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LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS

GOLDEN GABBY

Gabby Douglas, left, is America's new sweet heart. The 16-year-old wins the all-around in gymnastics, becoming the third straight from the U.S. to do so. For coverage of her accomplishment, see Page C1. Tonight on prime time on NBC, gold medal events in swimming take center stage. For TV information, see Page C4.

Medal count

	G	S	B	Total
China	18	11	5	34
U.S.	18	9	10	37
S. Korea	7	2	5	14
France	6	4	6	16
Britain	5	6	4	15

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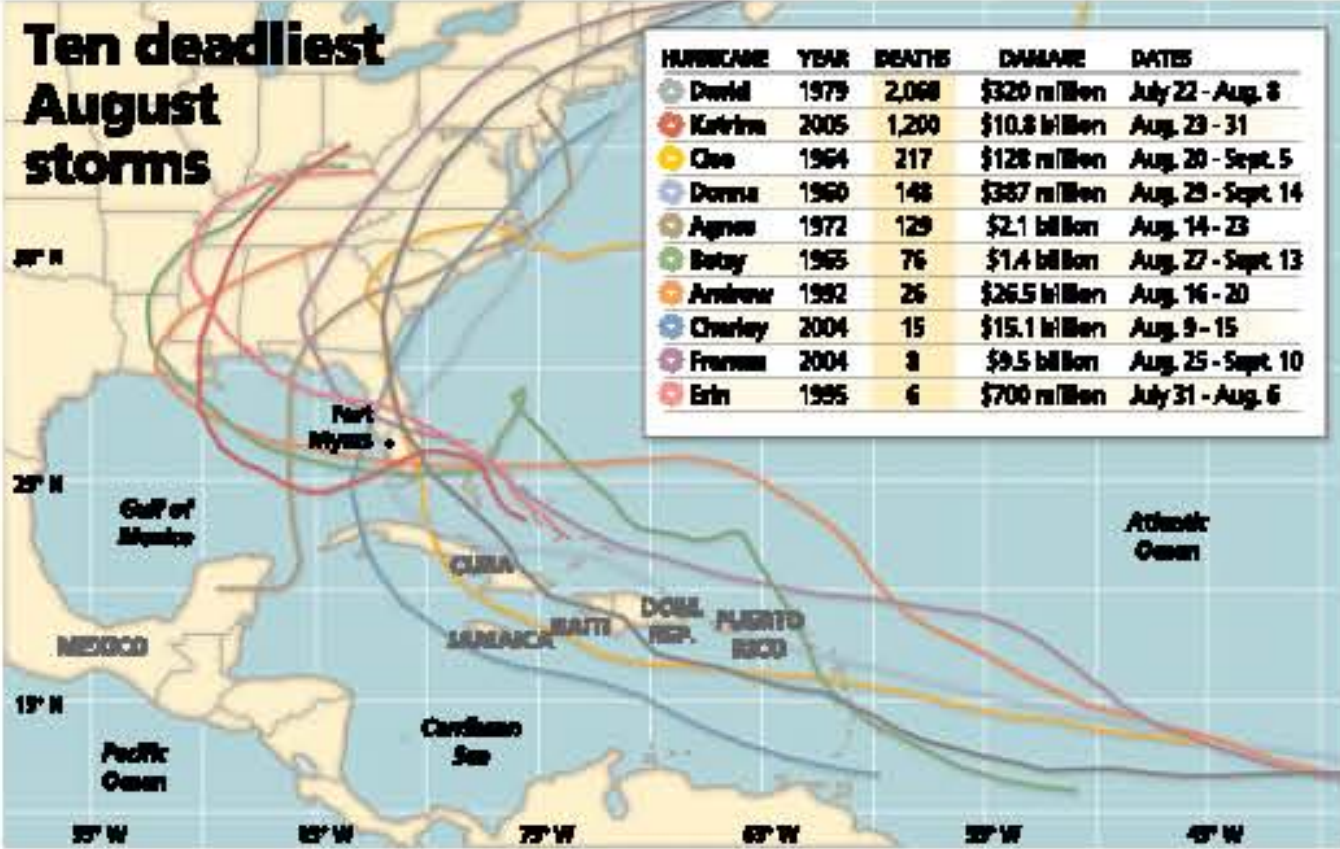
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ENVIRONMENT



AUGUST STORMS » Notable August hurricanes, from left, Donna (1960), Andrew (1992) and Charley (2004) left the Florida landscape scarred. Though there was not one storm this July, experts warn anything can still happen.

