food and beverage director is John Rodriguez, and his number is (407) 422-2434.

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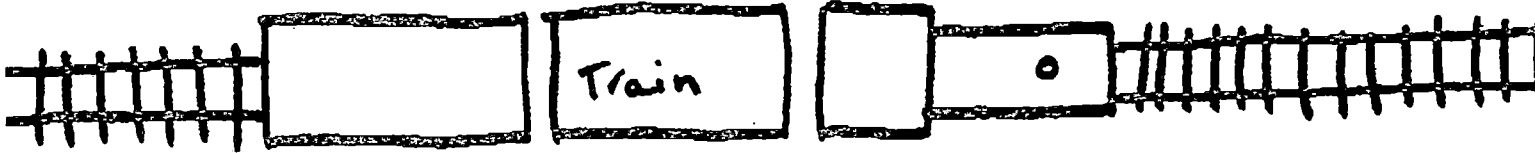
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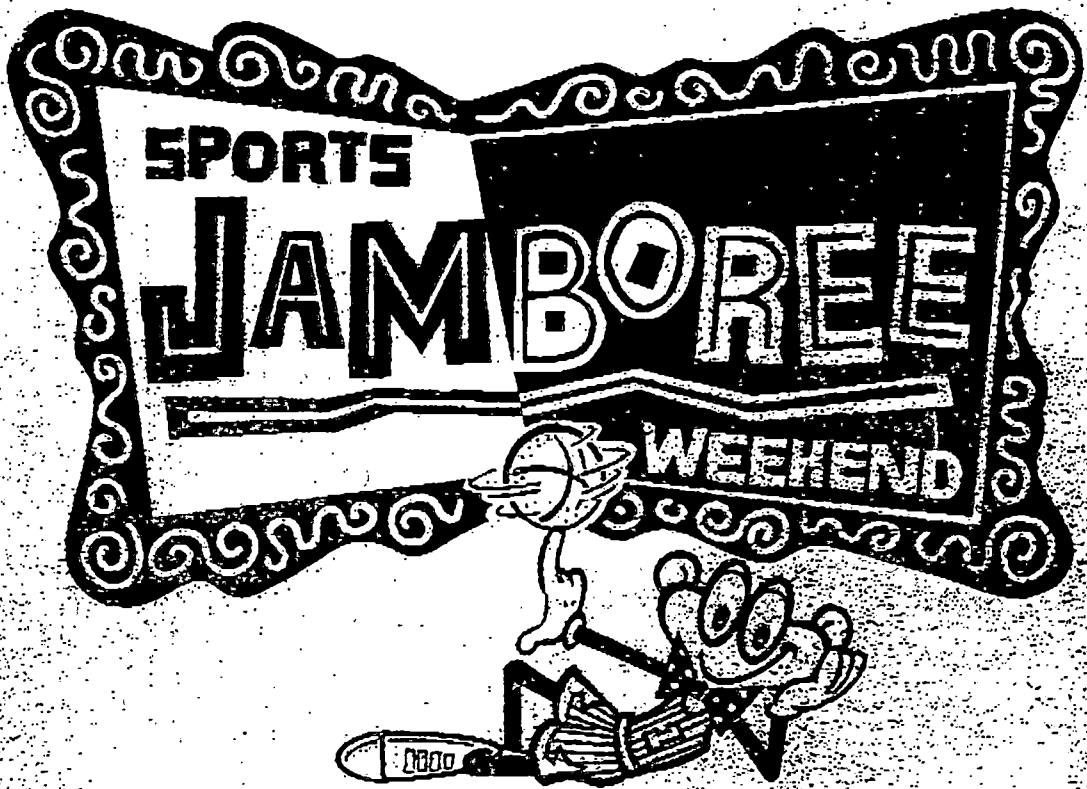
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CHURCH STREET MARKET PRESENTS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Join us for a jam packed weekend of sports, food and fun!

It's a whole weekend of fun for everyone from Slam Dunk Contests, Mascots and Cheerleaders to Card Shows, Food and Fun! Just look at our game plan:

Saturday, October 3

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

- American Heart Walk
- 3 on 3 Basketball Games
- Sports Card Show
- Food and Shopping
- Clowns and Mascots
- Variety 101 Radio Remote with Prizes

Noon - 2:00 pm

- Slam Dunk Contest
(Stanley Roberts, Judge)

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

- Magic Cheerleaders

Sunday, October 4

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

- 3 on 3 Basketball Games
- Sports Card Show
- Food and Shopping
- Clowns and Mascots

Noon - 1:00 pm

- Mascot Basketball Game
(with "Stuff")

Noon - 5:00 pm

- Variety 101 Radio Remote
with Prizes



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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FEMA SPEECH
MIAMI, FLORIDA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1992
TIME -- T.B.D.

Thank you for those warm words. My son Jeb will tell you it's always a pleasure returning to one of my favorite cities. //

I know this is a political season -- but there are things far more vital than election returns. One is the fate of people battered by Hurricane Andrew. I've come here to talk about what the Federal government has done -- and what we intend to do. //

Five weeks ago I made my first trip here to try to ease South Florida's suffering. I saw homes ripped apart -- cars torn off the road. More than a million people evacuated. People left without blankets -- without food or shelter. It was, I told Barbara, a scene that defied imagination. /

I also saw something else. Senior citizens, and young people. The Red Cross, local police and firemen. Each lending a hand, and helping neighbor help neighbor. Each wrote a profile of sheer inspiration. /

I'm here today to say: We won't forget that courage -- and we will never forget you. / I don't underestimate the task. It will take months to restore a sense of community -- and years to rebuild. But we have begun -- and we will finish the job. //

Earlier today I visited Florida Tent City Community -- a temporary tent city using trailers to house people. Later, I'm

off to Campell Middle School -- one of almost 50 schools the U.S. Seabees helped to rebuild for the start of the school year.

A month ago South Florida was on its knees. Steps like these are helping it get back on its feet. So are other things which can plant the seeds of economic rebirth. I think of Homestead Air Force Base -- so important to our military. It helps combat the cocaine trade. It provides air defense. And as I said last month: It will be rebuilt. //

When Andrew first hit, I appointed Transportation Secretary Card to coordinate our Federal efforts. He's visited countless disaster areas, met night and day with state and local officials, and worked with FEMA to provide additional emergency aid. / On the basis of his reports, I told FEMA I wanted a permanent site built where people could apply for this aid. Today, I'm pleased to help open it.

This site is a symbol of our commitment to the long haul -- and to the people of South Florida. Here you can apply for disaster aid in an unprecedented way. That includes temporary housing assistance. Grants for individuals and families to replace lost belongings. Here businesses can apply for loans to the Small Business Administration. //

From the start we've tried to respond promptly and massively to the hurricane disaster. From tents and cots to blankets and mobile kitchens, we've worked with State and local officials. / This center continues that cooperation. Continues the shift from

picking up the pieces to restoring long-term growth. It's a story with a great theme song: "Ain't no stoppin' us now."

Let me end with a chapter from that story. It's about how hurricane-force winds are no match for American-force guts. / It concerns, actually, a Texan moved by Florida's heroism. His name is James Pearl. He's all of four years old. /

James' first reaction to Andrew's wrath was repeated across America. He wanted to reach out -- to join the campaign called "One American Helping Another" which he heard on the radio. /

So James made a poster. It listed things kids could do around the house to earn money for the victims. Things like "folding clothes, helping the baby, cleaning up, clearing the table, and sweeping." / Then, he went out and got donations. Said what the money would be used for. Things like "food, houses, clothing, drinks, toys and books." //

Kids like James Pearl are what America is all about. An America whose future is worthy of our children. A future where we're never without hope -- and never without each other.

Other States helping Florida. Floridians helping each other. When the forces of nature try to tear lives apart -- the American character brings people together. //

For that, I salute you -- and will stay with you -- in my heart, and prayers. God bless you / we're going to get through this together / and may God bless the United States of America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Orlando, Florida)

For Immediate Release

October 3, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT CHURCH STREET MARKET RALLY

Church Street Station
Orlando, Florida

6:05 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. All right, you guys, thank you. Thank you very much.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: What a fantastic rally. And let me say, I've got great respect for Pat Williams. Wasn't he great up there, I'll tell you, giving us that warm introduction. (Applause.) And as for Gerald McRaney, "Major Dad," he's been a great campaigner, and I'm proud to have him at our side. (Applause.)

I want to salute Congressman Bill McCullem. I'm not sure he made it. But he's a good man, and he obviously -- if we had more like him, they wouldn't be yelling, "clean House" all the time. (Applause.) But we've got the answer to cleaning House. And, John Mica and Bill Tolley with us here today. And we've got Bill Grant running for the Senate; and more like that and we are going to get real advantage here in the Congress and change America. Help me clean House. (Applause.)

And thank you, everybody, for this great welcome. And it's wonderful to be back in this City of Light, this city beautiful.

And before I begin, let me just make a serious comment on what happened in Tampa this morning. We were followed out of town by a tornado which devastated some residential areas -- tragically killed four people. And on behalf of Barbara and me, our hearts and prayers go out to the family and the victims and all others whose homes were in that tornado's path. We've seen -- and I saw it again today in Homestead -- that Floridians are strong and good people. And you've had your fair share of natural disasters, and I want to just express my concerns and say, Florida's fighting back; never make a mistake about that. (Applause.)

And I might say, on a brighter note, I am very pleased that we have reached agreement with the Clinton campaign to hold three presidential debates beginning next Sunday. (Applause.) And I look forward going head-on-head with Governor Clinton and Ross Perot. And I'm especially pleased that Americans will be able to compare our ideas side by side without any media filter, and get the facts and the truth to the American people. (Applause.)

I didn't go to Oxford, so I'm not the world's greatest debater. But I know how to tell the truth, and that may make a difference. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

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THE PRESIDENT: Let me say this -- this election and what we'll be putting in perspective and the debates out there, is asking the rhetorical question: What kind of an America do you want for the young people here today? And my opponent rips our country down and says that we're a nation in decline -- somewhere between Germany and Sri Lanka. And he ought to open his eyes. We are the most respected nation on the face of the Earth. (Applause.)

And now let's use that leadership to change the world, and brought democracy and peace to all the countries moving around the world and bring that same progress and prosperity to every working man and woman in this country. That's why I want four more years. (Applause.)

You might say, how do we stay number one economically; and we are when you look around the world. And we do it this way: Here's the Agenda for America's Renewal. It is a comprehensive, factual plan, integrated plan to create the world's first \$10-trillion economy in the next few years. (And we can do it because we are the United States of America. (Applause.)

And one way you do it is to turn away from protection and open up new markets abroad for American products. We must become an export superpower. And we can do it if we don't listen to the siren's call of protection emanating from the other camp. (Applause.)

This agenda prepares our young people to excel in science and math and English; and because this is the way we're going to outcompete the Germans and outcompete the Japanese. And this agenda helps strengthen the American family, because family is still the foundation of our nation. (Applause.) And I worry when it's weak, and I want to see us help strengthen. (Applause.)

We've got to literally reinvent American education and give every parent a fundamental right to choose the public schools, private schools or religious schools. (Applause.) Parental choice will make all the schools better. (Applause.)

One thing that Governor Clinton doesn't want to touch, and I want to see done and done quickly is to reform our crazy legal system so that we sue each other less and care for each other more. (Applause.) He has already advocated spending -- and he hasn't even started yet -- already advocated \$220 billion in more spending. And I want to get the spending down and the taxes down.

And here's the way we'll do it: Give me that balanced budget amendment; give me that check-off; and give me that line-item veto; and let me do what the Congress can't do. (Applause.)

And another thing, give us these three good men for the United States Congress. And then let's say, let's limit the terms for the members of Congress. A President's terms are limited, limit the Congress and give it back to the people. (Applause.)

Now these are just some of my ideas -- and I hate to ruin this program -- but I think we ought to take a little look at Arkansas, because this man's trying to get elected by doing one thing: Tear down the country -- say we're down -- and criticize the President. If that's fair game, let's take a look at Arkansas. (Applause.)

Now, first, the people of Arkansas are good and decent. We live right next door to them in Texas. They are good and decent people, but there's a lot they don't know about their Governor and a lot you don't know, and the more you think about it, and the more you find out, the more you know he is wrong for America.

AUDIENCE: Tell him!

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THE PRESIDENT: I am. (Applause.)

He says he's for civil rights -- he says he's for civil rights. Arkansas doesn't even have a basic civil rights law. And I have passed a sound bill -- sound civil rights bill, a sound ADA bill -- the best creative piece of civil rights legislation in the last two decades. And he hasn't even done one single thing for fair play in the state of Arkansas. (Applause.)

He says he's for a clean environment, but the Institute for Southern Studies ranked Arkansas 50th in environmental policy -- 50th.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: The Governor sounds like he can walk on water. Well, you can do it over there in that Arkansas River. (Laughter and applause.) No, really. There's so much fecal coliform bacteria in the river that the fish teach their kids to jog rather than swim. (Laughter.)

Governor Clinton says he's tough on crime, but crime in Arkansas has increased twice as fast as the rest of the nation. And the cops who know him best -- the Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock, Arkansas -- have endorsed me for President of the United States. (Applause.)

This guy says he wants to do for the country what he's done for Arkansas. And I say why in the world would we let him?

AUDIENCE. Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: That is a real threat. We can't let him do that. Now, look at the economy, a major issue in the campaign -- and, look, I know we've had tough times. Families are worried, people are out of work. But I'll tell you something: We need to understand that it's bigger than America. We're feeling a global economic slowdown. Everybody knows that. It's worse overseas. Not one single country over there wouldn't trade in a minute for our economy.

And so, yet, Governor Clinton offers to America that same kind of tired European social welfare approach to life that has failed them. We don't need that in this country. He has already proposed \$150 billion in new taxes, \$220 billion in new spending. And don't worry -- don't worry, he says, he'll take it all out of the top two percent -- everybody making over \$200,000. But the truth is, to get the money for his plan, that \$150 billion, Governor Clinton would have to get his money from every American with taxable income over \$36,600. It's not just the top -- and these people are not Shaquille O'Neal. They're not rolling in millions. (Applause.) These are your neighbors. (Applause.)

So I've got an idea, though. We ought to do what Shaquille would do and stuff the Governor's tax increase right into the front row. (Applause.) But on top of this -- I hate to ruin this marvelous rally -- but on top of this, Governor Clinton will literally need hundreds of billions of dollars more to pay for all the programs he's promised. And you say, who's going to pay? The same people who always pay -- those who work hard, pay their bills, sweat it out at tax time. And he wants you to sweat harder for the tax man. And I say his ideas deserve a cold shower. We cannot do that for this country. (Applause.)

You're a third grade teacher making \$22,000 a year in taxable income -- he could slap you with another \$430 a year in taxes. And I say you ought to be able to use that money to pay for

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your kids' education, take a shot at the mortgage. And you don't need to send it up to the IRS in Washington, D.C. And therein lies the biggest single difference on this election -- tax-and-spend versus holding down taxes, holding down spending, and return the power to the people of the United States. (Applause.)

I've got another -- you know, for 11 months this guy -- and bunch of these other Democrats have been around tearing me up, and I'm having a good time now getting this thing in focus. I enjoy it. And here's -- one day Bill Clinton says, this guy is on every side of every issue. You talk about slippery when wet -- (laughter) -- listen to this: One day, Bill Clinton tells Arkansas he'll never run for president -- I've seen the tape of it; and eight months later, he's out there running for president, announcing his campaign. One day he says, I'm for the North American Free Trade Agreement, and then he backs away.

And now today the Washington paper reports -- Washington Post reports that, tomorrow, the Governor is poised to switch again and support the trade agreement. Watching him go back and forth on the issues is mind-boggling. It's like watching a Chinese ping-pong match. (Laughter.)

One day he says the middle class deserves a tax break, and the next day he's plotting new ways to give the middle class the greatest honor of paying for all his programs. And if he ever became President -- and he won't -- we'd have to replace the eagle with a chameleon. (Applause.)

Now, I'll give you another example. I'll give you another example. Look at the question of whether to follow my lead and stand up against Saddam. Just two weeks ago in Washington Bill Clinton read a speech on foreign policy -- it sounded like a college term paper -- and he said -- and I quote -- (laughter) -- he said this: "I supported the President when it became necessary to evict Saddam Hussein from Kuwait" -- end quote. But two years ago, when I was trying to mobilize the whole country behind it, fighting not only the demonstrators out there in front of the White House that Saddam misunderstood -- and a lot in the media, and plenty in the United States Congress -- here is what Governor Clinton said: "I guess I would have voted with the majority if it was a close vote, but I agree with the arguments the minority made." Now, tell me what kind of leadership that would be for a Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: No, we've got too much on one side and then another side. And I've found one thing about the Oval Office: You can't make everybody happy. You're bound to make mistakes, but you've got to do like the umpire. You've got to call them as you see them and stay with it, and tell the truth as you go along. (Applause.)

I'll tell you why I'm going to win the election. (Applause.) The first place, we've got a better plan -- an Agenda for American Renewal. Secondly, the young people in America go to bed at night without that same fear of nuclear war -- (applause) -- the generations ahead of them had. (Applause.) And thirdly, when people go into that voting booth, they're going to ask themselves this question: Who do I trust to be empowered with the dignity, prestige and the enormous power of President of the United States?

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And I have worked hard to uphold that trust. Yes, I've made mistakes. But I have not betrayed the public trust. I have been a strong leader. And now I ask for your support for four more years to finish the job -- (applause) -- and get this job done. (Applause.)

Thank you all, and God bless you. God bless you all.
(Applause.) Thank you very much.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Fort Lauderdale, Florida)

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October 3, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE COMMUNITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Hollywood International Airport
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

2:25 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thanks, Colonel Bud Day. And thank all of you for being here. Let me also single out two Floridians -- Jeanie Austin, who is the Vice Chairman -- Cochairman of the Republican National Committee, a great daughter of Florida with us today; and also the man I want to see elected to the United States Senate, Bill Grant -- (applause) -- a good Congressman, a good man. (Applause.)

And may I salute Guy Sanchez and Commander Donald Freak; and also a couple of friends of mine that came up on the plane -- Andy Mills and Chris Evert -- (applause) -- two of Fort Lauderdale's favorites over here. (Applause.) And may I thank Gerald McRaney, a man of principle who's campaigning. I'm glad to have Major Dad on my side, I'll tell you. (Applause.)

And I'm sure some of you young ones are wondering what this is. This thing is a TBF Avenger. And I remember the first time I saw one of these, I could hardly wait to try it out. And then my flight instructor told me a curious aerodynamic fact. When the thing was loaded, it could fall faster than it can fly. And I proved that a couple of times out in the Pacific flying one of these things. (Applause.) I took my flight training right here at Fort Lauderdale. It was quite a few years ago. (Applause.)

