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## Nome, Alaska, gets its close-up

New \$400 million port could be break in the ice

**Trevor Hughes**  
USA TODAY

In a tiny gold mining town on the edge of Alaska, the Trump administration is poised to begin building America's first Arctic deepwater port, with significant implications for military security and tourism.

Nome, Alaska, lies on the edge of the Bering Sea, less than 200 miles from mainland Russia. Nearly 30,000 people lived there during the 1899 gold rush, but today only about 3,000 people call Nome home.



National security interests – and a changing Arctic climate – are drawing new attention to Nome, Alaska.  
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But thanks to President Donald Trump's focus on the Arctic – and a changing climate that's melting the ice near the North Pole – Nome could be headed for a renaissance. Federal officials are preparing to begin work on a \$400 million harbor that could accommodate Coast Guard icebreakers, cargo barges and Navy warships, along with cruise ships to carry tourists north of the Arctic Circle.

Longtime resident Emily Riedel, 37, said she's hopeful the port project will boost the economy. But given its long isolation, Nome might not change as much as some think.

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### USA TODAY exclusive interview with Vance

Vice President JD Vance talks exclusively with USA TODAY's Francesca Chambers about the National Guard in Washington, how the Taylor Swift-Travis Kelce engagement is affecting the NFL and more. Find videos, stories and the transcript at [usatoday.com](https://usatoday.com) and more coverage in Friday's edition.

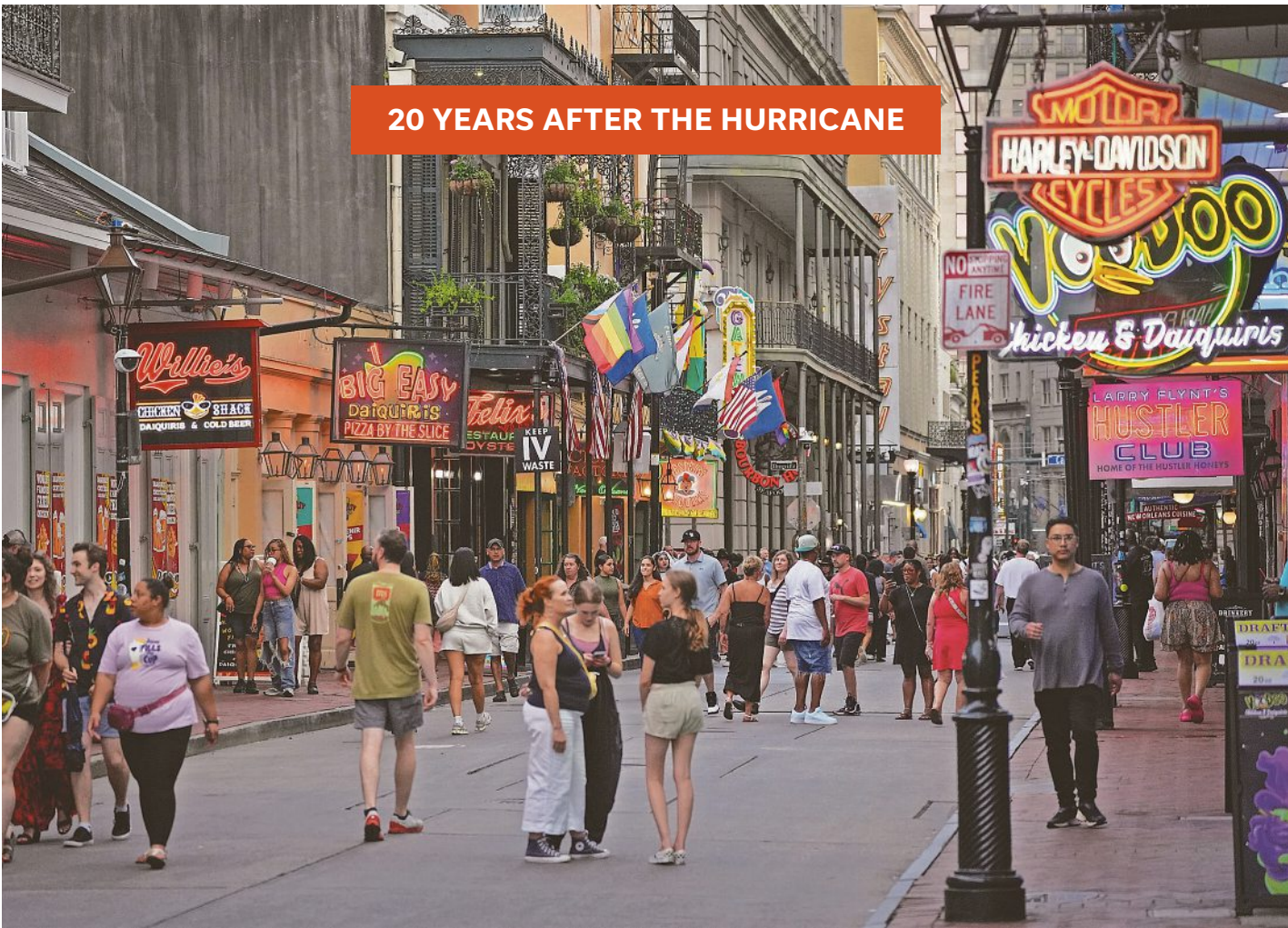


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Two decades after Hurricane Katrina roared ashore, the French Quarter is alive and well. PHOTOS BY JACK GRUBER/USA TODAY

## New Orleans' soul survives Katrina

Much has changed, but the song remains the same

**Rick Jervis** USA TODAY

### NEW ORLEANS

Flying into Louis Armstrong International Airport recently, I was quickly reminded just how radically this city has changed in the two decades since Hurricane Katrina. • Stepping off the plane, a gleaming \$1.3 billion terminal beckoned with creole offerings from Leah's Kitchen and Café Du Monde. There's a stunning two-story cypress swamp mural. The space shimmers with the curves and technology of a world-class facility – a far cry from the fusty older terminal. • Then I went to retrieve my rental car. • After I waited 15 minutes in a pelting rain, the shuttle bus arrived. It took 25 minutes circumnavigating the airport grounds before delivering me and other passengers to the car rental facility. • Charm amid dysfunction. Though some things in New Orleans may be different, others remain stubbornly the same. See KATRINA, Page 6A



"A lot of people didn't make it through the storm. ... It's those people that get me out of bed every day."

**Ben Jaffe**  
New Orleans Musicians  
Hurricane Relief Fund  
founder

Preservation Hall in the French Quarter is dedicated to preserving the tradition and sound of New Orleans jazz.



Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift announced their engagement via Instagram on Aug. 26. PROVIDED BY TAYLOR SWIFT & TRAVIS KELCE VIA INSTAGRAM

## Swift engagement offers lessons in love, patience and sexism

**Alyssa Goldberg**  
USA TODAY

Taylor Swift was designated as the face of the “childless cat lady.” She was berated for being too boy crazy in her teens, and being too single in her 30s. Now, she's living an all-American life – a superstar soon to be married to Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce.

The duo announced their engagement in a joint post on Instagram on Aug. 26. While there's no word on when

### IN SPORTS Remember when we doubted Swift-Kelce romance?

There was skepticism from around the NFL. We were wrong, Freeman writes.

the wedding will take place, well-wishes immediately started pouring in from the world of music, sports and more.

But for the better half of Swift's career, she was deemed “boy crazy.” Critics

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