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The World Mourns Death of Michael Jackson

Senate Issues Apology to African Americans for Slavery and Segregation

WASHINGTON -- The Senate has unanimously passed a resolution apologizing for slavery and racial segregation in the U.S. and sent the measure to the House.

Democrat Tom Harkin first introduced the measure years ago but wanted it passed Thursday on the eve of Juneteenth - a day of celebration commemorating the end of the Civil War in 1865 and the release of African Americans from slavery. He said the House is to take it up soon and that a formal celebration will be held next month.

The Senate has passed such nonbinding but highly symbolic resolutions before, apologizing for such things as the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

The resolution passed Thursday includes a disclaimer saying that nothing in it supports or authorizes reparations by the United States. The resolution states the congressional apology is made to African-Americans on behalf of the people of the United States for slavery, segregation and "the wrongs committed against them and their ancestors under Jim Crow Laws." That is followed, however, by a disclaimer that says

nothing in the resolution authorizes any claim against the United States.

Kansas Republican Sam Brownback, who co-sponsored the measure, says that disclaimer was necessary to win the support of senators who feared the apology could be used by African-Americans seeking reparations.

"It was a difficult negotiation," he says. "We had to get the reparation issue right."

Last year, the House passed a similar resolution, but without the reparations disclaimer.

New York Democratic Rep. Gregory Meeks, a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, says he isn't sure he supports the Senate's reparations disclaimer.

"If it can be construed to mean that it rules out [reparations], then that's a problem," Meeks says.

Tennessee Democrat Steve Cohen, who sponsored last year's House resolution, says he hopes the House passes the Senate's apology soon, but he wants it done by voice vote.



Michael Joseph Jackson, "The King of Pop" has suffered a cardiac arrest and passed away at the young age of fifty.

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Bottled Water Safety Concerns Government Accountability Office

While reports released about the safety of bottled water have made headlines this year, still more concerns have been expressed by the Government Accountability Office. Sales grew to \$16 Billion dollars in 2008, but Consumers know less about the water they pay dearly for in bottles than what they can drink almost for free from the tap because the two are regulated differently, congressional investigators and nonprofit researchers say in new reports.

As a food product, bottled water is regulated by the Food and Drug Administration and required to show nutrition information and ingredients on its labels. Municipal water is under the control of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Both the Government Accountability Office and the Environmental Working Group, a nonprofit research and advocacy organization, recommend in reports released Wednesday that bottled water be labeled with the same level of information municipal water providers must disclose. The two agencies have similar standards for water quality, but the FDA has less authority to enforce them, the GAO said, and the environmental agency requires much more testing. Subcommittee chairman Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., said the subcommittee was requesting information Wednesday from a dozen bottled water companies on their water sources, treatment methods and two years' results of contaminant testing. It was not immediately clear which companies were being contacted.

Palestine Freedom Fund Banquet Gives Recognition



NAACP had a Freedom Fund Banquet on May 30th awarding pastors for their community service. Dr. Troy Simmons rendered a thoughtful message that seem to leave each pastor pondering their role in the community. The pastors seated on the first row left to right: Rev. R. C. Emanuel, Rev. Mary Humphries, Evang. Delores Evans, Rev. Hezekiah Stallworth, Rev. James Horton. Second row left to right: Rev. Kirk P. Grant, Rev. Kennen W. Jackson, Elder W. T. Arthur, Brother Norvie Cottingham, Rev. Johnny R. Baker, and Dr. Troy Simmons. In attendance and not pictured: Rev. J. C. Johnson, Rev. Zether Bell, Rev. Roy Duncan, Rev. Derrick Lott, Rev. Michael Thompson, and Rev. Donald R. Barrett.

