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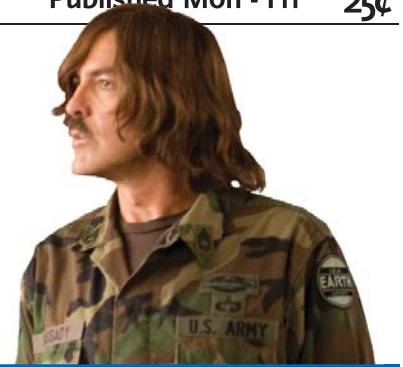
TERRY HIRSCH

New Brunswick
Canada's Acadian Region

Moncton, New Brunswick, located at the center of Atlantic Canada and central to the Fundy Coast, was the start of our Acadian Coastal Drive...

'A Christmas Carol,'
Michael Jackson, and
'Goats' Top of Box Office

Clooney's military comedy 'The Men Who Stare At Goats' opened at No. 3 with a solid \$13.3 million.



LAURA MACGRUDER/OVERTURE FILMS

Health
Care Reform
Bill Passes
House
Vote, Goes
to Senate

By JOSHUA PHILIPP
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In a narrow victory, the House of Representatives passed the Affordable Health Care for America Act in a 220-215 vote.

Health care reform has been a key point of President Barack Obama's agenda. The long-debated bill carries much of what he promised, and aims to bring health coverage to every American...

'Thanks to the hard work of the House, we are just two steps away from achieving health insurance reform in America,' said Obama in a statement...

In the Democratic-majority House, 39 Democrats voted against the bill and one Republican voted for it, accounting for the narrow margin.

'The House bill is dead on arrival in the Senate,' said Republican Senator Lindsey Graham on CBS's 'Face the Nation.'

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TOPPLING DOMINOS IN BERLIN



REMEMBRANCE GATHERING: Tourists gather to see the individually painted dominos along the former route of the wall in front of illuminated landmark Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, on Sunday...

Senators Gather to Celebrate Fall of Berlin Wall

By GARY FEUERBERG
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WASHINGTON—Washington is pausing this week to honor and reflect on the meaning of what happened 20 years ago in 1989, when on Nov. 9, after a wave of civil discord, the East German government allowed East Berliners to pass through the wall to West Berlin.

and communist areas for 28 years, began to be demolished, piece by piece.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel in a speech Nov. 3, before a joint session of Congress, gave a very personal description through an interpreter of what it felt like on the other side of the wall when it fell.

'Where there used to be a dark wall, a door suddenly opened, and we all walked through it, out into the streets, into the churches, across borders,' she said in the

speech. 'Each and everyone was suddenly given the chance to build something new, to help shape things, to dare a new beginning. I, too, sought a new beginning. I left my work as a physicist in the Academy of Science in East Berlin behind me and went into politics, because I was finally able to do something to make a difference, because I had gained the impression now things can be changed; now you can do something.'

PLEASE SEE BERLIN WALL ON WORLD

Hurricane
Ida Gathers
Strength

By GENEVIEVE LONG
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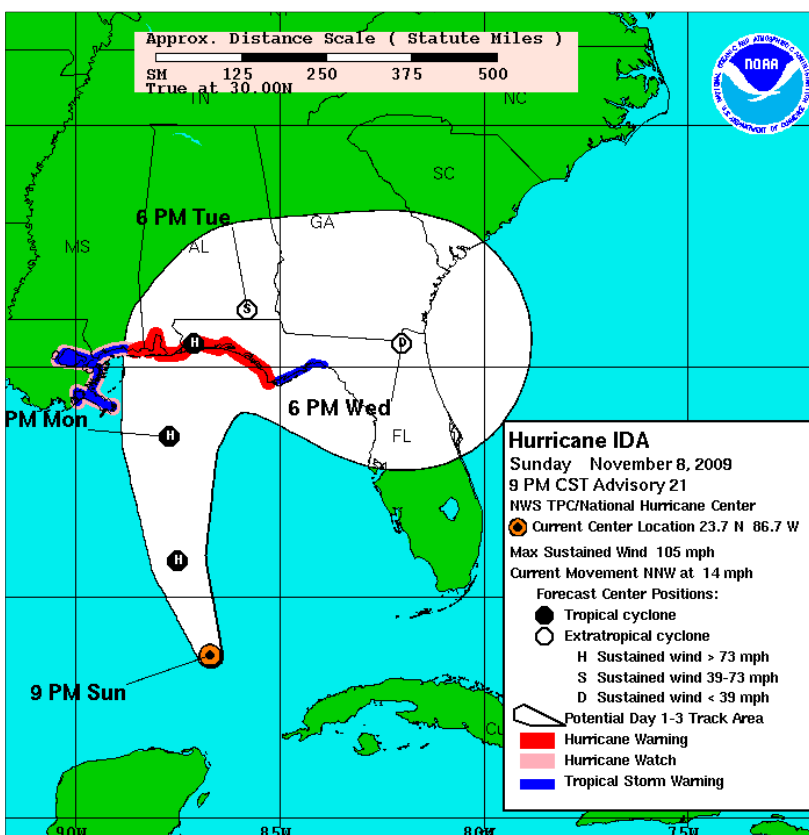
A hurricane warning is in effect through Tuesday for the northern Gulf Coast of the United States, according to the National Weather Service.

