

the tornado, Melody Kisseberth and her fiancée, Steve Avers, said they are gradually coming to terms with their ordeal.

"I was devastated for days, but now I'm trying to see the bright side," Ms. Kisseberth said, as she picked up the debris along with dozens of volunteers. "I realized we need to be thankful because there's a lot of people worse off than us."

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RELATIVES PULL TOGETHER FOR GIRL
ORPHANED AFTER TORNADO

(By the Blade staff)

The extended family of a 7-year-old left orphaned and homeless by the June 5 tornadoes said Monday they are "pulling together" to protect the little girl.

Madison Walters' mother, Mary Walters, 36, and her 4-year-old brother, Hayden, were killed shortly after a powerful tornado struck the family home in Millbury, Ohio, ripping off the second story.

Her father, Ryan Walters, 37, who was critically injured, died Sunday at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo.

Madison was released Sunday from the same hospital after days of treatment for broken bones. Her aunt, Amy Sigler, said the child is being cared for by family members.

"She is doing well and is surrounded by her loving family," Mrs. Sigler said.

Barbara Walters, Mr. Walters' mother, said she was not surprised at her son's passing, but the family had hoped for a better outcome. She said the couple left a will "with specific instructions" for Madison.

The family declined to give specifics about which family members she will live with, citing a desire for privacy.

Mr. Walters will be buried Friday with his wife and son in Lake Township cemetery, Barbara Walters said.

Mrs. Sigler described her brother-in-law, a long-distance runner, as an "exemplary" father and husband who dedicated many volunteer hours to help manage the computer systems at Mainstreet Church in Walbridge.

She said faith in God is helping the family cope with their grief.

"God's grace is amazing," she said. "We know we're going to see him again."

Mr. and Mrs. Walters apparently were asleep in an upstairs bedroom of their Main Street house when the tornado struck. Their children were asleep in the same part of the house, family members said.

The house appears to have been in the direct path of at least one tornado, and was flattened to the foundation.

Mrs. Sigler, who lives in nearby Northwood, said she tried to call her sister to warn her about the approaching storm. She had watched news reports of violent thunderstorms moving across northwest Ohio, and knew the family was asleep. "The phone just rang and rang," she said the day after the storm hit. "I knew as soon as it hit and she didn't call that something was wrong."

The storm was one of northwest Ohio's worst.

The others killed include Ted Kranz, 46, who died after part of his Case Road home fell on him after he left his basement to check on a generator; Wauseon resident Kathy Hammitt, 56, who was en route for home along State Rt. 795 after visiting her husband at a nearby hospital, and Bailey Bowman, a 20-year-old mother of a 2-year-old boy, who was killed as she tried to seek shelter at the Lake Township police building.

DEAL WITH THE GULF

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, last night I watched the President on television, and I was really disappointed because, instead of really addressing the problem of the gulf spill, he was once again talking about a government move to take over part of our country.

We have seen the government move to take over or control the auto industry, the financial industry. We have seen the government or the administration force through the health care bill which the vast majority of Americans don't want. And last night, instead of really focusing on dealing with the problem in the gulf that's going to cost maybe 150,000 jobs and make us more dependent on foreign oil, what the President did, he started talking about the cap-and-trade bill, which will raise taxes on energy production, and every family in America will suffer to the tune of about \$3,000 or \$4,000 a year.

This is a time, Mr. President, if I were talking to him, I would say to deal with the problem in the gulf instead of talking about taking over more of the private sector and raising our taxes.

COMMENDING THE PRESIDENT'S OVAL OFFICE ADDRESS

(Mr. RANGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RANGEL. I really didn't intend to talk, but I just wonder whether my colleague was listening to the same President, a President who I thought was responding to all Americans when he said that the government has a responsibility to make certain that the private sector upholds their commitment to people, to make certain that they do what I would hope that you would want.

We have to get away from this whole idea that government's bad. Ask anybody that has Medicaid and Medicare. And this President was an exciting, fresh air for all Americans to know that we will never forget those people in Louisiana.

