



The First Ten Plays

FLYING TO A DISASTER AREA*

- Contact your immediate family, friends or business contacts in the area first, if possible, to evaluate if it is really a good idea to try to travel there. You should have them on that master contact list from Show #1.
- Verify the status of your flight online or by phone with the airlines. You can verify this by going to the FAA site: <http://www.fly.faa.gov/flyfaa/usmap.jsp>
- Buy a demon dialer to get to the airlines during busy times. (Although this technology irritates me, it does work. Go to this site for vendor information: <http://www.technologyarts.com/reviews.html>)
- Find out if your flight is delayed or when its departure is now scheduled by going online to: <http://www.flightarrivals.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/Flights.woa/9/wo/rkCz71aJAUG1adF29ob/0.15>
- If your flight with that airline has been cancelled, start calling others as soon as possible. (Remember to use that demon dialer). To get the latest 800 numbers of airlines go to: <http://www.geocities.com/Thavery2000/>
- If you have enough money, consider hiring a small, private carrier. They have a lot more flexibility and they can often fly to airports nearby that haven't been impacted. As an example see: <http://www.bluestarjets.com/>
- Watch the news to see if air travel is restricted due to terrorism.
- Contact a local small airport to see if you can hire a small plane pilot. See: http://dir.yahoo.com/Business_and_Economy/Shopping_and_Services/Travel_and_Transportation/Airports/
- Contact an air traveler's consumer's advocate. See: <http://www.airtravelersassociation.com/>
- Be flexible and try to reschedule your event if possible.

These are not listed in order of importance but as a group of ideas that may increase the possibility of positive outcomes.