

N.C. Counties, FEMA Form Protective Plan

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Six central North Carolina counties will partner with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in a program designed to make communities less vulnerable to damages from disaster.

FEMA's Project Impact: Building Disaster-Resistant Communities will

bring \$300,000 for disaster prevention to the counties of Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Orange and Wake.

The goal of the program, which was announced Wednesday by U.S. Reps. Bob Etheridge and David Price, both D-N.C., is to stop the damage-repair-damage cycle common to most natural disasters.

"Planning for disasters and working

to build disaster-resistant communities can reduce the loss of life and property," Etheridge said.

FEMA has spent more than \$25 billion over the last 10 years to rebuild disaster-stricken areas, including nearly \$2 billion in North Carolina for Hurricane Floyd last year. FEMA estimates that for every dollar spent in prevention, two dollars will be saved in repairs.

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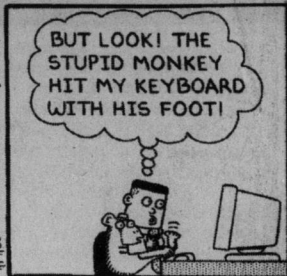
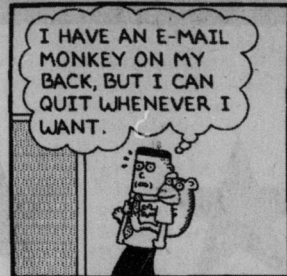
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 - Swimming hole
 - Musical medley
 - French actress
 - Anouk
 - Ashtabula's lake
 - Brooches
 - Like good air
 - Enos
 - Secondhand deal
 - Fireworks explosion
 - Aaron
 - Something of value
 - Ages and ages and ages
 - Yeats offering
 - Bryn College
 - Portents
 - 6/6/44 remembrance
 - Japanese novelist Kobo
 - Dwelling
 - Pose starter?
 - David
 - Pope who negotiated with Attila the Hun
 - Internet greenhorn
 - Boaz

- DOWN**
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 - In existence
 - Tigers and Cubs
 - Gauzy fabric
 - Buffalo hockey team
 - Currency of

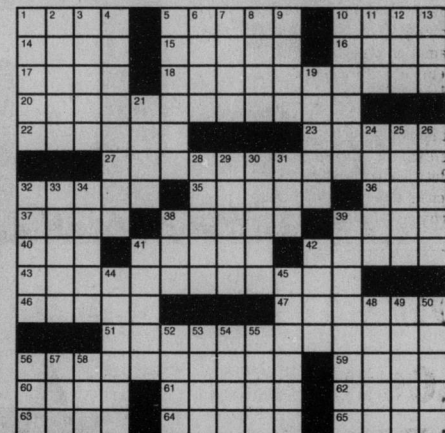
- Capri**
- Conclusion of grace
 - Anthropologist
 - Margaret
 - Solidifies
 - Goober
 - Sphere
 - Tanker's cargo
 - Confederate general
 - Bindlestiffs
 - Language: suff.
 - Valerie Harper sitcom
 - City on the Meuse
 - Deuce toppers
 - De Valera of Ireland
 - Burpee pur-

- chase**
- Skeleton
 - E.R. staff members
 - Accumulate
 - Wooden shoe
 - Nifty
 - Seller's \$ equivocation
 - Recoiled
 - Love affair
 - Very French?

- 44 Olympic discus legend**
- Habituates
 - Count of jazz
 - Nonsensical
 - Ford failure of the '50s
 - Upholstery nail
 - Place on the payroll
 - Aberdeen dagger

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 - Logical starter?
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