I am very pleased to be here to talk about the --

AUDIENCE: Where was Bill! Where was Bill! Where was Bill! Where was Bill! Where was Bill! Where was Bill!

THE PRESIDENT: I am very pleased to be here to talk about the choice for this November. And this campaign, like every campaign, is about a simple question: What kind of America do you want for the young people that are here today? (Applause.)

My opponent likes to tear America down. He says that we are -- in his words -- south of Germany, heading toward Sri Lanka. Well, maybe he ought talk to a few folks in Germany or Asia, and they'll remind him of a few facts. Our people are the best educated; our economy is still the most dynamic; and our workers the most productive. (Applause.)

And America is the greatest economic superpower the world has ever seen. And I intend to keep it that way and make it better. And I don't like Governor Clinton tearing down the United States of America. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: We want Bush! We want Bush! We want Bush! We want Bush!

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THE PRESIDENT: I have laid out a comprehensive Agenda for American Renewal. It's a comprehensive, integrated agenda to create -- right here in the United States -- the world's very first \$10-trillion economy. And you go with my plan, and we can do just that. (Applause.)

And here's what we've got to do. We've got to look forward to open new markets for our products, because that's the way we're going to create new jobs and better wages for our workers.

My agenda charts a way to prepare our young people to excel in Math and English and science, because that's the way our kids will beat the socks off the Germans and the Japanese in economic competition. (Applause.)

This agenda provides ways to strengthen the American family -- because families are the foundation of our nation. And I'm going to keep on talking about strengthening the family. (Applause.) And, as the Colonel said, Governor Clinton wants to gut our military forces. He wants to cut \$60 billion beyond what my military experts say is responsible.

AUDIENCE: Booo!

THE PRESIDENT: And my Agenda cuts defense, but only so far. Because the only way America can stay safe is for America to stay strong. The reason we whipped Saddam Hussein is we stayed strong. (Applause.)

So here's what I'm fighting for -- is to reinvent American education -- and give every parent the right to choose the best school for their kids -- public, private or religious. (Applause.)

To reform our crazy legal system -- we've got too many crazy lawsuits -- and it is time that we sue each other less, and care for each other more in this country. (Applause.)

With the help of that new Congress, I'm determined to cut the size of government -- because government is too big and spends too much of your money. And I want to limit -- limit the terms --

AUDIENCE: Clean the House!

THE PRESIDENT: -- that's a good idea. The man says "Clean House." Wait a minute, I'll tell you how to do it.

AUDIENCE: Clean the House! Clean the House! Clean the House!

THE PRESIDENT: We need to do that, I'll tell you. We need to do that, and one thing we need to do is limit the terms for the members of Congress and give Congress back to the people. The President's terms are limited; limit the Congress. (Applause.)

These are just some of the things I'm fighting for. But while I'm talking about the future, Governor Clinton only wants to talk about the past.

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: And if he wants to -- you guys -- Clinton only wants to talk about the past. And I say, if you want to talk about the past, take a look at Arkansas. (Applause.) These are good people. Good, honorable, patriotic Americans, and they've had a bad leader. And the more you know about him, the more you'll understand: Bill Clinton is wrong for America. (Applause.)

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You know, he says he's for civil rights, but Arkansas doesn't even have a basic civil rights law. He says he's for a clean environment, but the Institute of Southern Studies ranked Arkansas 50th in environmental policies -- right down to the bottom.

AUDIENCE: Booooo!

THE PRESIDENT: Governor Clinton would have you want us to believe he can walk on water -- and maybe he can, over there in Arkansas in those rivers, they're so polluted. (Applause.) The Governor says he's tough on crime, but under him, Arkansas's crime rate has gone through the roof -- has risen two times faster than the nation's. And you don't have to take my word for it. Ask the police officers who know Bill Clinton the best -- the people in Little Rock, and the police officers in Little Rock have endorsed me for President of the United States. (Applause.)

Let me talk for just a minute about the economy. We've been through some tough economic times. But understand we're being affected by a global economic slowdown. And our competitors in Europe would trade places with the United States in a minute. And, yet, Governor Clinton offers for America -- this kind of European social welfare state with bigger government and higher taxes. And we don't need it.

AUDIENCE: Boooo!

THE PRESIDENT: And don't listen to what he's saying today. He is wanting to slap more taxes on the middle class.

AUDIENCE: Booooo!

THE PRESIDENT: Let me give you the facts. He is proposing at least \$150 billion in new taxes -- and at least \$220 billion in new spending. And, don't worry, he says -- I'll take it all from the rich -- I'll take it all from those who are the top two percent.

But the problem is this: to get all the money he needs for that plan he's come up with -- the \$150 billion that he's promised in new taxes -- Governor Clinton would have to get his money from every individual with taxable income over \$36,600. And to pay for his other promises, he'll have to sock it to the cap drivers, the teachers, the nurses and the day-to-day citizens. And we can't let him do that.

AUDIENCE: Booooo!

THE PRESIDENT: He wants the middle class to sweat more and send it to the IRS. And I say his ideas deserve a cold shower. Do not give him a chance. (Applause.)

You know, we had some television ads on posing the truth about who's going to pay for all Governor Clinton's promises; and then he gets mad. And even today he's got a new ad on television trying to fog the issue. He's scared that you're going to find out the truth before November 3rd.

And his economic plan does not add up. And someone is going to have to foot the bill. And Governor Clinton says it won't be the middle-class. But you cannot raise \$150 billion in taxes and pay for at least \$220 billion in new spending without touching the middle-class.

Middle-class tax payers believe that Governor Clinton won't touch their paychecks like they believe that Hurricane Andrew was a gentle spring shower. We cannot let him touch the middle-class on taxes.

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Now, you see he's got a habit of never trying to take a position on a tough issue. I've finally figured out why he compares himself to Elvis -- the minute he has to take a stand on something, he starts wiggling. (Applause.)

One day he looks right in with those blue eyes into the camera and says he's not going to run for President of the United States, the next thing you know he announces his campaign. One day he says he's for a good trade agreement that we want -- the North American Free Trade Agreement; and then he says "I haven't made up my mind yet." One day he says the middle-class deserves a tax break, the next day he's piling up spending programs that the middle-class have to pay for.

And just two days ago in Wisconsin, he read a speech on foreign policy and it sort of sounded like a college term paper. Governor Clinton said -- and I quote -- "This has to do with the war in Iraq." He said, "I supported the President when it became necessary to evict Saddam Hussein from Kuwait." He said that the other day. But last year, here's what he said: "I guess I would have voted with the majority if it was a close vote, but I agree with the arguments that the minority made."

AUDIENCE: Boooo!

THE PRESIDENT: This is crazy. You cannot act like that as a Commander-in-Chief. This guy couldn't remember in detail that he didn't inhale 20 years ago, and he can't remember what came out of his mouth 20 minutes ago. (Applause.)

I think we've discovered a new disease -- "Clintonesia". (Laughter.) The symptoms: weak knees, sweaty palms and an incredible desire to say anything on all sides of every issue, depending on who you are trying to please. (Applause.)

So let me just comment about the young people here. You cannot keep everybody happy. You've got to call them as you see them. You've got to make tough decisions. And we better not replace the American eagle with a chameleon in the White House. (Applause.)

We still have some very tough problems both at home and abroad. And I don't think that we ought to put our bet on a leader with no experience and a sorry record in his home state.

You know this place is special for me. I mention it because this is where I took that final flight training before I went overseas at the old Naval Air Station here. And I was just a kid -- I was 19 at the time. And maybe that's why I've never forgotten the lessons that military service teaches. It shaped my character; and I hope that that service to country has made me a better Commander-in-Chief, because I respect our military and the veterans -- (applause) -- I respect the military. I do not loathe them, as Governor Clinton said in that famous letter. I respect them, I support the veterans, and we have a special trust with the veterans and we must protect them, and we will always stand beside the brave men and women who stood up for their country.

And, by the way, I do believe that serving in uniform is a good criterion for being Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. (Applause.)

No, the question between our Agenda for American Renewal and the Clinton plan is like night and day. But the fundamental points are two: One, I don't believe we're a country south of Germany and just above Sri Lanka. I believe we are the best, fairest, most decent country on the face of the Earth, and I will never tear down America.

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duty of serving the United States of America as president? I hope I have earned your trust. Barbara and I have worked very, very hard -- (applause) -- and I ask for your support for four more years.

(Applause.) Thank you, and God bless you all. Thank you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Clearwater, Florida)

For Immediate Release

October 3, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT ON TOP OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY WELCOME

Top of the World Community
Clearwater, Florida

9:25 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very, very much. Please be seated. At long last he's made his intentions clear. And I'm delighted that Sidney will not be a candidate for President of the United States. (Laughter.) It's a confusing enough year with the way it is. (Laughter.)

But thank you, sir -- to you and your family for this introduction. Sidney and I go back a while. And he's been a loyal and strong friend and supporter. And he's certainly been a marvelous citizen of this community and of our great state of Florida. So thank you very much.

And allow me quickly to single out a couple of others -- Sandra, thank you, and best of luck to you. (Applause.) We have Bill Grant with us, another friend. And I want to see some real changes in the Congress. (Applause.) And he's running for the Senate. (Applause.)

And Jeannie Austin, the Vice Chairman of the Republican National Committee, sitting over here -- a Floridian. (Applause.) And Marian Keith, longtime GOP volunteer and a resident of On Top of the World. (Applause.) And a special welcome -- right back there -- and a special welcome to Gerald McRaney. He's a great campaigner, a man of principle. (Applause.) And I'm very proud to have him at my side. (Applause.) Mac will be traveling with us all across Florida today. And we love having him along -- except every time I get going on a little too long, he makes me drop in the aisle of Air Force One and do 50 push-ups. (Laughter.)

But in honor of the Major's presence, I'd like to start this morning with an announcement related to the area, regarding MacDill Air Force Base. And as you know, MacDill played a big role in bringing an end to the Cold War and certainly in Desert Storm. And now I'm pleased to announce that the Air Force and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, will work together to make MacDill a major center for NOAA's fleet of research aircraft. (Applause.) This is a good decision. It represents a big victory for Senator Connie Mack and Congressman Bill Young, who are both back in Washington today. (Applause.)

And also to give credit, I want to single out Al Austin, the Chairman of the MacDill Response Group, a Floridian who played a big role in finding a use for MacDill that will serve the national interest and also provide a major boost to the area's economy. So it's good news, and I'm glad to be able to announce it here in Florida today. (Applause.)

Now about this little matter of an election -- a month from today. This campaign, like every campaign, is about a simple question: What kind of America do we want for our kids and for our grandkids? And my opponent says that America is over the hill. And at the Democratic Convention, he said he saw the

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U.S. sliding down the list of nations, somewhere past Germany and heading for Sri Lanka.

Well, maybe he ought to open his eyes. Maybe he ought to look at the respect with which we're held all around the world. And maybe the Governor needs to walk the streets of Europe and talk to the people of Asia, and they'd remind him of a few facts: Americans are still the most educated people in the world. In spite of our difficulties, the American economy is still the most dynamic in the world. American workers still the most productive. And any way you measure it, America is still on top of the world. And that's the way it is. (Applause.)

And so how do we stay number one -- and that's the question. And I've laid out an Agenda for American Renewal -- a comprehensive, integrated agenda to create in America the world's very first \$10-trillion economy. And my Agenda for Renewal demands that we open new markets for American products. Because that is the way we are going to create the new jobs for American workers.

My agenda prepares our young people to excel in science and math and English -- because that's the way they will outperform the Japanese and the Germans. And my Agenda helps strengthen the American family because we must never forget: Family is still the foundation of our nation. (Applause.)

And I might just say -- I'm a little prejudice, but I think we have one of the great First Ladies of all time. And I wish -- (applause) -- and I wish Barbara were here, because she feels as I do on strengthening family. And when she sits there in the Diplomatic Entrance of the White House and reads to those kids, it's sending a signal to parents to help your children. When she holds an AIDS baby in her arms, it sends the compassion that we all ought to feel -- one for another. And she feels as strongly as I do that we've got to find ways to strengthen the fabric of society by strengthening the American family. (Applause.)

This Agenda for American Renewal promotes savings and investment, because in America the future is our children's birthright. And so here's what I'm fighting for: To reinvent -- literally reinvent American education and give every American the fundamental right to choose the best school for their children. (Applause.) Fighting to reform our crazy legal system, because, as a nation, we must sue each other less and care for each other more. These suits are out of hand. (Applause.)

And then to use market and competition to cut the cost of health care and make it available to all of your neighbors. And it seems to me if you see a doctor once, you shouldn't have to go back a month later when you get the bill to be treated for aftershock. (Laughter and applause.) So we have a good, new health reform program, and I think it's time to bring some sanity to our health care system.

And I want to bring real change to Washington by limiting the terms of the members of Congress -- (applause) -- and give the power back to real people. The President's terms are limited; why not limit the terms of some of those old geezers up there that have been there for about 50 years? (Applause.)

And, finally, I'm fighting for economic security, for every man and woman in America. And I know that Social Security and Medicare are important to all of you, to all of us. And I'm sure some of you have heard my opponent's ads on the subject. Understand, Governor Clinton's a very ambitious politician. That's fine. But in his first try on the national scene he's using the oldest trick in the world -- trying to scare America's seniors.

And here are the facts: I have proposed a comprehensive program to reform our health care system, to improve health care for all Americans. And the only proposal I've made to -- will affect Medicare benefits is to give people with highest incomes a smaller government subsidy. But I believe we can get big savings by cutting the fat out of an inefficient system, but going after things like the \$25 billion in potential savings in malpractice insurance. But we can reform health care without cutting your health benefits. I have protected them as President -- (applause) -- and I'm going to continue to protect them. (Applause.)

Bill Clinton's got a different idea. He wants the government to get involved in setting prices -- setting health care prices. But the experts said it could force people to wait in line for treatment they want and need. Governor Clinton's plan would require \$218 billion in cuts in Medicaid and Medicare over the next five years. And so at the same time he's scaring you, he will not tell the seniors across this state and across the country where he's going to get the over \$200 billion in savings that he wants. I think you deserve an answer to this.

These are the facts. They are pure and simple facts. And it's the same with Social Security. In 1983 -- most people will probably remember this -- in 1983, we took steps to make sure Social Security would stay financially sound, and we have kept it that way. And no matter what Governor Clinton says, as long as I am President, Social Security will remain safe and sound. And as I said in the State of the Union message -- and I repeat it here -- I will not mess with Social Security, and I will not let Congress mess with Social Security. (Applause.) And I will not let anyone take a knife to your Medicare benefits.

Now, ultimately none of us will be secure without a strong economy. And that's a fundamental issue of the campaign. And the differences in approach couldn't be more dramatic.

I know America's endured some very tough economic times. But understand, we are being affected -- and most people know this -- by a global economic slowdown. Our competitors in Europe would trade places with us in a minute. And yet Governor Clinton offers America the European social welfare state policies -- more government, more special interest spending, more taxes on the middle class.

And as Governor, Bill Clinton raised and extended the sales tax, including a tax on vegetables and other groceries. He raised the gas tax. He taxed mobile homes. He even taxed cable TV -- taxes that hit the middle class and seniors the hardest.

And now in this campaign, he says he's changed his ways. He's proposing at least \$150 billion in new taxes plus at least \$220 billion in new spending. But don't worry, he says, I'll get it all from the rich -- the people who make over \$200,000 -- that top two percent.

Well, yesterday in The Washington Post, his economic spokesman was quoted admitting to a reporter that the top two percent is not people over \$200,000. He said that was just shorthand. Well, he's right. It's shorthand. Governor Clinton's plan is shorthand for socking it to the nurses and the teachers and the cab drivers and the middle class people who always get the shaft. And I am not going to let it happen. We're going to take this case to the American people. (Applause.)

To get the money -- to get the money that he needs for this plan -- the \$150 billion that he's promised in new taxes -- he would have to get his money from every individual with taxable income over \$36,600. And that is a fact. And these

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aren't the folks you see on "Lifestyles of the Rich and the Famous." They work hard, and they deserve a break.

But that's just a start. Because hardly a day goes by when candidate Clinton isn't signing on some plea for some new government spending program. And before he's done, Bill Clinton is going to need hundreds of billions of dollars more to pay for all the programs he's promised. You've got every right to say well, who will pay? And the same people who always pay -- the people who work hard and sweat it out at tax time. Bill Clinton wants you to sweat harder for the tax man, and I say his ideas deserve a cold shower. (Applause.)

Just some examples: Let's say your daughter's a third grade teacher with about \$22,000 a year in taxable income. She already pays about \$1,300 in taxes. And Governor Clinton could have her fork over another \$430 a year to the tax man -- that is, if he's going to pay for all the social programs and pay for the additional spending that he's already proposed. And I say that that woman ought to be able to use that money to pay for the grandkids' education or pay the mortgage on her house, not to send it back to the IRS.

Bill Clinton can protest all he wants, but his numbers do not add up. And I'm not going to let him take the difference out of your income. (Applause.)

And now, whenever I say this, Governor Clinton says it's outrageous. He'd never considered taxing the middle class. He's, quote -- here's what he says about himself -- "a different kind of Democrat." Well, there's nothing different about \$150 billion in new taxes right out of the shoot. There's nothing different about at least \$220 billion in new government spending -- spending he's already proposed. And there's nothing different in Bill Clinton's record in Arkansas where he's treated the middle class like a piggy bank to pay for all his programs.

Remember Mike Dukakis, the tank driver? (Laughter.) Well, Bill Clinton nominated him for President four years ago. And this year, according to an article in The New York Times, 39 of Governor Clinton's economic proposals are virtually identical to the ideas Governor Dukakis was pushing -- higher taxes, more spending, a bigger deficit. And I say, simply: These things are wrong for America. (Applause.) We've got fundamental differences here. I'm getting warmed up on you, because I think we're going to have three debates; so I'm practicing here today. (Laughter and applause.)

Governor Clinton wants you to believe that the American economy will improve if you turn full control of your paycheck over to the crew that already runs the Congress. He wants the tax-and-spend government planners to have total control over the Executive Branch, too. And last time they tried this -- we ended up with double-digit inflation and rising interest rates, and a Misery Index -- inflation and unemployment -- over 20 percent.

Think about what inflation does to people on fixed incomes. Bill Clinton and his friends in Congress would let the lion of inflation out of its cage. And I say, let's lock it away, keep it from your bank account, keep your savings sacrosanct, not to be wiped out by inflation. (Applause.)

And so my case to the American people is this: At this time in our history, we simply cannot take the risk on a President with no national experience and a miserable Arkansas record to run on. (Applause.)