The whole idea of cleaning the atmosphere and making this planet a better place to live, maybe that's repugnant to your way of thinking, but believe me, it's not for Democrats. It's for Democrats, Republicans, and for the civilized world to understand that we are prepared to make this a better planet than the one in which people have destroyed it.

So I just hope that we check and see who you were listening to last night, because I really thought it was exciting, invigorating, and gave us a lot of comfort that the President really cared.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

THE NEW NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY: JUST WORDS?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, the National Security Strategy released by the White House late last month has plenty to recommend. This administration, on paper and in its rhetoric and proclamations, clearly has a broader view, beyond the use of military force, of how to keep Americans safe.

The strategy puts a premium on diplomacy and multilateral cooperation as key tools of advancing our security interests. It discusses clean energy and a reduced dependence on foreign oil. It recognizes the threat, within a national security context, of global climate change. It expresses a commitment to nuclear nonproliferation and pledges support for fledgling democracies. It includes, under the rubric of national security, human rights, global health, and development aid. Madam Speaker, it even emphasizes the important national security implications of investing in education and human capital right here at home.

Frankly, it sounds a lot like the smart security platform that I have been advocating for the last several years. I'm glad the folks at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue are getting there, also.

And yet, Madam Speaker, I can't reconcile all of those promising ideas with the ongoing prosecution of two wars, which are bankrupting our country morally and fiscally, without reducing terrorism threats or contributing to our national security.

The situation on the ground in Afghanistan remains very tenuous. While Americans, other NATO forces, and civilians continue to shed blood, insurgents and militants continue to thrive. As we prepare to move in on the Taliban's home base of Kandahar, all evidence indicates that we weren't successful at the more modest task of driving them out of Marja this very winter. Besides, according to General McChrystal, the Kandahar offensive isn't even ready to start on time.

At the same moment, we have an unreliable partner in President Karzai, a partner who has now dismissed two of his top aides who had the best working relationship with the United States. And General Petraeus is on Capitol Hill this week to tell the Armed Services Committees that the last 15 to 18 months have been about installing the "inputs" in Afghanistan, and that now, finally, we are ready to reap some "outputs."

Well, with all due respect, Madam Speaker, and respect to the General, we are all pleased that he is fine after briefly passing out in the Senate hearing room earlier this week, but in all due respect, I think the American people feel as though they have been providing inputs for more than 8½ years now. It's particularly difficult to accept this explanation when we've seen

\$275 billion fly out of the Federal Treasury to pay for inputs in Afghanistan. It's long past time when we can expect to see results, or outputs.

But, tragically, there will be no meaningful outputs until we make a U-turn and reverse the strategy 180 degrees. The outputs will come when, and only when, our Afghanistan policy actually adheres to the core principles offered in the administration's National Security Strategy.

So my urgent plea to the White House is to embrace its own advice. If they are serious about a new approach to defending and protecting America, let's not wait until July 2011. Bring our troops home now.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5297, SMALL BUSINESS JOBS AND CREDIT ACT OF 2010

Mr. ARCURI, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-508) on the resolution (H. Res. 1448) providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5297) to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

SECOND DISASTER IN THE GULF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, when the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico, there was no plan to handle that disaster. The Federal Government was missing in action. Now the Feds have a moratorium on deepwater offshore drilling.

The administration plan, based upon President Obama's speech last night, can be summed up quite well in the Los Angeles Times, and I quote, "Obama's speech: There is a pipe spewing a gazillion gobs of oil into the gulf, so let's build more windmills." Yes, Madam Speaker, that seems to be the plan of the administration: Close down deepwater drilling and maybe build windmills.

Why would we shut down this industry in the Gulf of Mexico? And what is the purpose of this plan? The moratorium is preventing drilling in the Gulf of Mexico for the next 6 months or even longer. When we have a plane crash,

Madam Speaker, when people die, and that's a horrible thing, we don't close down the entire airline industry for 6 months. That wouldn't make sense.

