

Re: Katrina, British style

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On Wed, 25 Jul 2007 00:19:22 +0000 (UTC), don@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (Don Klipstein) wrote:

In article <qQspi.20107\$rL1.17128@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Joerg wrote:

DaveC wrote:

We actually had such an event in North Scottsdale in the mid '70's. Tornado roared thru, left my house standing except for fence damage, but several people's roofs in my pool :-(

Then it rained for three days. Left us as an island. They flew water and food, baby diapers, etc., into Cocopah Elementary School (a block away) in helicopters.

I remember that. I was in Tucson in college then. We got wet, but nothing like the Phoenix area...

Probably seems odd, to non-desert rats, that in the middle of the desert you can drown.

I remember camping in the desert way north of Phoenix. Bone dry, blistering sun, not a whiff of a cloud anywhere. A ranger came by and told us to get out of there, and pronto. There would be water roaring through here in a few hours, he said.

Probably from thunderstorms blowing up near an edge of a mountainous or otherwise elevated area upstream from the area in question.

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This is occasionally an actual problem in some desert areas of the southwest USA, and I suspect also in some nearby areas of Mexico.

– Don Klipstein (don@xxxxxxxxx)

Yep. We've had a couple days straight of evening nasty storms.

Then steady rain last night, which was nice.

Steady light rain this morning, with sudden squalls down to zero visibility... then I discovered that my blue-blocker sun glasses gave good visibility in the worst of it.

We've had half our yearly allotment of rain in the past three days ;-)

...Jim Thompson

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