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Waters ravage city

Flood recedes; damage totaled
By M. Anthony Carr

Mother Nature revealed her wrath in Lynchburg last week, causing city officials to declare a state of local emergency because of the massive destruction of public and private property and a blackout of the downtown area.

The Lower Basin on the James River received the worst damage. Both the Williams Viaduct and Carter Glass bridge, the two main access points into Amherst County, were closed Tuesday, Nov. 5.

In addition, the bridge connecting Treasure Island with Lynchburg was washed down river about 100 yards.

Rescue workers had two major fires added to their woes. A blaze at the old Nabisco building across from Griffin Pipe was allowed to burn out of control because access to the building was cut off by water. An old warehouse next to the Williams Viaduct was destroyed by fire Tuesday night.

At least 19 Virginians died in what state officials are labeling the worst flood since Hurricane Camille in 1969.

The normal flood stage for the James River is 18 feet. During the five-day onslaught of rain the James crested at 35 feet, two feet higher than the 1897 record when it topped 33 feet.

Governor Charles Robb toured southwest Virginia last Wednesday, declaring a state of emergency and calling the scenes of submerged houses, toppled trees, and damaged bridges a "sobering picture."

Damage to private property was initially set at $215 million, and Robb said repairs to state highways and bridges alone could cost more than $28.5 million.

Included in the millions of dollars of damage is the nearly $2 million loss of property at Treasure Island, the camp ministry of Thomas Road Baptist Church and training grounds for the Flames football team.

Herb Owen, a pastor of children's ministries at TRBC, who lived on the island, was devastated by the flood. "I feel like my daddy died. I've lived and worked there for eight years and now it's gone. I just feel like my daddy died."

Owen and his wife, Marilyn, along with their two sons, Timothy, 3, and Johnathan, 8, are presently living with local relatives.

When asked for his gut reaction to the whole situation, Owen said, "I'm reminded of Job when he said, 'The Lord giveth and the Lord trieth.' When God takes something he does so to give something better. "God will give something better," Owen stated. "I don't know what, just yet. He'll make beauty grow out of ashes."

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SOBERING—Persistent rains reeked havoc in Lynchburg Nov. 5.
By the time the James River returned to its normal Dr. Jeckyll self late last week, its Mr. Hyde side had demolished Treasure Island.

The island, the once proud home to LU’s football team and Thomas Road Baptist Church’s summer children’s camp, lay a destroyed land mass Friday afternoon.

The sight was awesome. Layers of mud and sand formed waves across the island’s face. The grass that had managed to avoid burial joined snapped trees and power lines bowing due southeast—downstream. Mud clods and debris hung from the trees that survived.

The crumpled structure that was once the bridge pointed its contorted, half-submerged body the same direction. It was as if some demented kid had taken a hammer to an erector set.

Four battered automobiles littered the landscape. Wet mud filled the interiors all the way up to the steering wheels.

One of the cars, a station wagon, sat at the bottom of the island’s empty swimming pool. Another auto was dumped into a ditch. Two sets of the vehicle’s tire tracks scratched deep into the ground, unbroken for 150 yards. The tide had dragged the car with its emergency brake on.

Most of the buildings on the island were so badly damaged or cluttered with broken furniture inside it was difficult to walk safely through them. Ceilings were non-existent in many. The football building represented a study in contrasts. The top story sustained little damage. Papers strewn across Coach Morgan Hout’s desk appeared untouched by water. Pictures still clung to the walls. The mud that did dirty the carpet entered on shoes or boots.

The bottom story was in shambles. Several inches of soggy earth coated the floor. Football equipment, mixed with splintered shelves and miscellaneous debris, lay scattered throughout the locker room. It resembled a city landfill.

Draped over one football helmet, a mud-smudged sign made mention of what was to be the Flames final three games. The sign read, “Remember November.” This November would not be forgotten.

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Steve Leer  
Brian Sullivan

Treasure Island photos include (top left to bottom right) aftermath in the locker room, the bridge before and after, bottom floor mudslide and a swimming car.
Good Health

Health services sponsors weight loss program

By Julie Deacon

If a person drinks 12 ounces of coke, he will consume 10-12 teaspoons of sugar, according to the Nutrition Action Newsletter.

This is 10 times more sugar than a candy bar contains.

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How could so great a God be so interested in us?