Since I've been in the Oval Office I've faced some very difficult decisions. That's what you pay me to do. And, yes, I've made some mistakes; when I make a mistake I'll admit it. But I believe I've been a good leader. I've tried to make

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the tough calls. (Applause.) I've tried to make the tough calls, willing to tell people not what they want to hear, but what they need to hear. And I stand before you today asking for your support so that we can get to work with a new Congress to fix the problems that stand in the way of this country; and so that we reform our health care system; that we literally reinvent our schools; so that we can retrain workers from one generation and create jobs for the next; and so that we can cut government spending and cut taxes to get this economy moving again; and so that we can limit terms of the Members of the Congress and give government back to the people. (Applause.)

And if you're looking for a leader of experience and ideas, a leader who shares your values, a leader who knows that America's heartbeat can be found not in Washington, but in places like Clearwater and Largo and St. Pete and Tampa, then I hope I can count on your support on November 3rd.

Thank you all very, very much, and may God bless the United States of America. Thank you all. Thank you. (Applause.)

The meeting is adjourned. Thank you. (Applause.)

END

9:42 A.M. EDT

MIAMI

SPORT-SHORTS

1) MIAMI DOLPHINS (3-0) at BUFFALO (4-0)

NOTE: WILL GET HAMMERED!

SUNDAY at 1pm DESTROYED!
WHACKED!

2) MIAMI (#2 in USA) at home vs. FLA. STATE (#3)
Saturday at noon

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SUBJ: Navy info - Hurricane Andrew

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HURRICANE ANDREW
DISASTER RELIEF
U.S. NAVY PARTICIPATION

- The Primary Mission of the U.S. Navy Task Force, under the command of COMPHIBRON SIX (USS SIERRA, USS OPPORTUNE, USS PONCE, USS HUNLEY, USS ASHLAND, USS SYLVANIA, and the U.S NAVY SEABEES) was to deliver disaster relief supplies and equipment and to restore damaged Dade County Schools to service with a target date of 14 SEPT 1992.
- Of the 278 schools within Dade County, the Navy was originally tasked with restoring 36 of the hardest hit schools in the disaster area. The list of Navy schools eventually grew to a total of 47.
- Although it was originally estimated that between 30 and 40 schools would not open on the target date, all but 10 of the Dade County schools were ready to receive students by the 14th of September. Since opening day, the Navy has restored 4 additional schools that were considered long term losses. A breakdown of the 47 schools restored by the Navy is provided in Enclosure (1).
- All schools that have the potential to be economically restored have now been placed back in service. The successful completion of this huge task required a phenomenal effort to remove tons of standing water, mud and debris, tear down thousands of water damaged ceiling tiles, rip out miles of ruined carpet, scrub down hundreds of mildew laden walls and surfaces, replace damaged walls and windows, patch leaking roofs, remove, sort, and replace thousands of books and school supplies, open and dry out hundreds of light fixtures, clear tons of outside debris and clean and restore thousands of square feet of floor space. Additional tasks included the cleanup of school yards and playground areas, restoration of electrical service and air conditioning, sanitation of food service facilities and repair of electronics equipment including computers and audio visual aids.
- In addition to their primary mission, Navy assets completed a number of significant secondary taskings as outlined in Enclosure (2).
- Having completed their mission, U.S. Naval Forces are now resuming their normal assigned duties.

HURRICANE ANDREW
DISASTER RELIEF
U.S. NAVY SCHOOL RESTORATION

SEABEES (22ND NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT, FORWARD) - 15 Schools
Plus 37 Assists:

Arvida Middle
Bel-Aire Elem
Colonial Drive Elem
Everglades Labor Camp
Gulfstream Elem
Hammocks Middle
Miami Heights Elem
Miami Southridge Senior
Miami Sunset Senior
Robert Morgan Technical
Redland Middle
South Dade Skill Center
South Miami Heights Elem
Sunset Elem
West Laboratory Elem

USS HUNLEY - 14 Schools Plus 4 Assists:

Centennial Middle
Coral Reef Elem
Cutler Ridge Middle
Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System, South
Gloria Floyd Elem
Howard Drive Elem
Kendale Lakes Elem
A.L. Lewis Elem
Redland Laborcamp Vocational
Redondo Elem
Royal Green Elem
South Dade Senior
Sylvania Heights Elem
Wispering Pines Elem

USS OPPORTUNE - 3 Schools Plus 1 assist (USS SIERRA - Perrine
Elem):

Cutler Ridge Elem
F.C. Martin Elem
Southwood Middle

USS PONCE - 3 Schools:

Homestead Middle
Homestead Senior
West Homestead Elem

Enclosure (1)

USS SYLVANIA - Assisted USS SIERRA at 2 Schools, Assisted USS PONCE
at 1 School:

Campbell Drive Middle
Airbase Elem
Homestead Senior

USS SIERRA - 12 Schools Plus 1 Assist (Gloria Floyd):

Airbase Elem
Avocado Elem
Campbell Drive Middle
Campbell Drive Elem
W. Chapman Elem
Cypress Elem
Florida City Elem
Leisure City Elem
Naranja Elem
Sunset Park Elem
Perrine Elem
Pine Lake Elem

USS ASHLAND - Assisted USS PONCE at 1 School: Homestead Senior

ENCLOSURE (1)

HURRICANE ANDREW
DISASTER RELIEF
U.S. NAVY PARTICIPATION

USS SYLVANIA/HC-8:

- Transferred over one million pounds of relief supplies via helicopter to remote disaster feeding sites while simultaneously conducting around-the-clock cargo offload.
- Offloaded a total of 2.8 million pounds of relief supplies and materials.
- Assisted in the restoration of 3 schools.

USS HUNLEY:

- Restored 14 schools
- Erected Tent City at Harris Field
- Provided Spanish linguist support for Army Medical Units
- Provided FEMA case workers to assist citizens applying for disaster relief.

USS OPPORTUNE:

- Restored 3 schools and assisted USS SIERRA restore one other.
- Located and repositioned marine navigational aids and channel markers.
- Completed underwater surveys to locate, identify and clear obstructions and hazards to navigation.
- Completed underwater inspections of numerous sunken boats and craft to locate missing persons.
- Provided FEMA case workers to assist citizens applying for disaster relief.

USS PONCE:

- Restored 3 schools.
- Provided FEMA case workers to assist citizens applying for disaster relief.
- Provided support for USS Sylvania flight operations
- Supported the CH-46 and transported the PHIB SEABEES with 70 vehicles

USS ASHLAND:

- Delivered large quantities of relief supplies and equipment.
- Assisted USS PONCE in the restoration of Homestead Senior High school.
- Provided clerical support to the JTF staff.

ENCLOSURE (2)

USS SIERRA:

- Restored 12 Schools and assisted in final cleanup of one.
- Erected a tent city at Homestead Middle School with a capacity for 1200 people.
- Provided FEMA case workers to assist citizens applying for disaster relief.
- Provided Spanish linguists to assist Army medical units working in the field to treat civilian casualties.
- Provided meals to U.S. Coast Guard facilities.
- Completed debris removal and cleanup of public daycare centers throughout Miami.
- Completed underwater surveys of three separate channels at Dinner Key Marina to identify obstructions and hazards to navigation. Located and recovered more than 500 pier sections valued at more than one half million dollars.
- Completed underwater survey of Bicentennial Pier to identify and clear obstructions and to map water depth.
- Completed extensive debris removal and cleanup of Bicentennial Park.
- Installed customized intercom system on UH-1 helicopter to permit VIPs to obtain a clear and accurate understanding of the extent of the devastation.
- Fabricated five sets of customized steel steps to permit USDA food stamp trailers to open on schedule.
- Operated around-the-clock emergency feeding station in Florida City (dubbed the "Hard Cop Cafe" by the press) which provided more than 70,000 hot meals to police, FBI, firefighters, and emergency services personnel.
- Provided crews to maintain and repair more than 140 emergency generators throughout Dade County.
- Provided Navy Relief Society workers to assist local military families with claims applications.
- First Navy ship to arrive in disaster area and last to leave.

SEABEES (22ND NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT FORWARD):

- Restored 15 schools and assisted in the restoration of 37 other.
- Repaired traffic and street lights in support of Florida Power and Light.
- Cleared a total of 13,365 cubic yards of debris (as of 9/24).
- Completed various engineering tasks throughout Dade County including:
 - Installing power line structures
 - Excavation
 - Generator installation and repair
 - Root repairs at non-school sites
 - Backhoe services for various public organizations

ENCLOSURE(2)

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE CENTER, MIAMI:

- Provided direct delivery of water, food, and construction materials to private citizens and military families in the disaster area.
- Assisted USS PONCE in the restoration of one school.
- Evacuated more than 50 military families from the disaster area.
- Provided medical field units which visited more than 50 homes providing much needed medical care.
- Provided advance liaison and support for seven ships providing disaster relief support.
- Provided 30 medical personnel to augment the 2ND Medical Battalion at Harris Field.
- Provided legal assistance for military personnel impacted by the disaster.
- Provided emergency berthing facilities for more than 300 civilian evacuees and more than 600 military transients.
- Provided assistance at the emergency police feeding station.
- Provided Navy Relief Society case workers to assist military families impacted by the disaster apply for assistance.
- Provided emergency generator services to support the operation of a clinic/shelter for the care of animals.
- Provided 1600 mandays of active duty and selected reserve labor in support of disaster relief operations.
- Logged more than 18,000 miles of vehicle usage in support of disaster relief.

ENCLOSURE (2)

USS SIERRA (AD 18)

- The SIERRA is one of the oldest ships on active duty in the United States Navy. SIERRA was built by the Tampa Shipbuilding Company of Tampa, Florida. Her keel was laid on December 21, 1941, only 14 days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The ship was commissioned and placed in service on March 20, 1944, more than 48 years ago.
- In spite of her age, SIERRA has undergone numerous upgrades and modifications and has incorporated new technology which makes her one of the most capable tenders in the fleet today.
- SIERRA's job as a Destroyer Tender is to provide maintenance and repair capability in forward deployed areas in support of small combatant ships such as frigates and destroyers. SIERRA will typically deploy to the Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, or Persian Gulf for six months at a time and will travel wherever necessary to repair Navy ships.
- SIERRA is equipped with a wide range of specialized equipment and highly trained technicians to perform repairs to pumps, motors, piping, ventilation, electrical and electronic equipment as well as weapons systems. SIERRA is equipped with a machine shop as well as a foundry and a complete shipfitting shop for the fabrication of heavy steel components. SIERRA has facilities for woodworking, canvas work, flexible hose fabrication, boiler repairs, gas turbine repairs, optical equipment repair, computer repairs and a myriad of other tasks which are required to keep our ships in fighting condition.
- In addition to her industrial capability, SIERRA is a self sufficient floating city which is capable of operating independently for up to 60 days. SIERRA makes her own electrical power, fresh water and steam. She has berthing accommodations for nearly 900 people and is equipped with 4 "restaurants", a ships store, post office, bank, barber shop, print shop, photo lab, laundry and drycleaning plant, and a television station.
- SIERRA is 530 feet long, 73 feet wide, and displaces 17,000 tons at full load.
- SIERRA has a crew of 880 officers and enlisted, 170 of which are female.
- SIERRA is homeported in Charleston, South Carolina and is commanded by Captain Robert A. Kamrath, USN.

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Miami - - HMCS Protecteur, a Canadian navy replenishment ship, will arrive at Dodge Island Berths at 2:30 p.m., September 14, 1992 in order to support the Canadian air force engineers who commenced the rebuilding of two of the more severely damaged schools in Dade County.

Canadian engineers from air force bases across Canada commenced work on Mays Elementary/High School and Pine Villa School over the weekend and are confident that, with the arrival of HMCS Protecteur, the schools will be able to be used within weeks. Additional air force engineers forming a Mobile Repair Team have been working with their American counterparts repairing power generators throughout the region.

HMCS Protecteur, with a complement of 250 crew and 80 specialists, departed Halifax, Nova Scotia on September 10th, laden with building supplies, tools and vehicles which will be used in the reconstruction of the schools. HMCS Protecteur will assist in completing the task by providing technical assistance, workshops, skilled tradesmen and work parties to augment the air force engineers ashore. Captain (N) Douglas McClean, captain of HMCS Protecteur, has been designated as the Canadian Contingent Commander.

More Canadian personnel will arrive later in the day when another Airfield Engineer Flight from Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Alberta arrives at Miami International Airport at 5:45 p.m.

The Canadian Forces' teams of expert personnel have been sent to Florida by Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in response to specific needs identified by American authorities, to assist the victims of Hurricane Andrew.

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LIEUTENANT DAVID SMITH, UNITED STATES NAVY

HMCS PROTECTEUR RELIEF SUPPLIES

Between 7-10 September 1992, over 50 tons of construction supplies and equipment were embarked in HMCS PROTECTEUR in preparation for OPERATION TEMPEST (damage assistance to Hurricane Andrew).

The following is a partial listing of these supplies and equipment:

- Assorted Lumber and Plywood
- Drywall
- Roofing Materials
- Shingles
- Fibreglass Insulation
- Polyfilm Vapour Barrier
- Staging
- Portable Scissor Lifts
- Portable Welders
- Air Compressors
- Roofing Machines
- Portable Electrical Generators
- Chainsaws
- Table Saws
- Wheelbarrows
- Assorted Tools

In addition, the following fleet of vehicles was embarked to support the Canadian Joint Task Force in the Miami area:

- 4 Dump Trucks
- 2 Front End Loaders
- 1 Backhoe
- 2 Bobcats
- 1 5/4 Ton Ambulance
- 2 Pickup Trucks
- 2 Passengers Vans
- 8 Assorted Specialty Construction Vehicles

4-year-old helping Hurricane Andrew victims

BY MIGUEL BONILLA
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY



SAM MARTINEZ: THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Donations anyone?

James Pearl, a 4-year-old student at the Child Development Research Center at Tech, holds out the can he made for the Hurricane Andrew relief

effort. All the students who helped raise the money will take a trip to the Red Cross office to donate their earnings.

James Pearl cares about hurt people. When he first heard about the hundreds of people who were hurt by Hurricane Andrew's virulent currents, he wanted to be part of the campaign called "One American Helping Another" which he heard on the radio.

There is one difference to this American's compassion; he is only 4 years old.

"I want to raise money for the people who got hurt," said James, a student at the Child Development Research Center, and he has done exactly that.

He has raised money by making a poster with a list of things children can do around the house to earn money for the victims of the hurricane.

The poster says children can earn money by "folding clothes, helping the baby, cleaning up, clearing the table and sweeping." Another poster James made explains what the money will be used for. It says "the victims need food, houses, clothing, drinks, toys and books."

James has gotten several other children at the Child Development Center involved in different ways. Recently the children have been making cans with homemade labels and asking people in the home economics building to donate to the "hurt people."

Last Friday, the children went to the Kiwanis Club and received \$30 in donations from the people who were there.

Kathy Nathan, director of the Child Development Research Center said that, this week, the children will take a trip to the Red Cross office and have the children donate the money.

Texas environmental agencies to consolidate by next year

BY LYDIA GUAJARDO
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

The Texas Water Commission, Texas Department of Health and the Texas Air Control Board will combine by Sept. 1, 1993, to create an agency comparable in size to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The new agency will be named the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission and will house 25 members of the commission, plus two new people hired for the merged agency.

The three agencies are in the process of combining and transferring new and old programs. The merger was prompted by the Texas Legislature's passing of Senate Bill 2 last year.

"There were three programs that were just trans-

The Department of Health transferred three of its programs, the Bureau of Solid Waste Management, water hygiene division and radioactive waste disposal, to the commission March 1.

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Larry Smith

"The Solid Waste Management program should have been there all along, but that program is a relic of the 1970s and just wound up in the other agency,"

said it should take place through a natural progression.

"Eventually the new agency would be equal to the EPA in size and programs," Smith said. "We have added two new people this spring as a result of the recycling program, otherwise we do not have anything we are looking at in the way of new personnel, but it is always a possibility."

Smith also said that since the 1970s, agencies seem to grow in programs and staff after each legislative session.

As a result of the merger, the office will relocate to a more central location in late September. Because the agencies' building leases will expire this month, the merger will be possible within a year.

Smith said most state consolidations will take place over a span of six years.

HUD INITIATIVES IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE ANDREW

FLORIDA

- o 1992 allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds for the State of Florida is \$21,733,000., 3.1 M of which is reserved for emergencies. The total available CDBG line of credit for the State of Florida is \$30,169,910. The State of Florida has Section 108 authority of \$108,665,000. of which none is available.
- o The affected entitlement areas of South Florida (Broward and Dade Counties, cities of Hialeah, Miami, and Miami Beach) have 1992 CDBG allocations of \$41,895,000. The total available CDBG line of credit for these areas is \$49,461,715. These areas have Section 108 authority of \$209,475,000. of which \$14,240,000. is available.
- o The HOME allocation for the State of Florida is \$15,214,000. Miami, Miami Beach, and Dade County have a combined HOME allocation of \$12,559,000. Miami and Dade County are designated as new construction eligible areas. Keep in mind, that if a home is destroyed or so badly damaged that it cannot be repaired, and it is reconstructed on the same foundation or site, then it is considered to be rehabilitation, not new construction. An interim rule now in Departmental clearance would extend the definition of same-site reconstruction to include manufactured housing.
- o Dade County was awarded a \$5 M Shelter Plus Care for rental assistance that carries a 1 to 1 matching requirement. Also in Dade County, an SRO award of \$504,000. in rental assistance was announced last week. Over \$1.7 M in ESG funds have been distributed to Greater Miami and the State of Florida. As of August 1, none of the money has been spent, and could all be directed to the affected areas.
- o PIH is extending the NOFA application submission date for Section 8 vouchers and certificates to September 11, 1992.
- o Unobligated CIAP funds at PHAs affected by the disaster, may be reprogrammed to address damage. Preliminary reports indicate that Dade County has approximately \$50 M in unobligated CIAP funds. In addition, \$75 M is available for emergencies and does not have to be repaid.
- o While PHAs may not lease public housing units to ineligible families, they may make vacant units available to them for shelter during the emergency period.

