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*Summer Salsa fires up the night*



After grabbing sombreros and maracas, Helen Ann Federspiel, left, and Kira Krumm shake to the salsa music of Conjunto Kafe on Aug. 27 at the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce's Summer Salsa dinner and dance at the Hideaway Beach Club. See more photos on page 18A. Garrett Hubbard/Staff

## Katrina kind to Marco

*Hurricane makes unexpected turn away from Southwest Florida before devastating northern Gulf Coast*

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As Hurricane Katrina lashed westward across South Florida, then veered north toward Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, it made landfall along three coasts.

Florida's east coast was left in the damage zone, but the southern areas of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi were left under a layer of water. Southwest Florida, though, remained largely unscathed.

The storm's surprise path on Aug. 26 surprised local officials, but they were relieved.

At one point during the predawn hours, Katrina seemed headed directly for Marco

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Hurricane Katrina  
survivors 60A