

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