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The Impact of Katrina

The impact and devastation of Hurricane Katrina has touched the lives of many Post newspaper and company employees. Staff with families that lived in the Gulf Coast area are spending every spare minute helping their loved ones find housing, clothes and food. Employees of The Washington Post Company

in cars and wading through debris-filled flood waters to do their jobs.

James McKinley, an inserter at the Springfield Plant, has 12 members of his family from New Orleans living with him and his wife in Oxon Hill, including his mother who is blind and his father who has Alzheimers. "They had no place to go," he explained, "We've just been working through it." His family is working with the Red Cross at the D.C. Armory to get housing as well as nursing care for his parents. In the meantime, the McKinleys bought several air mattresses and an extra refrigerator to accommodate their houseguests. Twenty-two members of his wife's family are sharing two adjoining motel rooms in Georgia, while they wait to find housing. McKinley plans to go to New Orleans next month to access the damage and help his family rebuild. "Right now, no one wants to go back, it's going to be hard," he said.

College Park press operator **Victor Smith** considers himself "blessed," because his family in the Bay Saint Louis, Miss. area survived the hurricane. He also has family members living with him. Smith has been collecting clothes and other items from his colleagues at the plant and his community. On



PHOTO PROVIDED BY HENRY PALMA

During a trip to the Gulf coast of Mississippi last week, Northwest Health Center nurse **Phyllis Waslo** vaccinates an employee from CableOne, a subsidiary of The Washington Post Company. Looking on is **Henry Palma** (in blue shirt), Administration, who coordinated the paperwork at one of the three CableOne offices where the Tetanus and Hepatitis A and B vaccines were given.



Columnist **Eugene Robinson** took this photo as he traveled by boat through the flooded streets of New Orleans with (l-r) **Liz Spayd**, assistant managing editor/National, reporter **Manuel Roig-Franzia** and photographer, **Carol Guzy**.

affiliates Kaplan and CableOne based in the Gulf Coast have lost their homes. Dozens of Newsroom reporters, editors and photographers and IT staff were dispatched to the affected area, some sleeping

Sept. 25, he will head down to the area with a truck that U-Haul is donating to bring these much-needed items to his old neighborhood. "We're doing what we can," Smith said. "My family is just one of many that are dealing with losses and I want to do something to help."

According to **Ann McDaniel**,

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Images From Katrina

Post Photos and Experiences

PHOTO - EUGENE ROBINSON



Photographer Michel DuCille in Biloxi, Miss.

"I'm very pleased with our coverage, it has been extraordinarily comprehensive. The long run significance of this is two-fold: what happens to the city of New Orleans, and the huge displacement of people which will be comparable to the Dust Bowl or the San Francisco earthquake on how it changes the face of the country. Families will be changed forever."

— **Len Downie,**
Executive Editor

PHOTO - ROBERT REEDER



The Gator Camp in Sorento, La. where Post photographers have been based for coverage of the aftermath and recovery from Hurricane Katrina. The RVs parked outside the camp's building are where the photographers are sleeping. An RV has also been outfitted with a special satellite to transmit photos to the Northwest Building.



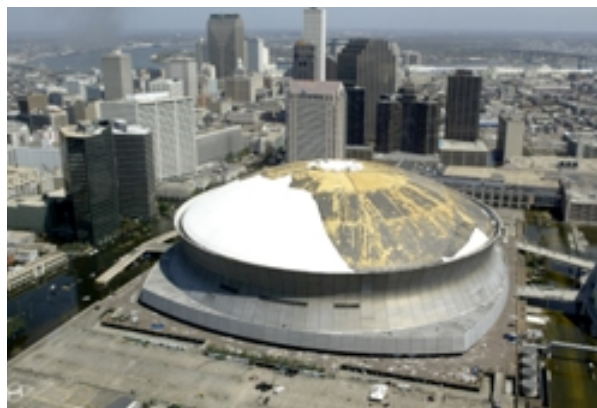
Photographer Michael Robinson-Chavez took this photo on Sept. 4 of a temporary crypt for a woman whose body had been lying in the streets of downtown New Orleans for many days.

"Dave Murray [Financial Desk art director] and I flew to St. Louis and picked up a 30 foot RV in Illinois, waited a couple of hours at the RV pickup site for a courier to deliver a 3,000 watt Honda generator from west of St. Louis, and then drove down to the Memphis area, spent the night at an RV park and the next day picked up a 14 foot boat, gas cans and 30 gallons of gas before heading south to the New Orleans vicinity."

— **Robert Reeder,**
photographer

"Wil [Haygood] called me after he visited the Superdome and reported the story on people waiting in line, and passing out. His message – of all the tragedies he'd covered as a correspondent in Africa, he'd never seen anything as horrible as the situation at the Superdome."