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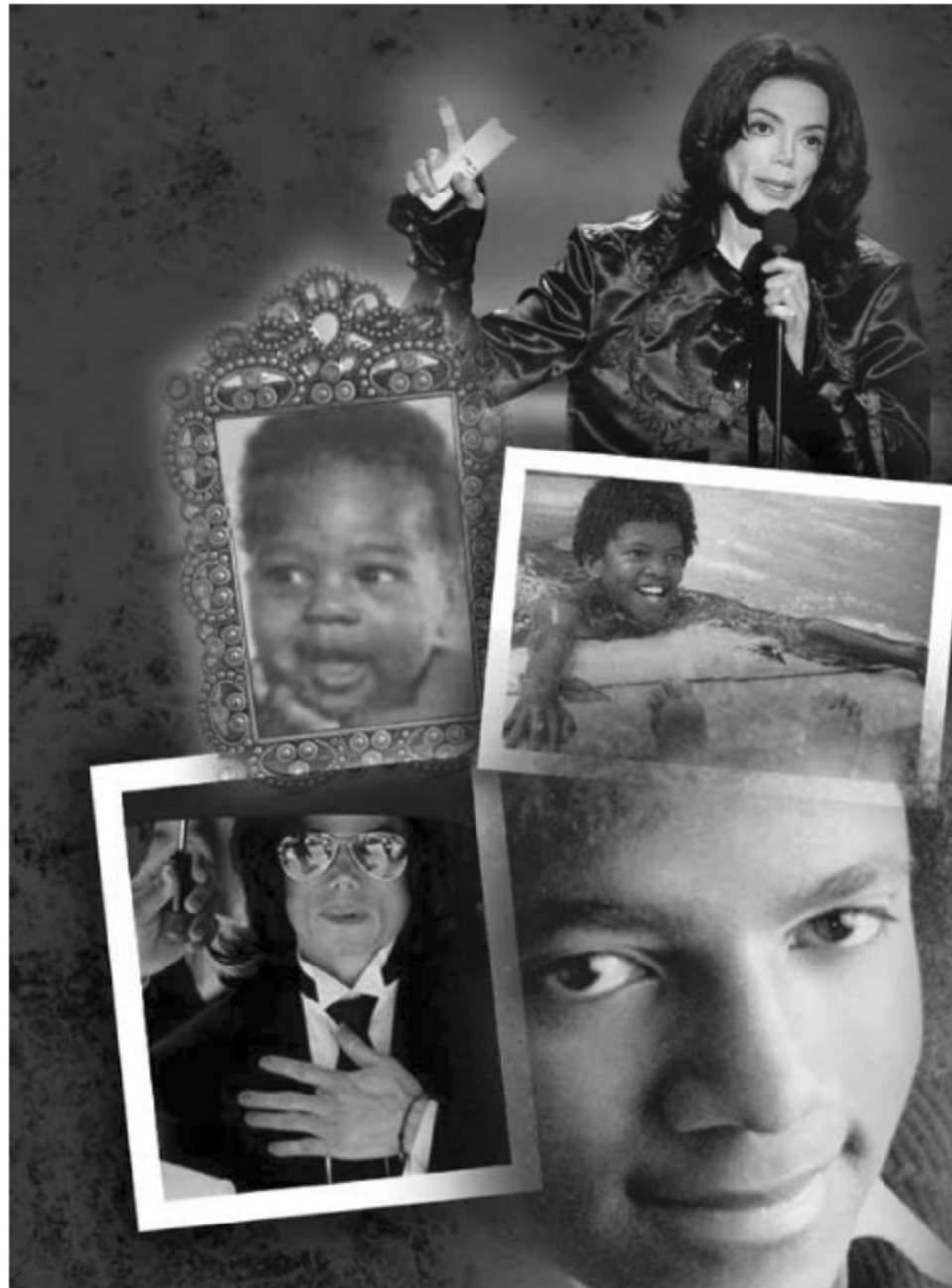
The unexpected death of Michael Jackson, on June 25, 2009, has taken the world by storm. Following a 911 call from his home, Michael Jackson, 50, one of pop music's biggest stars, was rushed to a Los Angeles-area UCLA Hospital by paramedics who found him not breathing when they arrived at his home. Later that afternoon Jackson was pronounced dead, the cause of death is believed to be a cardiac arrest. Below are key facts about Michael Jackson's life:

Michael Joseph Jackson was born August 29, 1958, in Gary, In. The fifth son of steelworker Joe Jackson, Michael displayed a talent for music and dance from an extremely young age. His childhood was strictly regimented; from the start, he was to an extent, sheltered from the outside world by his mother's faith. Joe Jackson organized a family musical group around his three eldest sons in 1962, and Michael joined them the following year, quickly establishing himself as a dynamic stage performer.

His dead-on mastery of James Brown's dance moves and soulful, mature-beyond-his-years vocals made him a natural focal point, especially given his incredibly young age.

