

# JAZZ FEST HIGH NOTES

TODAY



HIGH LOW  
**85 70**

SUNDAY



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**86 71**



## HOT ACT

◀ **BON JOVI**  
5-7 p.m.,  
Acura Stage

## OFF THE BEATEN PATH

**BIJOU CREOLE**  
12:30-1:20 p.m.,  
Fais Do-Do Stage

**MIDNITE DISTURBERS**  
5:55-7 p.m.,  
Jazz & Heritage Stage

**ENSEMBLE FATIEN**  
2:40-3:35 p.m.,  
WWOZ Jazz Tent



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in harmony with Jazz Fest

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## Justice Souter 'defied labels'

*He entered stage right,  
makes exit to the left*

By **Robert Barnes**  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Justice David Hackett Souter started on the Supreme Court's right, very briefly became part of its center and then for a much longer period was firmly established on the left. Conservatives and liberals are not finished debating whether he is the one who drifted or if the court itself moved.

But there will be no doubt that the legacy of the 69-year-old Souter is far different than what would have been expected from the man Presi-

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JAZZ FEST 2009



# Croon fest



PHOTOS BY CHRIS GRANGER / THE TIMES-PICAYUNE

Tony Bennett thanks the crowd while closing out the Gentilly Stage at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival on Friday.

**Baby, it's symbolic  
outside. Tony**



## N.O. boy's case tested as possible swine flu

*Sample sent to CDC; Audubon  
Charter school alerts parents*

By **David Hammer  
and Brendan McCarthy**  
Staff writers

The 8-year-old local boy identified at a Tulane University clinic as a possible case of swine flu is a student at Audubon Charter School in New Orleans, a school official confirmed Friday.

The state could neither confirm nor rule out swine flu in the case, and the sample is being reviewed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

The state's Office of Public Health alerted school administrators to the boy's illness Thursday evening, said Alisa Dupre, the school's operations manager. The school responded quickly, sending the news out to parents Thursday night via phone calls, e-mails and text alerts.

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# green living

Eco-friendly options for the home

## GREEN GROWS GARDENER'S HOME IN THE UPPER 9TH

By Molly Reid  
Staff writer

On April 9, his birthday, Mingo Aba got the keys to his new 830-square-foot raised shotgun. Because of delays at City Hall, however, the power didn't come on for several weeks.

Aba said his comfort wasn't subject to the whims of a particularly cold April, though, because of the home's energy-efficient design.

"Since I've been here, I haven't had power, and I haven't had a chill in my body," Aba said. "All I've had to do is close the window, and then it starts mellowing out."

Aba is back, three years after Hurricane Katrina destroyed his Upper 9th Ward home, the house across the street where he was born and reared, and his beloved garden, full of grapefruit, plum, blood orange and fig trees, corn, bell peppers, okra, tomatoes and greens.

Aba rode the storm out at a church down the street, eventually moving to its second story when the water rose, until the National Guard found him and his neighbors, he said. During the wait, the fruit on his trees sustained him.

"I managed to get the ones at the top," Aba said. "They tasted so good."

The desolation of his neighborhood after the storm, combined with the difficulty of rebuilding, kept him at his relatives' bucolic country house in Alabama for three years.

When he returned in October 2008, he met the sales director of a recently launched nonprofit that helps people rebuild. Build Now would coordinate the design, financing, permitting and construction of his new home for a nominal cost, and, for Aba, who was rebuilding mostly for his

daughter's sake, it was the perfect solution, he said.

Build Now executive director Tess Monaghan said the nonprofit worked with an energy rater to achieve an Energy Star-approved reduction of household energy needs through mostly simple, passive measures, such as porch shading, cross-ventilation and thorough sealing of all potential air leaks.

The rater made sure insulation was installed properly, and inspected the entire wall structure for leaks before Sheetrock was put up, she said. In addition, the rater properly sized the air-conditioning unit and hot-water heater to reduce energy costs. When the house was nearly complete, the rater conducted a blower door test, in which a large fan is used to pull air out of a house and thereby reveal unsealed cracks and openings in the house and in the HVAC system. Low-VOC paints and formaldehyde-free products rounded out the house's green features.

