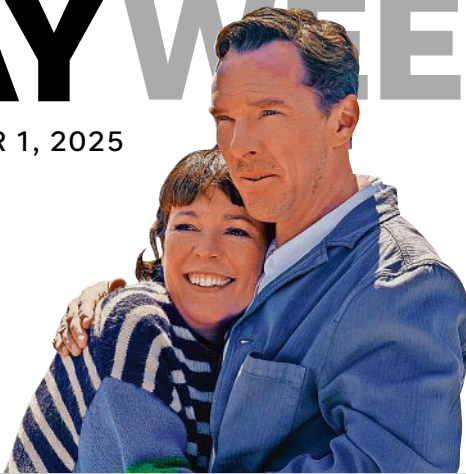


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THE HURRICANE

Katrina evacuees never left ‘home’

New Orleanians shared city after they relocated

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USA TODAY

Michelle Gibson fled her home in New Orleans with her newborn son, her 6-year-old daughter and her boyfriend as Hurricane Katrina took aim at the city 20 years ago.

She never returned there to live. But she brought New Orleans dance traditions to her new home in Dallas, teaching energetic “second line” techniques rooted in jazz funerals and other street performances to students at Southern Methodist University.

“When I left home, I didn’t leave home. I took home with me,” Gibson said.

The flight from Katrina’s deadly winds and flooding scattered thousands of evacuees across the nation. A month after the storm, USA TODAY reported in 2005, Federal Emergency Management Agency aid applications poured in from every corner of the map. Refugees had found shelter from Houston to Chicago, Los Angeles to New York City.

Within a year, more than half of those displaced by Katrina had

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Two men paddle in high water in the Ninth Ward after Hurricane Katrina devastated the area Aug. 31, 2005, in New Orleans. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

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Vice President JD Vance is embracing his role as salesman-in-chief for President Donald Trump’s agenda and taking charge of an effort to rebrand the administration’s behemoth tax cut and spending law. • It has been tagged as a giveaway to rich elites, and the administration is tapping a vice president who grew up poor to turn public perception. • Trump insisted on calling the law – meant to be his signature achievement – the “One Big Beautiful Bill.” Yet surveys show the legislation, with provisions that will cause an estimated 10 million people to lose their health insurance, is not playing well with voters. **See VANCE, Page 2A**

“We’ve got to do the job of politics and actually talk to the American people.”

Record attempt a hike for the ageless



Dale Sanders, 90, training in Shelby Forest, plans to become the oldest person to thru-hike the Appalachian Trail for the second time. CHRIS DAY/USA TODAY NETWORK

90-year-old plans to trek Appalachian Trail – again

Jack Armstrong
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Dale Sanders plans to finish his last mile on the Appalachian Trail shortly after his 91st birthday – but he’s really aging backward, said one close friend.

“I think he’s become more like a child as he’s grown older,” said John Ruskey, a friend of Sanders’ and the owner of Quapaw Canoe Company in Clarksdale, Mississippi. “Maybe it’s that muddy water on the Mississippi, or maybe it’s the Appalachian springs, or maybe it’s the Colorado River at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. I don’t know which, but I think he’s discovered some kind of

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