

N.C. residents searching for life after Fran

FRAN LEAVES 22 dead and 6 missing while neighborhoods struggle to rebuild.

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RALEIGH, N.C. — Their neighborhoods in tatters but their resolve largely intact, residents of hurricane-battered areas turned Sunday to cleaning up a formidable mess. At least six

people were still reported missing. Four electric utilities reported a total of 596,000 customers still without power. Water, and especially ice, remained crucial commodities and lines formed at stores offering supplies — many for free.

With many areas flooded with sewage-tainted water and thousands of trees on the ground, life was hardly returning to normal.

But on a muggy, torrid day, people ventured out with rakes and chain saws. Utility and municipal crews and private tree-clearing contractors plied the streets and back roads.

"We're so sophisticated in this age

of technology and science, but Mother Nature comes through and we're back to 400 B.C.," Linda Daigle said as she cleared foliage from her lawn Sunday.

Hurricane Fran slammed into coastal North Carolina late Thursday and turned north, cutting a swath of destruction as far inland as Raleigh and Winston-Salem before flooding Virginia and West Virginia with heavy rain.

The storm and its after effects killed at least 22 people — 17 in North Carolina — mostly by falling trees, flooding and traffic accidents. The Federal Emergency Management Agency had

declared 34 North Carolina counties disaster areas as of Sunday afternoon.

Emergency officials said a 60-member team on Topsail Island, in the hardest-hit coastal region, searched for five people reported missing.

In Raleigh, rescuers searched for 17-year-old Jackson Edward Griffin, who disappeared Saturday while swimming with a friend in swollen Crabtree Creek.

On evacuated, sealed-off North Topsail Beach, state Emergency Management spokesman Tom Hegele described by telephone a scene of devastation: trailers stacked atop each other,

collapsed houses, cars buried in sand. A dazed Glenn Sasser wandered the Surf City beach Sunday searching for his home.

"It's just gone. I had an ocean-front house and now I can't find it," Sasser said. "I just bought the house in April. I was spared by Bertha, but it's just gone."

Nearby, Mary Kulp sobbed quietly as she approached her cottage and sat on what used to be the roof of her best friend's house next door.

"Oh, my God," she said. "This is terrible."

Clinton says House action on drug war falls short

WASHINGTON (AP) — Counterpunching Bob Dole's claim that he's soft on drugs, President Clinton says Congress will stymie the war on narcotics unless it quickly provides all the money "to get the job done."

In a letter to House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the president said House action to date falls more than \$640 million short of paying for his anti-drug priorities, and he urged action before Congress recesses.

"In particular, the House once again is attempting to cut ... my request for the Safe and Drug Free School program, the only federal program fully dedicated to helping schools combat alcohol and drug use, as well as violent behavior," Clinton said in the letter dated Saturday.

The president recalled the vetoed legislation last year because it cut that program by 50 percent.

"We should not slash funding for a program that gives parents the security that their children are receiving the same anti-drug message in school that they receive at home," he said.

Gingrich spokesman Tony Blankley strongly criticized the president for "making demands on a Saturday afternoon of the Republican Party" when many members of Congress, including Gingrich, were out of town.

"It is impertinence," Blankley said. He said that most of Clinton's



anti-crime and drug programs that aren't fully funded are "designed to strengthen government rather than to fight the problems."

Overall, Clinton said that while the \$15.3 billion he requested for the 1997 fiscal year represents the largest anti-drug budget ever, House action so far on 1997 appropriations bills would provide only \$14.9 billion.

GOP presidential nominee Dole contends Clinton is not serious about fighting illegal drug use. Republicans have latched onto the issue ever since the release of statistics showing the use of marijuana, LSD and cocaine more than doubled among young people aged 12 to 17 since 1992.

"They (Democrats) have absolutely dropped the ball with regard to stopping drugs in this country," Dole running mate Jack Kemp said Saturday in Atlanta.

But White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta contends that despite the upswing of young people using drugs, overall drug use has declined since Clinton took office.

