

Although there were fears of many more dead on La Tortue island, Deslorges said: "The government has been in contact with officials on La Tortue. Nothing happened there."

Jeanne lashed Haiti on Saturday, four months after devastating floods along the southern border of Haiti and neighboring Dominican Republic. Some 1,700 bodies were recovered and 1,600 more were missing and presumed dead.

Gonaives, a city of about a quarter million people, also suffered fighting during the February rebellion that led to the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and left an estimated 300 dead.

All this in a year supposed to be dedicated to celebrating the 200th anniversary of the country's independence from France. Haiti, the only country to launch a successful rebellion against slavery, was the world's first black republic.

Jeanne regained hurricane strength over the Atlantic on Monday but posed no immediate threat to land. At 5 a.m. Tuesday, it was moving east-northeast with 90 mph winds, about 445 miles east of Great Abaco Island in the Bahamas.

The storm entered the Caribbean last week, killing seven people in Puerto Rico before heading to the Dominican Republic where it killed at least 18. The overall death toll from Jeanne stands at 647, 622 of them in Haiti.

Waterlines up to 10 feet high showed the passage of the storm waters, which turned some roads into fast-flowing rivers.

Argentine troops who are among more than 3,000 U.N. peacekeepers in Haiti treated at least 150 people injured by the floods in Gonaives, mostly for cuts on feet and legs.

One man stood outside the flooded base used by Argentine troops, asking soldiers to remove 11 bodies that were floating in his house, including four brothers and a sister.

"I would like to see if the soldiers could do something about these bodies," said Jean-Saint Manus, a 30-year-old student. "The door was closed. Everybody was trapped inside."

He said he had been outside and could only get in once the floods subsided.

Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue toured flooded areas Sunday and declared Gonaives a disaster area, calling for aid. The U.S. Embassy announced \$60,000 in immediate relief.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Karl and Tropical Storm Lisa remained far out in the Atlantic. Karl's sustained winds were 140 mph, making it a Category 4 hurricane. Lisa had winds of 60 mph.

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DEATH TOLL NEARS 700 FROM HAITI FLOODING (By Reuters)

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI (Reuters).—The death toll in Haiti from flooding and mudslides triggered by Tropical Storm Jeanne rose above 660 on Tuesday and government officials were still struggling to reach areas cut off by flood waters.

The storm swept north of Haiti during the weekend, drenching the impoverished Caribbean nation, inundating cities and sending deadly mudslides through towns and villages.

Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue, who declared three days of national mourning for the victims, planned to visit some of the hardest hit areas on Tuesday.

The government put the death toll from the floods at 662 people and expected the total to rise as relief workers recovered bodies and reached areas isolated by the now receding water.

The known toll included 550 deaths in the coastal city of Gonaives, 65 in Haiti's Northwest province and 47 in other towns.

"There's not one house in Gonaives that has not been affected," Latortue said before leaving Port-au-Prince to tour the city. Officials estimated half of the 200,000 residents needed immediate assistance with shelter, water and food.

The city is the birthplace of Haiti's independence from France 200 years ago and it was where an armed revolt began that led to the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide earlier this year.

Latortue's entourage hoped to land on the island of La Tortue off Haiti's north coast to assess damage there. U.N. workers said on Monday it was barely visible beneath the flood waters and rescue workers have been unable to reach it.

U.N. peacekeeping forces sent to stabilize Haiti after Aristide's departure were helping with rescue efforts and providing transportation for relief shipments.

Haiti, the poorest nation in the Americas, is frequently inundated by flash floods and mudslides because of extensive deforestation. Around 2,000 Haitians died when extensive floods washed away villages near the Dominican-Haitian border in May.

Tropical Storm Jeanne also killed 11 people in the Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti, and two in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico.

The storm meandered in the Atlantic about 445 miles east-northeast of the Bahamas' Great Abaco Island on Tuesday but posed no immediate threat to land, forecasters at the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Tuesday, September 14, 2004, the House had a vote on an amendment to H.R. 5025. On House rollcall vote No. 452, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF AN HISTORICAL LANDMARK SIGN MARKING THE RED RIVER OX CART TRAIL IN ANOKA, MINNESOTA

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the dedication of an historical marker where the Red River Ox Cart Trail once passed through the city of Anoka, Minnesota.