Traveling with her parents on the gospel circuit during high school, Patti attributed her singing to family tradition.

"My mom and dad were very music oriented. It just runs in the family," Patti explained.

Patti has followed the family tradition by holding more than 90 concerts a year nationwide and several concerts abroad as well.

She feels that being on the road so much hasn't affected family relationships with her husband John or one-year-old daughter Anna.

"We just take our family on the road," Patti said with a smile.

"We plan to do this until Anna is school age."

Patti also said that while she performs every concert, she attempts to portray a specific message to the audience.

"I think the emphasis is encouragement, and in that, I want them (the audience) to know that we serve a faithful God," she remarked.

Patti has produced eight albums and is currently working on another one to be released in February.
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Edwards holds LU career marks for pass receptions (158), touchdowns in the Flames abbreviated 1985 season. Edwards said he was "worried and speechless" when Hout first told him in a team meeting Nov. 7 he had been selected to the South squad. "I didn't expect to play in anything like this," Edwards admitted. "I didn't really have the kind of season I wanted to have." The LU wide receiver caught 29 passes for 528 yards and four touchdowns in the Flames abbreviated 1985 season. Edwards holds LU career marks for pass receptions (158), yards receiving (2,546) and touchdown receptions (22).

By Brian Sullivan

Both the Treasure Island bridge and Liberty University's 1985 football season were swept down the James River Nov. 5, as the worst flooding in Lynchburg's history dashed all hopes of a winning season.

Damage to the Flames practice facility and playing equipment was extensive, forcing Liberty to forfeit its two remaining games against Carson-Newman College and Towson State University. "The only thing we didn't lose was the goal posts," LU Sports Information Director Lawrence Swicegood stated the night of the flood. Serious questions were raised concerning the equipment left in the path of the flood. According to a head football coach Morgan Hout, the flood was far more severe than anyone had warned them.

"When we left we were more concerned for our lives than the players," Hout said. "We were told that it was as high as it was going to get. Anybody that wants to second guess us, I hope they get a chance to be in our shoes." Hout stated that when he left the island 6:30 p.m. Monday, the river had already flooded the road. Athletic Director Al Worthington stated that they had been informed that the James, which normally runs between eight and 12 feet deep, would crest at 17 feet. Tuesday evening it crested at 35 feet.

"Morgan never got any warning," Worthington related. "It's never happened before. Who could have anticipated an additional 17 feet over what was predicted?"

Damage to football offices was not as severe as first feared. The offices on the island contained all of Liberty's football records, and it was at first thought these had been lost in the flood.

According to several sources, the river crested less than eight inches below the second floor of the concrete building where offices are located.

The first floor of the building, however, was wrecked. The Flames flooded the area with a torrent of mud and debris that left knee-deep muck in the locker, shower and trainer's rooms where all of the players' equipment was stored.

"We probably lost three-quarters of our supplies and stock," LU head trainer Robb Williams explained. "The chemicals and equipment damage to the playing equipment on the first floor is creating a problem. The James carried a myriad of toxic chemicals into the Flames locker room. The chemicals may have soaked into the uniforms, posing a health risk to the players if they are used again.

"We are trying to determine what chemicals have soaked into the equipment," Worthington explained, "and whether any-thing was ruined by contact with hazardous materials."

If all of the equipment is ruined, it will be costly for the Flames to refurbish the team. "It costs $700-$1,000 to outfit a starting line-up," Liberty's assistant athletic director Chuck Burch stated. "Multiply that by 100 guys on the team and you've lost a lot of money." Damage to the facilities on the island were placed as high as $2 million. According to Old Time Gospel Hour chief executive officer DeWitt Braid, the property was only partially insured. "It is certainly not totally in-sured," Braid said, "but we will recover some damages...."

Treasure Island, located near Riverside Park in Lynchburg, has been the site of the offices and practice fields for Liberty football since the inception of the team in the early 1970s.
By Steve Leer

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"It's too bad it had to happen at the expense of our season, but it's the best thing that ever happened to that bridge," Smith said optimistically.

Although they don't understand why it happened, each senior is ready to get on with life.

"Even though it's not my choice, it's over and I'll learn to live with it," Horton said. "I'm glad the pressure is off," Horton said.

Through all that has happened, they want the student body to know that they never gave up.

They also want continuing support for the team, now and in the future.