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US Takes on Gustav and Hanna

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Hurricane Gustav hit Houma, Louisiana on September 1st, 2008. The winds were clocked in at 110 miles per hour which is a strong category 2 storm. The storm made landfall around 11am in the morning. It was moving northwest to New Orleans and was about 65 miles away when it was redirected to Baton Rouge. This gave Baton Rouge about 6-10 inches of rain and gusts around 90mph which is Hurricane Force. New Orleans was seen as having dodged a bullet because they only had about 3-5 inches of rain with wind gusts of 70 to 75. The levees held very well with the only concern being the southerly wind pushing some water over them. There was very little flooding in the area since the storm was moving at around 15 mph.

As Gustav moved toward Texas the storm weakened and slowed down but held together enough to pour rain in Texas for about 2 to 3 days. Finally it moved from the Midwest to Illinois and Missouri and gave them about 2-4 inches of rain over the week of September 3rd. On September 4th, Chicago received 2.90 inches of rain and St. Louis received 3.06 inches of rainfall.

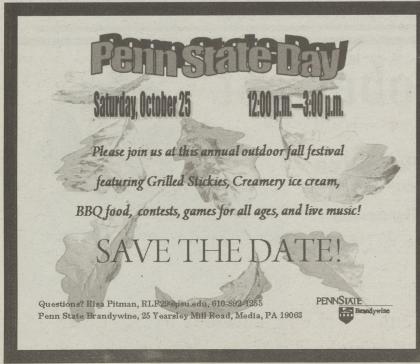
As of September 15th, 138 death had been attributed to Gustav in the U.S and the Caribbean. Damage had been totaled in the US as \$158 billion and \$3 billion in Cuba. Just as people were cleaning up from Gustav they had to start preparing for Tropical Storm Hanna.

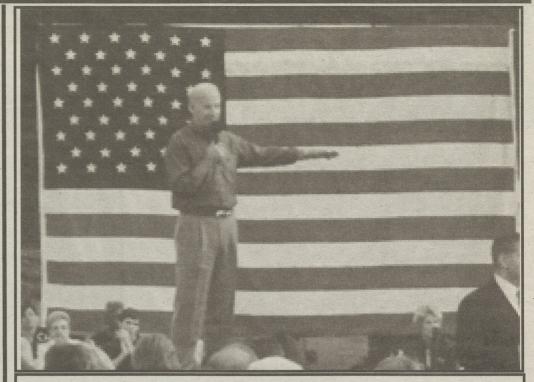
Hanna came ashore the border of North Carolina and South Carolina at 3:40 am on the morning of Saturday September 6th with 70 mile per hour winds and moving north at 20 miles per hour. It produced 4-7 inches of rain across the eastern Carolinas Friday the 5th though Saturday morning with wind gust along the coast to 70 mph. The highest gust recorded was 77 mph at Kure Beach, NC. As the storm moved up the mid Atlantic coast it produced wind gust off 60 mph along the Virginia coast and rainfall totals of 4-8 inches across the Washington, DC area.

Here in the Philadelphia area it rained late Friday night as the outer band of Hanna moved thorough. The early morning of Saturday, September 6th was cloudy and around 11am the rained picked up and did not stop until after 8pm. It also got very windy from 3pm-8pm and there was a tornado in the Allentown area that destroyed homes and a middle school in the city around 3:30pm. This storm produced rainfall totals of 2-5 inches west of Millville while less than 2 inches fell across the Jersey Shore. There was a wind gust of 56 mph n Atlantic City, NJ and in the Philadelphia area the gust was 30-40 mph.



Hurricane Gustav hurtles toward the Lousiana coast. (photo courtesy of the Associated Press and NOAA)





Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) gives a stump speech on behalf of his Presidential Candidate/running mate (D) Sen. Barack Obama at Linvilla Orchards in Media, PA. Pennsylvania is a key swing state in the Presidential election, along with Ohio and Florida. (photo by Paul DiPietro)

Advising & Career Services Outlook Fall 2008 Events



Senior Workshop Time to Find a Real Job Thursday, September 25 11:30am-12:15pm Room 205, Main Building

Discover Nursing and Alternatives Tuesday, September 30 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Room 205, Main Building

Career Fair Preparation
Resume, Dress for Success & Interview Skills
(attend one)
Tuesday, October 7, 11:30–12:15 in 205 Main
Wednesday, October 15, 12:30–1:15 in 205 Main

Career / Internship Fair Wednesday, October 22 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Commons Athletic Center

Got Classes? Degree Audit Workshop
Thursday, November 6
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Room 214, Main Building

Explore Graduate Schools
Thursday, November 13
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Room 205, Main Building

Change of Location Workshop
Wednesday, November 19
12:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Room 203, Commons

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