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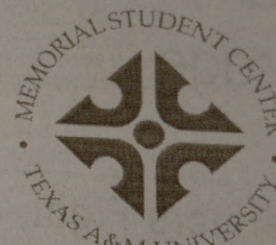
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**Application Deadline: Sept. 9, 5:00 p.m.**



# Tropical Storm Edouard off East coast near South Carolina

BEAUFORT, S.C. (AP) — Tropical storm watches were posted Monday along the southern half of South Carolina's coast, with Tropical Storm Edouard churning in the Atlantic Ocean about 200 miles offshore.

Edouard was upgraded to a tropical storm early Monday, and a tropical storm watch was issued shortly after. The warning zone stretched from Fernandina Beach, just north of Jacksonville, Fla., through all of coastal Georgia.

The storm, located 145 miles east of Jacksonville, had 40 mph winds and could bring heavy rain to Georgia's coastal areas later Monday or Tuesday, but its center is expected to stay offshore over the next three days, said Christopher Burr, a meteorologist with the National Hurricane Center in Miami. Some slight strengthening was expected.

As of 2 p.m. Monday, Edouard had maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. The storm was drifting east at 4 mph. Forecasters first thought the storm would parallel the South Carolina coast and end up just off Charleston by Wednesday morning.

Later predictions showed the storm moving more erratically, ending up just off the coast around Brunswick, Ga., on Wednesday.

Since the storm's movement is so inconstant, forecasters

decided to keep the watch posted along the South Carolina coast, said Hal Austin, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Charleston.

Forecasters don't think Edouard will strengthen into a hurricane. And since most of the thunderstorms with Edouard are east of the storm's center, forecasts don't call for flooding rain, Austin said.

For months, experts have hoped a tropical system would bring significant rain to South Carolina to help alleviate the state's drought, which began in the summer of 1998. But rain from Edouard is forecast to miss the worst-hit central and northern parts of the state, Austin said.

Parts of Georgia also have been struggling with a four-year drought, but the hardest hit areas are inland, where the storm would have the least impact, said Georgia state climatologist David Stooksbury.

"Right now, the area that's going to be primarily impacted is the coastal counties, and they are in the best shape already," Stooksbury said. "As far as the piedmont area and into north Georgia, there'll probably be no impact from this storm, if it follows the current track."

Athens, Ga., which just ended its second driest August on record with 0.14 inches for the month, is more than 200 miles offshore.

Local and state emergency officials in South Carolina noted the tropical storm watches, told their employees to monitor the storm, then went home to enjoy the holiday.

"We're just waiting and seeing right now," Charleston County Emergency Preparedness chief Dennis Clark said Monday. "We probably won't do anything else until tomorrow."

The sun came out for a short while in Beaufort on Monday after a week of showers, and the only people evacuating the island county were

vacationers returning to back to work Tuesday after long weekend.

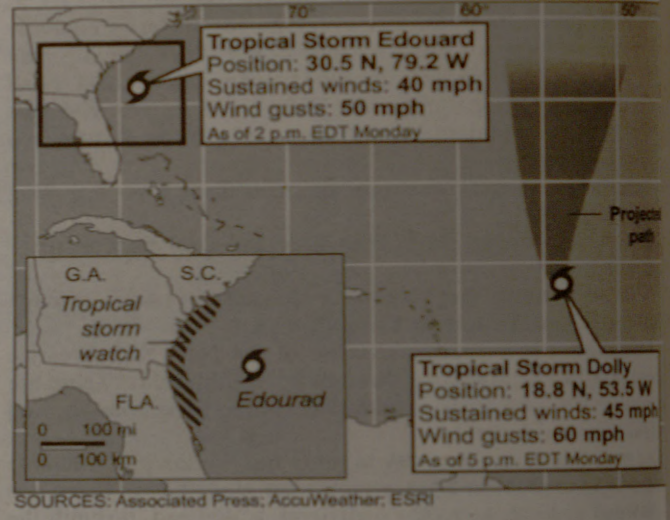
As far as locals are concerned, Edouard looks like more than a gusty squall, Gary Buehler, an employee of Fordham's Hardware.