— **Deborah Heard,**
AME/Style



Photographer Robert Reeder was traveling with reporter Linton Weeks when he took this photo on Sept. 7 showing Katrina's destruction of the Superdome. The Post reported that more than 20,000 evacuees stayed at the Superdome during the hurricane.

"I was on vacation in Houston when the first evacuees started arriving at the Astrodome, so I was able to get to work and have been here ever since. This is the most compelling story I've ever covered. I have been amazed by how eager the displaced families are to tell their stories."

— **Lisa Rein,**
Fairfax bureau reporter

“Staff were being deployed to the area very quickly with little time to prepare for the awful conditions. It was heartening to see the professionalism and spirit they have shown without any complaint. It was an incredible group effort.”

— **Dan LeDuc**,
Deputy
National Editor



*Hurricane Katrina survivors receive medical attention at field hospital set up at New Orleans international airport in this photo by **Carol Guzy**. Shywande Coleman (right) had her 30th birthday on the day of the hurricane but hospital workers brought her cookies and sang happy birthday to her as she was being transported from the field hospital. Her friend (left) Kim McCay had planned for a big celebration.*

“On the day Katrina hit, I raced through a Wal-Mart in Mississippi, stocking up on supplies. It was like one of those crazy TV shows where you have 15 minutes to spend \$100. I grabbed all kinds of things. Peanut butter, jelly, bread, canned chili and spinach...”

I slept in the rental car at first, then upgraded to the carpeted airport floor. Compared with the hundreds of New Orleanians stranded on the Interstate, it was the Ritz. Making my way into the city each morning was to walk into a vision of misery. It was hard to understand and impossible to excuse the utter failure of government at all levels. It’s something I wouldn’t want to forget, even if I could.”

— **Peter Slevin**,
Chicago bureau chief



*Photographer **Ricky Carioti** took this photo on Sept. 12 of Karen and Neil Tyson from Bay St. Louis, Miss. walking with their kids to a hot meals tent in Waveland, Miss. The Tysons like other families who lost everything after Hurricane Katrina, are living in parking lots until they find new homes or shelters to live in.*

“Dana Hedgepeth spent a week in Port Fourchon, La., where the only place to sleep was the couch in the police chief’s office. She didn’t shower for four days and slept very little. The port provides services that support the import of 18 percent of the country’s oil. Dana was the first reporter on the ground to report the devastation of the port...”

— **Jill Dutt**,
AME/Financial

vice president for the Company, there are approximately 175 CableOne employees based at three offices on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi who either lost their homes or suffered extensive damage from the hurricane. There were also several New Orleans-based Kaplan employees who were forced to leave their homes. In the days following the disaster, the Company established an account with the Community Foundation in the District to direct contributions to these employees. As of last week, colleagues from throughout the Company have donated almost \$100,000.

On Sept. 14, eight staff from the newspaper and company flew to Mississippi to provide Tetanus and Hepatitis A and B vaccinations to CableOne employees and their families who may be at risk for exposure to contaminated water and debris. They also brought with them sheets, dishes and other items. The Post contingent led by McDaniel and Vice President **Pat Butler** spent a whirlwind 48 hours in Mississippi and slept on the floor of the CableOne offices. The group included Health Center nurses **Ann Griffin** and **Phyllis Waslo**, transportation coordinator **Henry Palma**, and Corporate staff **Wendy Bannahan**, **Cheryl Davis** and **Bruce Thomas**.

“The spirit of the people we talked to was incredible,” said McDaniel. “The purpose of our trip was not only to give them these vaccinations, but to reach out to these employees and let them know that the Company will be there for them not only today, but in the weeks and months ahead.” ■

Discount for Tonight's Circus Performance!

The Marketing Department has a special offer for Post employees to attend tonight's (Sept. 22) opening night performance of the Big Apple Circus at 7 p.m. at Dulles Town Center. Tickets are only \$20 for both adults and children! Tickets are available by calling Ticketmaster at (703) 573-SEAT or (202)397-SEAT, or at the Circus Box Office at the Big Top. Mention promotional code WPOSTE when ordering.

The Post Sponsors Black Family Reunion

The Post was a sponsor of the Black Family Reunion which was held Sept. 10 and 11 on the National Mall. In addition to in-paper ads promoting the event, The Post had a "Meet The Post" booth that



January Payne (right), a Health section reporter, chats with a reader at The Post's booth at the Black Family Reunion.

provided readers the opportunity to speak to Post reporters and staff. The booth was manned by the Public Relations Department and "Meet the Post" participants included **Athelia Knight, Theola Labbe, January Payne, Nikita Stewart, Vanessa Williams, Yolanda Woodlee** and **Mike Zimmerman**. Also at the booth were **Adrienne Taylor, Noelle Hoover** and **April Walker**.