Dubbed the Jackson 5, the group signed to Motown in 1968 and issued their debut single in October 1969, when Michael was just 11 years old. "I Want You Back," "ABC," "The Love You Save," and "I'll Be There" all hit number one in 1970, making the Jackson 5 the first group in pop history to have their first four singles top the charts.

Motown began priming Michael for a solo career in 1971, and his first single, "Got to Be There," was issued toward the end of the year; it hit the Top Five, as did the follow-up, a cover of Bobby Day's "Rockin' Robin." Later in 1972, Jackson had his first number one solo single, "Ben," the title



song from a children's thriller about a young boy who befriends Ben, the highly intelligent leader of a gang of homicidal rats. Given the subject matter, the song was surprisingly sincere and sentimental, and even earned an Oscar nomination. However, the momentum of Jackson's solo career (much like that of the Jackson 5) soon stalled.

He released his fourth and final album on Motown in 1975 and the following year, he and his brothers (except Jermaine) signed to Epic and became the Jacksons.

In 1977, Jackson landed a starring role alongside Diana Ross in the all-black film musical *The Wiz*, a retelling of *The Wizard of Oz*;

here he met producer/composer Quincy Jones for the first time.

Encouraged by the success of the Jacksons' self-produced, mostly self-written 1978 album *Destiny*, Jackson elected to resume his solo career when his management contract with his father expired shortly thereafter. With Jones producing, Jackson recorded his first solo album as an adult, *Off The Wall*. An immaculately crafted set of funky disco-pop, smooth soul, and lush, sentimental pop ballads, *Off the Wall* made Jackson a star all over again. It produced four Top Ten singles, including the number one hits "Don't Stop 'til You Get Enough" and "Rock With You," and went platinum (it went on to sell over seven million copies);

even so, Jackson remained loyal to his brothers and stayed with the group.

No group could have contained Jackson's rapidly rising star for long; however, there was still no sign (if there ever could be) that his next album would become the biggest in history. Released in 1982, the Quincy Jones-produced *Thriller* refined the strengths of *Off the Wall*; the dance and rock tracks were more driven the pop tunes and ballads softer and more soulful, and all of it was recognizably Michael. Jackson brought in Paul McCartney for a duet, guitarist Eddie Van Halen for a jaw-dropping solo, and Vincent Price for a creepy recitation. It was no surprise that *Thriller* was a hit; what was a surprise was its saying power. Jackson's duet with McCartney, "The Girl is Mine," was a natural single choice, and it peaked at number two; then "Billie Jean" and the Van Halen track "Beat It," both hit number one, for seven and three weeks respectively.

Those latter two songs, as well as the future Top Five title track, had one important feature in common: Jackson supported them with elaborately conceived video clips that revolutionized the way music videos were made.

Jackson treated them as songlength movies with structured narratives: "Billie Jean" set the song's tale of a paternity suit in a nightmarish dream world where Jackson was a solitary, sometimes invisible presence; the anti-gang-violence "Beat It" became a homage to *West Side Story*; and the ten-minute-plus clip for "Thriller" (routinely selected as the best video of all time) featured Jackson leading a dance troupe of rotting zombies, with loads of horror-film makeup and effects. Having never really accepted black artists in the past, MTV played the clips to death,

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Texas Comptroller's Office Schedules July Tax Help Seminars

A diverse economy, growing work force and friendly business climate attract more businesses to the Lone Star state every day. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' office regularly presents free taxpayer seminars throughout the state to help new and existing business owners understand their state tax responsibilities.

Nineteen seminars will take place throughout July at various locations across the state. A complete list of locations, dates and times is available at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html.

At the seminars, taxpayers can learn about sales tax forms, filing and paying taxes electronically, taxable goods and services, e-services to help taxpayers manage their accounts online, the Comptroller's e-mail subscription service that alerts taxpayers when new tax information is posted online, and the

array of other services and information available from the Comptroller's office to assist taxpayers. Comptroller representatives will answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

"A strong and diverse business community is the key to Texas' economic strength," Combs said. "We are committed to assisting Texas businesses by making taxes simpler, smarter, faster and, above all, transparent. We owe it to our taxpayers to provide the best customer service possible."

For more information about the seminar in your area, call the Comptroller's field office in your area.

