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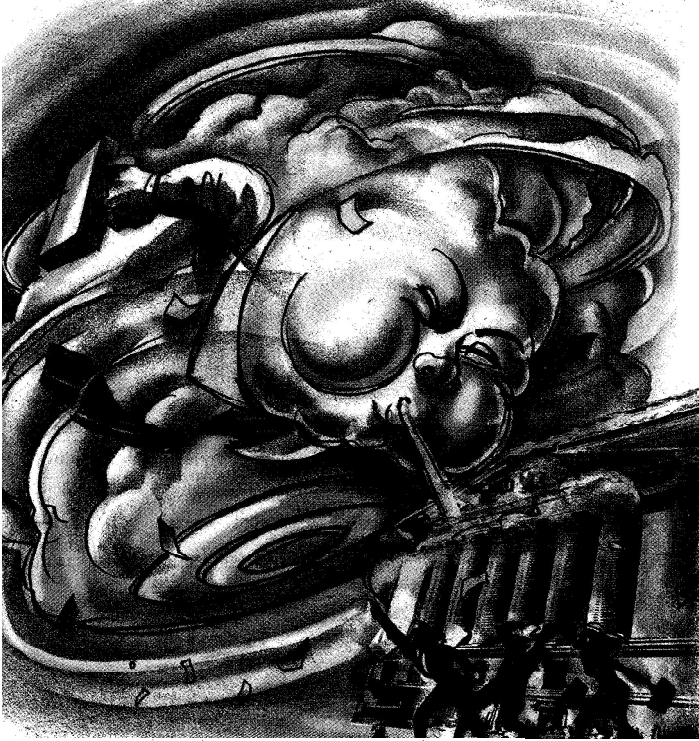
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## Investors Gird for Storm Season

Energy Sector May Offer Cover



*Energy Sector May Offer Cover  
for a Major Hurricane Strikes;  
Airlines, Some Retailers Won't*

By SCOTT PATTERSON

**W**ITH TROPICAL STORM  
Chris moving its way  
through the Atlantic, it  
could be time for investors  
to think again about hurri-  
cane-proofing their portfolios.

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Another way to hedge against an oil shock:

clean-energy investments—such as the **New Alternatives Fund**, a Melville, N.Y., mutual fund, or **PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy ETF**—which tend to rally when oil prices surge. Last summer, the PowerShares ETF rose more than 10% from early August through September as hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck the Gulf Coast, helped by stocks such as **Ballard Power Systems Inc.**, a fuel-cell producer, and **Active Power Inc.**, which supplies utilities for outages. The ETF rose 2.2% yesterday.