Change in Mileage Reimbursement

The IRS has raised the mileage reimbursement rate from 40.5 cents to 48.5 cents, effective September 1, 2005. The rate will remain in effect until the end the year. Because The Post follows the IRS rate, this new rate will automatically apply to mileage reimbursements for all Post employees effective Sept. 1

through the end of the year. For those employees who have already submitted personal mileage reimbursements at the old rate for September, please submit a new mileage reimbursement report for the eight cent difference. No additional approval is required for the incremental request.



PHOTO - CARRIE MORSE

Madonna Rabatin, Marketing, and **Lisa Bolton**, Public Relations, with one of the many gifts Bolton received at her baby shower held in the Northwest Building's auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 15. The Bolton baby is scheduled to arrive next month.

Volunteers Needed For Post Events

The Public Relations Department is seeking employees interested in working at Post events held on weekends. It is a great opportunity to meet readers and learn more about the communities The Post serves. Volunteers receive a stipend for their time. If you are interested, call **Carrie Morse** at x4-7972.

Marketplace

FOR SALE: Contemporary off white leather sectional sofa. Purchased from Townhouse Leather. Great condition. Purchased for \$2,000, will sell for \$1,200/OBO. Beautiful beige marble dining table with four beige leather dining chairs. Purchased from Marble Works. Purchased for \$1,800, will sell for \$1,000/OBO. Two custom upholstered beige dining stools. Purchased from Ethan Allen. Paid \$200 each, will sell \$200 for both. Kids colorful bunk bed set (red and blue) with built in desk, drawers and shelves. Two years old. Paid \$900, will sell for \$600/OBO. I have photos available, please call Crystal at x4-5720 or davisc@washpost.com.

FOR SALE: Wool rug, teal, unpatterned. Bound on four sides. High quality, excellent condition, 9' x15', \$150. Pick-up on Capitol Hill. Sample is at my desk in Northwest Building. Call Mary at x4-7547 or home (202) 543-0318.

FOR SALE: Timeshare - Eagle Trace at Killy Court units at Massanutten Resort in Harrisonburg, Va., located in two three-story hotel style buildings. Units have two BRs each sleeping six comfortably. Unit includes two BA, kitchen, fireplace and deck. Great for skiing, snowboarding, hiking, or relaxing. Will sell for balance on original note (as of Aug. 30 was \$4,500). Visit www.massresort.com to look at the accommodations and resort amenities. Call Ed at x4-9279 or (703) 646-5039.

FREE! FREE! Ads in marketplace are free to employees of The Washington Post. Join thousands of satisfied customers who have bought and sold through Marketplace. The deadline is Friday at noon for the next Thursday's issue of ShopTalk. Send your ad with your extension and home phone number via e-mail to ShopTalk, or fax to x4-4963.

FOR SALE: Santa Fe-style pine bench with two drawers; very good condition; wrought-iron pulls, high paneled back, with arms; 43"Hx50"Wx24.5"D; photo available; asking \$65. New Plow & Hearth full-size sofa slipcover w/2 matching pillows; deep red floral w/green, tan, cream accents; sample fabric available; retails \$90, asking \$40. New Johnson PetSafe Ultimate Pet Door; for doors 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 inches thick and pets up to 80 lbs; 20 5/8"Hx15 7/16"W; retails \$100, asking \$50. New, very cute ceramic schnauzer cookie jar; photo available; retails \$45, asking \$20. Call Anne at x4-5426 or e-mail at fergusona@washpost.com.

ISO CARPOOL RIDER: Depart from Braddock Road and Stonehaven Drive (Burke/Annandale area) at 8:05 a.m. Leave Northwest Building at 5:30 pm. Share driving and parking expenses. Call John at x4-4291.

FOR SALE: 2002 Toyota Tundra truck, like new, five-speed power window, four wheel drive, 98k miles, black, am/fm cassette, CD, and more. \$9,000/OBO. Call Theresa at x4-4732 or (301) 520-1844.

FOR SALE: Kitchen table, smoke grey glass table with glass base and four high back chairs. \$350/OBO. Also, Queen Anne arch back sofa and chair, blue pin stripes on sofa. Solid beige chair. \$300/OBO. All in good condition. Light color wrought iron end tables and coffee table \$175. Pictures available. Call April at x4-7997.

MARKETPLACE DEADLINE: Noon Fridays. Please include your name, extension and home phone number. Ads are for Post Employees only. Send ads to Shop Talk, 7th floor, or call x4-6803. To send ads via fax dial x4-4963; via e-mail send to shoptalk. Ads run two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee, please.