HHS INITIATIVES IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE ANDREW IN FLORIDA

- o Currently the Public Health Service has activated 10 Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT), representing over 400 professionals that are capable of providing everything from emergency room services, to primary and acute care, to prescription filling, treating thousands of patients, from emergency surgery to delivering babies.
- o The Public Health Service has detailed a preventive medicine unit to Florida, to insure water safety and mosquito control. Also, an NDMS Mental Health Team has been deployed to support active DMATs and the disaster field office in Miami. Additional mental health units stand ready to deploy as soon as mental health contacts on the ground can determine the extent of the needs. The PHS has also deployed a medical aid station at the Disaster field office at Miami International Airport.
- o In addition, FDA and CDC personnel are on the ground checking pharmaceuticals and insuring the safety of the food supply.
- o The Social Security Administration reports that procedures have been instituted to insure that all beneficiaries will receive their SSA and SSI checks in a timely manner. SSA staff, in coordination with FEMA and the U.S. Postal Service, will be on hand at all affected post offices with SSA computers to issue SSA and SSI checks to those who do not have mail delivery. SSA has aired public service announcements in English and Spanish over local media outlets, as well as sound trucks and posted notices, to inform the public about these procedures. SSI checks are in Dade County and will begin be distributed beginning on Sunday, August 30. SSA checks will be ready for delivery on September 3rd (the normal delivery date).
- o In addition, SSA has worked closely with the U.S. Department of Treasury and the Federal Reserve to insure that all direct deposit checks (65 percent of beneficiaries) reach their destination on time.

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o After Hurricane Hugo in 1989, we provided an emergency advance of operating subsidy funds to certain PHAs in South Carolina. We could consider doing this in Florida.

o Single family properties in FHA inventory can be leased for emergency shelter.

o Over 600 FHA properties in Coral Gables, Florida may be available for temporary housing.

o The Field Offices in the affected areas have been instructed to inform mortgagees of the availability of the Section 203 (H) program which provides mortgage insurance for a person to purchase a principal residence after being displaced by a disaster. This program requires no down payment.

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- o Support will continue to insure the continued delivery of health and social services. The primary threat to citizens is poor sanitation, water-borne diseases, and an unsafe water supply (use of bottled water alleviates this concern). CDC and NIH sanitary units have been deployed to evaluate the threats and institute preventive and educational measures to counter this threat. As necessary we will increase immunization funding, including possible emergency use of cholera vaccine, sanitation and environmental surveillance, injury prevention programs, and food inspection.

Other problems for local residents involve the emotional aftermath of the disaster. We have already deployed mental health evaluation teams and other mental health professionals who will be analyzing the needs and requesting additional staff.

Finally, we must insure that the community and migrant health centers begin functioning again, because they will bear the brunt of the medical needs once the DMATs depart. HHS is also prepared to increase support for violence prevention, child protective services, substance abuse treatment, meals for the elderly, and expanded head start capacity.

LOUISIANA

- o 1992 allocation of CDBG funds for the State of Louisiana is \$27,087,000. \$2.5 M of which is reserved for emergencies. The total available CDBG line of credit for the State of Louisiana is \$82,442,626. The State of Louisiana has Section 108 authority of \$135,435,000., of which none is available.
- o The affected entitlement areas of Louisiana (Jefferson Parish, and the cities of Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, and New Orleans) have 1992 CDBG allocation of \$28,964,000. The total available CDBG line of credit for these areas is \$46,780,767. These areas have Section 108 of \$127,620,000. of which \$ 8 M is available.
- o The HOME allocation for the State of Louisiana is \$13,010,000. The affected areas have a combined HOME allocation of \$13,469,000. In addition, uncommitted rental rehab is available in the affected areas in the amount of \$2,544,672. In Louisiana, new construction would be eligible only if it met certain neighborhood or special needs criteria.
- o About \$1.1 M is available in undisbursed ESG funds in New Orleans and in the State of Louisiana. The State can choose to spend all of its funds in the affected areas.
- o PIH does not address Louisiana specifically, but the same basic principals would apply (SEE FLORIDA).
- o FHA basic principals would also apply (SEE FLORIDA). There are over 500 FHA properties in New Orleans which may be available for temporary housing.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO EDUCATIONAL
NEEDS OF VICTIMS OF HURRICANE ANDREW**

President Bush has ordered that emergency actions be put into place immediately to respond to the education needs of the victims of Hurricane Andrew.

The U.S. Department of Education is working to make available the following resources and special support services:

Helping Children Start the New School Year

- \$40 million will be made available, in consultation with Congress, to provide the following types of assistance:
 - Transportation of students to area schools and to new portable classrooms.
 - Providing funds for operating costs that school districts will incur, such as more intensive use of existing facilities.

Helping College Students

- To provide more new or additional federal grant and loan money to students affected by the hurricane, the Department will establish three disaster response teams at Florida International University, the University of Miami, and Miami Dade Community College for the tens of thousands of college students in the area whose family financial picture has changed, regardless of where they attend school. We are working to provide similar services to students in Louisiana.
 - The response teams, for example, will inform students how to obtain the maximum federal benefits and how to take advantage of special unemployment deferments of student loan repayments; assist students in completing the necessary forms; and expedite the processing of the applications. The teams will be staffed by counselors and technical experts with extensive knowledge in all areas of student financial aid.
- In addition, the Department will provide \$9 million in new funds for supplemental grants, and campus-based loans to all institutions nationwide that enroll students who have been adversely affected by the hurricane.
- The Department will ask all U.S. colleges and universities to exercise the utmost sensitivity in accommodating individual needs of students who were affected by the hurricane needs.
- \$5 million will be made available to provide grants to repair or replace damaged college and university facilities. The Secretary will use his legal authority to reprogram the funds after consulting with Congress. A survey of the colleges and universities is underway to determine what damage has occurred and to what extent replacement is not covered by insurance or other sources of funding.

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Social Security Initiatives Related to South Florida

Florida

- o All Social Security offices in Dade County are operational, including the Perrine Branch Office, which was completely destroyed. A trailer is on-site staffed by the manager and four employees.
- o On Sunday, August 30, the post office opened mail distribution points in Quail Heights, Snapper Creek, Kendall, Florida City and Homestead. The sites were opened from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Arrangements were made for Social Security employees to be brought to the various sites by bus. Government checks, including Social Security, SSI, AFDC, etc., were distributed from these points. Two pieces of identification, one being a photo I.D., were required in order to release a check to an individual. Florida City and Kendall were not as busy. Florida City will be closed today.
- o According to SSA officials on the scene, the public is receiving their mail and checks are being delivered. Local banks and check cashing services are cashing Social Security checks, even checks dated September 1 or 3.
- o Both Spanish and English TV and radio stations are making announcements about SSI and Social Security check deliveries and post office distribution points.
- o Notices about check delivery are also posted in Disaster Assistance Center and will be announced by sound trucks in the impacted areas in both English and Spanish.
- o All telephone traffic in area code 305 (South Florida) is being routed to the Ft. Lauderdale Teleservice Center. The toll-free number is 1-800-772-1213 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- o As of COB today, we have 284,876 payments being made to residents of Dade County.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 1, 1992

The President today called Octavio Visiedo, Superintendent of Schools for Dade County, Florida, to inform him that \$40 million will be immediately available to hard hit Florida schools. The funds will be used to provide transportation to schools and new portable classrooms and to cover extraordinary operating costs.

Hurricane Andrew destroyed or severely damaged 15% of the 297 Dade County schools, creating transportation needs for 40,000 more children than expected. It is anticipated that with the additional assistance all children in Dade County will be able to return to school on September 14.

Other aid to be provided by the Department of Education will help students affected by the disaster. This aid includes: additional federal grant and loan money to college, university and trade school students; new funds for supplemental grants and campus-based loans to all institutions that enroll students affected by the disaster; and sensitivity in accommodating students' financial needs in general.

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RELEASE

Financial Management Service

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Date: August 23 1992

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**TREASURY SAYS FEDERAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS
TO FLORIDA STORM VICTIMS WILL BE ON TIME**

Nearly 500,000 Social Security and other Government benefit payments, totaling over \$250 million, will be paid next week on time to those Florida residents who rode out Hurricane Andrew, the Department of the Treasury said today.

Working with various Federal agencies, the U.S. Postal Service, and the Federal Reserve System, the Financial Management Service -- the Treasury's payment arm -- took steps earlier this week to assure that benefit checks and Electronic Funds Transfer/Direct Deposit payments will be delivered on time to those hardest hit in Florida.

The Financial Management Service said that alternate arrangements had been made to ensure that payments get to those who may have been left homeless or whose bank/financial institution may have been destroyed by the hurricane.

Check payments destined for Florida ZIP Codes beginning with the first three digits 330, 331, and 332, were released early to the Postal Service in order to achieve delivery on the scheduled days next week.

The Service said Supplement Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement Board, Office of Personnel Management, and veterans (VA) benefit checks will be delivered by September 1, the scheduled payment date.

In addition, Social Security checks will be delivered by Thursday, September 3.

Those who still have a deliverable address will receive their checks at that address. Those recipients who no longer have addresses should listen to the radio and/or look for notices in post offices and "Water and Food Centers", explaining where they can go to pick up their checks.

(More)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Stickney:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Florida, resulting from Hurricane Andrew on August 23, 1992, is of sufficient severity and magnitude that special conditions are warranted regarding the cost-sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("the Stafford Act") for the Public Assistance program.

Therefore, I amend my previous declaration, which limited the Federal reimbursement share for certain categories of expenditures, and I hereby authorize an increase in Federal reimbursement to 100 percent of eligible public assistance costs exceeding \$10 per capita, as is allowed under the law for extreme disasters. This 100 percent reimbursement for costs above \$10 per capita applies to all authorized public assistance costs, including debris removal to eliminate immediate threats to public health and safety, emergency work to save lives and protect public health and safety, and repair or reconstruction of uninsured public and private non-profit facilities. Temporary housing assistance, mortgage/rental assistance, crises counseling assistance and disaster unemployment assistance will continue to be 100 percent federally funded, where allowed under the law. Funds for public assistance up to \$10 per capita will be reimbursed pursuant to the conditions set forth in my previous declaration.

This waiver of State and local cost-sharing requirements above \$10 per capita applies to all public assistance costs eligible for such a waiver under the law. The law specifically prohibits a similar waiver for funds provided to States for the Individual and Family Grant program. These funds will continue to be reimbursed at 75 percent of total eligible costs.

This amended declaration is consistent with the request made to you by the Governor of the State of Florida.

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Mobile Postal Units have been set up near "Water and Food Points" serving the following Florida cities: Miami, Princeton, Homestead Air Force Base, Homestead, and Florida City.

The Service also worked with the Federal Reserve to make certain that electronic payments for the same ZIP Code numbers listed above for check payments are transmitted on time to financial institutions.

The Federal Reserve has been contacting financial institutions in the disaster area regarding transmittal of electronic funds payments.

The Federal Reserve will arrange an alternative method of transfer for those financial institutions demolished or severely damaged by the storm.

By Tuesday, September 1, the Miami branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta will be able to provide credit to all banks that have been affected. Payees receiving benefit payments via electronic funds transfer/Direct Deposit should also listen to the radio, check the newspaper, and their financial institution for any special instructions regarding receipt of their funds.

Neither the Postal Service nor the Federal Reserve anticipate payment delivery problems in areas affected by the hurricane in Louisiana with the contingency plans in place.

Please notify the Governor of the State of Florida and the Federal Coordinating Officer of this amendment to my major disaster declaration.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

The Honorable Wallace E. Stickney
Director
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Washington, D.C. 20472

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October 1, 1992
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Presidential Remarks: FLORIDA STUMP
-----, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 3, 1992
TIME -- T.B.D.

Thank you, -----, for those warm words.

[Acknowledgements/local color/humor.]

This campaign, like every campaign, is about a simple question: what kind of America do we want -- for the young people here today? //

I want an America that is not just a military superpower -- but the greatest economic superpower in the world. //

I have laid out my Agenda for American Renewal -- a specific, comprehensive, integrated agenda to create in America - - the world's very first \$10 trillion economy.//

[My opponent's international experience consists of ~~leading~~ leading demonstrations in a foreign country against his own government. I want to lead the way to new markets for American products -- because that is how we will create good jobs for American workers.//]

Small business is the backbone of what we call the new American entrepreneurial capitalism -- they will create 2/3rds of the new jobs in the new economy. Governor Clinton promises small

business higher taxes and more red tape -- I promise small business relief -- from taxation, regulation and litigation./

Americans spend almost \$200 billion every year -- on direct costs to lawyers. Japan doesn't pay that, neither do European countries.

My opponent doesn't think this is a problem. He is in cahoots with all the ambulance-chasing trial lawyers. As a nation, we must sue each other less -- and care for each other more./

ADD ONE GRAPH ON: MEDICARE/CLEARWATER -- TERM LIMITS/MIAMI -
- 10 PERCENT CHECKOFF/FT. LAUDERDALE -- SCHOOL CHOICE/ORLANDO

These are just some of my ideas -- some of what I'm fighting for.

I'm proud of my record, and I'll stand by it in November. But if Candidate Clinton wants to talk about the past, I say okay -- let's look at what's been going on in Arkansas. The people there are decent and hard working. But there's a lot you don't know about their Governor. And the more you find out, the more you find out that he's wrong for America./

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SECTION ON CLINTON RECORD: HEALTH CARE/CLEARWATER -- CRIME
(SEE BELOW)/MIAMI -- FT. LAUDERDALE/ENVIRONMENT --
ORLANDO/EDUCATION

Look at the issue of crime. We must take back our streets from the crackheads and the criminals./

Candidate Clinton talks tough, but in Arkansas, the average criminal serves just one-fifth of his sentence -- then he's back out on the streets.

Compare that to our federal prisons today. The average inmate serves 85 percent of his sentence. When it comes to crime, I'm not much for leniency and compassion. If you steal a car or beat an elderly woman -- you ought to go to jail. I say you shouldn't be let out, until you're eligible for a birthday salute from Willard Scott.//

But don't ask me who's tough on crime. Ask the police in Little Rock, Arkansas. The cops who know Bill Clinton best, have endorsed me -- as the best candidate for President of the United States.//

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It's the same thing on every issue. Governor Clinton says he's for civil rights, but Arkansas doesn't have a basic civil rights law. He says he's for a clean environment, but the Institute for Southern Studies ranked Arkansas 50th in environmental policies. Bill Clinton says he's for high tech -- but under Bill Clinton Arkansas has been falling behind in high school. Three out of every four Arkansas graduates spend their first year in college -- relearning what they were supposed to learn in high school.

America deserves better than this.

Look at the economy, the major issue in this campaign.

I know America has endured some tough economic times, but understand, we are being affected by a global economic slowdown. Our competitors in Europe would trade places with us in a minute. Yet Governor Clinton offers America -- the European social welfare state policies. More government. More special interest spending. More taxes on the middle class.

As Governor, Bill Clinton raised and extended the sales tax, including a tax on baby formula, vegetables and other groceries. He raised the gas tax, he taxed mobile homes, and for those of you ESPN watchers -- he even taxed cable TV.

Now, Governor Clinton says he's seen the light. In this campaign, he's proposing at least \$150 billion in new taxes -- plus at least \$220 billion in new spending. But don't worry, he says --I'll get it all from the rich -- people who make it over \$200,000 -- the top 2 percent.

But here's the truth. To get the money he needs for his plan, the \$150 billion he's promised in new taxes, Governor Clinton would have to get his money from every individual with taxable income over \$36,600.

These people are not on Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous -
- they work hard, they deserve a break.

That's just the start of his tax campaign against the middle-class. Governor Clinton will need hundreds of billions of dollars more, to pay for all the programs he's promised.

There's an old saying. "When you hunt ducks, you go where the ducks are." Bill Clinton is hunting ways for pay for all his

promises -- and he's going to go to the middle class -- because that's where the bucks are.

Listen to the newspaper from his own back yard, The Pine Bluff Commercial. Here's what they say: "If Congress followed the example that Bill Clinton set as Governor of Arkansas, it would pass a program that hit the middle-class the hardest."

I say -- the middle-class has been hit hard enough already.//

Now, I don't think that Pine Bluff paper is bluffing. Let me give you one example. Lets say you are a third grade teacher -- with about \$22,000 a year in taxable income. Governor Clinton could have you fork over another \$430 bucks a year to the tax man. And I say you ought to be able to use that money to pay for your kids education, or pay the mortgage on the house, not send it back to the IRS.//

Now, when I add up all Governor Clinton's promises and point out the truth -- he says, "hey, forget my record. Forget the facts. I'm a different kind of Democrat."

But what's different about him? George McGovern -- Bill Clinton ran Texas for him in 72, and learned his liberalism in that campaign. Jimmy Carter -- (Bill Clinton wore the same moderate costume, but at least President Carter meant it.) Michael Dukakis -- Bill Clinton nominated him, and praised the Massachusetts Miracle -- right before the Massachusetts economy collapsed.//

That doesn't sound different to me!//

(It explains his principled stand on both sides of the Gulf War -- when he said -- and I quote -- "I guess I would have voted with the majority if it was a close vote, but I agree with the arguments the minority made.")

One day Bill Clinton tells the people of Arkansas he'll never run for President, the next (year) he announces his campaign. One day he says he's for the North American Free Trade Agreement, then he says I haven't made up my mind yet." One day Bill Clinton says the middle-class deserves a tax break, the next day he's plotting new ways to hit the middle-class to pay for all his programs.)

If Bill Clinton ever became President -- and he won't -- we'd have to replace the American Eagle -- with a chameleon.

Now, Bill Clinton wants you to believe that the American economy will improve if you turn full control of your paycheck over to the crew that already runs the Congress -- he wants the tax and spend government planners to have total control over the Executive Branch, too.

Last time they tried this, we ended up with double-digit inflation -- and rising interest rates -- and a misery index over 21 percent.

It took years to ring inflation and high interest out of the American economy. Our workers and business paid the price.

At this time in our history, we can't take that risk again.

You see, I've been in the Oval Office, I've faced the tough decisions.

I've made some mistakes and I've admitted them.

But I believe I've been a good leader -- willing to make the tough calls -- I'm a leader whose ideas are right for America.

I stand before you today, asking for your support so that we can get to work with a new Congress to fix the problems that stand in the way of this country.

So that we reform our health care system, and reinvent our schools. So that we can retrain the workers from one generation, and create jobs for the next. So that we can cut government spending and cut taxes -- to get this economy moving again. So that we can limit the terms of members of Congress -- and give government back to the people.

This is the Agenda I have to offer.

If you want someone who has more plans than there are problems -- cast your vote for the other guy.

But if you are looking for a leader of experience, a leader of ideas, a leader who shares your values, a leader who understands that America's real strength is not in government, but in places like ----- -- then I know I can count on your support -- on November 3rd.

