



Flooding victims crowd around a water truck in front of the mayor's office in Gonaives, Haiti on Tuesday.

## Haiti's death toll—1,070 after storm

GONAIVES, Haiti (AP)—The death toll across Haiti from the weekend deluges brought by Tropical Storm Jeanne rose to 1,070 Wednesday, with over 1,000 of them in Gonaives, and officials said they expected to find more dead and estimated tens of thousands of people were homeless.

Waterlines up to 10 feet high on Gonaives' buildings marked the worst of the storm that sent water gushing down denuded hills, destroying homes and crops in the Artibonite region that is Haiti's breadbasket.

Floodwaters receded, but half of Haiti's third-largest city was still swamped with contaminated water up to two feet deep four days after Jeanne passed. Not a house in the city of 250,000 people escaped damage. The homeless sloshed through the streets carrying belongings on their heads, while people with houses that still had roofs tried to dry scavenged clothes.

"We're going to start burying people in mass graves," said Toussaint Kongo-Doudou, a spokesman for the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Haiti. Some victims were buried Monday.

Flies buzzed around bloated corpses piled high at the city's three morgues, where the electricity was off as temperatures reached into the 90s.

Only about 30 of the 250 bodies at the morgue of the flood-damaged General Hospital had been identified, said Dr. Daniel Rubens of the International Red Cross. Many of the dead there were children.

"I lost my kids and there's nothing I can do," said Jean Estimable, whose 2-year-old daughter was killed and another of his five children is missing and presumed dead.

Dieufort Deslorges, spokesman for the civil protection agency, said he expected the death toll to rise as reports came in from outlying villages and estimated a quarter million Haitians had been made homeless.

More than 1,000 people were missing, said Raoul Elysee, head of the Haitian Red Cross, which was trying desperately to find doctors to help. The international aid group CARE said 85 of its 200 workers in Gonaives were unaccounted for. "It's really catastrophic. We're still discovering bodies," said Francoise Guloos of the U.N. Children's Fund.

The aid group Food for the Poor said the main road north from Gonaives was made impassable by the storm — it was unclear whether from mudslides or debris — and there were fears that hundreds of possible flood victims may be out of reach.

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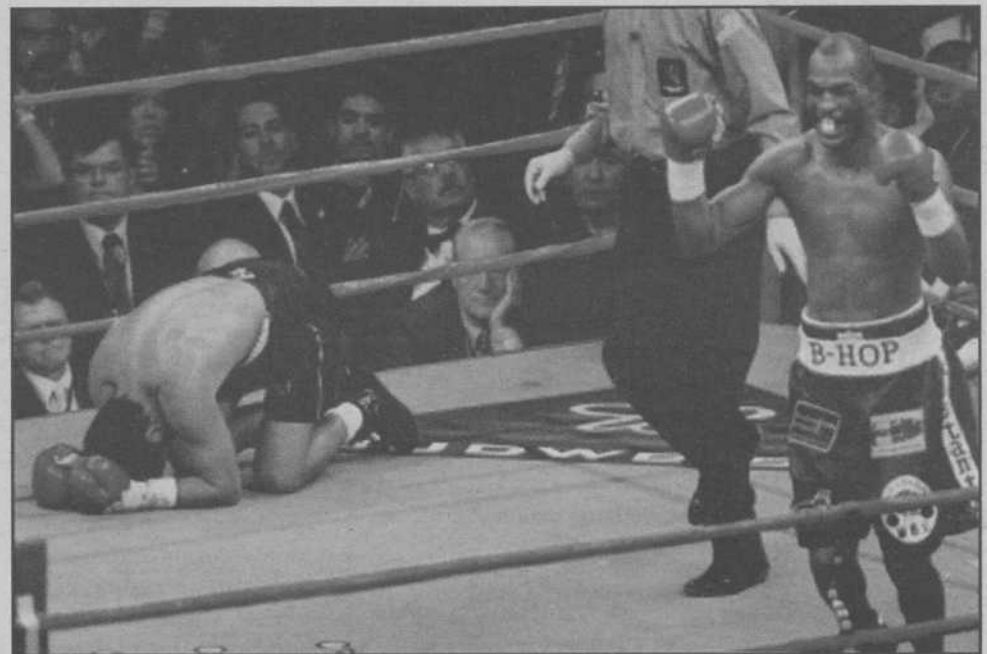
## Hopkins eyes lucrative future

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Bernard Hopkins' future seems certain for once, full of big fights and even bigger paydays. The future is less clear for Oscar De La Hoya, who must deal with his first knock-out loss and the possibility that he may be nearing the end of a brilliant career.