Buehler said the store was quiet Monday, unlike two days ago during Tropical Storm Floyd, when concerned customers stocked up on emergency supplies.

"We have some real old equipment around here," Buehler said, "takes a lot to get them fixed."

## Tropical storms brewing in the Atlantic

Tropical Storm Edouard formed Monday off the coast of Florida. The slow moving storm is moving erratically. Tropical storm Dolly, but out to sea is expected to weaken and poses no threat to land.



# Marshal trained gun at detained man on plane

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A judge said he planned to complain to federal authorities about an air marshal who trained his gun on a passenger-filled jet cabin for 30 minutes after detaining a man.

Two armed marshals detained the man on Delta Flight 442, which was flying from Atlanta to Philadelphia with 183 people on board, because he allegedly was rummaging through other people's luggage.

One marshal then held his gun on the coach cabin passengers because some of them ignored orders to remain seated with their seat belts on, a spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration said Sunday.

"If people would have stayed in their seats and heeded those warnings, that would not have happened," said TSA spokesman Robert Johnson in Washington. "It's our opinion that it was done by the book."

After at least one passenger continued moving around the cabin, the marshal decided he needed to focus his weapon on the passenger area, part of the marshals' training, Johnson said.

While one marshal huddled over the detainee, the other stood by the cockpit door with his gun trained on the cabin, several passengers said.

Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge James A.

Lineberger, who was sitting diagonally across from the detained man, said he thought the marshal held his semiautomatic weapon on passengers for too long.

Lineberger said he hadn't noticed any disturbance before the marshals took the man to first class and restrained him.

Several minutes later, the judge said, the marshals returned to the coach cabin and pulled out their guns.

"I assumed at that moment that there was going to be some sort of gun battle," he said. "I'm looking right down the barrel of the gun as though it was pointed at me."

Lineberger said he plans to file a complaint with the TSA on Tuesday. He said about 30 other passengers also plan to complain.

Johnson said the TSA, which oversees federal air marshals, was still reviewing the marshals' response on the Saturday flight. The man the marshals detained was released and the U.S. Attorney's office decided not to press charges, said FBI spokeswoman Jerri Williams.

Johnson said that despite the passengers' complaints, he thought the marshals did what they needed to do to make sure the plane could land safely.

David and Susan Johnson of Mobile, Ala., said they hadn't been aware of any disturbance.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Elderly woman saves drowning man in pond

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — An 81-year-old woman dove into a pond and saved a fellow nursing home resident from drowning after a car the resident had been in plunged into the water.

"There wasn't anybody around," said Carolyn Kelly, who heard the accident and ran to help. "I've done a lot of swimming in my time."

Nina Hutchinson, 83, was taken to Louisiana State University Hospital after she was pulled from the pond. She died Monday, hospital officials said.

Her husband, Harley Hutchinson, 90, had been driving Sunday afternoon when he accidentally hit the gas pedal instead of the brake on his car and plunged into the pond.

Kelly, a fellow resident of the Glen Retirement Village, swam to the passenger's side of the car and held Nina Hutchinson's head out of the water until firefighters arrived, officials said.

### U.S. Muslim leaders condemn 9/11 attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — After hijacked airliners struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, American Muslim leaders released statements condemning the attacks, called on followers of Islam to help with the rescue effort and expressed sorrow to victims.

Yet, over the last several months they've learned many of their neighbors think U.S. Muslims did nothing. On the anniversary of the tragedy, they hope to change that impression with very public events meant to distinguish Islam from terrorism.

Several speakers at Islamic Society of North America convention, which ended Monday, said Muslims are not a fifth column in the United States and wanted terrorists to be punished.

Agha Saeed, national chairman of the American Muslim Alliance, a California-based advocacy group, urged the estimated 30,000 attendees at the convention to hold at least one event to express Muslim concerns.

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