Thank you very much. God Bless the United States of America.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 08/31/92 **92 SEP 1 P5:07** ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ASAP TONIGHT

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HURRICANE FOLLOW-UP, FLORIDA, 09/01/92

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THIS EVENING, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HURRICANE FOLLOW-UP
FLORIDA
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1, 1992

Last week, I came ~~to Florida~~ ^{WAS STET} and saw rooftops shredded --
~~and houses flattened~~ ^{AND} / met Americans without food, water or
shelter -- but never without hope. / The Good Book tells us:
"If one member suffers, all suffer together." Last week we saw
how when one American is hurting -- all Americans bleed. // ^{FEEL THE SUFFERING.}

~~So far~~ ^{CAUSED} Hurricane Andrew ~~has done~~ billions of dollars worth
of damage. __ dead -- __ here in Florida. / We are here to help
and rebuild -- and we will work tirelessly to make that happen. /

I don't underestimate the task. It will take months to
restore a semblance of community in the devastated areas -- and
years to rebuild. / But we have begun -- and we will finish the
job. //

Let me review ^{THE ACTIONS TAKEN} ~~what~~ I've ~~have done~~ ^{RELIEF} to coordinate our ^g efforts.
Last week, I named Transportation Secretary Andy Card to lead a
task force of Federal officials to the disaster areas / meet with
state and local officials / and work with FEMA to ^{EXPEDITE} ~~provide~~
additional emergency ^{ASSISTANCE.} ~~aid~~. /

On the basis of Secretary Card's reports last Thursday, I
directed Federal troops immediately to help FEMA in making sure
this aid reached every person who needed ^S ~~ed~~ it. I have since kept
in constant contact with Secretary Card and Governor Chiles. //

So far ___ Federal troops -- ~~that~~ amounts to a full brigade -
 - are in or on their way to Florida. Another 1,000 Marines are
 going to Opa-Locka to help. They are there to supply
 comprehensive assistance ^{TO} ~~for~~ the affected areas -- including
 tents, food, water, electrical generators, portable facilities,
 and mobile ~~field~~ kitchens. //

Supporting them is the Department of Defense with whatever
 transportation is necessary, including aircraft and helicopters,
 to fulfill this mission. Last weekend two tent cities with
 sanitation facilities ^{CAPABLE OF HOUSING} ~~to house~~ 5,000 people arrived from
 Guantanamo. In addition, we have flown in more than 500 tents,
 ___ cots, and 75,000 blankets / let contracts for more than 6
 million gallons of water / and are shipping nearly 422,000 pounds
 of donated food to Florida's hardest-hit areas.

As of now, nearly one million meals have arrived and are
 being distributed. We have also brought in seven special medical
 teams and a full medical brigade to deal with health problems --
 from tetanus shots to delivering babies. Last week South Florida
 was on its back. Whether it's food, water, Federal money, or
 troops -- we will do whatever it takes to get South Florida back
 on its feet.

That is why I am here again / why I am in constant touch
 with Secretary Card and Governor Chiles / and why we are using
 every civilian agency -- 27 in all -- to make disaster aid
 available in an unprecedented way. That includes temporary
 housing assistance. Grants for individuals and families for

emergency needs like food, clothing, or hospital expenses. And we have urged businesses to apply for loans ^{from} ~~to~~ the Small Business Administration. /

This support will continue and be improved. So will the efforts of our military: I know they will use their energies to help defeat ~~the enemies of~~ hunger and homelessness in Florida. / Short-term, we must pick up the pieces. Long-term, the Federal government must, and will, help ~~the~~ plant the seeds of economic rebirth. //

When that occurs -- and it will -- we will never forget the heroes of Hurricane Andrew. The devastated, of course, most of all. Volunteers like the Red Cross and their many support groups across the country. Business and labor -- pulling together to repair what nature has torn apart. Individuals like Edward Gary -- who, after seeing his mobile home in shambles, searched through the rubble to find the American flag. The flag soon flew from the only wall left of his home. Said Edward: "I put it up to let people know we got to go on."

So will South Florida. I know it's not easy to confront ~~a~~ ^{DEVASTATION} ~~terror~~ not felt in this country since the 1906 earthquake. But I also know Americans. I know how we're at our best when disaster is at its worst. //

Together, we will rebuild these communities -- and show that natural disasters are no match for American neighbor-helping-neighbor. Thank you -- and God bless the United States of America.

Remarks in Toledo, Ohio, on Additional Disaster Assistance for Florida Following Hurricane Andrew August 27, 1992

The President. I want to make a brief statement on the hurricane situation in south Florida. I've been on the phone with Secretary Card; with the White House, of course; and with Governor Chiles, the Governor of Florida. Secretary Card is the head of the Federal task force that is responding to the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, and I talked to both him and Governor Chiles about what more needs to be done.

I've directed the Federal troops to be immediately alerted and begin to provide additional emergency assistance to the victims of the disaster. We are going to fulfill the request of the Governor for Federal participation by the military. And then we will be doing a lot more because, as these reports have come in today, the damage is far more widespread than even we had feared. We directed the Department of Defense to supply comprehensive assistance to the affected areas, including mobile tents, food, water, field kitchens. I've also directed them to supply whatever transportation is necessary, including aircraft and helicopters, to fulfill that vital mission.

The damage has created tragedy for millions of Floridians. Some are estimating it may be the worst national disaster this country has seen, natural disaster. And on behalf of every American, of course, let me just express profound concern to those residents of Florida.

But the military is moving, and there's meetings right now to further enhance this mobilization. So help is on the way. It will be a major effort because the National Guard in Florida, according to the Governor, has been fully mobilized now. I think we saw half the troops mobilized as of yesterday, but even that, with a lot of troops, have not been able to handle this job. So the Federal Government is not only prepared to assist but is, in this instance, very eager to assist. So that will be underway, and relief will be forthcoming very, very soon.

Q. Mr. President, what will the role of the troops be? Is there a problem of looting there?

The President. No, I think the Florida Guard has done a good job in the security aspects. And I think these troops and these facilities will be used for sanitation, for feeding, for housing, tents, for example, and to bring that kind of relief to the people.

Thank you all very, very much.

Q. Do you want to talk about politics a little bit?

The President. I'd better not right now.

Note: The President spoke at 5:40 p.m. at the Toledo Express Airport, prior to his departure for Washington, DC. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

The President's News Conference on the Aftermath of Hurricane Andrew August 28, 1992

Humanitarian Relief

The President. I have with me several of the key leaders at the Pentagon who are working on this humanitarian problem. And our military resources are responding promptly and massively to the hurricane disaster.

At least 7,000 Federal troops are on station or en route to deliver services to Floridians who are the victims of this horrible disaster. That amounts to a full brigade. Another 1,000 Marines are going to Opa Locka to help, if necessary.

Two tent cities with sanitation facilities which can house 5,000 people will arrive in Florida this afternoon from Guantanamo. General Reimer, with me today, and Secretary Atwood tell me that the Department of Defense has already delivered nearly 200,000 meals. In addition, another 200,000 would be delivered today and tomorrow. Also, 20 mobile kitchen trailers, which are each capable of feeding 300 personnel every 2 hours, will serve food around the clock. The Department of the Navy is providing shelter for up to 5,000 personnel.

In addition, the Army is sending up to 1,250 tents, 25,000 cots, and 50,000 blankets. The military is sending a full medical brigade and seven special medical teams to deal with the health problems. Ten thousand gallons of bottled water arrive today. Contracts have been let for 6 million more gallons of water. Generators are being supplied for electricity support and relief centers. In addition, the Army Corps of Engineers is on the ground to help with the removal of debris that will allow people to move around.

The United States Department of Agriculture has just distributed over 100,000 food packages. In addition, 7,000 cases of food from the Red Cross and other agencies have been sent to Florida shelters.

Finally, with the respect to the maintenance of public order and security, functions now the responsibility of State and local officials in Florida, I have made very clear to Governor Chiles both yesterday and today that I am willing to send more Federal troops and federalize the National Guard in Florida if he wants us to. We will commit all Federal military resources necessary to help the people in Florida. I've just talked to Governor Chiles, and I think we are in agreement on all of this.

As far as Louisiana goes, problems for some families are terrible. The size, the scope of the disaster is not near as great. But the military is helping there as well. There are MRE's on the ground. The generator sets are there, and I've been trying to contact Governor Edwards, with whom I visited the area the other day, to be sure that we are giving him the proper support for the people of Louisiana.

So things are moving, and the big thing is to get this job done for the people. It is a cooperative effort between private agencies, between local, State, and the Federal government. I am very, very proud of the way the military has responded here.

State and Federal Cooperation

Q. Mr. President, how do you respond to criticism that you did not act fast enough or you didn't respond to the needs—

The President. Well, I think the reason—I would simply say this: First place, I'm not going to participate in the blame game, nor

is Governor Chiles. What we're trying to do is help people. It doesn't do any good to go into "who shot John." I can tell you this, that this large a military movement would not have taken place if there was not very early planning and cooperation by the military, and we have responded. I think the Governor would agree that when he asked for this massive movement of force, it was only within a few hours that we responded to that.

So I think much more important than when something took place or didn't take place is the feeling we must convey of total cooperation. I'm satisfied that we responded properly, and I'm very confident that the military have conducted their mission so far with beautiful planning, now excellent execution. I'm also satisfied they will do whatever it takes to go the extra mile to help the people of Florida. And that's all I'm going to say about that.

Q. Was Chiles slow to ask for Federal troops?

The President. I'm not going to say that. I just expressed myself on this subject. I think we've responded. I think he would agree that when asked for a massive amount of force yesterday, it's on the way. There were some things he asked about that we were not able to do, but as he said down there, and I will say here, we are having excellent cooperation between the Governor's office, the State of Florida and the Federal Government. He said it, and I say it. I'm not going to change my mind on that. He's working—

Q. Weren't you ready to send troops in there sooner?

The President. —very, very hard to coordinate. He's got a very difficult job down there.

Q. Weren't troops ready to move sooner than that at Bragg, though, and elsewhere?

The President. I've already said when we were asked to move, we moved these massive numbers of forces.

Q. But they were ready to move sooner if asked, weren't they?

The President. I'm not going to go into that because I don't—what you seem to be interested in is kind of assigning blame or something. That is not what's at stake here, and I don't want to participate in that.

There was some unit that we couldn't—what was it?

Mr. Heldstab. One air battalion.

Mr. Reimer. Air battalion.

The President.—engineer, and what was the reason for that?

Mr. Heldstab. They had already been on their 2-week active duty and were unable to be involuntarily recalled.

The President. There was one battalion he wanted to have—this was before yesterday's request—and we were not able to do it because those people had served. It was a reserve unit. They had served, and under the law we're not able to mobilize them. But perhaps that's what's causing some of the concern.

But the Governor and I are looking at this, I think, the same. I'm not going to—you can ask him. But we want to give full cooperation to what's happening there. You just turn on the set, and you can see these planes rolling in there. That's the main thing. We're looking forward; try to help, and try to wipe out these little differences that some people want to talk about. I want to dwell on how we're going to help the people in Florida.

Q. Mr. President, does the Federal Government have the lead role in this right now?

The President. The Federal Government has a leading role in the humanitarian relief. It does not have a role in the security right now. That's left in the hands of the State, and it's been entrusted largely to the National Guard, which is under the control of the Governor because it has not been federalized.

Q. Mr. President, is the magnitude of this disaster going to require additional Federal funds?

The President. Well, if it does, we will have to acquire additional Federal funds. I have not had an estimate on that yet.

President's Plans

Q. Mr. President, what are your plans for this weekend? And since you were able to manage the crisis involving the Soviet coup and the prewar plans last year, why did you decide to scrub your trip to Kennebunkport?

The President. Well, I think I'll be having meetings here over the weekend. I'll be down here either tomorrow or Sunday for

a report from the people on the ground down there. I don't want to pull them out of there right now, but I think it is very important that the coordination go forward. We've talked here about the military. We have a lot of civilian agencies, 27 of them to be exact, that are involved in all of this. Our staff here under Jim Baker have been actively involved almost around the clock. But I think it's important that all of these agencies know that the President is going to be on top of this.

Q. Was there a political consideration in not going to Kennebunkport, sir?

The President. No political consideration. I'd very much would like to be there and regret not going. But I've got my responsibilities here, and I think I can do that from here. Then I'm going to be at Camp David. We've got excellent communications; it's almost like being in your office here. But I'll just do what I've got to do.

Q. Mr. President, did Jim Baker or anyone say it wouldn't look right, sir?

Disaster Planning

Q. Mr. President, you mentioned that what happened last night and this morning was the result of considerable planning that had been done by the military. When did that planning actually begin, sir, and how closely did you stay on top of it on the days that followed your visit to Florida?

Secretary Atwood. On Sunday we activated the Army to make plans. This was before the hurricane struck.

The President. Sunday the planning began, and they activated the planning before the hurricane struck. They were giving me reports on what possibly we would use in terms of assets.

Q. Mr. President, were you in contact with Governor Chiles as soon as that plan was developed to be sure that he understood it and could right then, that the second he asked for Federal assistance these trips would be in there?

The President. I think I said that publicly when I was in Florida on Tuesday—was it Tuesday I was down there? But when I was there he was standing right next to me, and we did talk about that, yes.

We've talked about—and I think we've had a good, cooperative relationship. I heard some local officials who were somewhat, well, not somewhat, quite critical. But I understand that. These people have been up all night. They've been worried about their constituency, in this case a commissioner. They're wondering how their people are going to get fed. So I can understand tempers flaring. But I don't want to contribute to that. We want to move forward here.

Q. Mr. President, part of the problem also that they were saying was that there was, as you were saying earlier, a lack of coordination, and also they were saying perhaps some redtape. Is there anything more the White House can do to eliminate some of the redtape to get the aid going quicker?

The President. Well, any time you have this massive an operation I suppose, as the young major I heard on the television right now, he said, "Well, there's a glitch from time to time, but it's overwhelmed by the fact that so much good is happening." But we've got good, competent people trying to work out the coordination between the agencies. Andy Card, our Secretary of Transportation, has my full confidence, and he's on the spot working with the other Federal officials and with the Governor's people. So if there are any difficulties or redtape, we want to cut right through it.

Q. Were you disappointed—early response, sir?

The President. No. I don't know what area they've not responded in. Listen, if anybody can do the job better, why, we'll be pushing them to do it better.

Louisiana

Q. To clear up the situation in Louisiana, Mr. President, is it your expectation that no Federal troops will be necessary there?

The President. Well, I gather that's the case right now. But we made clear to Governor Edwards that if more was required to please let us know. I think he had assurance on that. I didn't talk to him. I've been trying to get hold of him. But one of our White House officials talked to him, and I think that was his last, latest judgment on it.

I've got time for one more question.

State and Federal Cooperation

Q. Mr. President, yesterday you said the reason you were sending in the military is because the size of the disaster is so much larger than originally anticipated. Sir, why didn't we know sooner that hundreds of thousands of people have been left homeless?

The President. I think one of the reasons is you've got a lot of isolated areas. Secondly, I don't know that there was a large discrepancy in numbers of people that are out of their homes. But as I said, yesterday we received a request for massive numbers of troops, and yesterday we responded within several hours. I think that will be Governor Chiles' understanding, too.

But look, if any Federal official is trying to blame a State official, I want it to stop. If any State official is trying to blame the Federal official or local official, that's not constructive. I know it makes very good, wonderful debate, but it doesn't help anything. What we're trying to do is work together here. I am determined that from the Federal Government's standpoint we give maximum cooperation to local and State officials. And that's the way it's going to be.

There is no point getting into blame and this "who shot John" thing that I know everybody's fascinated with. I don't want that, and I don't want one single Federal official trying to be in the blame-assigning business. I've given you the facts here today. I think Governor Chiles will understand that those are the facts. The important thing is to help the people.

This military of ours, these men standing behind me and those that work for them, are doing a first-rate job in responding to the order. The order is to get down there and help people, and it's a wonderful thing. I think the people of Florida when they see this, see the magnitude of this operation, will be very, very grateful. We all should be grateful that we can have this kind of response.

Thank you all very much.

Note: The President's 140th news conference began at 12:10 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House, following a meeting with Deputy Secretary of Defense Donald J. Atwood, Jr.; Lt. Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, U.S.A.,

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TELEVISION ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT
ON HURRICANE RELIEF

The Oval Office

9:00 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good evening, everyone. Eight days ago, the people of South Florida and Louisiana were confronted by perhaps the most destructive natural disaster in our history. Tonight, I want to report to the nation on the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew and the effort required to help Andrew's survivors back on their feet.

In the past week I've twice visited Louisiana and Florida. And in Florida, where the storm was strongest, up to a quarter million people have lost their homes -- many huddled beneath the busted timbers of what was once a living room or a kitchen. There's no running water, no electricity. Little children are left without even a toy to play with.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, a relief effort has risen -- unprecedented in size and impact. And tonight, as we speak, almost 20,000 troops are on the ground, assisting in everything from providing meals to erecting tent cities. Basic human needs -- food, water, shelter and medical assistance -- are being provided.

In Florida, a curfew is in place, and the National Guard and local police patrol the streets. It's a tribute to these officers and to the people of this region that looting has been kept to a minimum. Social Security checks are being delivered on time. Financial help is being made available to families who have lost their homes and their jobs.

This relief effort has generated incredible cooperation. My thanks go to so many people who slept so little the past eight days: to state and local government officials, federal agencies, private charities and the heroic men and women of the United States military. Most especially, my appreciation goes out to the volunteers.

When we arrived in Florida, some of the first people we met were from South Carolina, victims of Hurricane Hugo who had spent the night driving so they could help others through their ordeal. We met doctors and firefighters spending sleepless vacations lending a helping hand. Through the eloquence of their action, I've been reminded that America will always be a nation of neighbors.

Although the relief effort is well underway, urgent needs still exist. And so tonight I make a special appeal to the generous spirit of the American people. People in Florida and Louisiana want to stay in their homes. They're in desperate need of rolls of plastic to cover open roofs, lumber to board up walls and cots to sleep on. They also need diapers and baby formula and other infant supplies. And fresh volunteers are needed to staff medical facilities or help with the cleanup.

Right now, America's churches and charities are mobilizing to meet these needs. And I encourage all Americans to

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pitch in, in any way you can. If you don't know where to turn and you want to help right now, please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-842-2200. 1-800-842-2200. Once our relief effort is complete, we will accelerate the process of recovery.

Already today we announced plans to rebuild Homestead Air Force Base, the lynchpin of the economy in devastated areas. And a distinguished Florida business leader, Alvah Chapman, has agreed to head a national private sector effort to help rebuild south Florida. It's called "We Will Rebuild." This effort has my strong support, and the support of Florida Governor Chiles.

All of us are in this for the long haul. If you want to be a part of this effort, please write: "We Will Rebuild." And the address is: Post Office Box 010790, Miami, Florida, and the zip code is 33131.