In his letter to Gingrich, Clinton also complained the House has not acted on legislation he introduced last May to increase penalties for methamphetamine trafficking. The Senate has approved the measure.

Kurdish faction takes over two rival towns

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — A Kurdish faction allied with President Saddam Hussein captured two towns from a rival Kurdish group in fierce fighting Sunday. The groups gave conflicting accounts of whether Saddam's forces took part in the assaults.

Iraq, meanwhile, said it fired anti-aircraft weapons at U.S. and allied aircraft patrolling no-fly zones over its territory Sunday. The Iraqi fire missed and the planes fled, the official Iraqi News Agency said.

Iraq made the same claim on Friday and Saturday, also claiming no hits.

In northern Iraq, the Kurdistan Democratic Party pressed ahead with its week-old offensive, marching east and taking the towns of Degala and Kuysanjaq from the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan.

Both groups agreed that the towns, 20 and 30 miles east of Irbil, changed hands amid heavy fighting.

But the KDP said in a statement from London that it launched the assaults on its own, while PUK spokesman Latif Rashid said the faction was overwhelmed by the combined forces of the Iraqi army and the KDP.

The conflicting accounts could not be reconciled and Iraq did not comment on the latest battle. No details of the fighting were available, and there was no word on casualties.

Iraqi forces teamed up with the KDP on Aug. 31 to capture Irbil, the de facto capital of the Kurdish safe haven established in northern Iraq after the 1991 Persian Gulf War.



The United States responded with missile attacks on southern Iraq on Tuesday and Wednesday, hammering air defense sites in southern Iraq.

Since then, the Iraqi forces appear to have refrained from playing a major role in the battles between the rival Kurdish groups.

But Iraq placed its heavy weaponry only a few miles behind the front-line positions of its KDP allies. Almost 100 Iraqi tanks could be seen in the region on Friday, and Defense Secretary William Perry, speaking on CBS' "Face the Nation," said Sunday that some Iraqi troops "are still nearby and still dangerous."

In Washington, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. John Shalikashvili told NBC's "Meet the Press" that Saddam "is clearly exploiting the difference between those two Kurdish factions."

But, he said, "very, very few" Iraqi troops were still in the safe haven area.

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Monday, Sept. 9

Trent Graphics Art, Print and Poster Sale
Union Plaza, City Campus
Free admission
Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Friday
Alternate location in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union

Department of Art and Art History September Exhibitions
"Faculty and Student Photographs"
Sept. 9-26, North Gallery
"Dan Packard: Recent Sculpture"
Sept. 9-26, South Gallery
102 Richards Hall, City Campus
Free admission

Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
For information contact Joseph Ruffo at 472-2631

UNL Commuters Presentation
East Campus Union
Free admission
3 to 5 p.m.

Alternate meetings: Sept. 10, 6-8 p.m. at the Culture Center,
Sept. 11, 3-5 p.m. at the Nebraska Union

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Women's Studies International Colloquium Series
"Gender, Neutrality and Immigration Law"
Anna Shavers, UNL law professor
Nebraska Union, 3:30 p.m.
Free admission

Study Abroad Extravaganza
Nebraska Union Ballroom, 7:30 p.m.
Free admission

For information contact International Affairs at 472-5358

Thursday, Sept. 12

Mid-America Transportation Center Lecture Series
"Roadside Safety in the Light Truck Age"
Dr. Dean L. Sicking, Director, Midwest Roadside Safety Facility and UNL civil engineering professor
CBA 104, 3-4 p.m.
Free admission

This lecture will be broadcast from UNL via satellite

Thursday, Sept. 12, cont.

Quentin Tarantino Night
"Pulp Fiction"
"Reservoir Dogs"
UPC-sponsored screening
Nebraska Union Crib
First show begins at 8 p.m.
Free admission

Friday, Sept. 13

Homecoming 1996
Royalty applications due
Turn in at 115 Ne. Union by 12 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 15

Edgefest '96
Ak-sar-ben parade grounds, Omaha
Tickets available from Ticketmaster
Cost (with fee): \$14.75