

# America's favorite cast offers hurricane relief

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While American's watched in disbelief as Hurricane's Katrina and Rita ripped through the south, there was one group of high school best friends that decided to leap into action and help.

For Zach Morris, A.C. Slater, Kelly Kapowski, Jessie Spano, Lisa Turtle, and Screech Powers, it wasn't even a question as to whether or not the group would leave their cushy lives at Bayside to help with the rescue and re-construction process in the south.

This isn't the group's first experience with rescue and reconstruction. Years ago, when a janitor, who was putting in a new field goal post, struck oil on Bayside's football field, a oil company came to the school with promises that drilling for oil would provide large enough profits to create a bigger better Bayside. The

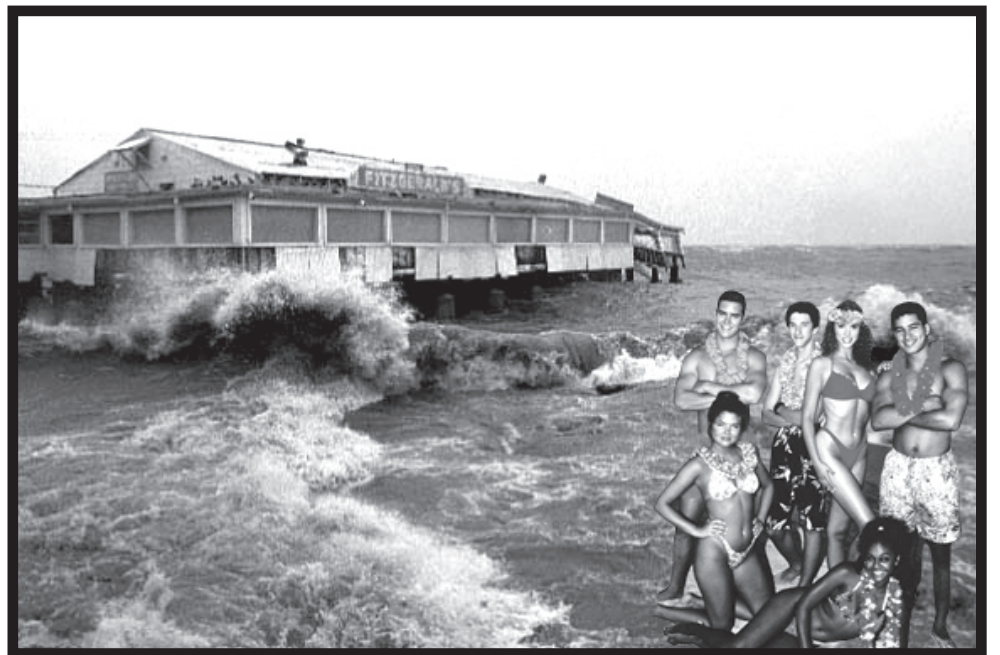
gang was all for it until an oil spill contaminated a pond behind the football field and left all of the wild life, including Becky, a duck, which Morris had grown to love.

"I hit a homerun over the fence in P.E. class and the ball hit Becky," Morris recalled. "I took her home for the weekend and nursed her back to health. But the day after I released her back into the wild, an oil spill killed her."

Kapowski and Slater are planning to help the coast guard with the rescuing process. Both Kapowski and Slater gained experience lifeguarding when they spent the summer working at an Oceanside resort.

Although the gang knows the road to recovery is going to be a long one, they are no strangers to overcoming the unthinkable.

"Right now I know it's hard for these people to believe that life



will go on, but it will." said Morris. "Like when Kelly left me for Jeff, the new manager at The Max, I thought things would never get back to normal, but they did. I went on to date lots of other chicks, there was: the girl wrestler, my boss's daughter

at the resort, the homeless girl from the mall, the college girl I went out with until my mom took my fake I.D., the list goes on and on." Nearly everyone in the group has their own story of how the overcame all odds to come out on top. For

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