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**Meredith's Weekly Weather**

**WEDNESDAY**  
Rain and Wind  
High 79/ Low 70

**THURSDAY**  
Scattered Storms  
High 83/ Low 69

**FRIDAY**  
Chance Storms  
High 83/ Low 66

**SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High 84/ Low 65

**SUNDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High 84/ Low 65

**MONDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High 81/ Low 66

**TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High 82/ Low 65

## Frances Pounds Florida Over Holiday

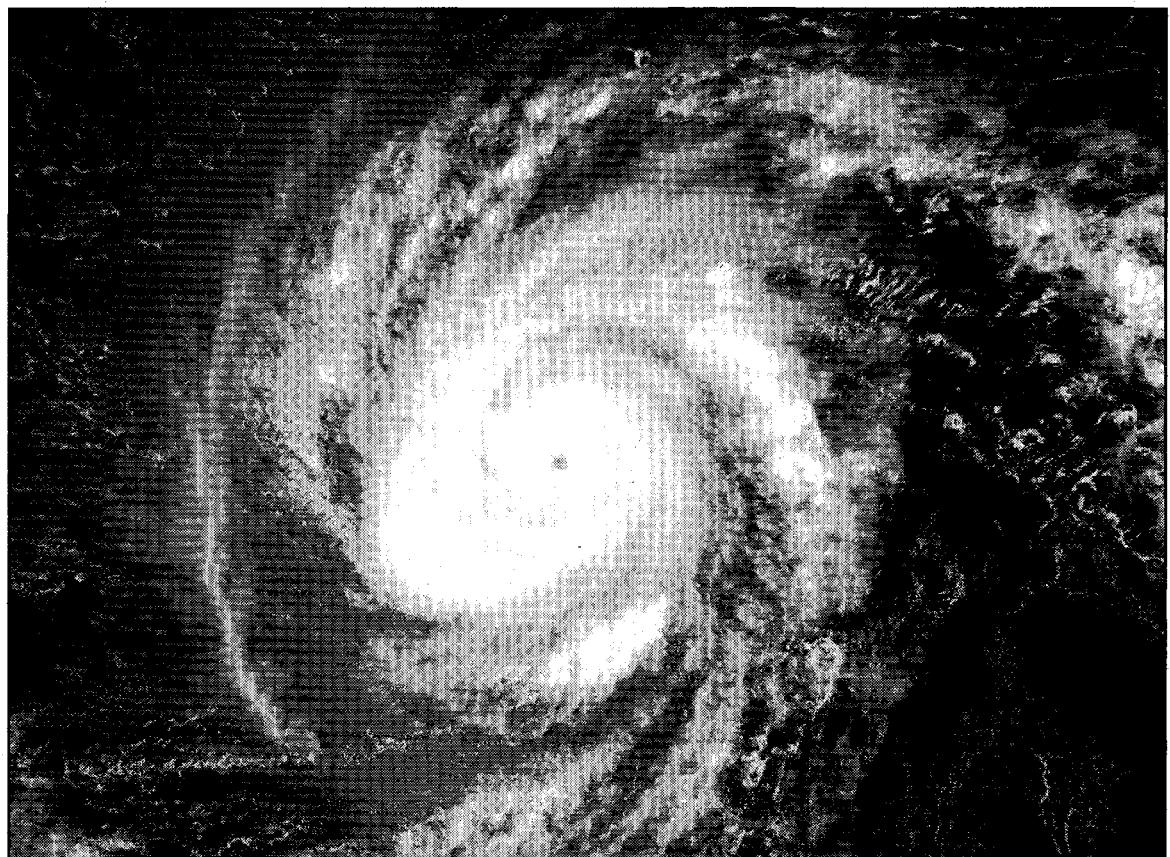
**Millions Left Without Power; Ivan Expected to Take Same Path**

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Over the weekend, Hurricane Frances pounded the Florida coast and drenched some areas with almost 20 inches of rain. The storm also knocked out power to 5 million Floridians. Damage included fallen palm trees in Okeechobee, Florida (bottom-right). Cocoa Beach's First Baptist Church's steeple fell through the roof Sunday (top right).

Although Frances will be moving northward and away from the damage she has caused, another hurricane, Ivan, is moving closer towards the United States and is feared to take the same path as Frances along the Florida panhandle coast.



Satellite Image Courtesy of accuweather.com

A satellite image of Frances taken on Labor Day morning as she continued to move across Florida..

## More Public Single Sex Schools Open

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Traditionally single sex schools only existed in private institutions. Approximately 10 single sex public schools will open this fall in five states: Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and South Carolina. The motivation behind creating single sex public schools is to accommodate the different ways boys and girls learn.

Research shows that girls learn better in quiet environments where they are on a first name basis with their teachers. Boys learn better when teachers ask them a barrage of questions that require immediate responses, and on a last name basis. Girls are found to take more classes that contradict gen-

der stereotypes such as advanced math and physics. Boys are also found to take classes that contradict gender stereotypes such as art, drama, music, and foreign languages.

Studies show that girls are found to learn best when information is put in context. In a music class, girls would appreciate the history, reason, and maybe a personal anecdote of the piece before they learned it. Research shows that boys would rather memorize the piece and skip all the supplementary information. Girls also learn better with small groups or partnerships.

Single sex schools are found to eliminate gender stereotypes by removing a point of reference. If there are not any girls in the art class, then one does not have

to assume art to be strictly feminine. If there are not any boys in physics class, the one does not have to assume physics to be strictly masculine. This would permit a female student from taking the physics course without the fear of being out of her element. It would also permit a male student from taking the art course without being emasculated.

Single sex schools would be especially beneficial to girls because classrooms are typically male dominated. It often seems there is a stigma attached to intelligence in girls. Girls perhaps are intimidated to ask questions or answer a question the teacher might present to the class. Despite this, girls perform better academically than boys according to report card grades. Unfortunately

girls are more critical than boys which contributes to the self esteem issues. A girl that is a straight-A student may still perceive herself to be lacking and consequently lower her self esteem. Boys often exaggerate their level of achievement. Single sex schools hope to encourage girls to take pride in their achievement while giving boys a "reality check".

Single sex schools are not appealing to everyone. Some women's groups and the American Civil Liberties Union feel it may too closely resemble segregation. The federal law Title IX bars discrimination in public schools based on sex. Public schools must offer nearly identical courses in same sex classrooms. Some new rules have

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