

# Jackson's troubles no surprise to his fans

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PHILADELPHIA — Sharletta Ambey might love Michael Jackson's music, but she is less enamored with his alleged private behavior with children.



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Ambey is a survivor of childhood sexual assault and knows the pain it leaves.

"I just think he's guilty," said the home-maker and mother of seven. "He paid off money before, and I don't believe in paying money if you're not guilty. This is the second time it's happened. We all have a freak side, and his is present now."

Many blacks share her "fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me" attitude in the aftermath of Jackson's recent arrest in Santa Barbara County, Calif.

While people admit to struggling to keep the "innocent until proven guilty" premise in mind, many expressed disappointment that the international pop sensation has found himself embroiled in yet another child molestation charge — and angry at the parents of the child involved.

"It makes you think, is it the parents, or is it him?" said Lictoria Cromer, a 24-year-old certified nursing assistant from Southwest Philadelphia. "I wouldn't let my children go with him. Not without me. And that's with anybody."

Both she and her sister, Shedonna, called Jackson

"sick." After all, it was in 1993 that a then-13-year-old accused Jackson of molestation. No charges were brought, but the civil case was settled out-of-court for millions.

The current accuser is around the same age and a cancer survivor who previously visited Jackson's home

at Neverland Ranch, according to press reports.

If anything, Jackson should have learned not to trust others as much as he does, said 70-year-old Earl James.

"The whole thing is a farce," James said. "It's open season on him — and any well-meaning black person in his position."

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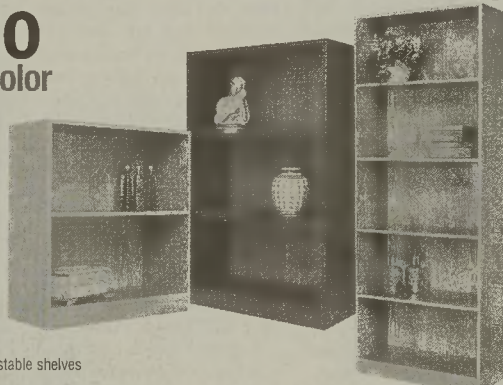
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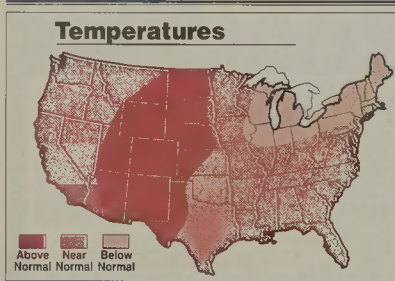
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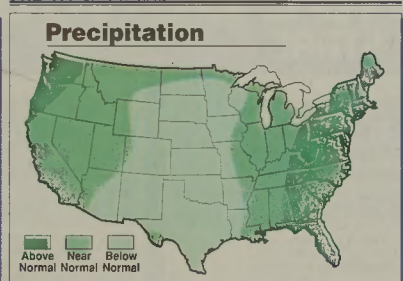
### LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Rain and drizzle; cold.	Cold; late-night rain.	Rain for a while.	Rain.	Some sun.	Mostly sunny.	Rather cloudy.	Mostly sunny.
39	34	50/36	50/32	50/34	58/38	58/37	52/36

