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As Hurricane Isabel landed in North Carolina on Wednesday afternoon, the water in the Bogue Sound rose above the docks and flooded the streets of downtown Morehead City.

## ISABEL LANDS

*4 dead across east, 338,000 without power in North Carolina as 100 mph storm pummels coast*

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MOREHEAD CITY — Hurricane Isabel hit this city hard, dropping several inches of precipitation in less than 24 hours and displacing hundreds of families.

Some streets and parking lots lay submerged underwater while siding, shingles and other debris were blown across the roadway.

More than 300 people congregated at the Red Cross Shelter at West Carteret High School — which is in a high-lying area of Morehead City.

Lying on cots, inflatable mattresses and mounds of blankets, they tried to sleep through the night as the wind and rain beat on the windows and doors.

One person asked if the rain outside was the worst of Isabel. "When it comes, you'll know," a man smoking a cigar replied, motioning to the sky. "This here is nothing. This is everyday rain."

The mild Category 2 hurricane that days earlier threatened 160 mph winds rolled in early Thursday afternoon just south of isolated Ocracoke Island.

Isabel caused a roughly 5-foot surge along the coast and packed a 100 mph punch, with gusts as

strong as 110 mph.

Counties along the northeastern coast were awash with water. Across the state, trees and power lines fell, but few severe hurricane-related injuries were reported.

An employee of the Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative electrocuted himself while attempting to restore power.

No other deaths were reported in North Carolina, but four deaths were reported by press

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DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

Guillermo (left) and Erika Sanchez stay with their son Guillermo M. at the E.B. Aycock Middle School shelter in Greenville on Wednesday as they wait out Hurricane Isabel.

### Coastal shelters offer residents peace, safety

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ELIZABETH CITY — They played card games long into the night against a soundtrack of myriad voices softly mumbling in Spanish.

Some couples huddled together on makeshift beds, while tired-looking women cradled and soothed their infants in tandem. As teenage boys challenged themselves with Rubix cubes and board games, a solitary woman worked her way through a thick paperback romance novel. Occasionally, a member of the endless

cycle of smokers would peek back inside the shelter to give an update on the increasing wind speed.

But few seemed apprehensive at the rapid approach of Hurricane Isabel. Flooding did eventually occur in low-lying areas in Camden and Pasquotank counties, said Mary Rhodes, interim city manager for Camden County. Damage primarily consisted of widespread power outages and roads blocked by fallen trees.

At press time, no hurricane-related

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DTH/LAUREN PARKER

Workers from Chapel Hill Public Works clear power lines Wednesday. A 200-year-old tree fell, blocking East Franklin Street at Park Place and taking down power lines.

### Some endure outages as trees fall to storm

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Hurricane Isabel might have spared local residents widespread damage, but the storm still left a blanket of debris and power outages across town and the University campus Thursday.

After making landfall on the North Carolina coast at 1 p.m., the hurricane moved into Chapel Hill midafternoon, leaving fallen trees and downed power lines in its wake.

While Hurricane Isabel's strong winds

left broken tree limbs and leaves scattered across the campus quads, the heavy rainfall did not result in any flash flooding on major roads.

As a handful of students walking on campus late afternoon struggled to keep their umbrellas intact, local business owners watched the blustery weather conditions from their storefronts on Franklin Street.

Such conditions and the significant power line damage they caused, were of no

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#### WEATHER

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**SATURDAY** Mostly sunny, H 83, L 60  
**SUNDAY** Partly cloudy, H 81, L 60

