

IN BRIEF

Six million lose power during Hurricane Wilma

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Hurricane Wilma knifed through Florida with winds up to 125 mph Monday, shattering windows in skyscrapers, peeling away roofs and knocking out power to 6 million people, with still a month left to go in the busiest Atlantic storm season on record.

At least six deaths were blamed on the hurricane in Florida, bringing the toll from the storm's march through the tropics to 25.

After a slow, weeklong journey that saw it pound Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula for two days, Wilma made a mercifully swift seven-hour dash across lower Florida, from its southwestern corner to heavily populated Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach on the Atlantic coast.

The insurance industry estimated insured losses in Florida at anywhere from \$2 billion to \$9 billion. Officials said it was the most damaging storm to hit the Fort Lauderdale area since 1950.

The 21st storm of the 2005 season — and the eighth hurricane to hit Florida in 15 months — howled ashore around daybreak just south of Marco Island as a Category 3, cutting electricity to the entire Florida Keys.

Former professor chosen to fill Greenspan's shoes

WASHINGTON — Ben Bernanke, a plain-speaking former economics professor, was chosen Monday by President Bush to be the next chairman of the Federal Reserve, the most influential economic policy job in the world.

If approved by the Senate, Bernanke would succeed Alan Greenspan, who has spent 18 years at the helm and is expected to step down Jan. 31. Bush called Greenspan a "legend," and Bernanke promised to continue the chairman's policies.

"Ben has done path-breaking work in the field of monetary policy, taught advanced economics at some of our top universities and served with distinction on the Fed's Board of Governors," said Bush, who was flanked by Bernanke and Greenspan during a brief White House ceremony. "He's earned a reputation for intellectual rigor and integrity. He commands deep respect in the global financial community."

Greenspan called Bush's choice "a distinguished appointment. Ben comes with superb academic credentials and important insights into the ways our economy functions."

Bombs explode near hotel where journalists work

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Suicide bombers including one in a cement truck

packed with explosives launched a dramatic attack Monday against the Palestine Hotel, where many foreign journalists are based, sending up a giant cloud of smoke and debris over central Baghdad. American troops and journalists escaped without serious injury, but at least a half-dozen passers-by were killed.

The deafening attack triggered confusion and panic throughout the hotel, and sent cars swerving wildly on a roundabout to escape the blasts. Inside the 19-story hotel, the force of the blasts shattered glass, tore pictures off walls and brought down light fixtures and ceilings.

The cement truck was the last of three vehicles trying to break through the wall outside the hotel. The first car drove up to the wall and exploded, blasting out a section of the concrete. According to the U.S. military, the second car was headed for the fresh breach in the wall but exploded near the 14th Ramadan Mosque when it was engaged by civilian security forces.

Within minutes, the truck made it through the breach but apparently became stuck on a road between the Palestine and the neighboring Sheraton hotel. The truck rocked back and forth and then blew up after a U.S. soldier opened fire on it.

Bush won't release records of discussions with Miers

WASHINGTON — Risking a possible clash with the Senate, President Bush insisted Monday he will not turn over documents detailing the private advice that Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers has given him while serving in the White House.

With Miers' nomination facing continued opposition from conservatives, Bush sidestepped a question of whether the White House was working on a contingency plan for her withdrawal. At the same time, he was emphatic about not turning over papers relating to the "decision-making process, what her recommendations were."

"That would breach very important confidentiality, and it's a red line I'm not willing to cross," he said in an apparent reference to bipartisan requests from the Senate Judiciary Committee. As White House counsel, Miers has regularly advised Bush on a range of sensitive topics.

Bush's remarks drew a cautious response from Sen. Arlen Specter, the Pennsylvania Republican who chairs the Judiciary Committee. He told reporters the panel had requested "non-privileged documents" and said he was hopeful of finding common ground with the White House on the issue.

Mideast envoy: Israel must reopen Gaza's borders

JERUSALEM — A top Mideast envoy criticized Israel in especially tough language for moving too slowly on negotiations to open Gaza's borders, saying the country is behaving almost as if the withdrawal from the Gaza Strip never happened.

Without dramatic progress soon, a rare chance to revive Gaza's shattered economy — and the peace process — will be lost, James Wolfensohn said in a letter to the U.N. secretary general and other international mediators obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

Violence, meanwhile, quickly escalated between Israel and the Palestinians after Israeli troops killed Luay al-Saadi, a top Palestinian fugitive, and a close accomplice in a pre-dawn shoot-out in the Tulkarem refugee camp in the West Bank. Al-Saadi, the leader of Islamic Jihad's military wing in the West Bank, was blamed for the deaths of 12 Israelis in attacks in recent months.

