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ESCAPE: Jackie Sparnackel abandons her van near the Frisco Pier in North Carolina. The storm was downgraded to a Category 1 hurricane as it made landfall in the state Saturday, but still packed 85-mph winds.

Slow-motion Irene soaks East Coast

The storm lands in North Carolina. A million lose power and nine are dead.

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REPORTING FROM
MOREHEAD CITY, N.C.

Hurricane Irene, a ferocious and slow-moving storm, smashed into North Carolina, then slowly swirled its way up the Eastern Seaboard, flooding low-lying areas, knocking out power to as many as a million customers and forcing the densely populated regions of Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and New York City to take unprecedented steps as they braced for impact.

At least nine people died — in car accidents, in robust surf, by heart attack and by falling trees — in North Car-

olina, Virginia and Florida. Forecasters said Irene was expected to continue its northward path through New England before weakening early Sunday morning. The youngest victim, an 11-year-old boy, died when a tree crashed through his apartment building in Newport News, Va.

In the first areas to feel the hurricane's punch, though, there was minor flooding and major relief.

"It's not nearly as bad as it could have been," said Bobby Outten, manager of Dare County, which includes Roanoke Island and much of the Outer Banks, a vulnerable stretch of Carolina coast.

Nearby Nags Head, a fragile barrier island, escaped. [See Hurricane, A18]

New York City's weird weekend

No transit. No Broadway shows. What's a New Yorker to do? **NATION, A19**

9/11, TEN YEARS AFTER | THE COST OF SECURITY

Has all the spending paid off?

Each year, \$75 billion is doled out to help ensure the nation's safety.

KIM MURPHY
REPORTING FROM OGALLALA, NEB.

On the edge of the Nebraska sand hills is Lake McConaughy, a 22-mile-long reservoir that in summer becomes a magnet for Winnebagos, fishermen and kite sailors. But officials here in Keith County, population 8,370, imagined this scene: an Al Qaeda sleeper cell hitching explosives onto a ski boat and plowing into the dam at

the head of the lake. The federal Department of Homeland Security gave the county \$42,000 to buy state-of-the-art dive gear, including full-face masks, underwater lights and radios, and a Zodiac boat with side-scan sonar capable of mapping wide areas of the lake floor.

Up on the lonely prairie, Cherry County, population 6,148, got thousands of federal dollars for cattle nose leads, halters and electric prods — in

case terrorists decided to mount biological warfare against cows.

In the Los Angeles suburb of Glendale, where police fear militants might be eyeing DreamWorks Animation or the Disney creative campus, a \$205,000 Homeland Security grant bought a 9-ton BearCat armored vehicle, complete with turret. More than 300 BearCats — many acquired with federal money — are now deployed by police across [See 9/11, A14]

Crash death hits neighborhood hard

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Residents along this perilous stretch of the Pasadena Freeway say they've seen and heard it all: screeching tires, shattering glass, mangled cars and drivers crying out for help.

Only a fence and a concrete divider separate their neighborhood from three narrow, twisting lanes of the southbound 110 Freeway. Crashes are a backdrop to their lives, especially during

the rainy season, and offering help to distressed drivers has become second nature.

Still, residents were struggling with the tragedy that unfolded before their eyes Friday evening, just north of York Boulevard, when an SUV rear-ended a stopped Nissan Altima, causing it to burst into flames. Inside the burning vehicle was an 11-month-old girl, strapped into her car seat. Her mother, unable to reach her amid the smoke and flames, screamed for help.

[See Crash, A22]



RESPONDER: Salvador Martinez, 36, of Highland Park, one of the first to get to the scene of the crash, was burned when he tried to save the little girl.

They've come far, with far yet to go

Two Libyan cousins who fought against Kadafi reflect with pride and wonder.

BORZOU DARAGAH
REPORTING FROM
TRIPOLI, LIBYA

The two cousins still couldn't believe it. Just six months ago, they were working-class guys in the coastal town of Misurata making ends meet in Moammar Kadafi's Libya. Now they were in their pickup cruising around the capital. A capital they controlled.

Abdul Hamid Issa, 46, was a construction worker, Mohammad Issa, 45, a carpenter. But then came the "Arab Spring."

In February, inspired by the revolutions in neighboring Egypt and Tunisia, the two men were among the

first to take part in peaceful protests against the man who had ruled their country since they were children.

Then, confronted by the full force of Kadafi's military, they and thousands of others took up arms, organized themselves into a ragtag army, built homemade armored vehicles, set up satellite Internet connections and mobile hospitals, and began to fight for their lives.

And they won. "We are building a new Libya," said Mohammad. "The sacrifices we made [See Libya, A8]

The 'Arab Spring'

Libyan rebellion may alter uprisings in Syria and Yemen. **WORLD, A6**

In Tripoli

As rebels consolidate control of the city, bodies are found. **WORLD, A10**



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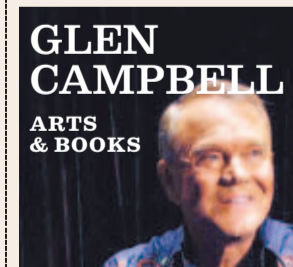
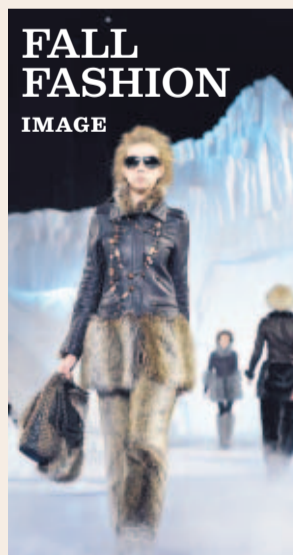
Al Qaeda death
The terrorist group's No. 2 leader is killed in Pakistan. **WORLD, A3**

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