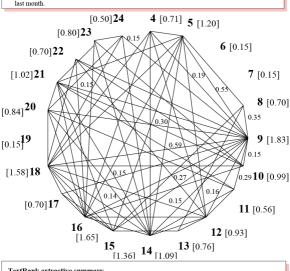
- 3: BC-HurricaineGilbert, 09-11 339 4: BC-Hurricaine Gilbert, 0348
- 5: Hurricaine Gilbert heads toward Dominican Coast
- 6: By Ruddy Gonzalez
- 7: Associated Press Writer
- 8: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (AP)
- 9: Hurricaine Gilbert Swept towrd the Dominican Republic Sunday, and the Civil Defense alerted its heavily populated south coast to prepare for high winds, heavy rains, and high seas.
- 10: The storm was approaching from the southeast with sustained winds of 75 mph gusting to 92 mph.
- 11: "There is no need for alarm," Civil Defense Director Eugenio Cabral said in a television alert shortly after midnight Saturday.
- 12: Cabral said residents of the province of Barahona should closely follow Gilbert's movement.

 13: An estimated 100,000 people live in the province, including 70,000 in the city of Barahona,
- about 125 miles west of Santo Domingo
- 14. Tropical storm Gilbert formed in the eastern Carribean and strenghtened into a hurricaine Saturday night.
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- 17. The weather service issued a flash flood watch for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands until at least 6 p.m. Sunday.
- 18: Strong winds associated with the Gilbert brought coastal flooding, strong southeast winds, and up to 12 feet to Puerto Rico's south coast.
- 19: There were no reports on casualties
- 20: San Juan, on the north coast, had heavy rains and gusts Saturday, but they subsided during the night.
- 21: On Saturday, Hurricane Florence was downgraded to a tropical storm, and its remnants pushed inland from the U.S. Gulf Coast.
- 22: Residents returned home, happy to find little damage from 90 mph winds and sheets of rain.
- 23: Florence, the sixth named storm of the 1988 Atlantic storm season, was the second hurricane. 24: The first, Debby, reached minimal hurricane strength briefly before hitting the Mexican coast



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