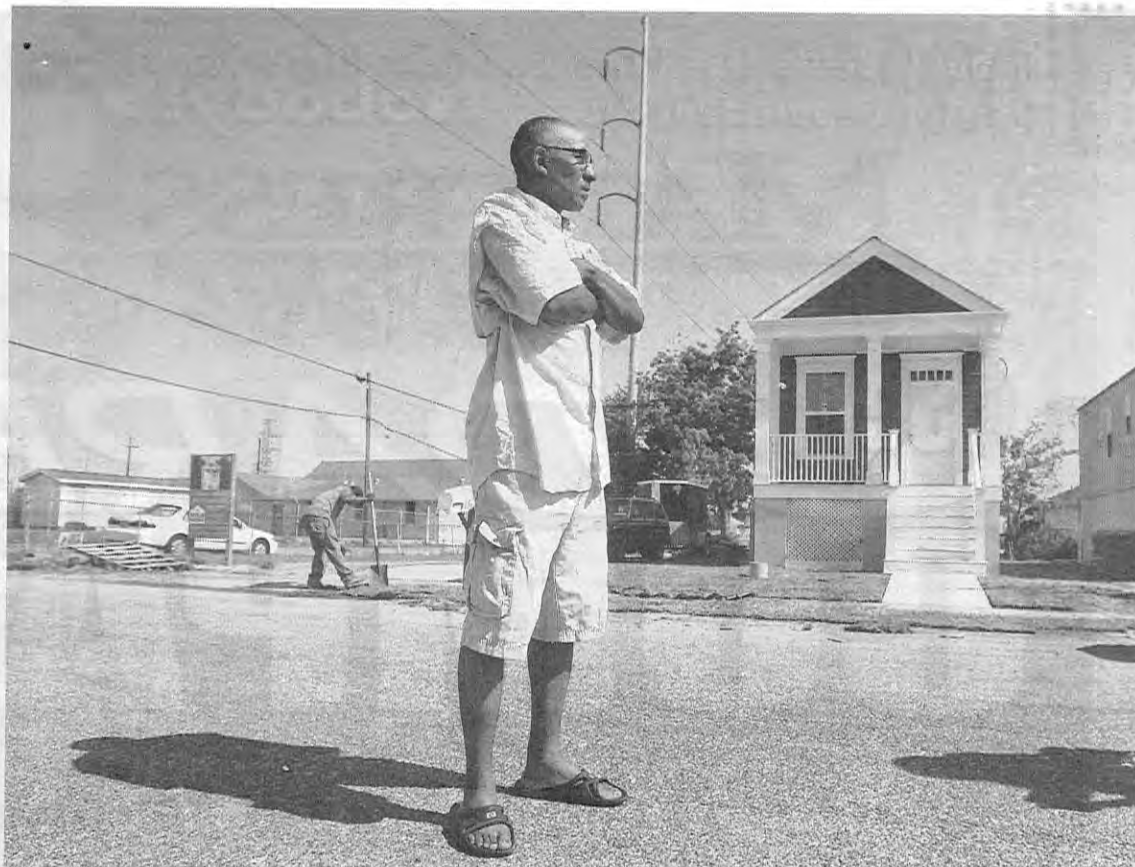
"We wanted a quantifiable way to say that these (homes) are sustainable," Monaghan said. "At our model home, which is slightly larger than this one, our energy bills ran like \$77 in the hottest months of the summer."

Aba is ready to start another garden. He plans to plant some fruit trees in the next couple of months. He wants to try growing pomegranates and mangoes, he said.

"I just want to do enough for shade trees, help me cool off," Aba said. "I'll start my garden again soon."

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Mingo Aba's new Upper 9th Ward shotgun is built to be energy efficient, with help from the nonprofit Build Now.

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