Storm's not yet past

As months in hurricane season go, July was as quiet as it can get. But we had record-breaking early disturbances, and experts say we should still stay on guard.



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Hurricane season 2012 might seem like a snoozer, but statistically speaking, it's been a record-setter: Tropical Storm Debby, which formed June 23, was the earliest fourth named storm in history.

Another interesting meteorological tidbit about this season, which runs June 1 through Nov. 30: Two tropical storms (Alberto and Beryl) formed in May, before the season even started.

"The only other time two storms formed before June 1 was 1887 and 1908, so that's kind of weird," said National Hurricane Center spokesman Dennis Felten. "And Beryl, which came ashore at Jacksonville Beach, was the strongest pre-June cyclone ever to make U.S. landfall."

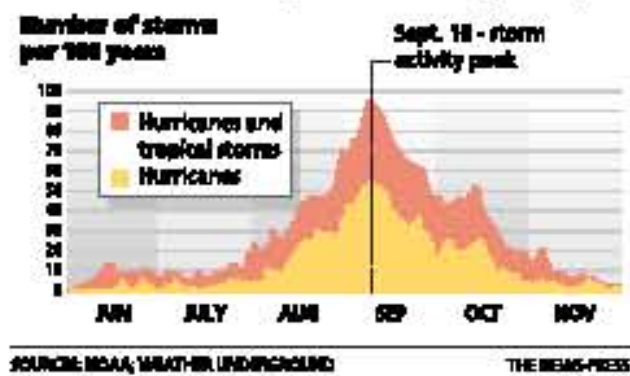
With the peak of the season approaching, storm activity may be accelerating. Tropical Storm Ernesto formed west of the Windward Islands on Thursday afternoon and is moving west at 20 mph with 35-mph maximum sustained winds.

"It's a long way away from you, but it could enter the Gulf of Mexico, and you've got to keep an eye on

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Peak of hurricane season

Although technically Sept. 1 is the midpoint of hurricane season, numbers show that, historically, Atlantic storm activity peaks Sept. 10.



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Fuccillo to open a second franchise

His success in Cape Coral record-breaking, he plans dealership in Port Charlotte.

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Port Charlotte is going to be huge in 2014.

Billy Fuccillo, the owner of Fuccillo Kia in Cape Coral, who made "huge" an omnipresent buzzword, plans to open a second Southwest Florida Kia dealership at U.S. 41 and Euclid Street in the Charlotte County community.



Fuccillo, speaking from New York where he was meeting with architects, said he is confident he can match the success of the record-setting dealership in Cape Coral.

"I know we can," Fuccillo said. "It's my kind of people in Port Charlotte, just like in Cape Coral." The Cape Coral dealership, which Fuccillo opened in December 2010, sold 1,188 cars this January on the back of a \$1 million monthly advertising budget to set a record.

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A VETERAN'S FUNERAL

War hero is gone; his stories live on

Alva's Solon Duncan, a POW of Korean War, "the best man that ever was."

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Solon Duncan of Alva was a quiet man who fought hard, loved life, suffered much and died a quiet hero.



It took the federal government 30 years to recognize his military contributions with full veterans benefits and medals due him.

But he did not leave the world unrecognized. Duncan, 82, a Korean War veteran and former prisoner of war, was buried in Alva Cemetery on Thursday with full military honors.

His stories remain behind. Duncan died Sunday of congestive heart failure.

"I would say he was the toughest man I

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Gallery: See more photos of Solon Duncan after he returned from the Korean War.

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