

WEATHER
Today: A mix of clouds and sun.
Humid. Highs low to mid-90s.
Rain chance 40 percent.

Tomorrow: Fair to partly cloudy.
Highs low to mid-90s. Rain
chance 10 percent.

Complete Weather/10B

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**TIPS FOR DEALING
WITH FROZEN FOOD
AFTER THE STORM**

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COULD RESUME FRIDAY
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FLOOD CRISIS WORSENS IN NEW ORLEANS, SCORES DEAD
IN MISSISSIPPI AS TERRIBLE IMPACT OF KATRINA UNFOLDS

Homes wrecked in Alabama as thousands remain without power

KATRINA'S HEADLINES

Finding help: Who has emergency food and ice? What are the curfews? What about garbage pick-up? You'll find answers to those and other essential questions on **Page 2B**

Insurance: With insured losses of up to \$25 billion, Katrina could be worse than Hurricane Andrew and the 9/11 attacks. **12A**

Cochrane bridge: The Cochrane-Africatown USA Bridge remained closed Tuesday after a loose oil rig slammed into it during the storm. **1B**

Drinking water: Contaminated drinking water may be one of the biggest health issues in coming days. Some boil orders have already been issued. **19A**

Dauphin Island: As people began returning to Dauphin Island, some found that they didn't have homes to check on. **1B**

Docks: The Alabama state docks sustained some of its worst damage ever when Katrina pushed 12 feet of water up the Mobile River. **15A**

Upstate: Inland counties in southwest Alabama began what appeared to be a weeks-long road to recovery Tuesday. **1B**

Bayou: South Mobile County residents continued to deal with the aftermath of storm surge and wind damage. **19A**

Grand Hotel: The historic Point Clear resort, covered by slick mud, has been closed indefinitely. **18A**

Baldwin beaches: The first damage reports rolled in Tuesday from Fort Morgan peninsula, but Gulf Shores and Orange Beach hoped that businesses could be open for Labor Day weekend. **18A**

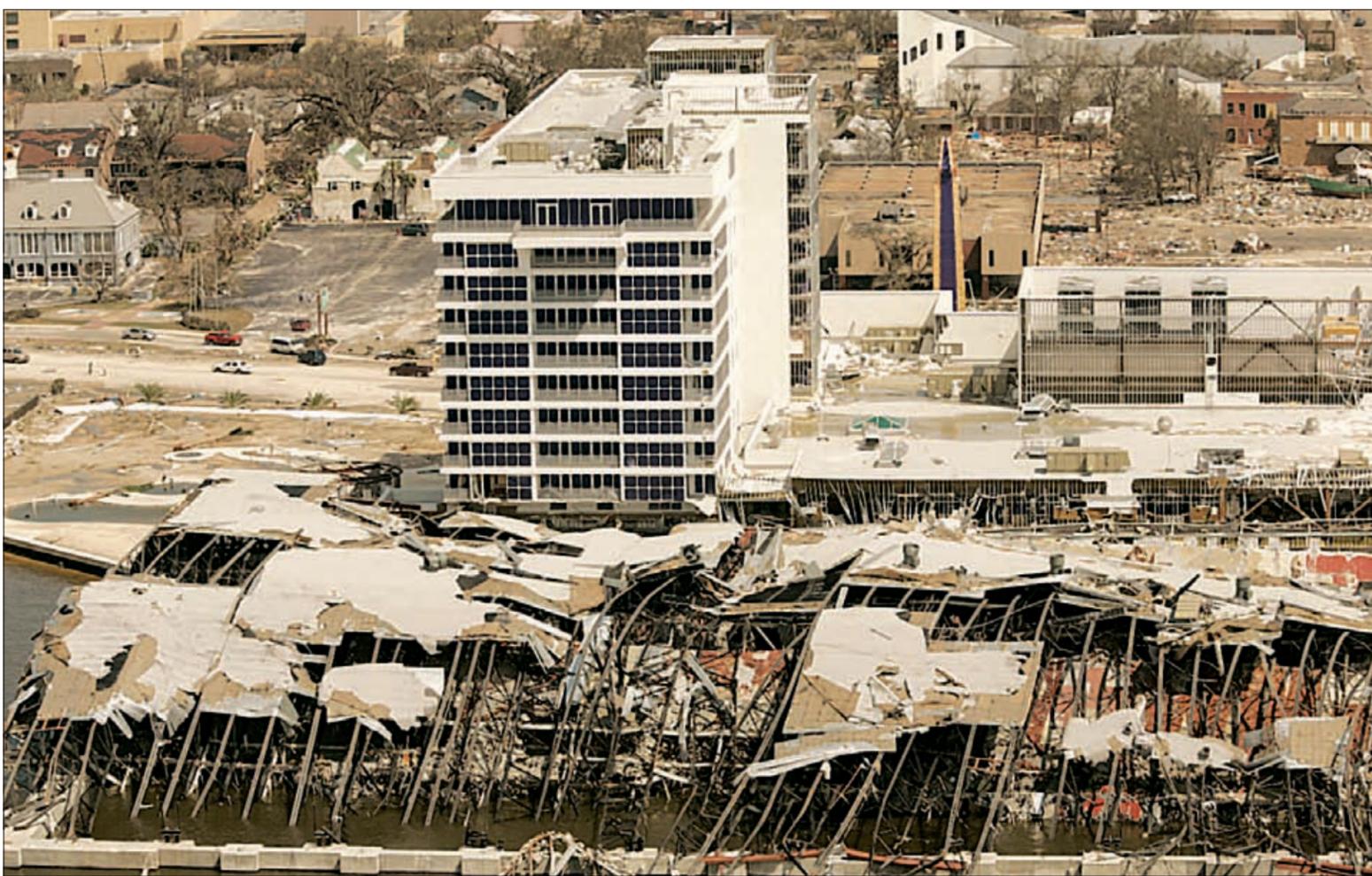
Causeway: Several restaurants along the Causeway were nearly destroyed Tuesday and a section of the Tensaw River bridge collapsed. **14A**

