

## REMEMBERING TO SAY THANKS

As the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina arrived, many people used the opportunity to rehash the Bush administration's failure to deal with the disaster in a timely manner. The anniversary meant something different to Rocky Vaccarella from St. Bernard Parish Louisiana. Vaccarella, who lost his home in Hurricane Katrina, towed his FEMA trailer all the way to Washington DC to personally thank President Bush.

Vaccarella said he did not want the government to forget that the job along the Gulf Coast was not complete. Speaking to a reporter about his visit to the White House, Vaccarella called the President a "people person" and said, "I wanted to thank President Bush for the millions of FEMA trailers that were brought down there. They gave us roofs over people's heads. People had a chance to have baths, air conditioning. We have TV, we have toiletry—we have things and necessities that we can live upon."