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Thousands Contribute To Floyd Relief Fund

RALEIGH - More than \$18 million has been donated to the Hurricane Floyd Relief Fund to aid victims of the disastrous floods that swept through eastern North Carolina on Sept. 16 because of Floyd, Hunt's office said Tuesday. Gov. Jim Hunt established the fund the day after the hurricane. Since then, more than 65,000 individuals and businesses have contributed. The money has been used to help eastern North Carolinians make mortgage payments, begin home repairs, pay utility bills and replace appliances, furniture and other household goods. Each county received money from the fund based on damage assessments and registration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. County managers and local social ser-

vices directors then convened local committees to determine who would get the money. So far, three allocations have been made from the fund, including: a \$6 million disbursement Oct. 8, a \$7 million outlay Nov. 3 and a \$3.5 million allocation in December, the governor's office said. 9 Avalanche Motorists Discovered Tuesday ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Nine motorists were rescued by a state police helicopter Tuesday after spending the night in their cars, trapped by avalanches that buried a highway. The travelers had kept in touch with rescuers by cellular phone as they wait-

ed along the Seward Highway. They were taken out in three groups by state police and taken to a diner for breakfast. They were in good condition. "We ate everything they had in the restaurant, and now we're starting all over again," said Darwin Peterson. "I told my wife when I get back home, I'm not going as far as the post office for the rest of the winter." Some of the people wrapped up for the night in sleeping bags, while others were in a family van that had a propane heater. They spent the time playing cribbage, getting acquainted and talking to troopers by phone. Most Alaskans carry warm clothing, sleeping bags and survival gear when they travel extensive distances in the winter. Blizzard conditions had prevented rescuers from dropping supplies such as food and blankets overnight, when temperatures dipped into the low teens. The rescuers had to wait for the stormy weather to clear to reach the motorists. Ten other motorists trapped by another avalanche elsewhere along the Seward Highway were rescued late Monday by an Alaskan construction crew, using a front-end loader to clear the snow. Alternating freezes and thaws in December created a base of crusty, unstable snow, and a series of storms deposited deep snow over the past week. The combination has created the worst avalanche danger in 20 years.

Sit-In Initiator Recalls Fateful Day: Feb. 1, 1960

Associated Press GREENSBORO - Exactly 40 years ago Tuesday, Jibreel Khazan and three other black N.C. Agricultural & Technical University freshmen galvanized the civil rights movement with a sit-in at an all-white lunch counter. He said the principles underlying the protest at the downtown Woolworth's store on Feb. 1, 1960, are still worth fighting for today. "We were prepared to give up our lives if necessary," said Khazan, formerly known as Ezell Blair Jr., during a break at Tuesday's observance, held in the old store, which still contains a remnant of the lunch counter and green and red stools from that era. Signs behind the counter offer a slice of cherry pie for 10 cents and chocolate milk for a nickel. Before the sit-ins, blacks were discouraged from eating there. "I must admit I preferred to eat my mother's cooking," he said. "But we came for the principle. A lot of people didn't want us to sit down and eat with them. For some people, that was like us coming to eat at their dining room table." On Feb. 1, 1960, Khazan, Franklin McCain, David Richmond and Joseph McNeil ordered Cokes and doughnuts at the whites-only counter. They were refused service, and they refused to leave. Their peaceful act of civil disobedience touched off similar protests across the South and further actions at the Greensboro Woolworth's. Khazan recalls a white man several stools away who stood up and told the waitress: "You ought to serve these boys." "I remember two white nuns who told us, 'Boys, stand up for your rights,'" he said. "I learned then you can't judge a book by its cover." Khazan said the old dime store should be converted into a civil rights museum to remind today's youth of what they can accomplish. "The important thing is that these sit-ins were led by youth," he said. "They came to define leadership in this country. Without them, John F. Kennedy may not have been elected president. And Martin Luther King Jr. may not have won the Nobel Peace Prize." "This movement was the catalyst for all of the civil and human rights movements in America," he said. Khazan also met in the chilly store with youths from Guilford County schools.

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