## Cities devastated by a century of natural disasters

The San Francisco earthquake occurred 100 years ago on April 18. It was one of the worst natural disasters to strike a major city in the United States, killing more than 3,000 people and causing damage estimated at \$500 million in 1906 dollars. Today, as the world's urban population continues to grow, more and more people face potential disaster in cities vulnerable to earthquakes, storms and floods

