A Year After Andrew, Emily Threatens Florida Coastline

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One year and four days after Hurricane Andrew ripped south- ern Florida, a newly strengthened Tropical Storm Emily threatened to bring heavy rainfall. The storm could be a "one-two punch" that would test the ability of the region to cope with another major storm. Forecasters at the National Hurri- cane Center warned that the storm could make landfall as a strong Category 4 hurricane over the Florida Keys, leaving widespread damage in its wake.

The last major storm to hit Florida was Hurricane Wilma in 2005, which caused billions of dollars in damage and left many people without power for weeks. The state was still recovering from that disaster when Hurricane Ivan hit in 2004, causing additional damage.

The Florida Keys were particularly vulnerable to the storm, as they are one of the most densely populated areas in the state. The region is well known for its beautiful beaches and picturesque lighthouses, but it is also home to many small businesses and families who rely on tourism for their income.

The state government was preparing to respond to the storm, with officials calling for people to stay safe and avoid driving into the storm's path. The National Guard was on standby, ready to assist with any rescue efforts that may be needed.

Urban Activists Want To Sit Out March

By Kim Murphy

WASHINGTON

Claiming that civil rights organizers have turned their backs on the concerns of the urban poor, six representatives of a coalition of young urban activists said their coalition would not join in Sat- urday's 30th-anniversary March on Washington.

The activists, representing the National Urban Peace and Justice Movement, said they were disillusioned with the way the civil rights movement had been co-opted by white middle-class organizers who had no interest in solving the problems of inner-city residents.

"We are disappointed and angry," said Shariff Willis, president of United for Change in Africa, an organization of young black people. "We don't want to be a part of a show. We want to sit at the table because we have worked in the community."

But the organizers of Saturday's march, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, denied the charges. The groups were having separate events that day, and had invited the activists to participate in the program.

Latest Jackson Thriller: Will Michael Be Marketable?

WASHINGTON

No matter what the outcome of allegations of child abuse against him, pop superstar Michael Jackson may be damaged goods as a celebrity endorser, according to some marketing experts.

"I can't imagine any allegation that would be more devastating as far as endorsements are concerned," even if the allegations prove false, said Paul Gruber, a professor of advertising at New York University. "It's going to be extremely difficult for people to believe his story."