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## THE DEATH OF MICHAEL JACKSON

# ACHIEVEMENT, MYSTERY SHOW ENDURING POWER



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As outpourings of grief over Michael Jackson's death continued on Friday, fans held hands at his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

## LEGACY WAS SURE EVEN AS STAR FELL

As Los Angeles police investigated the circumstances of Michael Jackson's death, millions of fans all over the world mourned Friday.

Many of them were still feeling blindsided by the news that he'd collapsed in his home on Thursday and was declared dead hours later.

Jackson was 50 when he died, and he may have seemed immortal, but he has looked anything but invincible for a long time.

His death is a shock, but it is beyond shocking. It's unfathomable. Jackson has been part of pop culture for more

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than 40 years — every decade since the 1960s. His talent was unsurpassed, his legacy is untouchable.

He became as beloved and idolized worldwide as any celebrity has ever been — the Beatles, Sinatra, Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan. He had acquaintances in the highest

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## Inquiry looks at cardiologist

Medications that Jackson took draw intense scrutiny after autopsy.

Star news services

LOS ANGELES | With initial autopsy results inconclusive, the investigation into Michael Jackson's sudden death focused Friday on a financially strapped Las Vegas physician who was by the pop icon's side when he went into cardiac arrest.

Police detectives talked briefly Friday with Conrad Murray, a cardiologist tapped to be Jackson's per-

sonal doctor for his comeback concerts in London, amid questions about the singer's use of prescription drugs.

Earlier, investigators seized Murray's BMW sedan from the driveway of Jackson's rented mansion.

"It may contain medications or other evidence that may assist the coroner in determining the cause of death," a police spokesman explained.

Murray was performing CPR on Jackson when paramedics arrived Thursday afternoon at the residence,

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### LOCAL

## Former area leader of Klan indicted

Dennis Mahon and his brother are charged in the 2004 mail bombing of an Arizona office that promoted racial and cultural diversity.

By MARK MORRIS and JUDY THOMAS  
The Kansas City Star

Never shy about bantering with reporters, former Kansas City area Ku Klux Klan leader Dennis Mahon always seemed to be on the public relations side of the white supremacy movement — a virulent talker, but not a violent doer.

That changed Friday when federal prosecutors in Arizona announced that Mahon, 58, and his twin brother, Daniel, had been indicted in the 2004 mail bombing of a Scottsdale city office that promoted racial and cultural diversity.

"There are few criminal acts as cowardly as a parcel bomb," said Christopher White of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in Phoenix.

The Mahons' arrests Thursday in Illinois coincided with unrelated charges being announced against Robert Joos, a Powell, Mo., man whom Dennis Mahon allegedly called the morning the bomb arrived in Scottsdale.

Authorities charged Joos, 56, with being a felon in possession of firearms.

According to court records, Mahon allegedly sent an undercover federal informant to Joos, who taught him how to make napalm.

Robert M. Fagan, an attorney representing Dennis Mahon, said that the bombing accusations still must be proven.

"He's a veteran and a contributing member of society," Fagan said.

Attorney Dennis Ryan, who represents Daniel

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A gunman in KCK kills a 7-year-old girl and wounds four

A teenager and her baby die in a car crash in the West Bottoms

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Fighting fires is grueling work in this heat wave. This firefighter got a cooling-down after helping fight a Friday morning fire near 41st Street and Warwick Boulevard. Fortunately for Kansas Citians, after another scorcher today, temperature relief should be on the way Sunday. More on the fire | A9

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A Detroit city councilwoman, the wife of U.S. Rep. John Conyers, admits taking a bribe. | A2

Wizards players say success by the U.S. soccer team could bring more support at home. | B1

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### BUSINESS

## Cap-and-trade bill approved by House

But opponents say the measure would have a devastating impact on consumers and farmers.

By DAVE HELLING  
The Kansas City Star

The House of Representatives narrowly approved landmark legislation Friday that promises to cut global warming pollution by more than 80 percent within the next 40

MORE BUSINESS NEWS, A12 Household savings soar, which could slow recovery

energy charges for consumers over the next quarter-century. They vowed to take their fight to the Sen-

ate, which must still consider the plan.

"This is the biggest job-killing bill that's ever been on the floor of the House of Representatives," said Rep. John Boehner, an Ohio Republican who — angry at hundreds of pages of last-minute amendments — staged an unusual mini-filibuster at the end of the debate.

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