

By late May, the group expects to have renovated at least 30 Vernonia homes. Then they will quietly move on to another community in need of the same assistance. The Ohio-based Cristian Aid Ministries Disaster Response Service was formed in 1992 in the wake of Florida's Hurricane Andrew. They have helped rebuild hundreds of homes in disaster-stricken communities all over the Nation.

I am always heartened by stories about the generosity of strangers, and the help these good samaritans have brought to one Oregon town is exceptional. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank these Mennonite brethren and the volunteers working with them for the healing aid they have brought to Vernonia. Through their quiet and unexpected efforts, they have relieved a community in great need and inspired many with their faith. The mayor of Vernonia, Tony Hyde, summed up this act of selflessness perfectly when he said, "It's pretty special—Christianity at its best."

As an aside, I would also like to commend the reporter that produced the account of this effort in Vernonia, Bryan Denson, and The Oregonian for publishing this piece. Oftentimes reading the morning paper causes one to want to crawl back in bed. The inspirational tone of this article would make any reader anxious to greet a new day and to lend a hand to their neighbor. ●

THE JANE ADDAMS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR 1996

● Mr. SIMON. On May 8, 1996, in Chicago, the Jane Addams International Women's Leadership Award for 1996 will be presented. For the first time, this award will be given jointly to two women.

The International Women's Leadership Award is named for Jane Addams, the first American woman to receive the Nobel Prize for Peace. It honors women whose strong leadership makes a practical difference across national boundaries and cultural divisions.

This year's winners are Dr. Hanan Ashrawi and Rita E. Hauser. These women act daily in the spirit of Jane Addams, breaking down the national and cultural barriers that can work against peace. Their efforts have been a major factor in the progress toward peace in the Middle East. In a time of ever increasing partisanship, the cooperative spirit and work of these two women is inspiring.

Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, a Palestinian professor, is currently Commissioner General of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens Rights. She was recently elected to the Palestinian Parliament. As spokesperson for the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East talks until 1993, she was instrumental in forging the peace. Dr. Ashrawi received her B.A. and M.A. from American University of Beirut

and her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

Rita E. Hauser is an American attorney, currently president of the Hauser Foundation. She is chair of the board at the International Peace Academy and chair of the Advisory Board of the Greater Middle East Studies Center at RAND. From 1986 to 1992, she was a member of the advisory panel on international law at the U.S. Department of State. From 1983-91, she served as the U.S. Chair for the International Center for Peace in the Middle East.

I know my colleagues join me in honoring these two women who are well deserving of receiving the Jane Addams International Women's Leadership Award for 1996. ●

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY'S MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON ITS SIXTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 244, a resolution to commend and congratulate the University of Kentucky on its men's basketball team winning its sixth National Collegiate Athletic Association championship, submitted earlier today by Senators FORD and MCCONNELL.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, there is a scene in the movie "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" where the heroes, successful and unchallenged for years, suddenly find themselves chased by an unshakeable posse.

Each time the posse reappears, the pressure builds on the heroes and they feel a little less invincible, their pursuers' skills a little more impressive. "Who are those guys?" they keep asking.

Over the 3 weeks leading up to the weekend of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships' final four, fans found themselves watching upset after upset, crossing off one favored pick after another, scratching their heads and saying, "Who are those guys?"

Those upsets are testament to the incredible talent we saw on display during the NCAA championships this year. And the incredible pressure. That's why after going through nickname after nickname for his team, the University of Kentucky's Coach Rick Pitino finally settled on the "untouchables," because they never let any of that pressure touch them.

Game after game during the tournament, those players came out professional, poised, and untouched by the pressure that had the most devoted of Wildcat fans cautious in their predictions for Monday night's final outcome.

But as Sports Illustrated pointed out, not even the magnificently courageous

Syracuse team they would suit up against on April 1, 1996, would be able to shake the Cat's unapologetic defense.

In the end, even the upset magic that was in the tournament's air from the first jump ball, was simply no match for their depth and their talent.

The fans were right to ask "Who are those guys?" But, the Wildcats have a coach that knew how to take raw talent, combine it with an unmatched professionalism, sportsmanship, and some downright dangerous weapons—from Derrick Anderson's three-pointers to Walter McCarthy's thunderous dunks to Ron Mercer's slashing drives to Anthony Epps' ball handling—to turn back the challengers, one by one.

And of course there was Tony Delk. He had 7 three-pointers and 10 rebounds in the final game against Syracuse's scrappy Orangemen. But, as he bent down to help up a fallen Syracuse player, he came to epitomize not just the outstanding playing that marked this tournament, but the outstanding sportsmanship as well.

But, this was one player's victory.

Those five starters weren't the whole team by any means. With no player averaging much over 20 minutes per game the whole season, the Wildcats succeeded because of their ability to rely on one another's strengths, no matter what a player's position in the lineup.

That's because this was a team in every sense of the word, with a depth and wealth of talent that was the envy of the entire NCAA. Rick Pitino said more than once that his players checked their egos at the door. And because of that, when they went back out that door, they went as winners.

They rib us a bit about taking our basketball too seriously in Kentucky. And apocryphal stories about fans being buried in their Wildcat sweat suits or calling on Coach Pitino to help settle their marital spats, sometimes make it seem so.

But, when you see a team of such gifted athletes work together in a way that seems almost effortless—and combine it with a professionalism on and off the court that makes them true role models to their peers and their young admirers—then Kentucky's devotion to her basketball doesn't seem misplaced one bit.

The University of Kentucky's year was marked by one amazing statistic after another. They not only had a 34 and 2 record—the best record since the 1953-54 Cats went 25 and 0, but at one point had strung together 27 consecutive wins, the longest in the country. And they finished a very, very tough SEC regular season undefeated, the first time that's been done in four decades. The Wildcat's average margin of victory in the NCAA tournament was 21.5 points per game—the fourth best margin of victory in the history of the game.

And, while the players' incredible talent and the unmatched coaching