

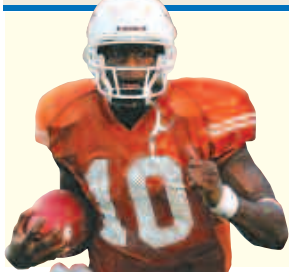
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STAR POWER

Led by Vince Young and Ted Ginn Jr., Saturday's Texas-Ohio State game is full of major award candidates.

FOOTBALL WEEKEND, ICC



HURRICANE KATRINA



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Hot



High: 96 Low: 72
5-day outlook, 2B

INSIDE

FDA supports inhaled insulin

Offering some diabetics an alternative to injections, federal health advisers recommended government approval of the first inhaled form of insulin. 9A

NATION

Florida watching a new hurricane

Tropical Storm Ophelia strengthened into a hurricane 70 miles off the northeast Florida coast. 9A

WORLD

Ukraine president fires his government

Ukraine President Viktor Yushchenko fired his seven-month-old government amid allegations of corruption. 10A

METRO

Fair treats aren't destined for sticks

State Fair officials say they have enough tasty new foods to satisfy the pickiest eater, but some fairgoers will be disappointed to learn that none of them are on a stick. 1B

BUSINESS

American sued by U.S. over fuel leak

Federal prosecutors sue American Airlines for \$1 million, saying that the carrier disregarded safety in its handling of a reported fuel leak. 1D

THE MOVIES

'Unfinished Life' stretches the point

The well-meaning movie *An Unfinished Life* tries to get soulful, but it takes too long to tell the obvious. 1H

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"I think if they have to force people to leave, there's something wrong with the people. They're not using common sense. You cannot survive this."

Toni Miller, New Orleans resident who initially refused to leave after the hurricane



BARBARA DAVIDSON/Staff Photographer

Tears in her eyes, Toni Miller left her \$170-a-month New Orleans duplex with Louisiana Trooper Cameron Douglas on Thursday, finally having agreed to evacuate. "There's nothing here for me anymore; I understand that now," she said.

They've had enough: Stragglers surrender

Officials say stench making many leave; others will be forced

By BRUCE NICHOLS
Staff Writer

NEW ORLEANS — On Thursday morning, after "10 days of pure freaking hell," Toni Miller cried for the first time since Hurricane Katrina struck. She had finally decided to leave the city.

Ms. Miller, 58, had held out at her modest duplex in Faubourg Marigny, a neighborhood not far from the French Quarter's French Market. But she'd had enough.

"I'm not stupid," she said. "Smell the air. I can't keep breathing that and live."

Ms. Miller was one of thousands of New Orleans residents who had not evacuated the city despite official pleas and a rising threat of disease from bacteria in the corpse-strewn waters.

Rescuers who scoured swamped houses and shattered high-rises Thursday found many other stragglers who were ready to flee.

"Some are finally saying, 'I've had enough,'" said U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Michael Keegan. "They're getting dehydrated. They are running out of food. There are human remains in different houses. The smells mess with your psyche."

Police made it clear in orders

barked from front porches and through closed doors that they would return — next time, with force.

Police said they were 80 percent done with their scan of the city for voluntary evacuees, after which they planned to begin carrying out Mayor Ray Nagin's order to forcibly remove remaining residents from a city filled with disease-carrying water, broken gas lines and rotting corpses.

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Ripple effect hard to predict

N. Texas absorbing part of economy wiped out by Katrina

By ANGELA SHAH
and BRENDAN M. CASE
Staff Writers

As thousands of Hurricane Katrina evacuees settle into North Texas, underwear, bedding and other necessities fly off Dallas store shelves into relief centers.

The Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce attempts to match displaced New Orleans companies with office space. Housing officials and charity groups seek homes for evacuees.

And at job fairs around the region, regional employers hang out the "help wanted" sign for storm victims seeking jobs.

In ways large and small, North Texas is absorbing a piece of the economy that Hurricane Katrina destroyed. Authorities don't know exactly how many hurricane victims are here, making it difficult for analysts to quantify how their arrival will ripple through the Texas economy.

How many of them will find jobs, rent apartments or pay taxes? How many will need long-term economic help? How many will decide to call Texas home — permanently?

Whatever the answers, the evacuees are already entering the economy, one at a time.

