

# Isidore

## Tropical storm washes out scenic highway in Florida

**United Press International**  
BOCA RATON, Fla. — Tropical storm Isidore sloshed ashore with 50 mph winds Thursday, washed out a scenic highway and headed north along southeast Florida's populous coast with no more impact than a "bad thunderstorm."  
The heaviest weather was found in Vero Beach, about 50 miles north of the storm's center, where the National Hurricane Center said winds were gusting up to 45 mph to 50 mph.  
An Indian River County Sheriff's spokesman said there were high winds, some local flooding and a few power lines down. No injuries were

reported.  
"It's about like a bad thunderstorm here," he said.  
At midday the broad center of Isidore was just north of Palm Beach.  
Neil Frank, director of the National Hurricane Center said Isidore was moving "toward the north-northwest and parallel to the Florida coast north of Palm Beach."  
He said since much of the storm is still over water it did not weaken when it reached land as expected.  
"It would be prudent for residents north of Palm Beach to keep in close touch with advisories," said Mark Zimmer, another forecaster. "With no further intensification it is of pri-

mary interest to boaters."  
But he said since so much of the storm was still over water, intensification "is a possibility. We're watching it very carefully."  
Agricultural experts said Isidore's new northerly track reduced fears that its winds and rains could spread a highly contagious canker disease that is plaguing Florida's billion-dollar citrus industry.  
But Linda Perry of the Division of Plant Industry said that in three contaminated nurseries which could be in the path of the storm, 60 percent of the stock had been burned and there should be no problem.  
A scenic stretch of State Road

A1A which runs past a row of mansions on exclusive Palm Beach was washed away, and chunks of pavement had fallen into the surf 10 feet below.  
Trucks dumped in dirt and gravel to support the remainder of the highway.  
"In some spots, it looks like the road is good, but there is nothing underneath the pavement," said Palm Beach Police Officer Steve Middleton.  
He said high tides this time of year frequently erode the beach and the highway, but the storm made it worse.

# Soviets' exploration of space improving

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — The Soviets are improving in many areas of space exploration, and a panel of U.S. scientists says the improvement has been accompanied by a partial lowering of secrecy barriers.  
Russian scientists are telling Western scientists more of what they are earning, and the Russians are discussing future plans more with the West. The Russian scientists are also admitting their failures.  
This change in attitude is not an official policy, but it is noticeable on an individual level, a report on a meeting of 13 top U.S. space scientists said.

The scientists came together to assess the scientific advantages and disadvantages of U.S.-Soviet cooperation in space science.  
The scientists agreed at this meeting that as the Soviets become stronger in space science, the Soviets are more willing to provide detailed information about their plans and results.  
Even in the current political climate of mistrust, the report said, Soviet researchers have readily presented to the West findings from the current Venera radar satellites in orbit around the planet Venus. Some of these results were passed on to U.S. scientists before they were officially released in the Soviet Union.  
Russia's Venera Venus exploration program has been the most im-

# Probe of TI testing procedures begun

**United Press International**  
FORT WORTH — Unsatisfactory answers from some Texas Instruments officials prompted a criminal investigation of allegedly faulty test procedures on microchips TI sold for U.S. weapons systems, a Pentagon official said.  
Derek J. Vander Schaaf, the Pentagon's deputy inspector general, said at a Washington news conference Wednesday that a Sept. 6 meeting with top TI officials did not persuade him that human error was the only factor involved.  
"I got answers to some of my ques-

tions which led me to believe that it was more than just an internal control problem," he said. "That looked to be about 90 percent of the problem, but there were some other answers that said to me, 'Wait a minute, that potentially is criminal activity.'"  
Vander Schaaf would not name the TI officials at the Sept. 6 meeting or specify what prompted his suspicions.  
The Pentagon began its criminal investigation of the TI testing procedures about three weeks ago to determine if the firm deliberately cut corners in testing some 5,000 types

of microcircuits used in the nation's most sophisticated weapons systems.  
Vander Schaaf said it would take at least a few months and possibly longer to complete the Pentagon's review.  
"I can't have somebody walk in here and tell me they didn't do a bunch of tests that the Department of Defense paid for and tell me their side of the story and not want to look at the other side of the story," he said. "I'm not doing my job if I do that."  
The investigation will determine whether TI, the nation's 33rd largest

defense contractor last year, intentionally scrapped or modified tests to save money or speed deliveries of the chips to the major defense contractors buying them.  
Since Sept. 10 the Pentagon has refused to accept weapons from more than 80 contractors who used the suspect chips.  
TI has since begun reviewing the tests, which number up to 1,500, on each chip to check if they were done properly. After testing about half the chips, TI reported that more than 90 percent had previously been tested properly.

pressive of all that nation's space probes, the U.S. scientists said.  
Soviet landing craft have survived in the extremely hot, highly corrosive atmosphere of Venus for more than an hour while sending back pictures and conducting soil studies. The scientists said the current Venera satellites have shown many advanced capabilities.  
Although the U.S. is capable of individual technologies used on the Soviet Venera orbiters they will not be used on a U.S. mission until 1988, the report said.  
Harold Masursky, a planetary scientist who attended the meeting, said pictures from the Venera 15 and 16 satellites have helped the U.S. redesign and improve the radar experiment that will fly on the 1988 Venus mission.  
The Soviet Union is preparing to launch two spacecraft in December to land on Venus next June and then go on to explore Halley's Comet in March 1986.  
The report said the Soviet mission is a clear demonstration of the improved Soviet scientific capability. The U.S. scientist said the future Soviet mission will be more productive than similar missions planned by other countries.

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