More than 150 years ago, the Red River Ox Cart Trail served as one of the main channels used by traders from Canada into St. Paul, Minnesota. The first of many ox cart trains on this trail was brought from Canada in 1844 by Norman W. Kittson, a trader for the American Fur Company, and within 20 years an annual amount of more than \$250,000 worth of pelts, food and other goods were being transported

in this manner to St. Paul, where some of the goods would be unloaded, repacked and sent down the Mississippi River to St. Louis, Missouri for shipment east.

The carts used on this trail were unmistakable—large and wooden with six-foot wheels held together with wood pegs and rawhide, which produced a loud squealing sound that could be heard from miles away. The carts and their drivers, in their blue outfits adorned with brass buttons, red sashes and beaded caps became a familiar sight in St. Paul, where, after a 30-day trip from the Red River, the drivers would re-load their carts with food, medicine, hardware, and other goods before they returned northward.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize today's dedication of an historical marker where history literally drove through Anoka, Minnesota. The use of this trail and others like it helped create a thriving shipping economy in Minnesota, which was sustained well after ox carts were replaced by the railroads. Today's dedication is the result of much hard work. I applaud Anoka's Heritage Preservation Society in keeping a piece of Minnesota's rich history alive.

EPA'S GREEN POWER PARTNERS IN TEXAS' 26TH DISTRICT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partners located in the 26th District of Texas: China Star of Lewisville, East Ocean of Flower Mound, Four Seasons Dry Cleaners of Carrollton, Judy L. Kelly PC/Wellness Plus of Carrollton, Main Street Car Wash and Lube of Lewisville, Mike's Hobby Hanger of Carrollton, and Oishi Japanese Restaurant of Lewisville.

The EPA's Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program that encourages organizations to use green power as a part of best-practice environmental management. Today, the EPA recognized these Green Power Partners in Texas for their commitment to renewable energy.

Green power is beneficial renewable energy generated from natural resources; these resources are chosen due to their low environmental impact and abundant availability. Green Power Partners include commercial, industrial and community organizations that guarantee green power use as part of their yearly energy consumption. I am proud that Texas is the national leader in the number of Green Power Partners.

Renewable energy should be a part of our comprehensive national energy policy. I appreciate the important contribution that renewable energy sources make to our national energy supply, while at the same time minimizing environmental impact.

Again, I would like to commend the seven businesses located in the 26th District, as well as all of the businesses and organizations nationwide that participate in the Green Power Partnership for their dedication to environmentally friendly electricity.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID
BARTON AND WALLBUILDERS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, September 25th a dinner gala will take place in Arlington, TX honoring the WallBuilders organization. I rise today to recognize WallBuilders and its valuable contributions to our great country.

WallBuilders is a national pro-family organization which distributes historical, legal, and statistical information that encourages people become active in their local schools and communities.

WallBuilders has been a renowned resource for educating Americans of their rich faith based heritage since 1989 when David and Cheryl Barton founded the organization. Since then, WallBuilders has produced numerous works and award-winning videos applying the lessons of our national history to contemporary issues.

WallBuilders derives its name from the Old Testament book of Nehemiah, when the nation of Israel rallied together to help rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Sadly, the moral foundations of America have been severely shaken. As the English Statesmen Edmund Burke said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Thankfully WallBuilders, under the steady leadership of David Barton, is doing something.

The dedication and devotion to the constitutional, moral, and religious foundation on which America was built remains essential for a return to original intent. I believe that a public understanding of our founding principles is vital to the continuity of our Republic.

The reach of WallBuilders extends far beyond the Texas borders. For example, David Barton's message of faith and hope impacted Congressman SCOTT GARRETT of New Jersey and his wife. At a recent event discussing his personal life, GARRETT mentioned how David Barton touched his heart and changed his life. Now that's not something you hear about every day on Capitol Hill.

We Americans share a noble past. The blood of our ancestors has given us freedom and independence. I join WallBuilders and all those attending the dinner gala in celebrating God's gift of liberty. May our resolve for defending it only be strengthened.

God bless America. God bless WallBuilders. I salute you.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "FORTIFYING AMERICA'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (FAIR) ACT"

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce, with my colleague Representative GOODLATTE, the "Fortifying America's Intellectual Property Rights (FAIR) Act"—legislation that we have worked on for some time now,

to make a number of important reforms to strengthen our fight against the scourge of global piracy.