Islamic Jihad threatened revenge and launched at least two homemade rockets from Gaza into Israel, causing no injuries. Israel, which said it would not tolerate any attacks from Gaza since it pulled out of the territory last month, responded with an artillery assault on open fields in northern Gaza, the army said. There were no reports of injuries from the artillery.

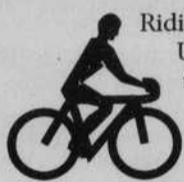
—The Associated Press



Sidewalk Etiquette



PRESENTED BY UNIVERSITY OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Riding a bicycle to and from the University campus is a great way to travel. We encourage its use, but we all need to keep in mind the equipment, rules, and regulations to make bicycle riding fun and safe.

Equipment

Make sure the bicycle you are operating is in good working order and adjusted properly.

- Make sure the bicycle you are riding is equipped with brakes adequate to skid on clean dry pavement.

- Starting one-half hour after sunset a headlight must be visible 500 feet ahead and a red reflector visible 600 feet to the rear.



Those who fail to display the light and reflector are subject to citation and fine.

- Protect your life, wear a helmet.

Bicycle Licensing

All faculty, staff and students who operate, store or park bicycles on the University of Oregon campus must register their bicycles with the University of

Oregon Department of Public Safety. Unregistered bicycles are subject to citation and fine.



Bicycle Parking

Bicycles shall be parked, stored or left outdoors on the University campus only in areas specifically designated by the presence of bike racks or other devices for the parking of bicycles. However, bicycles may be stored, parked or left in any area or room which has been assigned to the registered bicycle owner, e.g., office, residence hall, or student family living quarters.

Bicycles may be cited and fined or impounded if:

- Trees, handrails, hallways, parking meters or signs are used as a bike rack.
- Parked or stored in such a way that a safety

- hazard is created.
- Bicycle is blocking a walkway.



Bicycle Use on Campus

In addition to the state laws and city ordinances governing the operation of motorized and non-motorized vehicles, the University of Oregon has its own set of rules and regulations that must be followed for your safety and the safety of others.

Bicycles involved in a collision are required to render aid as appropriate, call the UO Department of Public Safety, and remain at the scene until released by an officer.

Those who fail to observe the following rules are subject to citation and fine.

- Bicycle riders must proceed cautiously at all times, and are not to exceed the posted speed of 15 miles per hour.
- Walk your bicycle on sidewalks.
- Riding a bicycle on sidewalks, walkways and landscape is prohibited, except on designated bike paths.
- Bicycle riders must yield right of way to pedestrians and disabled persons at all times.
- Bicycle riders shall use the designated bike lane when classes are in session.



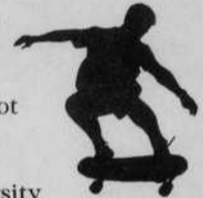
Roller Skates and Skateboards

Skating across the University campus can be a fun and easy way to get from class to class. Remember, you share the campus with many others. Roller skate or skateboard cautiously. Here are a few facts to keep in mind as you skate across campus.



Skaters who fail to observe the following can be cited.

- A helmet and pads are suggested for safety, but not required.
- Use of roller skates or skateboards within University buildings is prohibited.
- Acrobatics or other stunts are prohibited.
- Users of roller skates and skateboards must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- All skaters and skateboard users must obey all campus stop, yield, and dismount signs.
- Skateboarding or rollerblading is prohibited on sidewalks.



Citation Schedule

Bicycle, Roller-skate and Skateboard Fees

- Failure to obey "Dismount and Walk" sign.....\$20.00
- Blocking Violations (traffic, ramps, entrance/exit).....\$20.00
- Prohibited Parking (no bicycle parking sign, yellow zones, landscape area, library area).....\$20.00
- Unauthorized storage.....\$15.00
- Impound Fee.....\$10.00
- Failure to register bicycle.....\$20.00
- Failure to yield to a pedestrian.....\$25.00
- Skating in a building or structure.....\$25.00
- Acrobatic or stunt skating.....\$30.00

If you have any questions, stop by the Department of Public Safety Straub Hall • 1319 E. 15th Ave.

or call 346-5444 safetyweb@uoregon.edu

Any University public safety officer or other person specifically authorized by the Director of Public Safety may impound any parked, stored or abandoned bicycle causing a safety hazard or cite any bicycle rider who violates University bicycle rules.

University public safety officers or other personnel authorized to remove and impound bicycles shall not be liable to the owner of the securing device.

University of Oregon Bicycle Regulations