### Hurricane Irene's storm bands begin lashing North Carolina

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MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. — Wrapping up its rut before ever reaching land, Hurricane Irene moved into Friday for a final rehearsal before slamming into the East Coast. More than 2 million people were told to move to safer places, and New York City ordered the nation’s biggest subway system shut down for the first time because of a natural disaster. As the storm’s enormous bands of wind and rain begin to lash the Outer Banks of North Carolina, authorities in points farther north beggled people to get out of harm’s way. The hurricane was still packing 100 mph winds late Friday, and officials in the Northeast, used to tropical weather, feared it could wreak devastation.

“Don’t wait. Don’t delay,” said Presi-
dent Barack Obama, who decided to cut short his trip to Latin America and return to Washington. “I cannot stress enough: If you are in the pro-
pjected path of this hurricane, you must take precautions now.”

Senior hurricane specialist Richard Pasch of the National Hurricane Center said there were signs that the hurricane may have weakened slightly but strong winds continued to extend 80 miles from its center.

The moment today when the eye of the hurricane crosses land “is not as important as just being in that big wind,” Pasch said. “And unfortunately, it’s a big target.”

Hurricane warnings were issued from New York to New Jersey and Texas soon posted farther north, as the islands of Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard in Massachusetts. Evacuation orders cov-
ered at least 2.5 million people, including 1 million in New Jersey, 35,000 in Mary-
land, 200,000 in North Carolina.

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### Finding peace

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Women find peace at home for veterans and the homeless

**Nancy Grijalva**

**The Californian**

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Nancy Grijalva said she was addicted to heroin for 28 years. From the moment she sunk into after suffering a severe brain injury as a medic in Afghanistan. “It’s calming, relaxing, loving peo-
ple. It’s everything I needed,” Phanachone says about the lodge.

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**US blamed in part for attack in Mexico**

**BY WILLIAM BOOTH**

WASHINGTON — Mexico President Felipe Calderón charged Friday that the U.S. govern-
ment, along with American drug consumers and gun dealers, was partly responsible for the deaths of 52 people killed in an arson attack at a casino in Monterrey.

“Wearing a black suit and tie as he addressed a startled rangers, Calderón laid the blame for the attack on American consumers and gun dealers,” the White House said.

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Three Mexican sources said the attack on the casino, the most daring and widespread assault-style weapons and billions of dollars in drug profits empower the criminal organizations that operate in Mexico.

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Tom Renegades make their case for playing time in final scrimmage

**By EYI CIORNE**

Cerritos and in club women’s gymnastics.

Founder and CEO James Leon said that "there was an attack" and vowed to remain a part-
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