International markets are vital to U.S. intellectual property industries, providing a strong export base that sustains American jobs. However, this important sector of the U.S. economy is under attack due to widespread patent and trademark infringement, and the unauthorized reproduction, distribution and sale of U.S.-made movies, music, software, and other creative works.

The United States is the world's largest creator, producer and exporter of copyrighted materials, accounting for over 5 percent of the U.S. GDP and adding \$531 billion to the U.S. economy. The motion picture industry estimates losses due to global piracy amount to \$3.5 billion annually, not including illegal downloading. In Russia, for example, 9 out of 10 DVDs sold are counterfeit copies. Globally, 2 in 5 music recordings are pirate copies, with annual world-wide pirate sales of music estimated at \$4-\$5 billion. The software industry estimates losses of over \$13 billion due to worldwide piracy in 2002.

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) has been charged with identifying countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights. The negotiation of bilateral free trade agreements has proven to be an excellent mechanism for achieving legally binding bilateral obligations to address rampant international copyright piracy.

These efforts have been undertaken with only very limited resources available, and could be more effective if additional tools and resources are provided. The legislation I am introducing today with Representative GOODLATTE will make a number of reforms in the Office of the United States Trade Representative. Specifically, our legislation will establish a new USTR office dedicated exclusively to intellectual property matters, increase the resources dedicated to securing high standards of intellectual property rights protection in trade agreements and enforcing these provisions vigorously, and establish this as the lead office in the Administration for all international trade-related intellectual property matters.

The protection of our intellectual property rights abroad is vital to promoting America's competitive advantages in world commerce. As our trade deficit continues to soar, Congress must step in now to ensure that we aggressively protect our intellectual property rights at home and abroad.

STATEMENT IN HONOR OF PAT
LYNCH

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Virginia Summers Lynch, known to her family and friends as "Pat," who passed away on August 1, 2004. Involved in politics and in her community, Pat's boundless energy and enthusiasm were an inspiration to all who knew her. She epitomized the best of San Francisco.

Pat was a fifth-generation Californian and a descendent of Spanish colonists who settled

in the Monterey area in the 18th century. She spent her childhood in the San Simeon area and then attended UC Berkeley where she met her future husband, a law student from San Francisco named Thomas Lynch. They settled in San Francisco and remained happily married until his death in 1986. Together, they had two wonderful sons whom she loved dearly.

Pat was actively involved in San Francisco's civic life. She was a founding member of JACKIE, a foster childcare organization, and she served as President of the Democratic Women of the San Francisco Bay Area. Pat was on the boards of directors for many organizations, including the Humane Society of San Francisco and the Humane Society of United States.

Pat played an integral part in her husband's demanding legal career. Thomas Lynch served as San Francisco's District Attorney and was later appointed by Governor Pat Brown to be California's Attorney General. Pat's support was crucial to her husband's success.

Loved and admired by her friends, one of Pat's most celebrated friendships was with the San Francisco Chronicle's famed columnist Herb Caen. Pat was the source of many of his items and was frequently mentioned in his column.

We thank her sons, Kevin and Michael, for sharing their magnificent mother with us. I hope it is a comfort to them that so many people share their loss and are praying for them at this sad time.

THE COMPREHENSIVE LONG TERM
CARE SUPPORT ACT

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Comprehensive Long Term Care Support Act of 2004. This Act will make it easier for families to obtain critical long-term care insurance.

As I traveled around my home state of South Dakota this August, the most common concerns I heard relate to health care needs. We sit on the verge of a new crisis in health care. Health care should not be considered a luxury for anyone—but quality, affordable care remains out of reach for far too many Americans. Medicine has moved dramatically toward treating and curing many illnesses through pharmacology and advances in technology, often avoiding the need for invasive surgical procedures. Public policy, however, still has not done enough to keep pace with these advances.

As members of Congress we must be committed to improving our health care system and directly addressing the rising cost of health insurance and prescription drugs, the high number of uninsured, and the challenges associated with long-term care.

A year in a nursing home now averages more than \$55,000, while daily home care can cost just as much. In South Dakota—where we have the nation's highest rate of women over age 85 living at or below the poverty level and the second highest rate of people over 65 living alone—the average cost of a