"We don't have time to sit and mope because we're forced to get our lives together here," said Aaron Pitt, 20, a New Orleans native who is staying with relatives in DeSoto.

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A legal quagmire without precedent

Katrina's aftermath stymies Louisiana's judicial system

By BRAD TOWNSEND
and LEE HANCOCK
Staff Writers

Hurricane Katrina has turned Louisiana's legal system upside down.

The Louisiana Supreme Court building was flooded, and many critical files and evidence boxes are presumably destroyed. City and district court buildings in neighboring parishes have been similarly hit.

Lawyers and judges alike are scrambling to answer previously unimaginable questions: What will happen to pending cases? What about the out-on-bail defendants, witnesses and even law enforcement officials who are among the several hundred thousand evacuees sprinkled throughout the country, many in Texas?

Judge Patrick Higginbotham said the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals — formerly based in New Orleans — will be back in business in Houston by next week.

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DAILY DEVELOPMENTS

■ New Orleans police said they were 80 percent finished with their search for voluntary evacuees.

■ Congress approved \$51.8 billion in emergency aid.

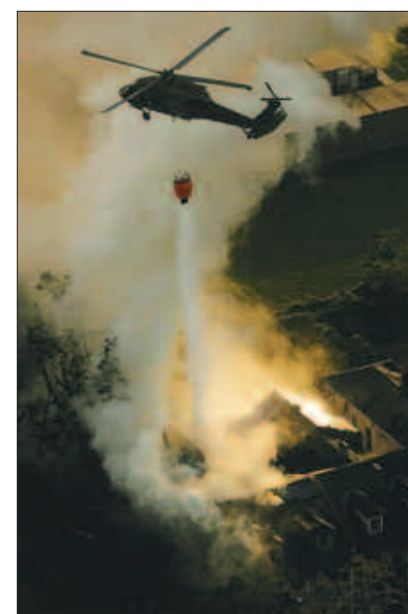
■ President Bush declared next Friday a national day of remembrance for the dead.

■ Vice President Dick Cheney and Attorney General Al Gonzales visited the Gulf Coast.

■ At least 11 fires burned across New Orleans.

■ The U.S. asked NATO allies to help bring in food and supplies.

■ The Army Corps of Engineers said New Orleans was still about 60 percent flooded, down from 80 percent last week.



SMILEY N. POOL/Staff Photographer
A military helicopter dumped water on a burning house in New Orleans on Thursday.

INSIDE

■ A debit card giveaway drew a big crowd in Houston. 4A

■ Chaos is tarnishing the U.S. image, Bush aide Karen Hughes said. 10A

■ The Mexican army brought help to evacuees in San Antonio. 14A

■ Identifying the dead will present an unprecedented challenge. 20A

■ A television journalist shares the story of a horrific week. 20A

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■ Tarrant County mosques gave checks to evacuees. Metro, 2B

■ Tulane athletes started classes at Texas A&M. SportsDay, 1C

■ The disaster showed that technology only goes so far. Business, 1D

Business group charged with illegal political funding

Association: Donations aiding GOP in '02 were for voter education

By CHRISTY HOPPE
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — A grand jury issued four indictments against Texas' largest business organization Thursday, charging the group with

raising \$1.7 million in secret, improper donations that it used to help Republicans take control of the state House in 2002.

The Texas Association of Business is charged with four third-degree felonies, which encompass 128 allegations that illegal corporate donations were used to assist business-friendly GOP candidates in 21 House races and two Senate seats. Each count carries a possible

\$20,000 fine, for a total of about \$2.6 million.

The charges are the latest blow for the Republican-aligned groups that worked to give the party a complete grip on Texas government. And they raised questions of whether the prosecutor, Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, is building a case against top elected Republicans, such as Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick and

U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

Both have denied any wrongdoing, and Republicans have decried Mr. Earle's investigation as a political witch hunt.

It is illegal in Texas to use corporate or labor money to aid a political candidate. The business association has said that it used the corporate largesse on a voter education program, not for campaign

contributions.

But in its own newsletter immediately after the November 2002 election, the association bragged that it had targeted key races and "blew the doors off" the election through its "unprecedented show of muscle." Some Republican candidates publicly thanked the group for its efforts.

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