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Gulf Coast slammed



Fire and rescue personnel launch a boat amid floodwaters from Hurricane Katrina as they head out to rescue a family Monday outside a hotel in Pascagoula, Miss.

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Katrina floods towns, moves inland with a vengeance

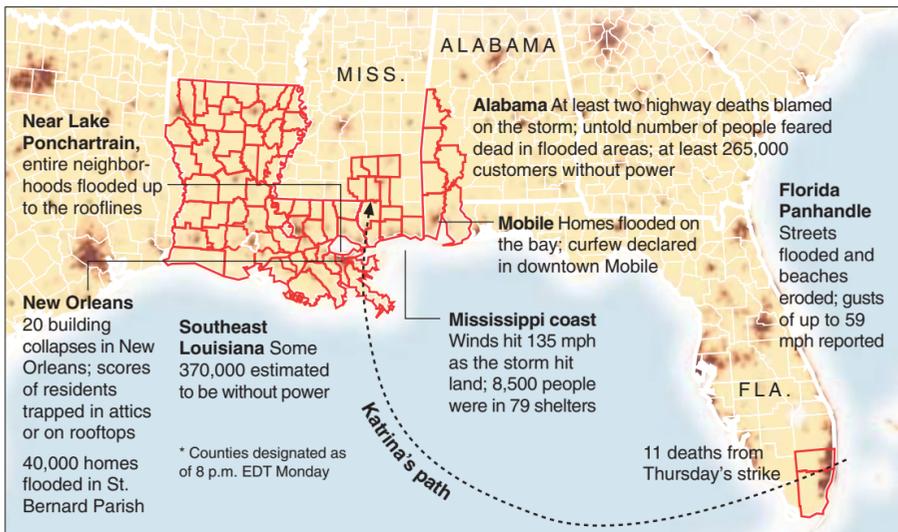
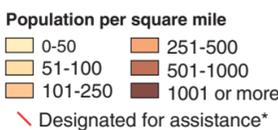
BY ALLEN G. BREED The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Announcing itself with shrieking, 145-mph winds, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast just outside New Orleans on Monday, submerging entire neighborhoods up to their roofs, swamping Mississippi's beachfront casinos and killing at least 55 people.

Jim Pollard, spokesman for the Harrison County emergency operations center, said 50 people were killed by Katrina in his county, with the bulk of the deaths at an apartment complex in

Destruction everywhere along Gulf Coast

After hitting Florida last week, Katrina strengthened to a Category 5 storm over the Gulf of Mexico but weakened Monday evening as it passed through southeast Mississippi to a Category 1 hurricane.



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Peachtree Corners talks city

Residents discuss turning area into municipality

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NORCROSS — About 120 residents of the Peachtree Corners community turned out Monday night to gather information on turning their area into a city.

The meeting was held by a civic group to gauge interest in turning the area of about 15,000 residents into a municipality.

Go slow and know what you are getting into was a common theme among elected officials invited to address the audience at the Simpsonwood Retreat and Conference Center near the

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Police: Suspect in kidnapping seen in Barrow

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WINDER — Authorities in Barrow County are trying to confirm several reported sightings of a registered sex offender accused of kidnapping a 12-year-old girl from North Carolina.

An Amber Alert, a nationwide emergency alert system for serious child abduction cases, was issued Friday for Jodie Renee Collie, 12, and her traveling companion, 27-year-old Phillip Daniel Denkler. They were last seen separately on Thursday evening in their small hometown of Rocky Mount, located 46 miles east of Raleigh, N.C.

The Barrow County Sheriff's Office received tips from several residents Saturday and Sunday

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Vandals target Jewish family

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LAWRENCEVILLE — It wasn't the eggs splattered on their two-story brick home, the toilet paper strewn over tree branches or even the urine-soaked front door that jolted the Ragans family when they awoke on Sunday morning.

It was the swastika and the word "fascist" burned with chemicals into the Jewish family's lawn, and two more swastikas spray-painted on the road in front of their home, that made an act of vandalism into something much more personal. In their eyes,



Staff Photo: Anthony Stalcup Swastikas and obscenities were burned into the lawn of Lee and Ginger Ragans' Lawrenceville home.

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Gwinnett escapes with little damage

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LAWRENCEVILLE — The first wave of Katrina remnants sent one woman to the hospital and sparked an apartment fire in Gwinnett.

Officials warned late Monday that another band of storms could disturb the morning rush hour today, but indicated Gwinnett may come out unscathed from the hurricane that ripped off part of the Louisiana Superdome's roof.

During a dinnertime surge of storms, numerous funnel cloud sightings were reported, but accord-

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Georgia hit by tornadoes

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Bands of stormy weather spiraling off of Hurricane Katrina lashed much of western Georgia on Monday, bringing heavy rains, high winds and tornadoes that caused multiple injuries, damaged hundreds of buildings and contributed to at least one traffic fatality.

"The western part of the state, as they were anticipating, is going to bear the brunt of the weather as it comes through," said Georgia Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman Kathy Huggins. "We're talking about the western area all the way up to the mountains in the northwest."

Carroll County — southwest of Atlanta on the Alabama line — was among the areas hardest hit.

Authorities said hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed when a tor-

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Staff Photo: Jason Braverman

Shelly Williams Jones uses a newspaper to shield the rain Monday afternoon at the River Exchange shopping center in Lawrenceville. The remnants of Hurricane Katrina caused heavy rains throughout Gwinnett County on Monday.

THE FORECAST

- TODAY: Windy. Heavy rainfall possible. Highs in the 80s. Chance of rain 70 percent.
WEDNESDAY: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the 80s.
THURSDAY: Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

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