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PANIC RISES

'Dome' becomes home to refugees

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Carrying what may be all that's left of their worldly possessions, thousands of Hurricane Katrina evacuees filed into the Cajundome on Tuesday morning.

Many, but not all, of the 1,800 who had made their homes at The Family Church for the past two days were among them. Others from smaller shelters and churches trickled in; the American Red Cross is running the shelter, set up for about 5,000 or more.

As of late Tuesday evening, there were about 1,500 people inside the 'Dome, with more trickling in.

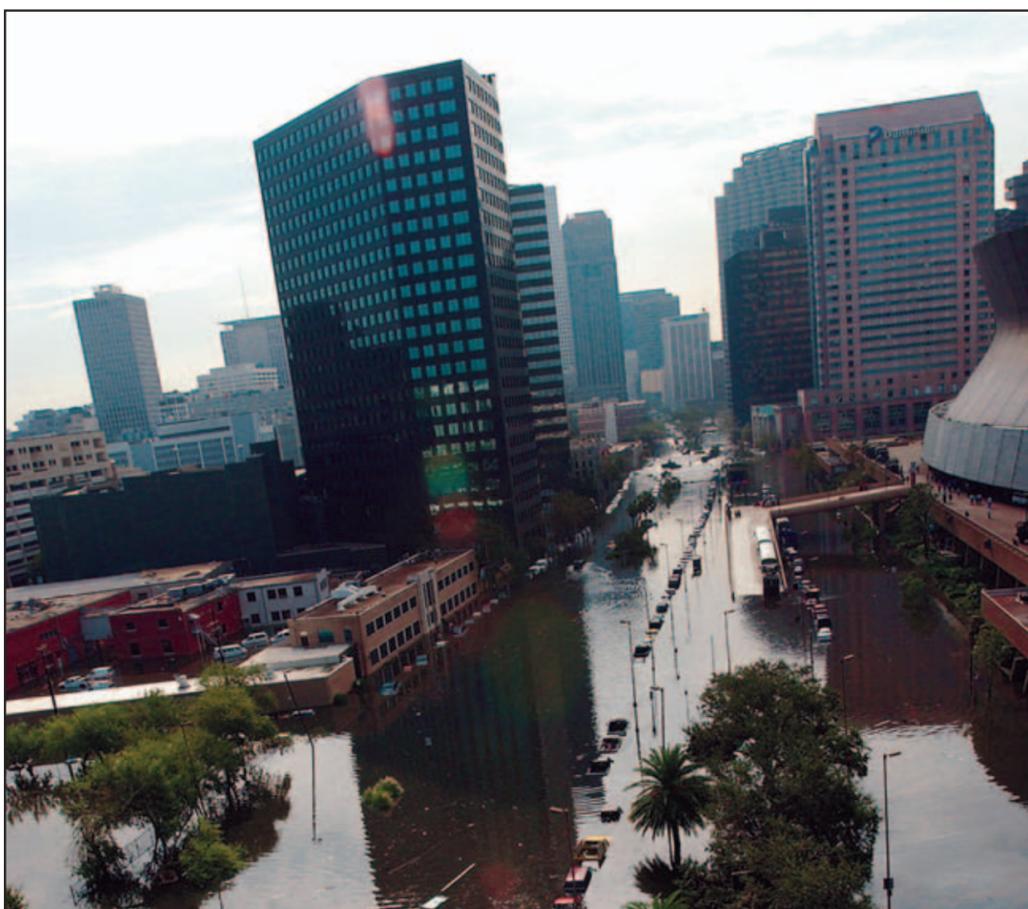
"We're going to have to really sit down and think this out tonight," said Marc Mouton, former board chairman of the

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Vicky Williams of New Orleans carries her possessions into the Cajundome on Tuesday after it opened as a shelter. She had been staying in the Wal-Mart parking lot since Sunday.



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In this aerial view, downtown New Orleans was underwater Tuesday.

In New Orleans, despair sets in

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On the day after Hurricane Katrina, spirits of survivors and weary rescue workers sank as the waters of New Orleans continued to rise. For now, the shape of Louisiana and its future have changed.

New Orleans is drowning. An estimated 80 percent of the city already is under water — and the water, along with the death toll, continues to rise. On Tuesday, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin ordered a complete evacuation of the city, including shelters of last resort — namely the Superdome, where 15,000 to 20,000 took refuge.

Louisiana National



Guard Lt. Col. Pete Schneider said at least 300 boats and 20 helicopters rescued stranded people around the clock. "People are desperate. They've been without food and water for so long," Schneider said. "They're desperate. They want to live."

Looters ransacked the city as the crisis grew beyond its already nightmare proportions. Rescuers throughout the hurricane-ravaged region told tales of pushing aside

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Rescue personnel from the Franklin Police Department motor down Veterans Boulevard on Tuesday after looking for people trapped by rising waters in Metairie.

Rising water adds to survivors' woes

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NEW ORLEANS — After they thought they had survived the worst of Hurricane Katrina, she dealt them another blow: water.

That's what residents of the New Orleans east bank, including Old Metairie and Lakeview, said Tuesday.

Generations in south Louisiana grew up hearing the horror stories of those who survived major hurricanes like Audrey, Betsy and Camille, stories of people who cut themselves out of attics and clung to rooftops awaiting rescue.

After this week, another generation has similar

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