A devastating hook to the body in the ninth round Saturday night didn't just help establish Hopkins as one of the all-time middleweight greats. It also raised the question of whether De La Hoya might want to finally hang up his gloves.

"I really can't answer that now," De La Hoya said. "You know us fighters have a love-hate relationship with boxing. I really can't say yes or no. I was so focused on this fight that I just can't answer that."

The answers are easier for the 39-year-old Hopkins, who



Oscar De La Hoya goes down on his knees after being knocked out by Bernard Hopkins (right). Hopkins knocked out De La Hoya in the ninth round to retain the undisputed world middleweight title. Hopkins pocketed more than \$10 million for Saturday's fight.

became the first fighter to stop De La Hoya while running his remarkable streak of successful title defenses to 19. His wallet fat with the

\$10 million or so he collected for beating De La Hoya, Hopkins now has his eye on history as well.

Hopkins said he wants to

make at least one more title defense to become the first fighter to defend his title 20 times, then perhaps take on

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## LV online magazine reaches out to the world

By Kathi Overstreet  
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"Black Insight Magazine, Inc." the first all-digital online magazine created to focus on African-Americans, was launched recently by GEA & Associates, its president Theresa Goss and the rest of the "family."

BIM survived to become the latest birth of GEA's "what if?" shelf.

BIM is insightful, boasting extensive information on travel, education, technology, up-close and personal interviews, entertainment, health, beauty and business tips. The monthly magazine also features a "Kid's Corner," little known Black history facts and links to Web sites where subscribers can watch movies by independent Black film-makers, view live concerts and listen to popular recorded music.

"Thank God we have Jet, Ebony, Essence, Black Enterprise and some of the others," Goss said. "They are all great magazines and invaluable to our community, but,

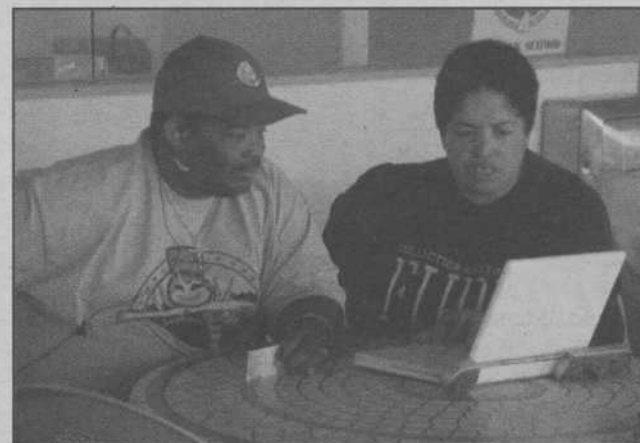


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Theresa Goss, president of GEA & Associates, which owns Black Insight Magazine, explains the magazine's inner workings to Chris Lottie, owner of Skrimpy's Seafood.

no magazine of this caliber existed online for the person who was more technology savvy or desired to be more 'paperless.'

"Through market research we also discovered that while many magazines featured celebrities, no one really featured community heroes. BIM will," she said. "Our slogan is 'Ordinary people doing extraordinary things,' plus BIM has given us the opportunity to show the world that we are 'tech savvy' and

more than capable of producing cutting-edge products for the public."

BIM does not contain tobacco ads or adult content so it's great for the whole family. Also, BIM meets all standard regulations for the visually impaired and is capable of reading its pages to subscribers. Goss said the idea for BIM was conceived two years ago when she and a friend were discussing the various types of print media with value oriented toward

African-Americans.

BIM is great for travelers. Subscribers can view the magazine at their convenience. All you need is a PC or laptop. And for those individuals who desire — a hard copy is just a printer away.

The magazine is packed with video streams, including step-by-step instructions on preparing nutritious meals and quick back-to-school hairstyles for girls. Subscribers can also view full-length commercials from advertisers.

The creation of BIM was a go. And "the family" began the process of bringing the magazine to fruition. However, tragedy struck when GEA partner and chief financial officer Melissa Estrada was diagnosed with cancer and began radiation treatment. The family focused their support and attention on Estrada and BIM was temporarily placed on the "what if?" shelf of GEA & Associates.

"We consider ourselves to

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