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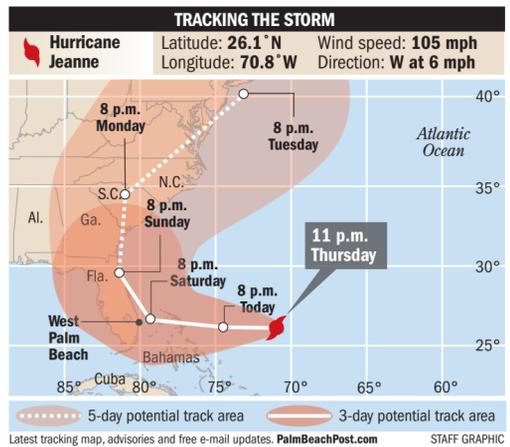
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Diane Kelly of West Palm Beach waits in line at the Home Depot on Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard to buy gas containers to power a generator. GREG LOVETI/Staff Photographer



Erratic Jeanne threatens area

By ELIOT KLEINBERG and MARY MCLACHLIN
Palm Beach Post Staff Writers

Florida's east coast awoke Thursday to the eerie feeling of being trapped in a storm season scripted by Stephen King, one in which fiendishly unpredictable hurricanes die and are reborn, or circle like stalking predators before turning to attack.

From Boca Raton to Fort Pierce, residents braced for the unthinkable: Being slammed by a second hurricane in three weeks and the fourth to hit the state in six weeks, an assault unprecedented in meteorological records. Fears of more flooding, damage and power outages rattled the nerves of thousands of people still recovering from the pounding of Hurricane Frances on Labor Day weekend.

Hurricane Jeanne, blamed for more than 1,100 deaths in the Caribbean, churned toward the Bahamas and Florida on a path that would bring it ashore between West Palm Beach and Cape Canaveral early Sunday, according to the National Hurricane Center's forecast track.

Forecasters continued to warn that the three-day "cone of probability" covers the entire Florida peninsula.

At 11 p.m., Jeanne was 613 miles east of Palm Beach. It was moving west at 6 mph with top sustained winds of 105 mph — just 6

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Power shortage

FPL warns area residents to expect extended outages again, 1D

Shopping frenzy

Water, plywood and batteries are among the hot items, 21A

Jeanne Q&A

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Time to gas up

Supplies are plentiful, but motorists should expect to wait in line, 22A

Lessons learned

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Football disruptions

The storm could force changes for the Dolphins and FAU, 1B

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High court rejects law Bush used to restart woman's tube feedings

By DARA KAM
Special to The Palm Beach Post
TALLAHASSEE — State lawmakers were wrong to give Gov. Jeb Bush the power to force feeding and hydration tubes to be reinserted into a severely brain-damaged Tampa woman, the Florida Supreme Court unanimously ruled Thursday.

Although Terri Schiavo will remain on life support for at least 10 more days, the



Schiavo: Terri's Law was legislators' effort to trump the courts, state justices say

decision brings years of legal wrangling between her husband, Michael, and her parents to a new juncture

that could be the beginning of the end, said Michael Schiavo's attorney, George Felos.

The legislature crafted a bill last fall giving Bush the authority to order Schiavo reconnected to the feeding tubes that have kept her alive for a decade. The law came after a Tampa judge granted Michael Schiavo's request to have them removed.

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Bill protects 'under God' in pledge

The House votes to bar U.S. courts from Pledge of Allegiance changes.

By CARL HULSE
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Republican-led House approved a measure Thursday that would bar federal courts from ruling on the text of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Democratic critics called the bill unconstitutional and unnecessary.

By a vote of 247-173, the House adopted the measure, which its Republican authors said would prevent federal judges from striking the clause "under God" from the pledge as

it is recited in classrooms as well as at the opening of every congressional day.

"The simple question is whether or not school kids are going to say the Pledge of Allegiance the way we have said it for the last 50 years," said Rep. Todd Akin, R-Mo., an author of the measure.

The mainly Democratic opponents of the measure said it was not so simple, condemning the proposal as the latest in a series of Republican efforts to circumvent the constitutional separation of powers.

They said it also was an obvious effort to create a divisive issue before the Nov. 2 election. In June, the Supreme Court, without ruling on the merits of the case, set aside a

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