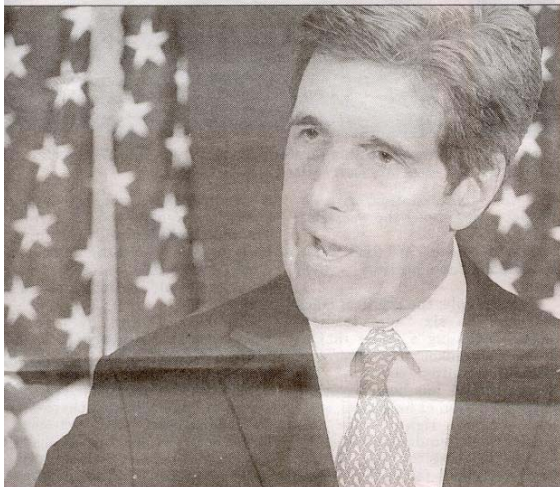


AH, THE UPS AND DOWNS OF SUCCESS

Former White House official Lewis Libby's 1996 erotic novel about child prostitution and bestiality, *The Apprentice*, which went from 16,249th in Amazon sales to 379th when his indictments were announced, then dropped back to 6,518th but climbed back to 4,806th with his arraignment, is now at 25,732nd, for those keeping track.



gy has Kerry cringing



offers his own take on President Bush's speech. —WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

of the late Mr. Bastard. . . ."

A capital endeavor

T.P., a Chicago reader, regarding Rush Limbaugh's sales promotion to support our troops, in which people can donate Rush 24/7 memberships to soldiers and sailors overseas by paying a reduced price of \$49.95 each (down from \$59.90), with Limbaugh matching all the purchase money sent to him with equal donations to himself, messages:

"What the hell is wrong with you? You have nothing better to do than write about Rush Limbaugh making money? I thought this is America, the land of capitalism."

You are right.

chamber again, having thought it over.

The selectpersons of Provincetown, Mass., are no fun at all.

◆ The Pomona College Student Senate, which has encouraged diversity by requiring at least two women on every intramural inner-tube water polo team, with an affirmative scoring system that allows two points for every score by a female player and one point for every score by a male player, has been asked to consider the matter of how many points should be allowed for a score by a transgendered player.

There. That's better.

Masters of music

Day After Tomorrow's Birth-

Chicago donations fund new park for Katrina victims

Half of \$1 mil. raised to develop waterfront lot in Gulfport

BY FRAN SPIELMAN
City Hall Reporter

Chicagoans opened their hearts and wallets to contribute more than \$1 million to a fund created to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina, and half the money will be used to help build a park in hurricane-devastated Gulfport, Miss., Mayor Daley said Wednesday.

The remaining \$500,000 in the Chicago Helps Fund will be split in half: \$250,000 will go to "Mayors on a Mission," a pool of money to be distributed to 14 smaller cities and towns along the Gulf Coast between Mobile and New Orleans; and \$250,000 will be donated to the "Bring New Orleans Back" fund.

Gulfport Mayor Brent Warr was so overcome by the outpouring from Chicagoans, he gave Mayor Daley a framed flag that flew over the city of Gulfport during Katrina.

"It's a little soiled. But it's still one beautiful flag," the Gulfport mayor said.

Children pitch in

As for the park, Warr said it sits on a "gorgeous" site "at the edge of the Gulf of Mexico." It was supposed to be developed into a park before Katrina changed everything. Now, the city's coffers are exhausted, leaving no money for a park. And the park project is not eligible for federal funds because it wasn't under way when the storm hit.

Thanks to the outpouring from Chicagoans, Gulfport will have its waterfront park.

"We are hoping to use that as our first project to create a quick

victory for the citizens so they can see something beautiful in the midst of all the destruction," Warr said.

"It'll be very, very important. It sits at an intersection with the highest traffic counts. We need a quick victory in Gulfport. Our citizens are still clearing out the debris from their homes and pulling out wet sheet rock — if they have walls to pull it from. We need something beautiful to focus on to give us that kind of hope. Thank God for the city of Chicago."

At a City Hall news conference, Daley said it was "especially gratifying" to see the generosity of children — like 13-year-old Ryan Ulrich of Wilmette.

Ulrich gave up time that most kids his age would rather spend playing video games and listening to music to go door-to-door in his neighborhood distributing fund-raising fliers.

With an assist from his dad, the private donations were matched by corporations. More than \$3,500 was contributed to the Chicago Helps Fund by a family that was moved by the emotion Daley displayed during a televised, post-Katrina news conference.

"It was a family affair. Like father, like son," Daley said.

Ulrich said he got the idea during a discussion about the hurricane in his Social Studies class.

"The people in Hurricane Katrina — they lost their homes. They lost everything. It just felt good to help them," Ulrich said.

"It's really hard for them. No food. No homes. They have to like run off to wherever they can go. It would stink to be one of them."

Daley said much of the \$1 million brought in so far — with donations still being accepted — was raised by Chicago firefighters who "passed the boot" at major intersections.



Brent Warr
"Gorgeous site"