Those who are unable to attend the seminars can call the Comptroller's tax assistance line at (800) 252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can also be found on the Comptroller's Web site, www.window.state.tx.us.

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Cherokee Civic Theater holds "Little Mary

The Cherokee Civic Theatre is holding open auditions for the upcoming Fall Musical "Little Mary Sunshine".

The auditions will be at the historic Cherokee Civic Theatre, located at 157 W. Fifth St. in Rusk, on Saturday, July 25 at 10am, and Sunday, July 26 at 2pm.

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exceedingly rewarding! Little Mary Sunshine, which will be directed by Debra Petri, is a musical spoof of old time favorites like "Rose Marie" and "Naughty Marietta." The plot is a little bit of everything: Colorado Rangers, a stalwart Captain, a lovely Mary, a chorus of simpering schoolgirls and a villainous Indian. It pokes fun at the over earnest heroes and heroines, dastardly villains and every coquettish soubrettes of that bygone era. The cast consists of 6 males, 3 females and extras. The Cherokee Civic Theatre is always looking for volunteers. If you'd like to help, or need any information, call 903-683-213 or log onto www.cherokeetheatre.net

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Rusk Juneteenth Celebrates Freedom

Rusk, TX. - The sixth annual Rusk Juneteenth celebration kicked off at 11:00AM Saturday June 20th with a parade beginning downtown Rusk which traveled down Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, to Center Street, then Foreman Street and ending at the I. C. Conley Park on Reeder Street.

Master of Ceremony Jerry Leviston called for the beginning of the program following the parade. Tray Morris sang an emotional rendition of Lift Every Voice and Sing. Terri Franklin followed with the hymn Steal Away. Earlisha Hackney of Frankston, Texas, youth speaker was introduced by Charnell Franklin, gave the history of the beginning of Juneteenth in Texas June 19, 1865 two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation January 1, 1863. Essie Hart introduced Sammie Attaway (pictured right) who gave an entertaining account of the society that she grew up in during the late thirties and forties.

Mayor Angela Raiborn gave comments on behalf of the city of Rusk and other elected officials present. Roy and Penny Reynolds were present representing Rusk Rotary.

Walter Session introduced a list of African Americans who made history by being the first in their fields, breaking down long standing racial barriers in some positions in East Texas.

A large crowd of children and young adults were present to hear the history of the holiday and to enjoy the food, fun, and a beautiful afternoon in the park.

Rusk Brotherhood Association and the Texas Informer Newspaper, the African American Press of East Texas, sponsored this year's events.



Sammie Mae Attaway was the adult speaker for the Juneteenth Celebration. She is the daughter of parents who were sharecroppers and the granddaughter of slaves.



Floyd Franklin of Jacksonville participates in the Juneteenth Parade, getting the attention of everyone around with this beautiful horsedrawn carriage.



L to R- Byron, Matthew Davis, J. B. Sturns and Darren Franklin participated in Juneteenth events.



L. to R.-Mrs. Elsie Colston, Parade Grand Marshall and daughters Irene Joyce, granddaughter Pam Joyce, Georgia Colston, Euralane Harkless and ZaLinda Colston enjoy the festivities.



Volunteers Kathy Harris, Daphne Session and Terri Franklin serve youth hot dogs with trimmings.



District Attorney Elmer Beckworth and daughters participate in parade and park celebration.



Happy second birthday July 29th, Destyne LaDay Harris!

Fuller-Walker Vows Renewed



Athens, TX. - Kandrea LaKay Fuller- Walker and Myron O'Neal Walker renewed their Marriage vows on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at the Church of the Living God, Athens, Texas. She is the daughter of Sandra Kay Carter and Jessie Fuller. He is the son of Johnny and Barbara Walker. The bride is the granddaughter of the late J.W. and Billie Carter and James and Velma Fuller.

Gipson - Thacker exchange wedding vows



Raven Gipson and Jermichael Thacker exchanged vows in a beautiful double ring ceremony at 3:00PM on Saturday evening June 27, 2007 at the People's Church, Jacksonville, Texas. Raven is the daughter of Lonnie and Cathy Gipson of Jacksonville. Jermichael is the son of Kay Lofton and Michael Thacker of Alto. Raven is a 2002 Rusk High School graduate and a 2006 graduate of the University of Texas Austin. She teaches in Houston ISD. Jermichael is a 2002 graduate of Alto High School and a 2006 graduate of University of Central Oklahoma and is employed with a Houston Chemical Company. The newly weds will make their home in Houston.



