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A Vacation During Disaster Is Unusual? Tell It To Bush

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Says the [New York Times](#) (without irony):

The crisis put enormous pressure on many police officers and firefighters, pressure some could not withstand. P. Edwin Compass III, the New Orleans police superintendent, said on Saturday that 200 of the 1,500 members of his force had walked off the job and that two others had committed suicide. He said on Sunday that the city had offered to send all members of the police and fire departments and their families on vacations to Las Vegas.

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The notion of a vacation in the midst of disaster struck some as unusual? How does the notion of a President and Vice President and other top aides STAYING ON VACATION from the very beginning strike them?

Someone please write to the [New York Times](#) at letters@nytimes.com and point out the grotesque irony of it.

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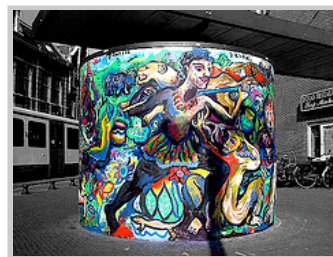
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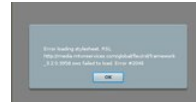
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