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Schools to close early

Public schools in Palm Beach County will close early today and remain closed Friday. After-school events have been canceled.

Shelters will be opened

Residents can go to Park Vista High, Boynton Beach High, Atlantic High, West Boca High, Boca High, Lake Shore Middle and Palm Beach Central.

Tri-rail service uncertain

Tri-Rail will operate normally today, but Friday service is uncertain. Once sustained winds exceed 35 mph, both Tri-Rail and Amtrak will stop running.

PBIA may halt operations

Palm Beach International Airport expects a normal schedule this morning, but cannot predict whether that will be the case this afternoon.

FPL ready to restore power

FPL will provide power restoration forecasts through the media, on FPL's Web site — www.fpl.com — and at (800) 4OUTAGE.

Katrina bears down



GASSING UP JUST IN CASE: Susan Crews directs traffic Wednesday into the Murphy USA gas station in front of Wal-Mart on the corner of Belvedere Road and State Road 7 in Royal Palm Beach.

TAYLOR JONES/Staff Photographer

Surprise evolved as depression fueled wave

By TIM O'MELIA
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Eleven days ago, Tropical Depression 10 dissolved in the mid-Atlantic Ocean and disappeared from the storm consciousness of South Florida.

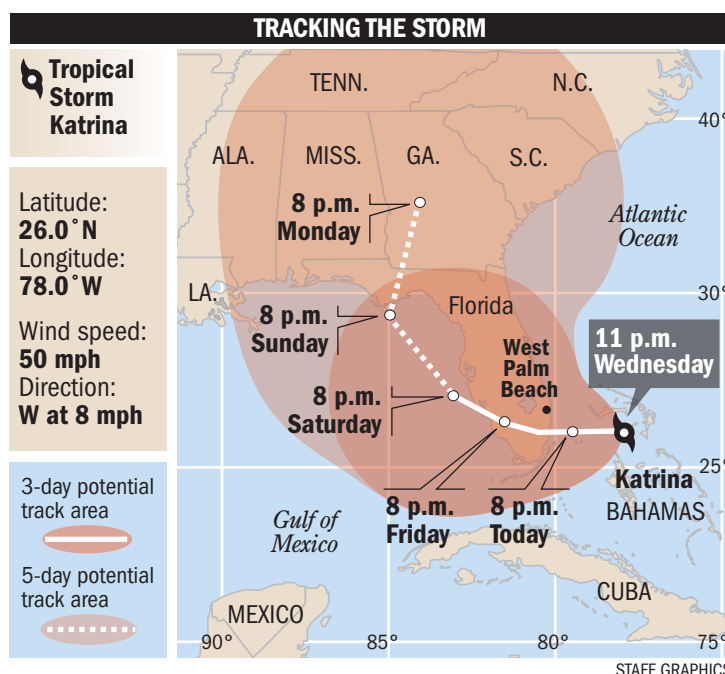
Wednesday morning, it was back as Tropical Depression 12, a disorganized flock of clouds and showers in the Bahamas.

Friday morning, it may be Hurricane Katrina, swirling ashore in South Florida almost before anyone has a chance to run to Home Depot for plywood.

"I did not know until my wife told me this morning. It came very fast," said Francisco Cabrera, standing in line with two jugs of water at a Winn-Dixie supermarket on Belvedere Road in West Palm Beach.

Katrina is the kind of sneak-attack storm that surprises the public, puts pres-

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Slow-moving storm could reach hurricane strength

By ROBERT P. KING
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Today it gets ugly. South Florida is bracing for a full night of gale-force winds and three days of torrential downpours, an onslaught expected to cause flooding, power outages, closed schools, downed trees and shortages of the most basic necessities.

All this is courtesy of Tropical Storm Katrina, a slow, soggy, squally mess that Gov. Jeb Bush warned could create a "major disaster" for a state still bruised by last year's four hurricanes and last month's Hurricane Dennis.

Katrina is expected to become a hurri-

cane — possibly even a major one — before striking the coast of southeast Florida late tonight or early Friday. But forecasters at the National Hurricane Center confessed that much about the storm remains uncertain, above all, its path and strength.

Squalls could start lashing the coast this afternoon.