Le'Asha O'Neal

The Rusk Chapter of the G. W. Bradford Alumni presented the 2009 George W. Bradford Scholarship to Le'Asha O'Neal. She is the daughter of Wyvonne and Sam O'Neal. Her grandparents are Genell and Charles Hicks and Burnis Session of Rusk. All three attended Bradford school.



Kierra Hart

Kierra Hart, daughter of Chamberlain and Stephanie Hart is being promoted through Dallas Modeling Agency. Miss Hart has a Discovery Showcase Event scheduled on October 9-11 in Dallas, Texas.



Earlisha Hackney, FISD

Frankston, TX. - Earlisha Hackney graduated in the top three of her class with a GPA of 4.0 and 30 college hours credits. She tutored juniors and seniors

Earlisha Hackney

for the TAKS test. Miss Hackney received the following awards: Citizen of the Year, Student of the Month, award for anatomy and physiology. She is a member of the Spanish Club, Key Club, Class Officer, Student Council, and the National Honor Society. Earlisha received several scholarships and will be attending Baylor University in the fall majoring in biology. She plans to become a dentist. Eighth grade year she was class speaker for graduation. Her motto is, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Her mother says, "As one journey ends and a new one begins, Your best is yet to come. We are proud of you".

Charles Harold Bradley

Mr. Charles Harold Bradley began his beautiful way in life on September 27, 1946. He was the third son born to the union of the late Reverend Roy Bradley and the late Vivian Johnson Bradley.

He received his formal education in the Rusk School System, where he was very active in athletics during his school years. After leaving G.W. Bradford High School, Mr. Bradley entered the U.S. Air Force. While in service, he furthered his education. Upon completion of his tour of duty, he received an honorable discharge. Charles worked for numerous years at Rusk State Hospital until he became disabled and receives a disability retirement. He was a Baptist. He passed away on Friday, May 22, 2009 at East Texas Medical Center Tyler. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, his four brothers, James W., Roy E., Robert L., and John Wayne, uncles and aunts. He leaves to cherish his memory a nephew Ronnie Lee, Dallas, Texas; sister-in-law Mae J. Bradley, Jacksonville, Texas; aunt, Emma Johnson of Dallas, Texas; cousins who were care givers, Sarai V and Stanley E. Johnson of Mansfields, Texas; a special friend Jay Lee King of San Antonio, Texas other relatives and friends.

Mr. Melvin McDonald

Melvin (Donell) McDonald was born May 4, 1984 in Cherokee County to the late Joe James McDonald and Bobbie J. Miles. He grew up in the Mt. Haven Community.

Melvin Donell was reared by the late Levi (Jack) Tilley and Dorothy Tilley. He was a member of the Mt. Haven CME Church. He is a graduate of Jacksonville High School and later he entered the United States Navy in July 1973 and received a honorable discharge.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Bobbie J. Miles, father, Joe James McDonald, a stepfather, Edgar S. Miles Sr.

He leaves to cherish his memory two brothers, Victor McDonald, Edgar S. Miles, Jr.; three sisters, Theresa (Steven) Oriabure, Jacqueline Castleberry, Francetta McGowan; grandmother, Parthenia Jones Boykins, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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lunch, and tour the campus. In the afternoon, there will be music and drama auditions; and students who have completed their admissions paperwork can early register. The whole day is free of cost. The schedule for Freshman Orientation is on the college website at www.jacksonville-college.edu. For more information, contact Admissions at 903-586-2518, admissions@jacksonville-college.edu.

Texas' August Sales Tax Holiday Near

(AUSTIN) -- Great news for back-to-school shoppers. For the first time since it began in 1999, the annual August sales tax holiday will include many school supplies.

"A lot of families look forward to saving their hard earned money during the sales tax holiday weekend," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Now they can make their back-to-school budgets stretch even further because more than two dozen school supply items will be tax-free."

House Bill 1801 identifies school supplies priced less than \$100 that will be exempt from state and local sales tax for the tax-free weekend. Pens, crayons, calculators, notebooks, rulers, scissors and lunch boxes are a few of the items on the list. The full list can be found below.

These items are in addition to school backpacks and most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 that are already tax-free the weekend of Aug. 21-23.

