

## HURRICANE RECOVERY: A STATUS REPORT

### WEATHER

Houston can expect high temperatures of 87 to 89 degrees both today and Sunday with temperatures as low as 62 degrees in some areas.

### SCHOOLS

For a tentative list of the Houston ISD schools that are reopening on Tuesday — more could be added Sunday: **PAGE A12**

### POWER

Percentage of total customers without power

CenterPoint Energy  
50%



Entergy Texas  
45%



Texas-New Mexico Power Co.  
25%



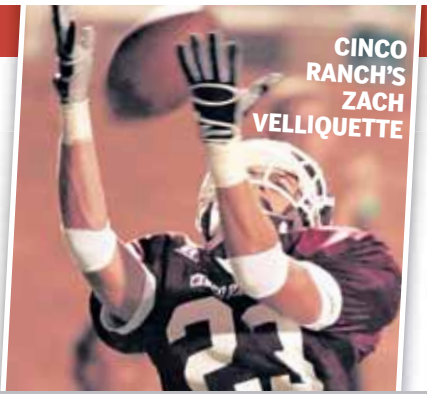
Sam Houston Electric Cooperative  
47%



### FOOTBALL

Area high school teams continued to return to the gridiron with 14 games Friday night. Some of the games were rescheduled because of Hurricane Ike.

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## For historic church, another test of faith

**S**ALATHEIA Bryant-Honors, co-pastor of Reedy Chapel A.M.E. in Galveston, prays Friday after getting her first look at the historic church in the wake of Hurricane Ike. Reedy Chapel, which as the first African Methodist Episcopal Church in Texas celebrated its 160th anniversary earlier this year, was extensively damaged by the storm. Read Bryant-Honors' first-person account of her visit to the church on **PAGE F1**.

## SCHOOLS GET READY TO REOPEN

■ HISD and dozens of other districts plan to resume classes early next week

By ERICKA MELLON and JENNIFER RADCLIFFE  
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

The Houston Independent School District will reopen at least 40 percent of its campuses Tuesday and will resume classes at its remaining schools as power is restored.

Superintendent Abelardo Saavedra was optimistic Friday — a week after Hurricane Ike struck — that most of the district's 300 schools would be ready Thursday. But if electric-

ity remains out, Saavedra said, HISD might lease generators to run them.

His announcement that at least 120 schools would open Tuesday replaced an earlier plan to resume classes only when nearly all the schools were ready.

"It's not a change in policy," he said. "It's simply, we have worked out logistics."

Dozens of Gulf Coast school superintendents have been struggling with logistics since

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### GALVESTON SCHOOLS

■ Students from Galveston ISD and other hard-hit districts will begin enrolling in Houston ISD on Monday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the central administration building, 4400 W. 18th.

■ Texas A&M University at Galveston will not reopen this semester.

## Isle unveils phased return

■ Galveston's residents clamor for home despite health concerns

By TERRI LANGFORD, JAMES PINKERTON and BRADLEY OLSON  
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

**GALVESTON** — Frustrations began to boil over Friday for tens of thousands of evacuees who sought to return home here as elected officials wrestled with the potential consequences.

Food remains scarce. Streets are almost entirely devoid of signs or stoplights. Most buildings lack power, and water and sewage systems suffered catastrophic damage. Tap water is undrinkable.

Yet Galveston officials continue to face mounting pressure from 40,000

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### THE ECONOMY

## Emergency powers requested for bailout

■ Bush officials tell lawmakers cost could easily be \$500 billion

By EDMUND L. ANDREWS  
NEW YORK TIMES

**WASHINGTON** — The Bush administration, moving to prevent an economic cataclysm, urged Congress Friday to grant it far-reaching emergency powers to buy hundreds of billions of dollars of distressed mortgages despite many unknowns about how the plan would work.

Henry Paulson Jr., the Treasury secretary, made it clear that the upfront cost of

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## Electricity restoration about to slow down

■ Providers say first wave faster than expected

By BRETT CLANTON, TOM FOWLER and PEGGY O'HARE  
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

The massive job of restoring electricity to thousands of homes and businesses in the Houston area is likely to slow down in coming days as power companies move from large infrastructure repairs to work that restores just a few customers at a time.

The same thing occurred after Hurricanes Rita in 2005 and Alicia in 1983, when restoration of power came quickly to a large portion of the region then slowed as workers began moving from house to house.

"Historically, the biggest gains are made in the start of the process," said Floyd Le-

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No power, stinky clothes after hurricane are bringing Houstonians to laundromats — and forging friendships



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**NEW FRIENDS:** Betsy Burks, left, and Lisa Giunta laugh as they fold their laundry at the Mr. Klean Washateria. Burks and Giunta are neighbors, and met after running into each other at the laundromat.

## Wet clothes, warm hearts

By DANE SCHILLER  
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

The lady who drives a new Lexus didn't know laundromat etiquette, but she had to act quickly when she found a pair of pink underpants in a washer she wanted to use.

Admittedly grossed out by touching a

stranger's lacy undies, Adrienne Brown-Franklin snatched them between her thumb and index finger, and flung them into a cart of wet clothes being pushed away by the woman who had just used the machine.

They landed perfectly, without even drawing notice.

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