But shutting down the offshore drilling for 6 months or more is going to be the second disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. And it's expanding the economic destruction caused by this explosion and this oil spill. It will put 50,000 people or more out of work in the entire gulf region. It affects my State of Texas and Louisiana and Mississippi the most.

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It's interesting. Although the oil spill affects Louisiana and Mississippi, Alabama, these are the States, along with Texas, who want to continue deepwater drilling because they know it's necessary for jobs, the economy, and making sure that America is independent of foreign oil.

What is the reason for putting these workers out of business? Why has the Federal Government seen fit to eliminate these jobs? Actions have consequences, and in this case, inaction also has its consequences.

Seventeen percent of the Nation's domestic crude oil comes from deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. Now where is the country to obtain energy for the loss of this oil? There is no plan, no answer from the administration about this question. A 6-month moratorium will in effect send these expensive rigs to Brazil and Indonesia. It costs about \$500,000 a day to operate one of these deepwater offshore drilling rigs.

These rigs are not going to sit there and wait for the Federal Government to make a decision, and just like what happened in the 1970s and 1980s with the American manufacturing industry, when it left America, it has never returned. And these oil rigs in the deepwater, when they leave American waters, they will not return ever. They will find some other safe haven to drill for crude oil.

The loss of our domestic source of oil in the Gulf of Mexico will make us further dependent on foreign oil. It means the United States will now have to import more oil from countries that don't like us, like the Middle East, like those good friends in Venezuela. It will increase the cost to all Americans, and that will increase tanker traffic bringing oil through the Gulf of Mexico. There is a greater risk from leakage of oil tankers than there is from any leakage from an offshore rig, but we will have to bring in at least 300 more tankers just to make up the 17 percent difference, and those tankers, of course, will bring foreign oil, not American oil, to the United States. We need to tap our own domestic sources of oil.

It took 37 days for there to be an attempt to have the top-kill procedure. Why did it take so long to make this decision? We're still looking for the answer to that question.

The majority of the pollution, Madam Speaker, is not the result of the explosion itself but the delay in handling the explosion and the containment thereof. In other words, there was no plan to contain the oil for at least 37 days, and then it was too late to try to contain the oil near the rig.

Now the government is overreacting by saying our solution to the explosion, to the containment, to the pollution is: stop deepwater drilling, kill American jobs, kill the American energy industry. And that will have a disastrous effect on our country.

We do need a plan for future disasters to include, who is in charge of this leak? Who is in charge of the containment? Who is in charge of the cleanup? And the only plan we have today is to shut down deepwater drilling, and now the administration is using this as a political ploy to implement more taxes on the American energy industry which will be called the cap-and-trade national energy tax. Of course, that is passed on to the American citizens.

So a new crippling natural energy tax will result in regulations on carbon dioxide emissions, the very substance we as humans exhale, and it's unfortunate that the moratorium on the drilling has already caused devastating economy losses in the Gulf of Mexico, especially in my State.

So we would ask that the Federal Government rescind its ban and allow deepwater drilling in a safe manner.

And that's just the way it is.

UPDATE ON GOLDMAN SACHS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, please allow me to update my colleagues and citizens across the country on some recent news about Goldman Sachs, one of the white shoe Wall Street outfits that got bailed out by the American taxpayer 2 years ago. We've learned that the Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Justice are looking into Goldman Sachs, but there is more you should know.

Today, it was revealed that this privileged firm also wholly owned a mortgage servicing company back from 2007. So it claims it had no knowledge of the housing meltdown, but in fact, it owned a loan servicing company.

Back in 2007, Goldman Sachs scooped up Litton Loan Servicing in Houston, Texas. Litton specialized in collecting money from borrowers in California and Florida. Goldman now services around 320,000 loans worth around \$50 billion according to the Financial Times.

Litton does not seem to be quite on the up-and-up. In fact, it was just recently forced to settle a class-action lawsuit in Los Angeles for over half a million dollars, and the Financial Times reports that the Better Business