In the past eight days we've seen on our TV screens real tears, real sorrow, real hurt. Livelihoods have been destroyed. Lives -- even young lives -- have been tragically lost. But already in Florida and Louisiana, we're talking not just of relief but of recovery. This is a tribute to what is inside us.

And, yes, Andrew blew a whirlwind of devastation. But he could never extinguish the American spirit, a spirit of compassion and sacrifice and endurance. We have seen that spirit in action the past eight days. And with this spirit and your enduring commitment, our neighbors in south Florida and Louisiana will recover.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY

Homestead Middle School
Homestead, Florida

10:00 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Let me, at the outset of these remarks, say how much I appreciate the cooperative spirit here: The Governor of Florida, the Mayor, and the City Manager of Homestead, and the other cities here that are represented. And all are pitching in. I am so proud of what our military is doing. And God bless the volunteers, those who are giving of themselves to help others. It is a moving and a wonderful message that's going forth to the whole country -- whether it's from the military, from state officials, from local officials, or from the volunteers, the propensity of one American to help another. That the message that I get loud and clear.

Last week I was here in south Florida, and then I returned to Washington and issued the orders to help people get back on their feet. And we're in this for the long haul. We won't leave until the job is done. And that's why I'm here this morning with Secretary Cheney, the Secretary of Defense. And I'm proud to be at the side of our two Senators from Florida who have been working day and night along with the Governor trying to help the people of this state.

Today I'm announcing that we are committed to rebuilding Homestead Air Force Base -- (applause) -- to show our commitment to south Florida. Homestead is very important to our military. It helps combat the cocaine trade. It provides air defense. And it will be rebuilt.

Now, I don't underestimate our task in south Florida, particularly after being here -- back here today. And to ease the financial burden, today I am authorizing under the Stafford Act, full federal reimbursement for 100 percent of all -- (applause) -- of all eligible public assistance, including projects such as debris removal, to eliminate immediate threats to public health and safety, and repair and reconstruction of nonprofit facilities.

After the state has committed an amount equal to -- what was it, \$10 per capita -- but this authorization is the maximum that we can do, and I am very proud that we're doing this.

Temporary housing and mortgage assistance, crisis counseling, disaster unemployment assistance will continue to be 100 percent federally funded where permitted under the law. And although some cost sharing is involved, the federal assistance that I have authorized today represents an extraordinary and very appropriate response to this human tragedy.

However, the real heroes of Hurricane Andrew have been and will continue to be the people, the people of south Florida. They offer great hope for tomorrow. And to help coordinate the private sector response to Hurricane Andrew, I've asked Alvah Chapman, a very respected Florida leader and businessman, to serve as the private sector liaison to work with Secretary Card, to work with

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the Governor, to work with the federal task force to ensure the most effective recovery effort possible.

Also, as I said yesterday, I want to commend and thank in the strongest terms possible, the great effort of these private volunteer agencies who have responded so quickly and so well to the crisis. God bless the volunteers. (Applause.)

And I know -- and I say this confidently -- that these volunteers can count on the continued support of the American people in their ongoing work in meeting the critical needs of the people of south Florida. We are going to succeed. We will succeed because the people of south Florida -- because of their spirit.

I've seen many examples of this just since I've been here, but let me just mention Isa Haydem* who owns a Days Inn in Homestead. Isa fired up his commercial-sized outdoor grill, cooked steaks, shrimp and scallops -- food donated by the local restaurants. And last Wednesday they fed 2,500 people during the day. And at night they fed almost 300 -- most of whom are police out there working their hearts out to keep order.

Well, it's heroes like this, and there are many other such examples, which make Alex Muxo, the Homestead City Manager, say, "It's never gone, there's always tomorrow." Well, I agree. And we, working cooperatively with everybody, will rebuild south Florida. The spirit's still here. The spirit is still intact.

And may God bless the people that have been hurt. We're here to help. Thank you all very, very much. (Applause.)

A great crowd -- I did not mention the Congressman here, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen. And, of course, my old friend Dante Fascell, who represents this area. He's been the conscience here, getting in touch with us on things that we could do, including this matching of funds situation. So I salute him and Ileana.

Q Mr. President, how long is the long haul in your estimation, sir?

THE PRESIDENT: Whatever it takes. Whatever it takes.

Q Years, perhaps?

THE PRESIDENT: I'd have to defer to the experts on that. But amazing progress has been made. Out of the rubble you can see tent cities springing up. You can see medical units staffed by volunteers, former military guys and other -- down here pitching, right in this very facility. So it's happening all over the place. And, again, I don't think you can know the answer to the question to how long until we actually can measure not only the federal response and the state and local response, but the response of the volunteer sector, which I'm convinced is -- will be overwhelming. It already has started. Look what the Red Cross and these ministries are doing. It is unbelievable. And that spirit is going to move it along very, very fast.

Q Mr. President, Governor Clinton says that once the dust settles that there should be an investigation --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, look, let me say this, Jim -- I'm not even going to take any political questions. I have tried, and I know the Governor has, these senators have, congressmen standing with me have, try to keep it out of the political arena. And I have no comment whatsoever simply to say we're here to help, and I really mean that. (Applause.) This is a not a -- nothing to do with partisanship. It has everything to do with helping the families,

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some of whom are standing right here today. And we're going to try to keep it that way.

Q Well, in a nonpartisan spirit, then, is there going to be an investigation into the federal -- response, sir?

THE PRESIDENT: I am very proud of the federal response. And I think the Governor has been very gracious in his comments, certainly the others have. And let me express my total confidence in the federal response and in the response, particularly of the military, be it the Guard under the state, be it the military that come under Secretary Cheney and General Powell's command. They've moved fast, they're here in large numbers. But they're here with hearts that are reaching out to the people, and that's what matters.

Q Mr. President, does your 100 percent reimbursement mean that there will be billions of dollars in federal aid?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, it does mean that. Well, I don't know, we have to wait and see what the estimates are.

Q Andy Card --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, he's an expert and he has my full confidence. And I salute Andy Card, Secretary of Transportation. He's pulled off of his duties and responsibilities there, and he's taken on a massive job of coordination. And he deserves great support and certainly the thanks of the President. And I know we all feel that way about what he's doing.

Q If you had a message specifically for young people of the community, what would it be?

THE PRESIDENT: It would be have hope. We're going to get these schools open again, working with the state and local officials. I talked to the state superintendent, to the Miami superintendent of schools today. He demonstrates a determination and a spirit that just really moved me. I called him from the plane coming down here. And I'll tell you, with that kind of spirit and then the cooperation from these officials -- local, state and federal -- why, we're going to get the job done.

But my message to these kids would be, look, you've had a tough time, and you lost a lot of stuff -- a lot of toys, a lot of -- you've seen your mothers and dads hurt, but you're going to bounce back. You're living in America. And the American spirit is going to lift you up. And that's the answer.

Last one.

Q Mr. President, a lot of people -- they're afraid to use the tents because they're concerned about security of their homes. And do you have anything you can say to encourage them --

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, I would encourage them to use these tent cities. If they don't want to stay there all night long, they ought to go there, get medical attention, get showers, use the sanitary facilities there, get the food that's there. But I've talked to Governor Chiles about this. He has expressed his confidence not only in the National Guard, who has the security function and will be patrolling, but all of us have expressed our support for the local law enforcement people.

And I think it's a tribute to the spirit of Florida and the people of Florida that the acts of violence have been far less than predicted. And we would, of course, condemn any violence, any taking advantage of one's neighbor. But nevertheless, I think that my message to them would be, use the facilities that exist.

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I met a family right across the way here, literally less than a block from here. And they needed medical attention for a child. And they told me that -- were asking, we need medical attention. Where can we get help? Here are these fantastic volunteers, right here, less than a block away, who stand ready to help in whatever the ailment, whatever the illness.

And so I think the city officials, the Mayor, the City Manager are doing what they can now to get the message out. The Army has distributed, I think it's 10,000 radios. And those will be in the communities. And over those radios will be broadcast: What's available? How do you get your insurance? How do you get your Social Security check? Where do you go for medical attention? And once that communication network gets going, say nothing of word of mouth, then I think these people will be beautifully served.

Some are scared to leave their homes. And I would simply say to them, trust in the security that's being provided in the neighborhoods. And you don't have to be gone for all the time. If you feel more comfortable in your home or what's left of it, go, take a kid and go and leave somebody else in the house, and then come back. But soon that confidence will build, because these military people that have set up the camps, these private sector people, the Red Cross and others that have set up these facilities really have the spirit that will give the people the reassurance they need.

And it'll take care of itself, but we to get the message out. And we're going to continue to try to do that.

Thank you all very, very much. (Applause.)

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camp residents take charge

Two weeks ago, the military cooks
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with the army's permission. A hand-
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rations for tortillas. Every day,
ree times a day, civilian women
oked up mounds of traditional
exican dishes: chicken with mole,
d rice and beans.

Centro's relief site was the perfect
lution for a people distrustful of
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ad along Palm Drive. It remains a
tle bit of home for the homeless.

The campesinos arrived at Centro
st after dawn the morning of the
rrricane, agonized by the high-
eed winds. They had lost their trail-
s at the Everglades Labor Camp.

"They just parked their cars here
the parking lot," Mainster said.
They were in shock. This was the
ly place they knew.

Inside, Andrew had turned the
fice upside down. Windows had
en blown out. There were gaping
oles in the ceiling. An inch of water
vered the floor.

"There was nothing here," said
ankie Navarro, in charge of pro-
ams for school-age children at Cen-
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Two days later, more farm workers
illed up in their battered heaps,
amoring for help. Navarro didn't
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opped to help out in the boon docks,
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avarro clambered onto the roof and
osted his plea for food.

The next day, the food rolled in.
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eaps of clothing.

Then WIOD radio commentator



AL DIAZ / Miami Herald Staff

A PLACE TO LAY HER HEAD:

Cerellina Vera carries a donated cot.

Joe Zagacki's plane went down, kill-
ing two. Zagacki survived, but had a
broken leg. He had been headed for
Centro and the Everglades camp. The
airplane crash, widely reported,
brought the farm workers into the
public eye.

"He risked his life for the center;
we never got a chance to thank him,"
Mainster said.

Help begins to appear

Soon after, help started showing
up. A few Red Cross volunteers,
drawn to the organization, defected
from the outfit to join Centro's staff,
where they felt more useful, Mainster
said.

"We call them Red Cross refu-
gees," she said.

Within a week, the center was
inundated with goods that it had no
place to store. Someone got in touch
with the county commission and a
short time later, they had several
storage trucks parked out back. Prob-
lem solved.

To hand out the food, the workers
set up a grocery "store" in the park-
ing lot, rows of tables topped with
boxes stuffed to the brim. It was cha-
otic, but it worked: People were given
food and water, pants and shirts.
Centro split the goods evenly, giving
half to Everglades Labor Camp.

At the end of the first week,
Mainster developed a master wish
list — white socks to ward off foot
fungus, clean shoes, barbecue grills,

opened the tennis-shoe store.

On the third day, the tents arrived.
The Mexican Consulate sent 30 small
ones. More followed.

The center had just about every-
thing, except toilets.

"We finally got one," Mainster
said. "One Port-o-let. We traded
roofing paper for one Port-o-let."

By the time the army arrived two
weeks after the storm, the ground-
work had been done. The troops
brought the kitchen and a generator.
Centro hired about 180 workers,
many of them their tent-city resi-
dents, to work odd jobs for \$6 an
hour.

Now the tent city has showers,
albeit cold ones, washing machines, a
day-care center, a volleyball net and
Mass on Sundays. A local team of
hairdressers stops by every Wednes-
day.

Easy duty for the GIs

The Army medics and field-
kitchen soldiers, who pulled out on
Thursday, said they may have had
the best mission in town: to supervise
the organized.

"At first, it was overwhelming for
them," said Pvt. Denise Yucker, an
Army cook. "It was so chaotic. But
they really did a great job."

Spec. Jeffrey Freeman said he has
fallen in love with Florida City and
the farm workers, something he
never foresaw when he first stepped
into the disaster zone.

"I'm sorry to leave," said Free-
man, a medic. "I really liked this
place."

At times, the "unofficial" tent city
feels like vintage Russia. The trucks
come in and the mad rush begins.
Lines for soap. Lines for shirts. Lines
for soup.

But the Centro tent city has amen-
ities the military tent cities do not:
privacy and the company of friends.

"There are so many decent people
around," said Simona Fernandez, 50,
who lost her trailer to the storm.
"There are no drunks, no fights.
Everyone just leaves us in peace."

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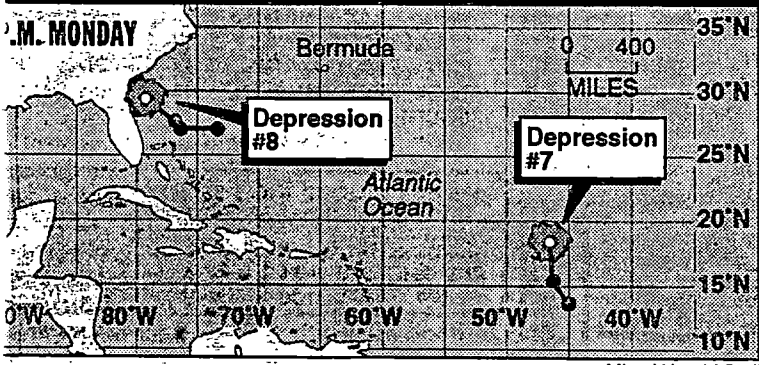
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Thank you for those warm words. My son Jeb will tell you.
It is always a pleasure returning to one of my favorite cities.
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My only regret is that I'll only be here briefly. I won't
get a chance to drop by "Espuina de Tejas." [ES KEE nah dey TEH
hass.] / I have to admit that eating at that wonderful
restaurant is my Miami Vice. //

I know this is a political season -- but there are things
far more vital than election returns. One is the fate of people
battered by Hurricane Andrew. I've come here to talk about what
the Federal government has done -- and what we intend to do. //

Five weeks ago I made my first trip here to try to ease
Florida's suffering. I saw homes ripped apart -- cars torn off
the road. More than a million people evacuated. People left
without blankets -- without food or shelter. It was, I told
Barbara, a scene that defied imagination. /

I also saw something else. Senior citizens, and young
people. The Red Cross, local police and firemen. Each lending a
hand, and tending a wound. [Each helping neighbor help neighbor.]
Amid the horror, Florida wrote a profile of sheer inspiration. /

} Easy 4 U
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Let me close on a personal note about how hurricane-force winds are no match for American-force generosity. / It concerns, actually, a Texan moved -- like all America -- by the heroism of Floridians. His name is James Pearl. He's all of four years old. /

James' first reaction to Andrew's wrath was repeated across America. He wanted to reach out -- to join the campaign called "One American Helping Another" which he heard on the radio. /

So James made a poster. It listed things kids could do around the house to earn money for the victims. Things like "folding clothes, helping the baby, cleaning up, clearing the table, and sweeping." / Then, he went out and got donations. Even said what the money would be used for. Things like "food, houses, clothing, drinks, toys and books." //

Kids like James Pearl are what this ^{nation} ~~election~~ is all about.

I want ^A An America whose future is worthy of our children. A future where we're never without hope -- and never without each other.

} Not a campaign event.

Other States helping Florida. Floridians helping each other. When the forces of nature try to tear lives apart -- the American character beings people together. //

For that, I salute you -- and will stay with you -- in my heart, and in my prayers. God bless you / we're going to get through this together / and may God bless the United States of America.

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A PLACE TO LAY HER HEAD: Cerellina Vera carries a donated cot.

Joe Zagacki's plane went down, killing two. Zagacki survived, but had a broken leg. He had been headed for Centro and the Everglades camp. The airplane crash, widely reported, brought the farm workers into the public eye.

"He risked his life for the center, we never got a chance to thank him," Mainster said.

Help begins to appear

Soon after, help started showing up. A few Red Cross volunteers, drawn to the organization, defected from the outfit to join Centro's staff, where they felt more useful, Mainster said.

"We call them Red Cross refugees," she said.

Within a week, the center was inundated with goods that it had no place to store. Someone got in touch with the county commission and a short time later, they had several storage trucks parked out back. Problem solved.

To hand out the food, the workers set up a grocery "store" in the parking lot, rows of tables topped with boxes stuffed to the brim. It was chaotic, but it worked: People were given food and water, pants and shirts. Centro split the goods evenly, giving half to Everglades Labor Camp.

At the end of the first week, Mainster developed a master wish list — white socks to ward off foot fungus, clean shoes, barbecue grills,

opened the tennis-shoe store.

On the third day, the tents arrived. The Mexican Consulate sent 30 small ones. More followed.

The center had just about everything, except toilets.

"We finally got one," Mainster said. "One Port-o-let. We traded roofing paper for one Port-o-let."

By the time the army arrived two weeks after the storm, the ground-work had been done. The troops brought the kitchen and a generator. Centro hired about 180 workers, many of them their tent-city residents, to work odd jobs for \$6 an hour.

Now the tent city has showers, albeit cold ones, washing machines, a day-care center, a volleyball net and Mass on Sundays. A local team of hairdressers stops by every Wednesday.

Easy duty for the GIs

The Army medics and field-kitchen soldiers, who pulled out on Thursday, said they may have had the best mission in town: to supervise the organized.

"At first, it was overwhelming for them," said Pvt. Denise Yucker, an Army cook. "It was so chaotic. But they really did a great job!"

Spec. Jeffrey Freeman said he has fallen in love with Florida City and the farm workers, something he never foresaw when he first stepped into the disaster zone.

"I'm sorry to leave," said Freeman, a medic. "I really liked this place."

At times, the "unofficial" tent city feels like vintage Russia. The trucks come in and the mad rush begins. Lines for soap. Lines for shirts. Lines for soup.

But the Centro tent city has amenities the military tent cities do not: privacy and the company of friends.

"There are so many decent people around," said Simona Fernandez, 50, who lost her trailer to the storm. "There are no drunks, no fights. Everyone just leaves us in peace."

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PETER DAVIES,
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than the famine in Ethiopia that brought an outpouring of generosity in 1984 and 1985.

Yet InterAction said that money given for relief in Somalia in the last six months amounts to only 3 percent of the \$110 million raised for Ethiopia during the first six months of that crisis.

"I'm becoming increasingly convinced that it's futile to try to recapture the mood of the country in October of 1984 when responding to the famine in Ethiopia became chic," said Joel Charney, executive director of Boston-based Oxfam America.

