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## North Carolina readies for Irene

TARBORO, N.C. (AP) — The nearly one foot of rain dropped by Hurricane Irene is all but guaranteed to bring another round of flooding to North Carolina later this week, demoralizing people still reeling from Hurricane Floyd a month ago.

"You get lifted up and the next thing you know, something else happens," Karen Mabry, who was flooded out of her mobile home by Floyd and was kept out by Irene yesterday, said. She has been staying in an apartment supplied by the Red Cross but has had trouble sleeping.

"I keep waking up and looking out the window to make sure nothing else is happening," she said. "It's just terrible. It's horrible."

Barely hurricane strength, Irene soaked North Carolina's soggy coastal plain Sunday with up to 11 inches of rain before veering out into the Atlantic without ever coming ashore.

Irene was blamed for one death

in North Carolina, a motorist whose vehicle skidded into a tree. At least eight other people died as a result of the storm, five of them in Florida.

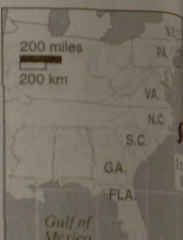
The rains once again sent streams from their banks and promised to produce more serious flooding later this week as runoff drains into the Tar, Neuse and Cape Fear rivers.

For the past two months, it has been one thing after another in eastern North Carolina.

First there was Hurricane Dennis, which battered the coast for a week before coming inland and dumping up to 8 inches of rain.

Two weeks later, Floyd poured 20 inches of rain on the region, causing 49 deaths here and the worst flooding in state history. Eight more inches fell less than two weeks after that. Irene came next.

To help flood victims cope, the Red Cross has sent 244 mental health workers to eastern North Carolina —



**Hurricane Irene**  
Moving: NE at 35 mph  
Sustained winds: 105 mph  
Wind gusts: 120 mph

Source: AccuWeather

more than for any other except the Oklahoma City bombing. "People are overwhelmed now by the fact that they have to clean up after the storm, and a mom and a dad and a grandchild in pop culture," said Ronardo.

Judy Farrar, a Red Cross health counselor in Tarboro yesterday that many people come "hypervigilant" — mindful of every change in every rainfall.

In Tarboro, at the height of Floyd's flooding Sept. 15, the River is expected to rise 4 feet above its 19-foot bank

## Petition to recall Ventura dismissed by chief justice

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A petition to recall Gov. Jesse Ventura was dismissed yesterday by Minnesota's chief justice, who said the ex-wrestler did not do anything wrong by making money off a book deal and public appearances.

The recall petition — the first in the state since it became legal in 1996 — was filed by environmentalist Leslie Davis, an unsuccessful write-in candidate for governor last year.

Davis claimed Ventura committed malfeasance by using the prestige of his office to secure a better book deal and a higher price for his return to the wrestling ring and by taking gifts and favors from his book publisher and wrestling promoter.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Kathleen Blatz said the allegations did not constitute grounds for a recall. She ruled that the governor's actions either were not within his official duties, or they were not illegal or wrongful.

Ventura spokesperson John Wodele said the ruling went as expected.

"The governor has always separated his private ventures from his responsibility as governor," he said. Davis said he is done with Ventura now and plans to return to his environmental work.

He had unsuccessfully tried to have Ventura prosecuted through the attorney general's office, two counties and the city of Minneapolis.

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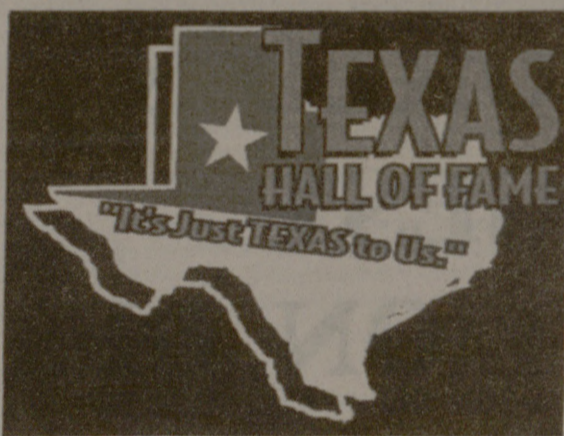
#### Website calculates life expectancy

NEW YORK (AP) — Want to know the most of your life? Consider a website to find out just how much you have.

If you enter your birth date and gender at [www.deathclock.com](http://www.deathclock.com), you will get your projected date of death. If you were born, say, on March 26, 2042, based on average life expectancy, you have 1.4 billion seconds left.

The Death Clock bills itself as "the Internet's friendly reminder that time is slipping away."

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