Wall of Water
By Jackson Giles
NEWS FLASH! WE INTERRUPT OUR SCHEDULED PROGRAM TO BRING YOU THE LATEST FROM THAILAND.
“This is James Hopkins reporting that yesterday, December 26th, a tsunami hit Maikhao Beach on the coast of Thailand, killing one hundred fifty thousand people. The horrific waves rushed into Thailand like a stampede of wild horses, knocking down everything in sight. Screams filled the air as if people were reacting to a horror film, buildings tumbled as if kicked by a giant, and cars were floating away like disappearing sailboats.”
"Ten year old Tilly Smith, who was vacationing with her family from England, was having a quiet day at the beach before the tragic event. They are safe today because of Tilly's quick reaction to what she had learned in her science class. Tilly, please tell our viewers what happened."
Tilly said, "I was splashing around in the water while my family was soaking up some sunshine. The beach started to get wider and wider as the clear blue ocean began to vanish. It looked much different than it had on Christmas morning. All of a sudden, I heard Mr. Kearney’s voice in my head lecturing about tsunamis and earthquakes. He taught us that disappearing water and widening beaches were signs of a tsunami, which is caused by an underwater earthquake."
"I looked up to see in the far away distance a giant blue water sky scraper approaching. I quickly yelled five short words, "Tsunami! Run for your life!" Sadly, not everyone listened to my warning and they are no longer alive. My family and I scurried as fast as we could to the third floor of our hotel. We were fortunate to be observers of the tsunami, not victims."
"What happened next?" asked James Hopkins. "I received a call from President Bill Clinton," she said. "He agreed that all children should know what a tsunami is and how to react to it." James Hopkins replied, "Good advice. Be prepared because you never know when Mother Nature is going to strike again. I am James Hopkins and now back to our regularly scheduled program."