



Condoleezza Rice

As South Drowns, Rice Shops

(Editor's note: The following is from the New York Daily News.)

Like President Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was on vacation during the Hurricane Katrina crisis, with Rice enjoying her downtime in New York. The cabinet member's responsibilities are usually international, but her timing contributed to the "fiddling while Rome burns" impression given by her boss during the disaster, which may have claimed thousands of lives.

On Wednesday night, Secretary Rice was booed by some audience members at "Spamalot!," the Monty Python musical at the Shubert, when the lights went up after the performance.

Thursday, Rice went shopping at Ferragamo on Fifth Avenue. According to the Web site www.Gawker.com, the 50-year-old bought "several thousand dollars' worth of shoes" at the pricey leather-goods boutique.

A fellow shopper shouted, "How dare you shop for shoes while thousands are dying and homeless!" - presumably referring to Louisiana and Mississippi.

The woman expressing her First Amendment rights was promptly removed from the store. A Ferragamo store manager confirmed to us that Rice did shop there Thursday.

Katrina Scams Follow Tragedy

Agencies urge caution when donating funds

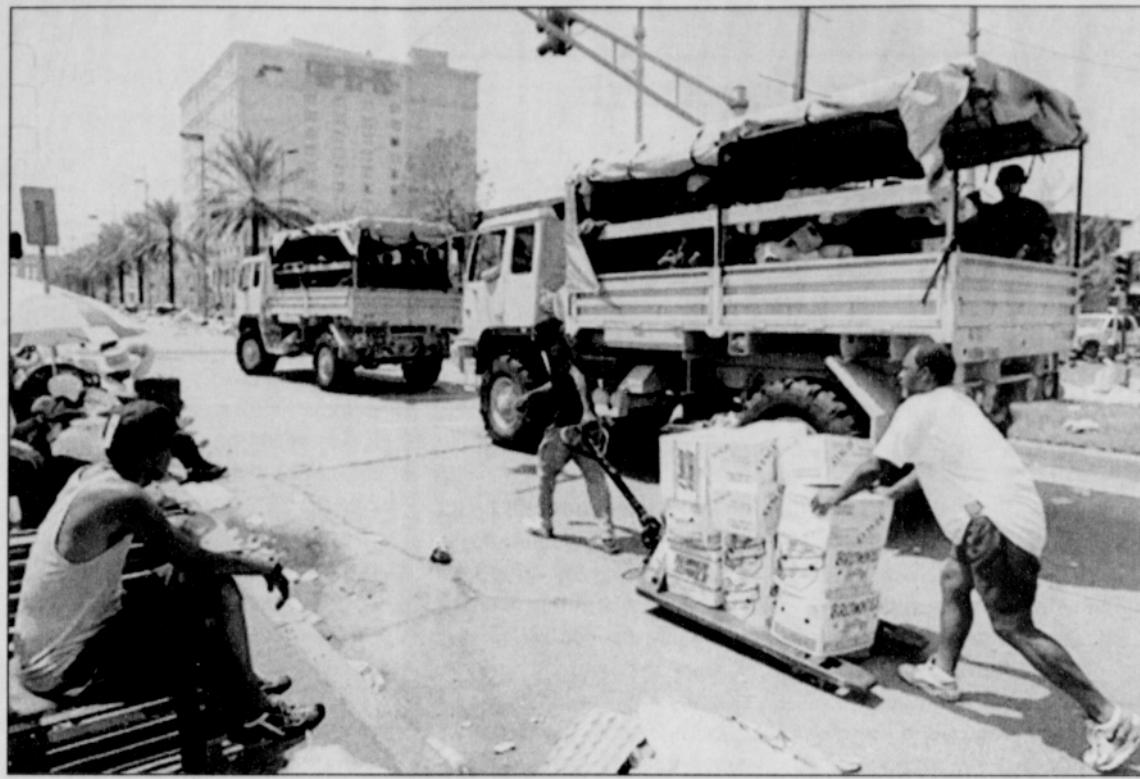
(AP)—Federal and state regulators are warning donors and investors to beware of "opportunistic investment scams" in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

The North American Securities Administrators Association, which represents state securities regulators, urged investors to be on guard against investments that promise profits from hurricane relief and recovery efforts in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

Oil-and-gas deals and investments in water-purification technology and energy-generating devices also should raise red flags, NASAA President Franklin Widmann said.

Federal regulators also are on the lookout for "financial parasites who feast on human suffering," said Securities and Exchange Commission spokesman John Nester.

Scams involving charitable



Emergency food supplies are delivered to victims in New Orleans. (AP photo)

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contributions are another concern. The Internal Revenue Service said people who want to investigate the background of a specific charity can check a list of IRS-approved charities on <http://www.IRS.gov>.

"Americans will give generously to the relief effort for Hurricane Katrina and should make sure the charities they pick match their good intentions," cautioned Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa.

The Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, at <http://www.give.org> is a good resource for those looking to make contributions, Grassley said.

If you would like to assist in some way, the following information may be useful: American Red Cross, 1-800-HELP-NOW; Salvation Army International, 1-800-SAL-ARMY; Northwest Medical Teams, 1-800-959-4325; and America's Second Harvest (foodbank), 1-800-344-8070.

All donations should specifically designate the "hurricane relief" effort.

Hurricane Season Not Over Yet, More Storms Expected

(AP)—Amid the unfolding disaster left by Hurricane Katrina, Colorado State University researchers said Friday they expect more storms over the next two months.

"The very active season we have seen to this point is far from over," researcher Philip Klotzbach said. "We expect that by the time the 2005 hurricane season is over,

we will witness seasonal tropical cyclone activity at near-record levels."

The school's hurricane forecast team of William Gray and Klotzbach said there is a 43 percent chance an intense hurricane will hit the U.S. coast in September and a 15 percent chance in October. The long-term average is 27 percent in September

and 6 percent in October.

The forecasters predicted five named storms - four of them hurricanes and two of those major - for September, traditionally the most active month for hurricanes. The team predicted three named storms, two hurricanes and one major hurricane in October.

New Season of 'Judge Mathis' Begins

"Judge Mathis" returns for its seventh season on Monday, Sept. 12 with new cases, new litigants and a brand new season of justice.

In Portland, "Judge Mathis" airs on KPDX/UPN Channel 49 at 12 p.m. and KPTV/FOX 12 at 4 p.m.

Inspired by his own gang-to-gavel story, "Judge Mathis" is a nationally syndicated reality-based

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Judge Mathis

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Church Celebrates 60 Years

The community is invited to join the congregation of Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church, 311 N.E. Failing St. between Mallory and Rodney avenues, to celebrate 60 years of serving Christ on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 3 p.m. An afternoon of guest speakers, singing, food and fellowship is planned.

On Sunday, Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. the church will hold a special anniversary worship service. Church District Superintendent Rev. Bonnie Parr-Phildon will speak and new Hughes Memorial Pastor Rev. Patricia Kessel and co-pastor Joe Friedman will share in the service.



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