Power outages: More customers regained power Tuesday, but thousands of others were likely to endure another hot day today. **1B**

Agriculture: State agricultural officials were cautiously optimistic that crops were not heavily damaged by Katrina. **Page 6B**

Airlines: Passengers contended with flight delays and other hurricane-related disruptions Tuesday. **6B**

Downtown Mobile: Lawyers and other professionals mopped up waterlogged offices Tuesday, but said no essential records appeared to have been lost. **14A**



JOHN DAVID MERCER/Staff Photographer

The new Hard Rock Hotel and Casino along U.S. 90 in Biloxi, which has not even opened yet, shows extensive damage Tuesday from Hurricane Katrina, which struck the Gulf Coast on Monday. The \$235 million hotel and 50,000-square-foot casino was scheduled to open early September.

"The situation (in New Orleans) is untenable. It's just heartbreaking." — Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco

By **BRETT MARTEL**
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NEW ORLEANS — Rescuers along the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast pushed aside the dead to reach the living Tuesday in a race against time and rising waters, while New Orleans sank deeper into crisis and Louisiana's governor ordered storm refugees out of this drowning city.

Two levees broke and sent water coursing into the streets of the Big Easy a full day after New Orleans appeared to have escaped widespread destruction from

Hurricane Katrina. An estimated 80 percent of the below-sea-level city was under water, up to 20 feet deep in places, with miles and miles of homes swamped.

"The situation is untenable," Gov. Kathleen Blanco said. "It's just heartbreaking."

One Mississippi county alone said its death toll was at least 100, and officials are "very, very worried that this is going to go a lot higher," said Joe Spraggins, civil defense director for Harrison County, home to Biloxi and Gulfport.

Thirty of the victims in the county were from a

beachfront apartment building that collapsed under a 25-foot wall of water as Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast with 145-mph winds. And Louisiana officials said many were feared dead there, too, making Katrina one of the most punishing storms to hit the United States in decades.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said hundreds, if not thousands, of people may still be stuck on roofs and in attics, and so rescue boats were bypassing the dead.

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MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST

Tourists of their own tragedy

Residents see their lives scattered amid the debris

By **STEVE MYERS**
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The day after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, residents of Biloxi and Ocean Springs, Miss., took part in a sad, tourist-like procession through their post-storm world.

People in Ocean Springs weaved through hanging power lines and fallen trees to East Beach, where they saw what was left of the oceanfront mansions:

Driveways and stairs that led nowhere. "Everyone's life is scattered there," said Tom Sellers, who rode his bike through the area. "Picture albums — I must've seen 20 or 30 picture albums."

The tragedy of Biloxi and surrounding

Harrison County had been all over the news: Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour said the death toll in that county alone could be as high as 80. About 30 of the dead were believed to have been swept away in the Quiet Water Beach apartments.

The storm also inflicted a punishing blow to Biloxi's waterfront casinos. The Grand Casino gambling barge and a second casino broke away from their moorings, ending up in a ditch filled with water and slot machines.

On Tuesday, cars and trucks made their way along Beach Boulevard in Biloxi, where a casino chair, plucked from its slot machine, stood next to a microwave.

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Official: Katrina worse than Ivan

By **JEFF AMY**
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Water and wind were replaced by muck and downed tree limbs Tuesday, as Alabamians began cleaning up from Hurricane Katrina.

But as people picked through debris, it became clear that ruinous storm surge had inundated many areas close to the Gulf of Mexico and Mobile Bay.

Mobile County Emergency Management Agency Director Walt Dickerson said that due to flooding Katrina was "going to prove more devastating than

Ivan" to Mobile County. Hurricane Ivan blew through in mid-September.

"I think the best way to sum this up is there is a tremendous, awesome amount of destruction all over the Gulf Coast," Gov. Bob Riley said Tuesday afternoon after a helicopter tour of the area with federal and state officials.

At the same time, state authorities began to send a trickle of help to neighboring states, as less-impacted Alabama began to see the calamity that

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