### THE WEEK AHEAD



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### U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			Monday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	46	37	r	48	31	r	45	32	pc	49	39	pc	59	39	s
Boston	38	30	s	38	36	pc	40	32	c	38	30	c	47	34	pc
Chicago	38	28	sf	36	22	c	36	24	c	35	25	c	44	28	c
Cleveland	39	29	pc	39	31	c	34	24	c	35	25	c	45	34	c
Denver	46	25	pc	50	35	s	54	29	pc	48	23	c	43	14	c
Des Moines	35	21	c	31	21	pc	38	28	pc	39	26	c	37	19	c
Detroit	38	28	pc	36	24	c	36	26	c	41	35	c	44	33	c
Houston	68	45	c	60	36	s	58	36	s	62	44	s	68	53	pc
Indianapolis	40	28	sn	34	28	c	38	32	c	43	32	c	44	27	c
Kansas City	38	22	pc	37	23	s	44	30	c	44	33	pc	43	22	c
Los Angeles	74	52	s	72	52	pc	67	50	c	65	47	c	67	50	pc
Miami	78	69	pc	79	68	c	74	57	pc	72	59	pc	76	61	s
Minn.-St. Paul	32	23	c	30	22	pc	36	23	pc	37	23	c	34	18	c
New Orleans	71	47	c	61	39	pc	58	44	s	64	49	s	66	47	pc
New York City	40	35	s	42	40	pc	46	38	c	39	28	c	52	41	pc
Omaha	36	18	c	32	20	s	42	24	s	40	26	c	40	19	c
Phoenix	76	49	pc	76	49	c	72	48	pc	68	45	c	68	43	s
San Francisco	62	50	pc	58	50	s	58	48	c	56	45	pc	57	45	c
Seattle	54	44	r	48	38	r	46	36	c	47	39	r	47	39	c
Washington	40	34	s	42	38	c	42	34	c	40	32	c	54	38	s

### THE NATIONAL SUMMARY

A strong storm system will bring rain, snow and mixed precipitation to the Northeast, mid-Atlantic and Southeast during the period. Farther west, an area of high pressure will provide warm and mainly dry conditions to the Rockies and Plains. The jet stream will guide a few storms into the Pacific Northwest.

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, th-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice.

### WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			Monday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	53	45	pc	50	43	pc	48	43	pc	46	38	pc	45	39	s
Berlin	51	42	pc	50	41	pc	47	32	pc	36	32	pc	43	34	pc
Buenos Aires	71	46	c	73	53	s	78	59	pc	73	49	t	67	47	t
Cairo	66	45	pc	66	44	pc	67	45	pc	67	47	s	60	41	pc
Jerusalem	53	36	r	53	37	c	50	38	pc	55	39	pc	53	38	pc
Johannesburg	77	53	sh	78	59	c	80	58	pc	83	54	pc	71	55	r
London	57	47	pc	53	44	pc	51	42	c	50	40	c	48	39	pc
Madrid	45	33	r	48	34	r	48	36	r	48	38	r	54	40	pc
Mexico City	64	41	pc	61	36	pc	63	41	pc	67	43	s	67	44	s
Moscow	30	23	c	31	19	sn	23	8	c	12	7	pc	17	9	sn
Paris	53	42	pc	51	40	pc	47	37	pc	46	35	c	45	35	c
Rio de Janeiro	83	69	t	82	68	c	75	60	r	71	61	r	72	64	r
Rome	60	49	r	61	50	c	61	49	pc	57	43	c	51	41	c
San Juan	85	73	c	86	74	pc	86	75	pc	85	74	c	85	73	pc
Seoul	40	28	pc	49	26	c	35	8	pc	26	11	pc	32	19	pc
Sydney	81	60	pc	79	48	pc	69	51	s	70	54	s	75	57	pc
Tokyo	50	33	pc	48	43	c	64	50	r	53	34	c	46	38	s
Toronto	37	28	s	35	20	c	30	20	c	37	34	c	40	33	c
Winnipeg	24	8	c	23	12	pc	25	18	pc	26	16	sn	23	9	c
Zurich	56	45	pc	55	44	pc	50	40	pc	48	37	pc	45	35	c

### SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu., Dec. 4	7:16 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 5	7:17 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 6	7:17 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 7	7:18 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 8	7:19 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Tue., Dec. 9	7:20 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 10	7:21 a.m.	5:11 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu., Dec. 4	2:54 p.m.	3:19 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 5	3:20 p.m.	4:16 a.m.
Sat., Dec. 6	3:49 p.m.	5:14 a.m.

	Full	Last	New	First
Dec. 8				
Dec. 16				
Dec. 23				
Dec. 30				

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