Weekly Weather Update
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• This week will start off unseasonably warm as we sit under an area of high pressure on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the front will approach the state from the west and it is expected to pass through Northwest Florida by Wednesday night. This front will continue moving through the state on Thursday and should be south of Florida by Friday. Behind the front, high pressure will build in bringing cooler and pleasant conditions for the weekend.

• As the front approaches the state on Tuesday, plenty of moisture will be overhead and this will allow a few stray showers to develop across the Western Panhandle and also near the Atlantic Coast. Rain chances will continue to increase from west to east on Tuesday night and will be near 20-30% across the entire Panhandle. A few rumbles of thunder will not be out of the question as we head into Wednesday morning.

• These conditions will persist into Wednesday as the front moves closer to the Panhandle and rain and thunderstorm chances will be highest near the vicinity of the front. As the front passes through North Florida on Wednesday night, high pressure with clearing skies will begin to build in behind it.

• Before the front moves through the state, calm overnight conditions and enough moisture over the state will allow areas of patchy to dense fog to develop Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The heaviest fog will occur near daybreak Tuesday and visibilities may drop to less than a quarter of a mile. When dense fog is in the forecast, it is important to remember to drive carefully on your morning commute, slow down and use your low-beam headlights.

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• On Thursday, as the front makes its way southward through the Peninsula, rain chances will be minimal and only a few passing showers are expected near the front. Once it clears the state by Friday, dry conditions will bring sunny skies to the Sunshine State.

• It will continue to be very warm for this time of year across the entire state through mid week with highs peaking in the 80s. However, cooler air will begin to filter in behind the front and high temperatures will only peak in the upper 60s throughout North Florida by the end of the work week.

• It will be the same story for our overnight low temperatures as they plummet from the 60s and 70s on Tuesday night to the 40s across North Florida and the 50s and 60s in the Peninsula on Thursday night. A shift in wind direction on Friday will allow temperatures to slightly warm and this will be felt on Friday night.

• At the coast, onshore winds will combine with ocean conditions to put the beaches of the Panhandle and the Gold Coasts under a moderate rip current risk today. By Wednesday and on Thursday, these conditions will subside and so will the rip current risk. However, on Friday strong onshore flow will develop behind the cold front and this will lead to an elevated rip current risk along the Atlantic Coast. If you plan on entering the surf this week, we encourage everyone to look for warning signs and flags and to heed the advice of local officials.

• With only a little over two weeks left in the 2011 hurricane season, the tropics are looking rather quiet.

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