



Michael Jackson Inspires the World to Care About Poverty on Occasion of His Death

Reported By Malik Antonio Preatto

Michael Jackson was the most famous pop artist in the world. His performing career began when he worked with brothers Tito, Jermaine, Marlon, and Jackie Jackson in 1964. Their first song was "I Want You Back." When he became older, he came out with his first single video and became very famous for his work. He did a Motown performance of "Billie Jean" and demonstrated the Moonwalk (he "busted it out"). On June 25, 2009, Michael had a heart attack and died at age 50.

People remember Jackson a lot for being weird, shy, and rich. People used to think he was weird because of his nose changes. But many people don't think about his good songs.

"We Are the World" was a song that Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson wrote in 1985. "We Are the World" is based on people helping kids in Africa. They talk

about making a change. The song's video features Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Lionel Richie, Diana Ross, Tina Turner, Michael Jackson, Tito Jackson, LaToya Jackson, Marlon Jackson, and Randy Jackson, and many others. 7.5 million copies of "We Are the World" were sold in different parts of the world, and it changed people's lives.

In 1991, Michael Jackson made a song called "Heal the World." He said, "Make it a better place." He wanted freedom, no racism, and no war. At the close of Michael Jackson's memorial on July 7, they played both "Heal the World" and "We Are the World," back to back. His daughter was crying.

Michael Jackson affected the world during his life by helping people around the planet. When people think about Michael Jackson, they think about jheri curls and afros, but also about helping others through singing.

THE CONSERVATION ISSUE



Reporter's Notebook Commentary by Mahali Jones

Okay. You got me. I love the Earth, but that doesn't mean that I'm a tree-hugger. I'm not a nature freak either. It's just that the earth is very important. We depend on it every single day. We also trash it frequently.

People will often ask me, "How do you make the world a better place?" I never tell them my real thoughts, so I answer, "Recycle." But to tell you the truth, I think if the humans left the world it would be a better place.

This issue was supposed to be about conserving water or trees. But why conserve one thing when you can conserve everything?

They've created cars that conserve energy and lights that conserve electricity. There are too many books about conservation to count. People hear the word "conservation" a lot. But now it's time to put it into action.

Dining Out During a Recession:

Where to get the best noodles in town

Review by Jason Ramirez



Photo Courtesy of: www.ramenya-usa.com

Trying to save money? You can go to Ramenya Japanese Noodle Shop and there will be delicious noodles at a good price. The Sanmar Noodles are tasty and have lots of shrimp and vegetables. You can get a big bowl for only \$7.50, which is the price of all the noodle bowls. The Shrimp Fried Rice Set is also good, and it is only \$8.50.

The food is good, but Ramenya is also a fun place to go. The waitresses are nice. Ramenya is at 11555 W. Olympic Blvd, south of Sawtelle.

Recycle Old Items, Find New Treasures

Reporting by Chelsea Ramirez

Would you like to save money and materials to help the economy and the environment? Why don't you try going to thrift stores? Thrift stores are stores that sell things that were donated. There are things you can buy for less compared to prices in stores, like fine glassware,

silverware, toys, clothes, and fabric. Some things are even free.

Some thrift stores sell different things. For example, some sell baby things, camping things, work gear, and more. But thrift stores always sell things cheap.

You can get a big bag of clothes for \$2, or a glass for a

nickel.

Thrift stores also save the environment because the things are recycled. You're saving yourself and the environment by going to thrift stores. Nearby thrift stores are St. Joseph's and Out of the Closet.

A Page from the Future: Travel from California to Boston via Roller Coaster

Special Report by Alexia Diaz

Get ready! Get set! Go look forward to a new form of public transportation! Wouldn't it be cool if there was a set of three roller coasters side-by-side? It would be called The Three Musketeers. One is babyish. The second is mild, for kids, and the third is extreme for teens and up.

They would all go from one state to another, and further, too. Many people, including my mom and my friend Daniella, agree that there should be special effects and music on the ride.

On the ride, the special effects will be water spraying, talking characters, wind blowing, fog, scary and sudden drops through dangerous situations (going through an animal's mouth and falling, perhaps), and flashing lights.

This interstate ride will start in various cities of

California, like Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Sacramento, and San Jose. It will end in different states and cities around the country, like Seattle, Arizona, Anchorage, Virginia, Boston, and Florida. My mom said, "I think it should be from California to New York." When I asked Daniella her opinion, she replied, "I don't know...it could be from California to Nevada." I also asked my Auntie Sarah, and she answered, "California to Hawaii!" I think that these are all great destinations and could be traveled to on the ride.

This inexpensive roller coaster ranges from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per state. There could be a season pass that would cost between \$30 and \$70. The blackout dates would be in the middle of each month. Some people think that the

prices should be higher, like my aunt, who thought it should be \$7.00.

My mom thought it should be even more, saying, "The ride should cost \$100." Some people, like my friend Daniella, thought that the prices should be broken down by extremeness. This could save money for travelers like me!

This ride will not only be inexpensive, it will also be environmentally friendly. Instead of people driving their cars, they will be using the ride. If that happens, there will be less car emissions.

So you get to have fun on the trip, and not wait a long time sitting in a little car. The fuel used will also be environmentally friendly. It will be reused cooking oil! This ride is fun, affordable, and good for the earth.

How to Avoid Robbery

Reporting by Margarito Garcia

What you will need to prepare in case of a robbery:

1. Knife
2. Animals
3. Locks on your doors
4. Pepper Spray

An Interview with Taylor Stacey, whose home was robbed in 2007:

Margarito: Who robbed you?

Taylor: We never found out.

Margarito: What did they steal from you?

Taylor: iPods, computers, jewelry, our Wii, the TVs, and my social security card.

Margarito: How did they rob you?

Taylor: The police believe tht they sent a kid through a very tiny window in my bathroom.

Margarito: Did they find the robber?

Taylor: No.

Margarito: Where were you robbed?

Taylor: In my home.

Margarito: Why did they steal from you? Did they want money?

Taylor: Yes, I'm sure.

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SAVE ENERGY NOW!

Reporting by Jocelyn Ramirez

In these hard times, it's essential to make changes in order to save energy. Saving energy helps us to save money. It's important to cut the amount of energy we use in order to help not only us, but the environment as well. Here are some great tips to conserve energy, especially in the hot summer season (courtesy of www.energy.gov):

- If you have an automobile, purchase a highly fuel-efficient car (such as a hybrid).
- Keep your car's tires properly inflated. This could improve gas mileage by around 3.3%.
- Use the car's air conditioning only when necessary.
- Air-dry dishes instead of using a dishwasher.
- Instead of turning off appliances/electronics when they are not in use, unplug them to ensure no extra energy is used.
- Plant trees to shade your home and reduce energy bills.
- Replace all old bulbs with new, energy-saving CFLs.