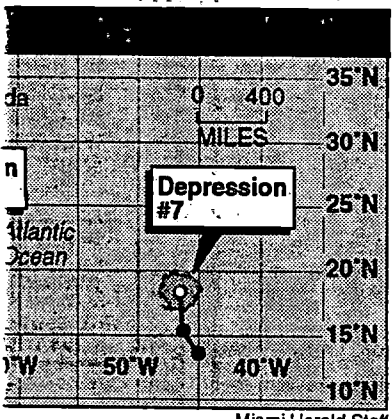
Feelings of futility

"The reason you get people getting donor fatigue is that people throw up their hands and say, 'These problems are never solved,'" he said. "The Africa case is the worst-case scenario in the minds of the general public, because it is such a long-term crisis."

Aid workers also are concerned about the civil war in Yugoslavia and the fragile cease-fire in Cambodia. Americans also are being asked to help the victims of Hurricanes Andrew and Iniki.

"When people are confronted with all of that, overwhelmingly and repeatedly, there really is this notion of burnout," said Paul Schervish, a sociology professor at Boston College who specializes in philanthropy.

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as West Palm Beach, where about an inch of rain was recorded Monday.

A coastal flood watch was posted from New Smyrna Beach to Fernandina Beach.

"We've got a good many showers around," said Jim Dudley of the National Weather Service in Daytona Beach. "We've gotten almost an inch of rain and we'll probably pick up another couple inches."

The rains will probably hang around until Wednesday, Dudley said.

"I think it'll be still plaguing us to some extent in this coastal area and then slide slowly north. The biggest threat will be rain and coastal erosion."

HURRICANE NOTEBOOK

INSURANCE FRAUD

Hours after Hurricane Andrew slammed into South Florida, a Miami man allegedly slammed his Mustang into a fallen tree six times, then filed an insurance claim.

Instead of a check, he got a warrant.

On Monday, state agents charged Vincenzo Vigilante, 18, of 8735 NE Bayshore Dr., with insurance fraud and grand theft. He is the first South Florida resident to face insurance fraud charges related to Hurricane Andrew.

According to the state Division of Insurance Fraud, Vigilante was seen driving the black 1989 Mustang at about 2 p.m. on Aug. 24, about six hours after Hurricane Andrew passed over South Florida.

Two witnesses, out removing storm shutters from their homes, watched Vigilante plow the Mustang into the same fallen tree six times. One witness watched as Vigilante backed the car up Northeast 10th Court, then rammed it into the tree. The witness wrote down the license plate number.

A second witness also saw Vigilante drive the car south on Northeast 10th Court, make a U-turn, and ram the tree three times on one side of the car. He then repeated the procedure with the other side of the car.

Eleven days later, Vigilante allegedly filed an insurance claim, saying the damage was caused by Andrew. Damage totaled about \$3,600.

Vigilante could not be reached for comment Monday. If convicted, he'd face five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine on each count.

POWER BACK

Florida Power & Light Co. reported it has restored service of service to virtually all customers whose homes and businesses are capable of receiving electric service.

The last link was restoration to a block of customers in the Princeton area.

This action signaled the end of one phase of post-Hurricane Andrew restoration efforts. FPL already has initiated the second phase, directed toward restoring the utility's distribution network to pre-hurricane status.

FEMA DEFENDED

WASHINGTON — The head of the embattled Federal Emergency Management Agency defended his agency's response to Hurricane Andrew against the shellacking it received from Capitol Hill and the media.

Director Wallace Stickney admitted that federal officials could have been more "proactive" in some respects, but he called the overall effort "an operation that all of us at FEMA are proud of."

In a speech Monday at the National Press Club, Stickney singled out Sen. Barbara Mikulski, a Maryland Democrat, for his angriest remarks. Mikulski, who chairs the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that oversees FEMA, has been the most outspoken critic of the agency in recent weeks and helped launch a General Accounting Office investigation of its operations.

and melancholy — on the season premiere of *Northern Exposure* at 10 tonight on Channels 6 and 12. TV listings, 3C



PEOPLE IN THE ARTS

Gail Meadows says film scouts are checking out Palm Beach County. 3C

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Will Andrew cost S. Dade its doctors?

SNL behind

With patients scarce, face of medical care in area could be changing

By LINDA ROACH MONROE
Herald Health Writer

Dr. Charles Augustus points to the splatters of white paint on his well-worn loafers. "I got these painting a sign to tell people I'm open," he says.

The same hands that have delivered a dozen babies in Homestead since Hurricane Andrew have ripped out soggy carpeting, installed air conditioners and tinkered with balky generators at his office on Krome Avenue.

"I'm out there fixing my generators in the middle of seeing patients," said the 36-year-old obstetrician and gynecologist. "And no phones, seeing 18 patients a day. How long can I see patients under these conditions?"

But Augustus is one of the lucky ones: a South Dade physician with patients in his office. Or even with an office to go to.

Now that the medical emergencies caused by Hurricane Andrew have fallen off, doctors are trying to get back to normal. But, even when they are among the few who can patch together offices or work out of trailers, a scarcity of patients is making them worry about whether they'll have to move out of South Dade.

A cycle that could change the face of medical care in South Dade may be beginning. Without patients, doctors can't stay in business. Without doctors, patients must travel long distances to get care. Without both doctors and patients, the two hospitals in the War Zone can't stay open.

"The medical infrastructure in South Dade consisted of the hospitals, the private-practice physician and community clinics. If you lose one of those three, then the other two are going to be crippled," said Wayne Brackin, administrator of Homestead Hospital, the only hospital left open in the War Zone, south to the Keys.

"We can't function without physicians



JEFFERY A. SALTER / Miami Herald Staff

FAITH, SPIRIT SURVIVE STORM

Devorah Glixman, 5, and her brother Yisroel, 7, tease each other outside their temporary trailer before heading off to observe Rosh Hashanah at South Dade's B'nai Israel synagogue Sunday evening. The youngsters' home

and synagogue were ravaged by Hurricane Andrew. But hundreds of volunteers helped patch up the synagogue. The children's grandfather, Rabbi Zevulun Glixman, is the congregation's spiritual leader. **Story, 1B.**

Since Andrew, every hour is rush hour

By ANNE BARTLETT
Herald Staff Writer

The never-ending rush hour has arrived in South Florida.

In these days of post-hurricane aftershock, commuters rise in the dark, leave for work an hour earlier than usual — and brace themselves. On the supposed expressways, traffic is bumper

to bumper from 6:30 a.m. on. For many, commuting time has doubled.

The dislocations caused by Hurricane Andrew changed the region's travel patterns overnight. Suddenly, the roads are more like Southern California than South Florida.

"When I lived in Los Angeles six years ago, one of the reasons I decided to leave was the traffic,"

said George Petrie, Dade operations director for Florida AAA. "That's what we have now in Miami. And it's not going to change soon."

Judith Werman moved to Broward from South Dade after losing her home in Hurricane Andrew. Werman and a partner give puppet shows and

PLEASE SEE TRAFFIC, 11A

to visit all customers who filed claims as of Sept. 15.

"It is my impression that State Farm has not had as many adjusters visiting properties as we would like," said Jill Chamberlin, spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Insurance. "But everybody has to be a little patient. This hurricane is putting an extraordinary toll on every player in this drama."

No player will be tested like State Farm.

State Farm is the nation's biggest underwriter of home and auto policies. The Bloomington, Ill., company is widely regarded as one of the best-managed companies in the nation, with tight financial controls and a homespun image that plays well in urban and rural areas.

The company is Dade County's largest insurer by a wide margin, handling about one of every five homeowner policies. So far, nearly 94,000 people have filed property-damage claims with State Farm. As of late Friday, about 49,000 had seen an

PLEASE SEE STATE FARM, 10A

MORE STORMY WEATHER FOR STATE?

■ The latest tropical depression may bring thunderstorms and rain to Central and North Florida today. Forecasters are keeping close tabs on the depression, the eighth to form this year. **10A.**

Poll: Most expect AIDS

Dade owners fume over flood rules

JOHN FINEFROCK
Herald Staff Writer

Hundreds of angry South Dade homeowners flooded into a school auditorium in Saga Bay Monday night to confront officials who say they may have to demolish their homes if they want to save them. Homeowners at Saga Bay, off Old Cut-Road at Southwest 200th Street, and other low-lying neighborhoods have been told they may have to elevate their homes up to seven feet to meet federal flood requirements if those homes suffered major damage from Hurricane Andrew. That requirement could add tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of reconstruction — costs that aren't covered by insurance.

"What am I going to do? Put seven feet

A home must be elevated by up to seven feet if the storm damage meets or exceeds half the house's value.

of concrete in my living room?" asked Ralph Barnouw. "I'm sorry, but that's bull----."

Homeowners wanted to know why they weren't told about the requirement when they bought their homes.

"How come this information was not put out to the public, the people it affects?" asked Ken Maulsby, president of the Saga Bay Property Owners Association. "Isn't there some responsibility for my [insurance] agent to do more than just collect my premium?"

Maulsby said some homeowners had already spent money to repair their homes before finding out about the obscure rule.

"I'm filing a class-action lawsuit," vowed Steve Yenser, a homeowner in Kings Bay who said he would have to elevate his home by two feet if the requirement isn't waived. "If it's not decided real soon, this suit is going into effect."

Officials from Metro-Dade, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal agencies sought to explain the rule to an overflow crowd at Centennial Middle School — often over the

shouts of angry homeowners.

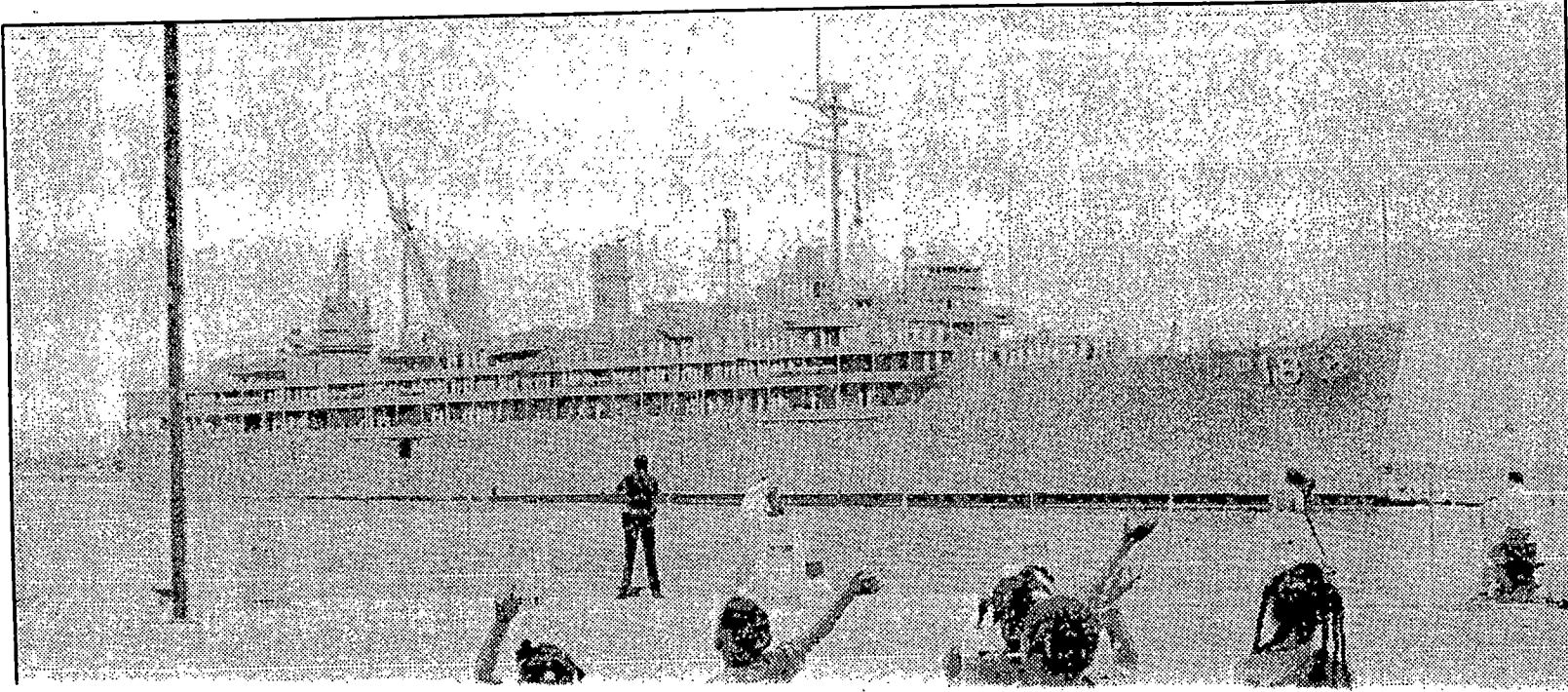
Homeowners wanted to know why Metro-Dade allowed their homes to be built below the flood-plain level, why they were never told about the requirement and what — if anything — could be done to waive the rule. Many didn't like the answers they got.

"Your bureaucracy is sickening," said Marilu Belaval, a Saga Bay homeowner.

"I can't say I know how you feel, because I don't," FEMA representative Glenn Woodard said. But he said there was little he or others at the meeting could

PLEASE SEE SAGA BAY, 4B

THANK YOU! BON VOYAGE!



Hialeah slashes expenses, not jobs

By **ALINA MATAS**
And **DAVID J. NEAL**
Herald Staff Writers

In a long raucous meeting, the Hialeah City Council Monday night sliced the mayor's proposed budget by \$7.6 million without laying off any employees or closing down its libraries and parks.

Instead of cutting jobs, the council cut expenses: The library staff remained, but money for new books and periodicals were

Builder licensing changes urged

By DON FINEFROCK
Herald Staff Writer

Building contractors should be licensed under a single, statewide system that raises professional standards and reduces the potential for construction flaws like those revealed by Hurricane Andrew, the head of the state Department of Professional Regulation said Monday.

Contractors working in Dade County currently are licensed by Metro-Dade or the state. "That system is not working well," former state Sen.

George Stuart said in an interview. Stuart said contractors should be held to a standard of workmanship — they are now required to build to the minimum standard of the code, he said — and consumers should have recourse if the builder does a lousy job.

Contractors could be required to post bonds or the state could establish a recovery fund to reimburse buyers whose homes are flawed, he said.

Metro's chief building official questioned Stuart's call for statewide

licensing, however, saying Dade does a better job of disciplining builders.

"It's been our experience that we are more efficient in dealing with local contractors," said Carlos Bonzon, the director of Metro's building and zoning department.

Stuart also called for statewide licensing of building inspectors, saying Andrew exposed shortcomings in that system as well. Dade inspectors are certified by the county's Board of Rules and Appeals.

"I think you are going to need

statewide licensing," Stuart said. "It would allow us to get some consistency. Consistency would have been of value here."

Stuart said those and other changes are part of a legislative package that could be considered by the Legislature when it meets in November.

Engineers who toured South Dade neighborhoods hard hit by Andrew have cited construction flaws and deficiencies in the South Florida Building Code as factors in the devastation.

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U.S. charity donors are 'burned out'

Public overwhelmed by worldwide needs

BOSTON — (AP) — Hurricanes, Famine, Civil war

Americans are being asked to respond to so many crises that relief workers fear the public has begun to suffer donor fatigue.

"Our fund-raising is up some but not where we need it to be to cover these emergencies," CARE spokesman John Mohrbacher said. "We assume it's the psychological interference of all these other disasters."

Chief executives of six international relief organizations left for Somalia Friday to focus more

that and they are proud of it. What we got was a GAO audit!" Stickney said.

TOLLS RETURN

The Florida Department of Transportation will reinstitute tolls on the northern portion of the Florida's Turnpike extension on Thursday.

The tolls will start at 12:01 a.m. in both the northbound and southbound lanes at the Okeechobee, Red Road ramp, University Drive/Northwest 27th Avenue ramp and Miramar toll plazas.

The DOT will hold off on resuming tolls south of Okeechobee until at least Nov. 1.

FAIRCHILD REOPENS

Fairchild Tropical Garden will open to the public this weekend for the first time since the storm. Visitors are welcome between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

"The idea is to welcome the entire community," said Fairchild spokesman Kathy Gaubatz, explaining why the \$7 admission fee was waived.

The storm damaged nearly 75 percent of the rare and exotic plants at Fairchild, 10901 Old Cutler Rd. Since then, hundreds of people have volunteered to help clean up.

After the weekend, Fairchild will return to its normal schedule: Monday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., admission \$7.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The American Red Cross says it urgently needs volunteers who can work at one full day or two half days a week for four to six weeks at one of 13 Red Cross Disaster Relief Service Centers. Critical needs include:

- Family service center technicians, to interview and help meet the immediate needs of hurricane survivors.
- A volunteer coordinator, to schedule and orient volunteers.
- A line manager, to inform Red Cross clients of eligibility requirements for aid.
- Registrars, to obtain information from disaster victims.
- Phone bank personnel.
- Clerical help for record keeping.

CORPORATE AID

The Equitable-Suquet Agency has contributed \$100,000 to We Will Rebuild.

Univision has given the American Red Cross \$4.6 million, raised during a national telethon for hurricane victims.

About 60 Florida families whose homes were destroyed by Hurricane Andrew will get lumber donated by Bighorn National Forest in Sheridan, Wyo., milled free by a sawmill and shipped free by Burlington Northern Railroad.

UNIVERSITY OF ANDREW

Hurricane Andrew has provided the civil engineers of the world a pretty good laboratory for study. They announced plans this week for a major technical conference on the storm and why it caused so much damage.

The conference will be held in South Florida next year, the American Society of Civil Engineers says. Topics: wind engineering, coastal engineering, building codes and standards.

cramped with mattresses, food and salvageable belongings.

"We did what we could," Mainster said.

Camp residents take charge

Two weeks ago, the military cooks and a mobile kitchen rolled in to Centro ready to serve up hot meals. A day later, it had been shanghaied with the army's permission. A handful of Centro tent-city residents took charge of the mobile kitchen, trading T-rations for tortillas. Every day, three times a day, civilian women cooked up mounds of traditional Mexican dishes: chicken with mole and rice and beans.

Centro's relief site was the perfect solution for a people distrustful of authority and isolated from recovery road along Palm Drive. It remains a little bit of home for the homeless.

The campesinos arrived at Centro just after dawn the morning of the hurricane, agonized by the high-speed winds. They had lost their trailers at the Everglades Labor Camp.

"They just parked their cars here in the parking lot," Mainster said. "They were in shock. This was the only place they knew."

Inside, Andrew had turned the office upside down. Windows had been blown out. There were gaping holes in the ceiling. An inch of water covered the floor.

"There was nothing here," said Frankie Navarro, in charge of programs for school-age children at Centro.

Two days later, more farm workers pulled up in their battered heaps, clamoring for help. Navarro didn't have much to offer. No one had stopped to help out in the boondocks, beyond Florida City. That's when Navarro clambered onto the roof and posted his plea for food.