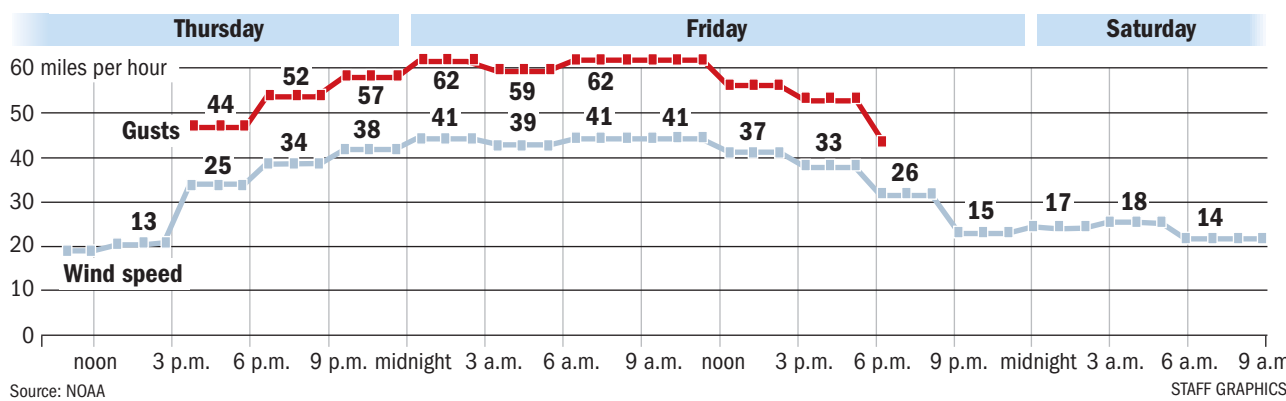
A hurricane warning was issued Wednesday night from Vero Beach southward to Florida City.

Authorities plan to evacuate all Palm Beach County barrier islands and mobile homes south of Lantana Road starting at 1

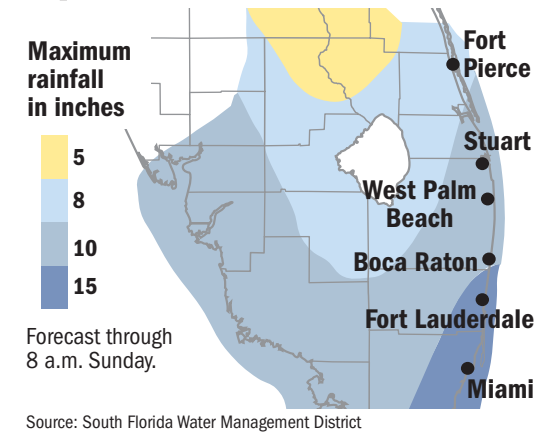
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Winds will peak after midnight

Hour-by-hour wind projections for West Palm Beach, starting at 10 a.m. today.



Up to 15 inches of rain



Greene to meet with police, won't apologize for Klan remark

By DEANA POOLE
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County Commissioner Addie Greene will meet today with members of the county's police union in hopes of easing racial tensions between the vice chairwoman and law enforcement.

The sit-down comes a day before a planned rally at the Governmental Center by the 3,100 member police

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union — an event that has gained attention from national organizations and generated fear of a large-scale disturbance.

Area leaders have encouraged Greene and the union to meet, with several offering to facilitate a meeting in hopes of easing the tension.

Although the meeting repre-

sents a positive step, it's not likely to bring closure.

"I'm hoping that we can get an apology," said Ernie George, president of the union. "We've asked for an apology for some of the statements that were very inflammatory to our members. And if we can get that, we can put an end to it."

The Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association called for

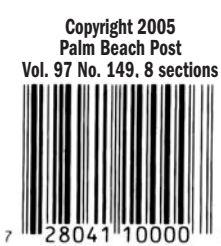
Greene's resignation on Monday, angered by comments she made after a grand jury cleared a Delray Beach police officer in the fatal shooting of 16-year-old Jerrod Miller. Greene encouraged black youth approached by police to "run and find the biggest crowd of people. If he doesn't, he will be killed."

A news conference Greene called to clarify her remarks didn't

help matters. About 60 officers attended, saying Greene was "preaching hate," was a racist and was disrespectful to members of law enforcement. Afterward, Greene said: "The only thing they left at home was the sheet."

Greene said she's willing to discuss her advice to the county's youth

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Traffic watch

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Ricky Williams unfazed by Mike Wallace's return

The Dolphins back reveals little to the *60 Minutes* reporter, who showed up in Davie. **Sports, 1C**

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