

# Good Neighbor News



## Students Learn about Disasters

**T**he Weather Channel, Time Warner Cable and the American Red Cross have teamed up to offer a new and challenging program to Houston schools. Project Safeside, which teaches young people how to predict and cope with natural disasters, is being offered to all Houston Independent School District middle and high schools.

The program was inaugurated at Houston Transtar where Harris County's Office of Emergency Management is located. Approximately 30 students from Lanier Middle School took part in a hurricane simulation.

The students faced scenarios that included routine problems such as determining evacuation deadlines, handling residents who did not want to leave and determining how to handle traffic congestion and hazards caused by residents leaving the area.

Parents and teachers who are interested in this free program should contact their school principal. The program features a year-long curriculum about weather-related disasters and offers positive resolution through preparedness. ■

During the first Project Safeside, "Houston Mayor" Christian Calloway fielded questions from student reporters and a real-life one from KTRH radio. Other students took on the roles of Emergency Coordinator, Public Information Officer, Mass Care Officer, Transportation Officer and Health Services Coordinator.

