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KATRINA: THE STORM WE'VE ALWAYS FEARED

# Some parts of Orleans could open on Monday

*Decision will hinge on air and water toxicity test results*

## DAY 16 DEVELOPMENTS

President Bush accepted responsibility for the federal government's slow response. Bush also will address the nation Thursday at 8 p.m. from Louisiana, **See A-3**

The official death toll in metropolitan New Orleans: **423**



**Gen. Honore**  
Army Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honore likened storm to a well-planned military attack **See A-10**

Westwego, Gretna and Jean Lafitte say conditions are good enough to bring residents home **See A-4**

State seeks \$2.4 billion from feds to pay teachers in districts hit by storm **See A-5**

State officials contracted with Kenyon International Emergency Services to recover bodies from southeast, **See A-6**

Flights slowly returning to Louis Armstrong International Airport, **See A-13**



STAFF PHOTO BY ALEX BRANDON

A Carnival Cruise Lines ship docks at the New Orleans riverfront Tuesday against what has become a rare backdrop: lights in New Orleans. As the water from Hurricane Katrina recedes, city officials are striking a notably optimistic tone. Mayor Ray Nagin said it may be possible for residents of part of the sodden city to return by Monday.

## Owners booked in 34 deaths at St. Bernard nursing home

**By Paul Rioux**  
St. Bernard bureau

The owners of a St. Bernard Parish nursing home where 34 residents died during Hurricane Katrina were arrested Tuesday and booked with negligent homicide for allegedly failing to evacuate the home despite grave warnings about the storm's power

and an offer by parish officials to send buses, state Attorney General Charles Foti said.

Mable B. Mangano, 62, and her husband, Salvador A. Mangano Sr., 65, turned themselves in Tuesday afternoon and were booked on warrants for 34 counts of negligent homicide,

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## Computer brings surge to life

**By John McQuaid**  
Staff writer

The first detailed computer model of Hurricane Katrina's storm surge shows a gargantuan, 15-foot dome of water forming in the Gulf of Mexico. Propelled westward by 140-mph winds, the surge slams into levees east of New Orleans and pours over them, flooding eastern New Orleans,

the city's Lower 9th Ward and St. Bernard Parish.

The model later shows water flooding the rest of New Orleans from Lake Pontchartrain through levee breaches. Meanwhile, Katrina's giant wave continues its relentless northeast course, pushing a 30-foot wave toward Mississippi, over the Biloxi-

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRETT DUKE

A cleanup crew clears trees Tuesday on Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans. Some residents with less official reasons returned to New Orleans. **See story, A-2**

*Nagin: 'I'm tired of hearing these helicopters. I want to hear some jazz'*

**By Steve Ritea, Gordon Russell and James Varney**  
Staff writers

Flooded portions of New Orleans may be opened to residents, perhaps as early as Monday, Mayor Ray Nagin said in an upbeat and wide-ranging news conference Tuesday afternoon.

The possibility of repopulating areas of the city so quickly marked a stunning turnaround from earlier predictions that New Orleans could remain uninhabitable for months. Nagin said the final decision on the date would hinge on pending results of federal tests measuring the toxicity of the city's air and water, but he said initial reports are turning out much

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