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### King of Pop dies at 50

Michael Jackson, the former child star who became the biggest pop singer in the world before his career spiraled into a series of scandals, died Thursday in a Los Angeles Hospital.

Selected events in Jackson's career and life

1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s
1968 The Jackson 5, with 10-year-old Michael as lead singer, signs with Motown Records	1970 They become first group to have their first four singles hit No. 1	1972 First solo album, "Got to be There," is released; "Ben" becomes his first No. 1 hit	1979 Releases breakthrough solo album "Off the Wall"	1982 Releases "Thriller" — which becomes best-selling album of all time
		1985 Writes "We are the World" with Lionel Richie	1994 Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley are married; they divorce 19 months later	1995 Releases "HIStory" album which sells more than 2.4 million copies
			1997 Jackson's new wife, nurse Debbie Rowe, gives birth to his first child, a son named Prince Michael Jackson Jr.	1998 Second child is born to Jackson and wife Debbie Rowe — a daughter named Paris Michael Katherine Jackson; he and Rowe divorce following year
				2001 "Invincible" album debuts at No. 1, fades quickly; sells about 2 million copies
				2003 He is booked on suspicion of child molestation trial
				2005 Found not guilty in child-molestation trial
				2009 Releases 25th anniversary edition of "Thriller" featuring collaborations with Kanye West, Akon, Fergie and will.i.am
				2009 Tickets for Jackson's 50 London concerts sell out within hours of becoming available

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## Bert Bank remembered as 'great American'

By Robert DeWitt  
Senior Writer

TUSCALOOSA | Family and friends paid tribute to Bert Bank with patriotism, humor and a solemn Jewish service as the 94-year-old broadcasting pioneer and Tuscaloosa legend was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery on Thursday with full military honors.

An Air Force honor guard carried Bank's flag-draped coffin to his grave and gave the decorated World War II veteran and prisoner of war a 21-gun salute. As the echoes from the shots died away, a bugler played taps.

"I'll never forget Bert Bank, our friendship and what a great American he was," Paul Davis, a columnist for The Opelika/Auburn News and Bank's longtime friend, said during the service at Moody Music Building on the University of Alabama campus. "And I salute his family for letting me be a part of this celebration of the life of a great American."

Bank was born and raised in Tuscaloosa and received his bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Alabama. He was serving in the Philippines during World War II and was forced to make the Bataan Death March, an event that shaped the rest of his life. He spent three years in a Japanese POW camp.

Bank served in the Alabama House of Representatives and the Alabama Senate and narrowly missed becoming



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Paul Davis speaks during the remembrance ceremony for Bert Bank on Thursday at Moody Music Building Concert Hall on the University of Alabama campus.

lieutenant governor in 1978.

He founded radio station WTBC, from which grew the University of Alabama's football radio network. He maintained a lifelong association with the university and UA athletics.

Rabbi Steven Jacobs read the 121st and 23rd Psalms, first in Hebrew and then in English. Two large arrangements of crimson and white roses flanked Bank's coffin on the

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## FANS MOURN 'KING OF POP'

Icon's death stuns the world

The Associated Press

Across the country, people reacted in stunned disbelief Thursday as word spread that Michael Jackson had collapsed and died. Within minutes of Jackson's arrival by ambulance at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center people began arriving by the hundreds, the crowd quickly filling a grassy entrance outside the hospital. Overhead, news helicopters whirred noisily and TV trucks clogged streets.

As word spread a few minutes later that Jackson had died, several people burst into tears. Others stood silently as they waited for official word from the hospital. Still others whipped out cell phones and began calling or texting friends for information.

A similar scene played out just a couple miles away, in front of Jackson's Holmby Hills home, where a Fire Department ambulance had arrived to take him to the hospital.

"I'm in shock," said Becky Williams, a 26-year-old Jackson fan from Salt Lake City who happened to be visiting her sister just down the street.

"He's gone. The legend of music," Williams said in disbelief as she stood outside Jackson's home.

In Holmby Hills, cars — many of them with stereo systems blaring songs from Jackson's classic "Thriller" album — began to clog the streets.

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What is your favorite Michael Jackson song? To vote in our Web poll, visit [www.tuscaloosa.com](http://www.tuscaloosa.com).

## Strip search of Ariz. student ruled illegal

Court: School officials violated teen's rights

By Jesse J. Holland  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that school officials violated an Arizona teenager's rights by strip-searching her for prescription-strength ibuprofen, declaring that U.S. educators cannot force children to remove their clothing unless student safety is at risk.

In an 8-1 ruling, the justices said that Safford Middle School officials violated the Fourth Amendment ban on unreasonable searches with their treatment of Savana Redding. The court ruled that the officials could not be held financially liable but left it to lower courts to decide if the

school district could.

While children's advocates and civil liberties groups cheered the decision, others suggested the high court may have created further problems for school systems by failing to make clear exactly when school administrators can strip search students and when they can't.

"The court seems to think it made things clearer, but I don't think they did," said Dan Capra, a Fordham University law professor. "Officials now know they can't do exactly what was done in Safford. But what if there is any change of material fact in the circumstances?"

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