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# Officials urge evacuation as hurricane nears coast

COCOA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Heavy rain from one of the most fearsome storms of the century began to lash the coast ahead of Hurricane Floyd last night as evacuees from Florida to the Carolinas streamed inland in bumper-to-bumper traffic.

Nearly two million people were told to get out of the way as Floyd skirted the north-central Florida coast, menacing an area from Cape Canaveral to Jacksonville with 140 mph winds. The monstrous, 600-mile storm — bigger than the whole state of Florida — threatened to roll ashore early tomorrow, probably in Georgia or South Carolina.

Heavy rain began falling from West Palm Beach to Cape Canaveral yesterday evening, with forecasters expecting tropical storm winds to come ashore just before dawn and hurricane force winds greater than 74 mph late this morning if the storm continued its current path.

By 8 p.m., Floyd was centered 205 miles east-southeast of Cape Canaveral, moving northwest at 12 mph. Its winds had eased from Monday's 155 mph, but it

was still a Category 4 storm, the second most powerful hurricane designation.

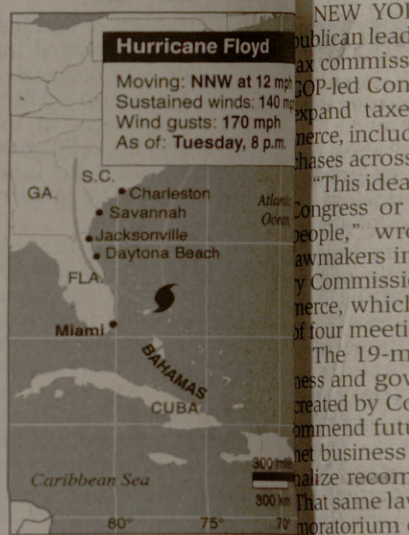
"If this thing parallels us, it could act like a weed-eater going up the coast," Craig Fugate of the Florida Emergency Operations Center said.

Forecasters expected the eye of the storm to come within 50 miles of Daytona Beach early this afternoon as it moves north. Landfall was projected close to Charleston, S.C., by early tomorrow, meteorologist Jeremy Pennington with the National Hurricane Center said.

Walt Disney World closed early because of the weather for the first time in its 28-year history. Other Orlando-area resorts like Universal Studios and SeaWorld also shut down.

At Cape Canaveral's nearly deserted Kennedy Space Center, 102 workers volunteered to stay behind to ride out Floyd, which NASA feared could destroy launch pads and the hangars where all four space shuttles are kept.

"Everybody else is gone," NASA spokesperson George Diller, one of the volunteers, said



by telephone from a building at the space center kind of eerie out here." President Clinton issued an empty disaster declaration for Florida and Georgia to enable recovery efforts to begin as early as possible. He also planned to turn a day early from his New Zealand.

# Union, automakers near deadline

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Contract talks between the United Auto Workers and automakers intensified yesterday as agreements covering 407,000 workers were due to expire at midnight.

In the past, the union has extended contracts past the deadline. No extension had been made by midafternoon, but experts said a strike that would threaten a boom year for the auto industry seems unlikely. The UAW has not called a national strike during contract negotiations since 1976.

The union, which has said little about the progress of the talks, appeared to be negotiating hardest with Daimler Chrysler AG.

Officials met at the German-American automaker's U.S. offices in Auburn Hills late into Monday night and resumed talks early yesterday.

"The negotiations are proceeding very, very well but it isn't over 'til it's over, and we'll all just have to see," Daimler Chrysler co-chair Robert Eaton said.

The UAW usually chooses one automaker to deal with first, then uses that deal as a template for other contracts. This year, union President Steve Stenero has kept talks going with both GM and Chrysler and refused to publicly name a target.

Both sides have released little information about the talks. Wages, job security, health-care costs and overtime demands and the assignment of outside suppliers were expected to be among the issues in this year's talks, as they were during the last round in 1996.

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