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Michael Jackson Remembered

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garnering massive publicity for Jackson and drove viewers for the fledgling cable networks. Jackson sealed his own phenomenon by debuting his signature "moonwalk" dance step on May 16, 1983, on Motown's televised 25th anniversary special; though he didn't invent the moonwalk (as he himself was quick to point out), it became as much of a Jackson signature as his vocal hiccups or single white-sequined glove. Showing no signs of slowing down, Thriller just kept spinning off singles, including "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'," the airy ballad "Human Nature," and P.Y.T. (Pretty Young Thing); in all, seven of its nine tracks wound up in the Top Ten, obliterating conventional ideas of how many singles could be released from an album before it ran its course. Thriller stayed on the charts for over two years, spent 37 nonsecutive weeks at number one, and became the best-selling album of all time; it went on to sell 25 million copies in the U.S. alone, and around another 20 million overseas. Naturally, Jackson won a slew of awards, including a record eight Grammys in one night, and snagged the largest endorsement deal ever when he became a spokesman for Pepsi (he would later be burned in an accident while filming a commercial). At the end of 1983, Jackson was again on top of the singles charts, this time as part of a second duet with McCartney, "Say Say Say." In 1984, Jackson rejoined his brothers one last time for the album Victory, whose supporting tour was one of the biggest (and priciest) of the year. The following year, he and Lionel Richie co-wrote the anthemic "We Are the World" for the all-star famine-relief effort USA for Africa; it became one of the fastest-selling singles ever. In late 1996, Jackson remarried, to nurse Debbie Rowe; over the next two years, the couple had two children, son Prince Michael Jackson, Jr. and daughter Paris

Michael Katherine Jackson. However, Jackson and Rowe divorced in late 1999.

In 2001, Michael Jackson was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and later held a massive concert at Madison Square Garden celebrating the 30th anniversary of his first solo record. Among many other celebrity guests, the show featured the first on-stage reunion of the Jacksons since the Victory tour. In the wake of September 11, Jackson put together an all-star charity benefit single, "What More Can I Give." His new album, Invincible, was released late in the year, marking the first time he'd issued a collection of entirely new material since Dangerous; it found him working heavily with urban soul production wizard Rodney Jerkins. Invincible debuted at number one and quickly went double platinum; however, its initial singles, "You Rock My World" and "Butterflies," had rather disappointing showings on the charts, with the latter not even reaching the Top Ten. In 2005, Jackson relocated to the Persian Gulf island of Bahrian and began working on new music including a charity single that would benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina. The single never appeared but the two disc The Essential Michael Jackson did and in 2006 the strange box set Visionary was released featuring 20 DualDiscs replicating 20 big hit singles with their videos included on the DVD side. In early 2007 it was announced that a comeback album was planned for late in the year; the album never materialized.

While in the middle of rehearsing for a series of 50 comeback concerts scheduled for the summer of 2009, Michael Jackson suffered a cardiac arrest on June 25, 2009 and was rushed to the UCLA Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at the age of 50. He made the Guinness Book of World Records for supporting the largest number of charities than any other entertainer. The world remembers Michael as they mourn his death.

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Iron Wheel MBC Nacogdoches, TX.

Nightly: 7:45PM
Evangelist Rev. James Erwin, Pastor
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Sis. Gladys McCloud, Church Clerk
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Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Rusk, Texas 75785

Annual Homecoming & Revival
Sunday: Homecoming Service
August 2, 2009
3:00PM

Nightly Revival Services:
7:30PM

Pastor: Rev. Mertis M. Bartley
Clerk: sis. Sandra Carter

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St. Paul Baptist Church

558 N. Main Street
Jacksonville, TX. 75766

Phone: (903) 586-6006
Contact: Sharon Sims
Sunday School 10:00AM
Morning Ser. 11:00AM
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207 Reeder St.
Rusk, Texas