Hurricane Ida was expected to produce rain and winds across the central and eastern Gulf Coast, increasing into Monday and Tuesday.

Ida is a category two hurricane and is expected to produce three to five inches of rain, with up to eight inches in some areas. Rain is expected to reach as far north as the eastern portions of the Tennessee Valley and the southern Appalachians.

Tropical storm force winds or greater, at about 150 mph are expected on Monday, with the highest gusts on Monday night reaching about 98 mph.

A hurricane is defined as an intense tropical weather system with stable circulation and sustained winds of 74 mph or higher. In the western North Pacific, hurricanes



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are called typhoons, and similar storms in the Indian Ocean are called cyclones.

Typically, about 11 tropical storms develop in the Atlantic Ocean every year, six of which become hurricanes. In the space of three years, the U.S. coastline is hit about five times with

hurricanes.

A category two hurricane such as Ida typically has winds of 96-110 mph, downs some trees, damages exposed mobile homes, some roofing materials, windows, and doors. The storm surge of a category two is usually six to eight feet above normal.

Motorola's DROID Unlikely
to Dent iPhone Sales

By ANTONIO PEREZ
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NEW YORK—Motorola's highly anticipated DROID smartphone went on sale last Friday.

Dubbed as the next 'iPhone-killer,' Verizon and Motorola invested untold sums to market the device, which is the first phone to run Google Android 2.0 operating system.

The innovative 'iDont, DROID Does' ad campaign—which has appeared on TV, in print, and even in Times Square—for the DROID focused on the smartphone's features that Apple Inc.'s iPhone cannot match. The DROID is packed to the brim with the latest features, including a 3.7 inch touch screen, a slide-out keyboard, multitasking, and wi-fi connectivity.

'This is an exciting announcement for Verizon Wireless, as the DROID by Motorola is the first device that we are bringing to market under our ground-breaking strategic partnership with

Google,' said John Stratton, executive vice president and chief marketing officer for Verizon Wireless in a statement.

'DROID by Motorola gives customers a lifestyle device with access to more than 12,000 applications that will help them stay in touch, up to date and entertained, using the best 3G network in the country.'

Verizon's first experiment to combat AT&T's iPhone sales flopped last year, as sales of the company's Blackberry Storm have been deemed lukewarm at best. The company desperately needs an entertainment device to compete with AT&T.

While Android's 12,000 applications pales in comparison to the more than 150,000 titles available in the iPhone App Store, analysts believe Google's Android—with third-party developer and manufacturer support—could achieve the functionality and usability of Apple's iPhone OS.

PLEASE SEE DROID ON A6

Staten
Island
Rep. Votes
Against
Health
Care Bill

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NEW YORK—One Democratic U.S. representative from New York City has gone against the grain of his own party by voting against the historic health care bill that passed the House of Representatives on Saturday night.

'I believe that the net negatives of this bill outweigh the positive effects for Staten Island and Brooklyn residents.'

— Rep. Michael McMahon

Rep. Michael McMahon of Staten Island and Brooklyn criticized the bill, which puts health care more in the hands of the government, for being too expensive, increasing taxes too much, and cutting Medicare too much.

'I believe that the net negatives of this bill outweigh the positive effects for Staten Island and Brooklyn residents,' said McMahon, in a statement posted before the bill passed.

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STOCK INDEX

Table with 3 columns: Index Name, Value, Change. Includes Dow 10,023.42 (+17.46 +0.17%), Nasdaq 2,112.44 (+7.12 +0.34%), and S&P 500 1,069.30 (+2.67 +0.25%).

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