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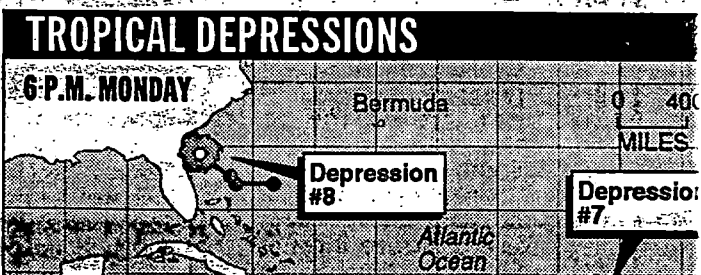
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"They didn't want me," said
Stark, who is an editor at the
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said I wasn't trained, so they
couldn't use me. There was a lot
of animosity to outside volun-
teers. I was drinking coffee from
a cup that had a red cross on it,
and they were even nasty about
that."

Training workers

Mitchell said proper training
for volunteers is absolutely essen-
tial to making sure Red Cross
money — all of it donated by the
public — is well-spent. That
training, depending on the job,
can take anywhere from three
hours to two days.

"You can understand why
we'd want people who know
what they're doing interviewing
these families and helping them
figure out what they need,"
Mitchell said.

About 12 blocks away, at the
Red Cross service center in the
Neva Cooper School, center
manager Eugene Heinemann will
put anybody who walks up to
work, especially Spanish speak-
ers. Heinemann just arrived from
the Canadian province of
Alberta, on loan to the American
Red Cross from his provincial
government job.

The Red Cross is selective
about the kind of help it accepts.
Clothing, for example, it won't
take.

"Stuff, we can't use," Stewart
at Berkshire High School said.
"Money, we'll take. But what are
we supposed to do with a truck-
load of clothes?"

Give them out to the people
who need them, suggests Miami
psychotherapist Julie Brown.
Brown said she drove around
with a truckload of donated
clothes early in the hurricane
relief effort without finding a
place to take them.

"Everywhere we saw a red
cross, we'd stop," Brown said.
"And every time, the Red Cross
told us it wouldn't accept the
clothes. We had things that peo-
ple in those tent cities told me
they needed."

Art Nelson had a similar expe-
rience. Nelson is living in the
Harris Field tent city. For eight
hours a day, he works as a car-
penter for Metro-Dade. The rest

of the day, he runs the Gone
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Clothing Tent across the street
from the Red Cross registration
tent. It's a freelance effort that
has the support of 12 businesses
from Miami to Connecticut.

"We tried to get the Red Cross
to distribute this stuff, but they
wouldn't," Nelson said.

The way Barbara Jean explains
it, giving away food and clothing
is counterproductive to the Red
Cross' mission. Jean is manager
at the Harris Field registration
tent.

"We give them vouchers so
they can go to the merchant of
their choice and get new things,
and food that they want," Jean
said. "That way it gives them a
sense of control over their lives.
And it allows the merchants to
get the business they need.
They're rebuilding, too, you
know."

But clothes are needed

Theodosia Neal said it's nice to
have the vouchers. But getting to
the stores where they can be used
is the problem.

"My sister has vouchers for
stores up in Dadeland," said
Neal, as she waited outside Pine
Villa Elementary School in
Goulds for her sister to try to get
different vouchers. "That's far
away for us."

Carl Grimes of Perrine has
already spent the \$550 in cloth-
ing vouchers he got from the Red
Cross two weeks ago for himself
and his three children. He praises
the Red Cross, but like Neal, he
said used clothes would be just
fine. Especially if he didn't have
to wait a week to get them.

"When you have nothing, any-
thing is helpful," Grimes said.

Bobby Hicks agrees. His home
in Cutler Ridge was destroyed.
Standing in line outside the
Urban League in Homestead,
Hicks is making his second try at
getting Red Cross help. The last
service center he went to was so
crowded, he said, he couldn't
even get a number to get an
appointment.

"So far, it hasn't been so
good," Hicks said. "But I've
heard that they're the ones who
are supposed to be able to help.
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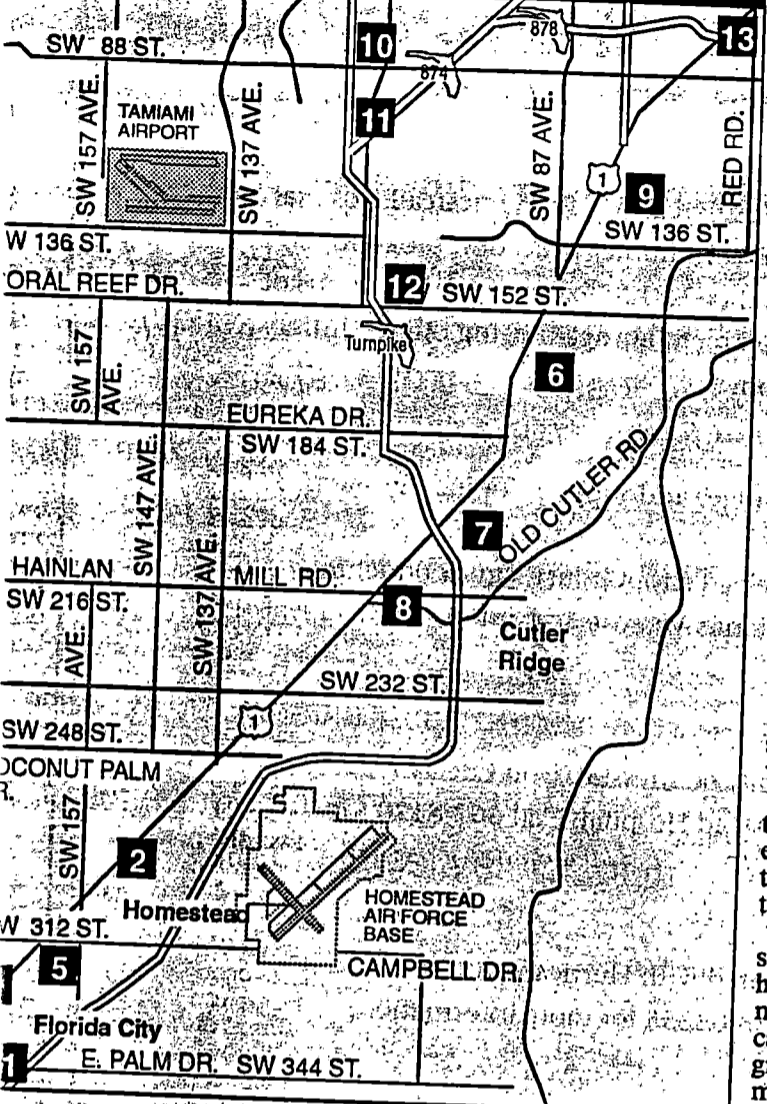
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- 2 Homestead-Berkshire High School: 28800 SW 152 Ave.
- 3 Neva Cooper School, Homestead: 151 NW 5 St.
- 4 Homestead Urban League: 708 SW 6 Ave.
- 5 Harris Field (tent city), Homestead: Tennessee Rd. & Campbell Dr.
- 6 Cutler Ridge-Southwood Middle School: 16301 SW 80 Ave.
- 7 Point Royale Shopping Center, Cutler Ridge: 19105 South Dixie
- 8 Pine Villa Elem. School, Goulds: 21799 SW 117 Cr.
- 9 St. Louis Catholic Church, Kendall: 7220 SW 120 St.
- 10 Town & Country Mall, Kendall: SW 88 St. & Turnpike
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- 12 Martin Memorial AME Church, Richmond Heights: 14700 Lincoln Blvd.
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RED CROSS, FROM 1A

employee isn't the only victim to be turned away empty-handed from a Red Cross service center. And she isn't the only one complaining.

So far, the Red Cross has spent \$26.3 million in Dade County and helped 33,835 families, according to a spokeswoman, Susan Pyle. But at the same time, many say the organization's rigid rules and inadequate planning are delaying help to thousands of others.

Hurricane victims are waiting in long lines in the hot sun, sometimes only to get an appointment to wait in another line. Volunteers are being turned away, even though many of the Red Cross centers are understaffed. The lack of Spanish and Creole translators stymies the aid process.

Red Cross officials maintain they're doing the best they can under extraordinary circumstances. And their best, said a spokeswoman, Donna Nelson, is very good.

"It's just such a huge operation," Nelson said. "Nobody has ever seen anything like this. But I think we're doing what we have to do."

Since Hurricane Andrew struck, the American Red Cross has raised \$65.2 million; \$46.6 million was designated specifically for hurricane victims. The group estimates it will spend \$59 million in South Florida.

A visit last week to the 13 service centers the Red Cross has set up from South Miami to Florida City showed an organization that is sometimes well-run and sometimes barely controlling the chaos. The rules and waiting lines at each one are different.

Uneven waits

In areas where few people are living — such as around Southwood Middle School in Cutler Ridge — lines are almost nonexistent. But in places like shopping centers and community centers, the backlog of cases stretches for weeks.

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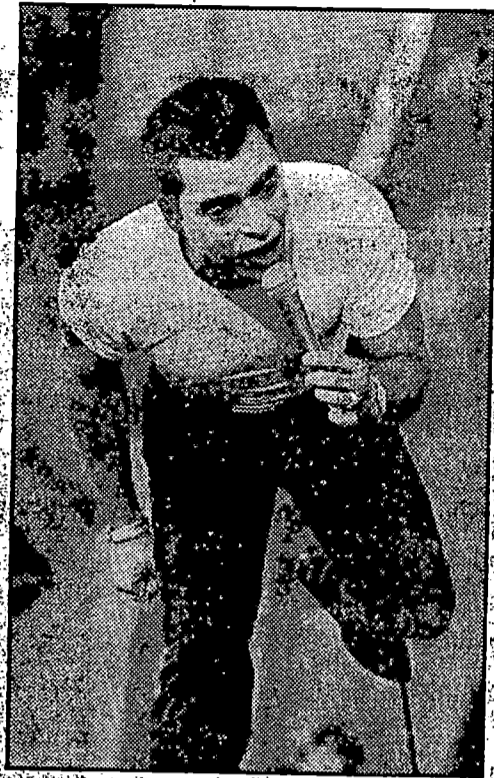
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EXCITEMENT ALL AROUND: At left, Army soldiers applaud acts at concert at Homestead High School. Above, Jon Secada gets into his number and leans toward the crowd.

Stars bring messages of hope, laughter

By **MARILYN GARATEIX**
Herald Staff Writer

In addition to hours of music, the audience at the hurricane relief concert at Joe Robbie Stadium Saturday night was treated to messages of hope and laughter.

■ Andy Garcia told the crowd about the sacrifices many South Dade residents made even when their own homes had been virtually destroyed by Hurricane Andrew.

For instance, Joe Van Fleet, whom Garcia held up as an example of the courage and unselfishness South Dade residents showed.

Van Fleet lost his own home, but went out to help others rebuild.

Right now, Joe is probably out there cleaning up someone's yard.

■ Comedian Paul Rodriguez, who introduced many of the acts, asked an international audience to send Miami money to rebuild. "Here in Miami we need your help and your dollars," Rodriguez said in Spanish.

■ Jimmy Buffett urged the crowd to forget briefly about the troubles of the past month. "I don't think something like a natural disaster should keep us down," Buffett said. "Right now I think we need a little break from the disaster. I've written you a little excuse so you can all sing for about four minutes."

■ Comedienne Rosie O'Donnell opened her act by blurting, "Yo soy Cubana."

The crowd cheered wildly. O'Donnell let the

Concert provides relief

By LEONARD PITTS Jr.
Herald Pop Music Critic

It was there from the beginning and it only grew as the shadows lengthened and darkness stole over Joe Robbie Stadium. It was a thing without a name, a thing more sensed than seen.

But it was there. There in the thunderous roar, out of all proportion to his fame, that greeted Jon Secada when he strolled out onstage. Because it was that kind of crowd. The kind that just plain needed to roar. You got the feeling — and intending no disrespect to the talent that played Saturday night's Hurricane Relief concert — that this crowd would've given a standing ovation to a TV test pattern.

Indeed, one man stood up between sets of the Hurricane Relief Concert and for no apparent reason, started cranking his fist and going "Whoop! Whoop!" The crowd that came to the benefit concert, headlined by Gloria Estefan, Whoopi Goldberg and others, raised more than a million dollars for hurricane relief. The more than 50,000 concertgoers seemed to need the music less than they needed one another, needed the sense of being together after the storm.

And needed one thing more. That thing more sensed than seen. Needed release after four weeks of numbing despair.

Curiously enough, you could even pinpoint the precise moment when that release came. After rolling around under the surface all night, after filling the stadium near to bursting the way air fills a bubble, it came during a set by the Latin All Stars. The band, featuring the likes of Ruben Blades, Paquito D'Rivera, Cachao and Willie Colon, performed a ferocious rhythmic workout called *Lindo Yambui*, with a long, call-and-response percussion break.

Oh, you should have been there then. Should have seen the dancing that went on, should have seen the toes tap and the fingers clap and the hands thrust toward the sky, their fingers splayed, their cares set free. The roiling stopped. The bubble broke.

Yeah, it was like that. And in that moment, something changed. The crowd turned a corner as one, victims chose to



formed a hilarious act about life with noisy neighbors — a piece climaxed by his Led Zeppelin on a "nuclear-powered" stereo imitation.

The Bee Gees played a surprisingly tight set that drew from several phases of their career. They gave 'em 1975's *Jive Talkin'*, 1990's *One*, and yeah, the disco era's *Stayn' Alive*.

And at deadline time, Jimmy Buffett had the crowd up and dancing to the balmy, tropical rhythms of his classic, *Margaritaville*.

"God Bless The Victims of Andrew," said a banner that someone held aloft.

Comedian Paul Rodriguez

feels damn good!"

Even up in the press box, refuge of cynics, there was dancing and singing along.

"I love it," said concertgoer Laura Hudson. It's great. Everything. I'm sick and I wouldn't miss it for the world."

And, way up in the nosebleed seats, Don Mastroni agreed. Like so many others in the crowd, he had suffered from Andrew. Like so many others, he needed — and found — release.

"We were down in the Perrine area," he said. "We lost a lot. It was a lot of damage. We've got [only] six families still living in the neighborhood. We're hangin' in there. We're livin' on a loan."

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Family leave creates few ripples

Disruptions, feared by businesses, have not materialized

By **MILYN ADAMS and SUSANA BARCIELA**
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While Washington is embroiled in a high-stakes mud fight over family leave, Dade County's social experiment has created few ripples. In its first six months, Dade's family leave ordinance has delivered this surprise: Few employees are asking for unpaid family leave.

"I don't think it's any big deal," said Stephen Gaffin, an officer of Array Connector Corp., a small manufacturing firm. "I can't believe George Gaffin is making an issue of this when it's a family thing. If a company is run properly, it can handle when someone is out."

In December, labor-management consultant Gaffin went before the Metro Commission on

behalf of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. "The impact of this law would be to chill the development of new jobs," Gaffin said then.

Gaffin today: "I haven't heard anyone talking about major problems."

Dade's ordinance requires many employers to give workers up to 90 days of unpaid leave for family emergencies — and a job when they come back. About 2,500 companies are affected.

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives is scheduled to take what's expected to be a close, tense vote on whether to override President Bush's veto of family leave just weeks before Election Day. Last week the Senate mustered a two-thirds vote to

PLEASE SEE FAMILY LEAVE, 20A



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PLAYING: Ana Hernandez, here playing with daughter Arianna and the neighbor's dog, took family leave to care for her child.

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Now some parties that had dismissed the election as a ploy by Fujimori to gain international recognition are deciding — albeit

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Red Cross struggles amid the grumbles

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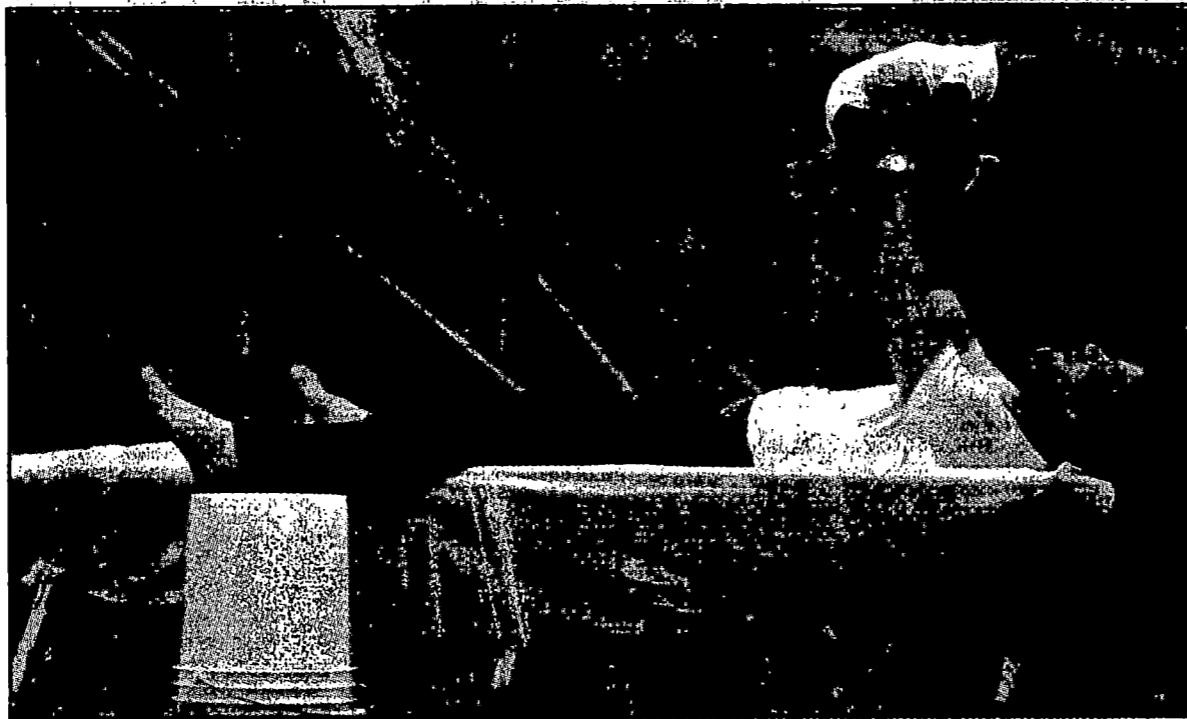
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De Klerk also said Saturday night that he would introduce legislation at a special October session of Parliament to grant a general amnesty for crimes committed by all sides, in political hostilities, including government officials and security officers who have not been charged.

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