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Bouquets & Brickbats

They get what they deserve



Irvin Mayfield and Terence Blanchard

were winners at the 52nd annual Grammy Awards. Mayfield and his New Orleans Jazz Orchestra took home a Grammy for *Book One*, which was judged the best large jazz ensemble album of 2009. Blanchard was selected in the best improvised solo category for his work on "Dancin' 4 Chicken," a number from drummer Jeff "Tain" Watts' album, *Watts*. Buckwheat Zydeco also won a Grammy for best Cajun and zydeco album, *Lay Your Burden Down*.



Will Smith,

defensive end for the Super Bowl-winning New Orleans Saints, after hearing music superstar Usher urge young people worldwide to aid the victims of Haiti's earthquake, called on his young fans to do the same. Additionally, Smith contributed \$20,000 to send a mobile health clinic to Haiti on behalf of the world's youth. Smith's foundation, Where There's a Will, There's a Way, supports local organizations including the Bayou District Foundation, which provides college education funds for low-income children.



Drew Brees,

Saints quarterback and Super Bowl XLIV's Most Valuable Player, used his celebrity status to help win \$100,000 from Pepsi for the Patrick F. Taylor Hope Lodge in New Orleans, which provides rooms for out-of-town cancer patients and their families. Through an online contest, fans chose Brees' idea to support the Hope Lodge over other charitable plans by the New York Jets' Mark

Sanchez and the Dallas Cowboys' DeMarcus Ware. More than half a million votes were cast in the contest.