Rev. Greenie Phillips,
Pastor

Sunday School 9:45AM

Sunday Worship Service
11:00 AM

2nd & 4th Sunday Service
Contact: (903) 683-3441 or



Mt. Olive Baptist Church

911 Egbert Street
Rusk, TX. 75785

Rev. Mertis Bartley, Pastor
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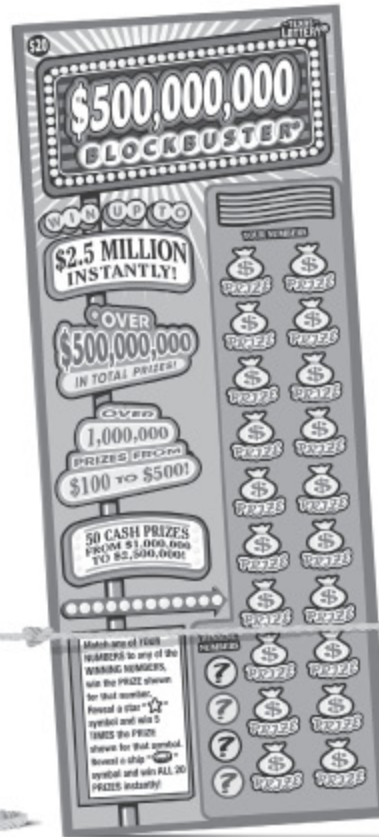
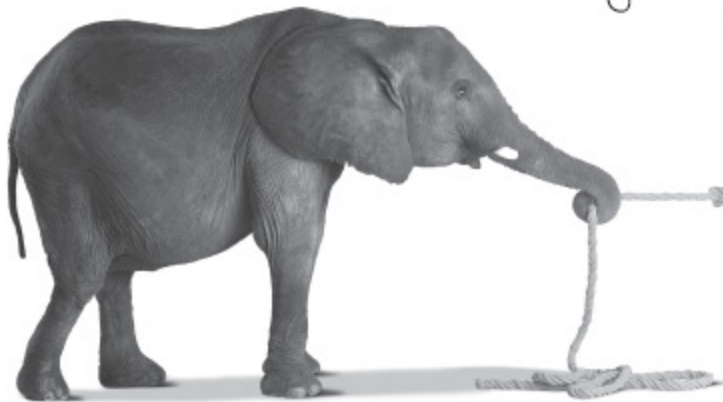
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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Mae Etha Williams-Bennett Jones

Mrs. Mae Etha Jones was born in Mt. Enterprise, Texas, February 26, 1934. The daughter of Mr. Rochelle

Johnson, adopted Bennett as After the Willie and they moved Grove



of Mr. Williams and Splea(Lessie) later was by Mr. Willie his own. marriage of Mr. Lessie Bennett to the Shady Community,

Rusk, Texas. She confessed Christ at an early age at Blount Chapel Baptist Church in the Shady Grove area where she attended elementary school. She also attended G.W. Bradford School, Rusk, Texas after moving to Rusk she joined Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

She was united in marriage to the late Booker T. Jones, in 1948. She later moved to Dallas, Texas where she resided for many years, later moving to Louisiana where she obtained employment with the Claiburn Parish School District for twenty-five years. After retiring in 1994 she moved back to Rusk, Texas where she reunited with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church where she was a faithful member until her health failed. Preceding her in death was her father Rochelle Williams Sr., mother and father Willie and Lessie Bennett, husband Booker T. Jones. Those left to cherish her memory, a daughter, Sandra Brown, a son Wilford Jones both of Jacksonville, Texas; ten sisters, Vivin Sartor, Oakland, California, Estell Duresseau, Houston, Texas, Aretha Hasley(Earrest), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Barbara Williams(Michael), Desota, Texas, Shirley Williams, Houston, Texas, Brenda Pratt(Edward), Mt. Enterprise, Texas, Marilyn Williams, Dallas, Texas, Gloria Williams, Nacogdoches, Texas, Vickie Mumhrey(Johnny) Cedar Hill, Texas; brothers, Earsell Williams(Rose), Mansfield, Texas, Kenneth Williams(DeShunda), Mt. Enterprise, Texas, Rochelle Williams, Jr., Mt. Enterprise, Texas; uncle, Jim Bennett, Houston, Texas; aunt, L.V. Traylor, Beaumont, Texas; sisters-in-law Vesta Richards, Lula Mae Colston and Elsie(George) Colston, all of Rusk, Texas and Frankie Jones, Ft. Worth, Texas; six grandchildren, Debra, Latesia, Angie, Renae, Tonya and Dewaylon; four great grandchildren and one great-grandson; special cousin, Janie Dennis Thompson(Anthony), Jacksonville, Texas; 3 god daughters, 4 god sons, a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives.