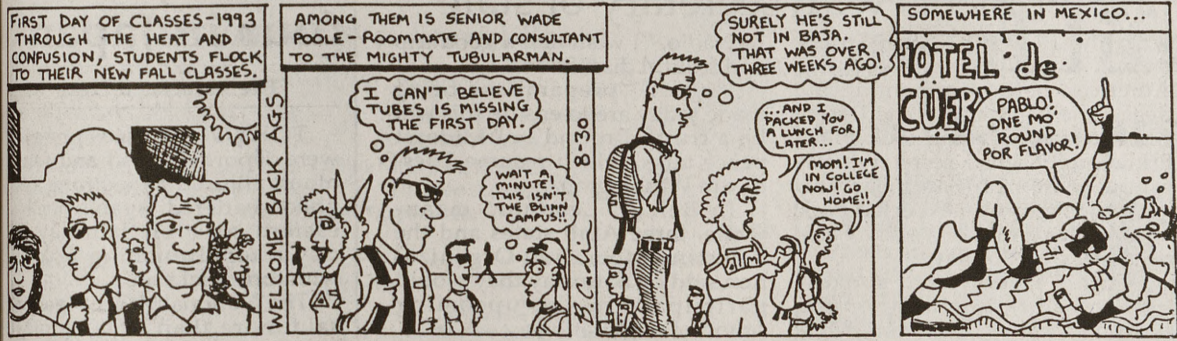


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### Michael Jackson victim of threat, detective says

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's private investigator said the father of a 13-year-old boy demanded \$20 million and threatened to accuse the entertainer of child molestation if he didn't get it, a newspaper reported.

In an interview in Sunday's Los Angeles Times, Anthony Pellicano said Jackson was warned charges would be filed in court as part of a custody dispute between the boy's divorced parents if the sum was not paid.

Pellicano said he and Jackson met with the teen and his father on Aug. 4 at a Southern California hotel.

At that meeting, the father accused Jackson of molesting his son and demanded the singer set him up as a screenwriter. Details of the meeting were reported to police, Pellicano said.

The investigator added that Jackson did not respond during the meeting, and that the father stormed out of the room.

### Hurricane Emily makes northwest turn Southern Florida in the clear; S. Carolina prepares for hit

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Zigzagging Hurricane Emily took a slight northwest turn Saturday, eliciting a tentative collective sigh from Floridians and concern among those in South Carolina, where memories of Hurricane Hugo remain fresh.

"We would love to have it miss us," Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles said. "We'd love to have it miss the United States entirely, and just stay on a northern course."

Hurricane specialist Miles Lawrence said, "My own personal stress has eased up now that I know it appears it's not heading towards south Florida."

The National Hurricane Center in suburban Coral Gables said the storm was moving west-northwest at 9 mph Saturday, and was about 900 miles east of Florida and 400 miles south of Bermuda with top sustained winds near 80 mph. Forecasters say the storm could hit land Tuesday.

It was expected to increase in intensity to a Category 3 hurricane within 72 hours, with winds exceeding 111 mph. At 11 a.m. EDT, Emily was centered at latitude 26.6 north and longitude 65.8 west.

Hurricane watches may go up Sunday. Areas of concern ranged from central Florida to the Carolinas, said Bob Sheets, director of the hurricane center. But he wasn't ready to say the storm would miss south Florida: "I don't think we can sound the 'all clear' here."

Kate Hale, emergency chief for Dade County, was more optimistic: "This isn't our storm."

At the Windjammer lounge on the Isle of Palms, S.C., about 50 people paused from their revelry to listen to words of caution from Charleston Mayor Joe Riley, who went through the devastating Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

"I think people are definitely worried about it," said Kai Dilling, a bartender at the Windjammer, known for its pre-hurricane parties. "I'd hate for it to hit here again. Hugo went right on through us last time."

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