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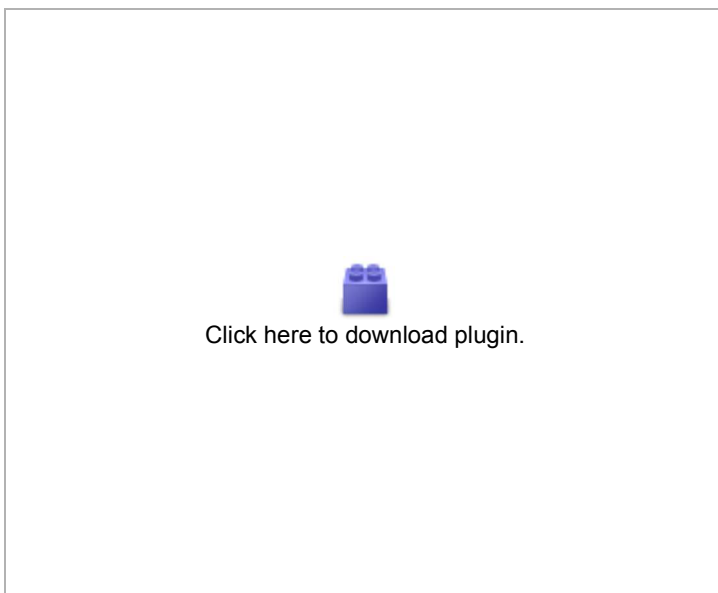
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## [FDL Movie Night: The Trial and Triumph of the King of Pop](#)

By: [Lisa Derrick](#) Monday November 16, 2009 5:00 pm



Pearl Jr’s documentary *[The Trial and Triumph of the King of Pop](#)* is not a traditional documentary, rather a compilation of clips from her TV Show TRUTalk which reached over a million homes. Thanks to her media savvy, Pearl was able to secure press credentials for Michael Jackson’s 2005 trial on charges child molestation, which she attended daily.

Michael Jackson has been a polarizing figure since 1993 when the pop superstar was accused of molesting

teenaged friend Jordan Chandler. The accusations came from Chandler's father; Jackson settled for a reported \$20 million dollars and the case never went to trial. Pearl, Jr addresses these charges with some information from a witness mainstream media ignored.

For the 2005 trial, Jackson was indicted on four counts of molesting a minor, four counts of intoxicating a minor (Gavin Arviso), one count of abduction, and one count of conspiring to hold the boy and his family captive at Neverland Ranch, charges which arose after the controversial Martin Bashir documentary aired in 2003. Janet Arviso, the boy's mother was investigated by the Los Angeles County department of Child Protective Services after the documentary aired, and perhaps in an attempt to deflect those charges, she brought up the alleged molestation and kidnapping. The family had a dicy background, something addressed in court and in the media.

Pearl Jr also brings up different conspiracies favored by the fans who camped outside the courthouse: the Arviso's attempt to extort Jackson; Sony Music was behind the charges because the music company wanted to own all of Jackson's publishing, including his rights to the Beatles catalog; the charges were a holdover from the 1993 case; district attorney Tom Sneddon's obsession with Jackson; and the media's drive for ratings.

Pearl Jr.'s insight into the Jackson case, its beginnings and its aftermath—as well as the zany antics of the fans—provides a view quite different from Maureen Orth, Diane Dimont and others who were determined to pillory Jackson who was found not guilty on all charges. She also provides us with an exclusive look attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. who— after a falling out with client Robert Blake over his murder case—came on board to defend Jackson. She also shows how journalist Aphrodite Jones shifted from condemning Jackson to condemning the media's handling of his case.

So ready your Michael Jackson questions for Pearl, Jr.

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 5:01 pm

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Tonight we’re discussing the Michael Jackson 2005 trial with Pear Jr, a journalist who was there daily and saw a side not reported in most mainstream media.

As always, please stay on topic, no ad hominem attacks and please forgive my lousy typing.

To reply to a comment, please click the “reply button.” Also kindly refresh your screen every minute or so to see new comments.

Welcome Pearl Jr, thank you for being with us. Tell us a bit about TRUTalk, your television program.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:02 pm

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In response to [Lisa Derrick @ 1](#)

Hi Lisa, Pearl is here!

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 5:05 pm

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Hey Pearl, so glad you’re here. Along wht TRUTalk, and two MJ docs,you have produced a Barack Obama documentary

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:05 pm

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In response to [Lisa Derrick @ 1](#)

Well, we created a TV show that discussed social issues. I was the host and the producer. We had purchased airtime 5 nights per week in the metropolitan Los Angeles area.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:06 pm

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In response to [Lisa Derrick @ 3](#)

Yes, we had no idea that our talk show would qualify as official media for the Michael Jackson trial and Barack Obama’s campaign for President. It has been some ride.

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 5:07 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 5](#)

It must have been exciting to be covering the Jackson trial, and eye opening to see how the media selectively reported events. What were some of the things you noticed?

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 [Jane Hamsher](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:10 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 2](#)

Welcome Pearl, thanks so much for being here.

How much of the media spectacle do you think came from the story being in the nexux of entertainment and news? And do you think Michael Jackson's long term codependent relationship with the tabloids made it difficult to extract from that spot?

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:11 pm

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The first day was really exciting because we thought we'd go up to the Jackson trial and do one show from the sidewalk, but when we arrived, the media manager asked us who we were with, and I told him about our show and we qualified.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:13 pm

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In response to [Jane Hamsher @ 7](#)

This first thing that came to mind, was OMG, we're in. All the big wig media personalities were there and I was only in awe for the first few hours and then Davillian, the accuser's sister took the stand and said "I didn't know I was molested until my mother told me" That was when I knew something was seriously wrong.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:15 pm

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I took my show very seriously! On the way home, I noticed that the news on the radio was different than I thought was important. It seems to be too sensationalized!

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 5:15 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 9](#)

So Davillene was claiming abuse at an earlier time her life, unrelated to Jackson...so the mom had a history of promoting this, it seemed?

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:16 pm

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I quickly discovered a bias against Michael!

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georgewalton November 16th, 2009 at 5:17 pm

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In our modern, fragmented culture there are so many different, conflicting sources for so many different, conflicting ways to think and feel about the world around us that folks like Michael Jackson becoming lightening rods allowing us to pin down our own particular “truth” regarding issues ranging from race and gender to sexuality and celebrity.

We don’t express opinions about him so much as about ourselves.

But one element that is all pervasive in these meta-narratives about fame, fortune and all the rest of us is this: Money.

Once money is at stake, really, who can you believe?

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:18 pm

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In response to [Lisa Derrick @ 11](#)

The girl, who was 18, I believe was talking in code! She made that comment a few times, trying to tell everyone listening, her mother put them up to this. No one in the media seemed to care. I reported that fact on my TV show, but I was a little bug in an ocean of big fish!

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:20 pm

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In response to [georgewalton @ 13](#)

That’s for sure! Money, or shall I say, GREED, is the root of 99 percent of evil. As an insider, watching the happenings, I was completely appalled at the level of dishonest coming from the media.

After all, I was a car salesperson with integrity and now I have to be journalist with integrity.

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[Lisa Derrick](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:22 pm

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Do you think the family, the Arvisos were hoping for a settlement like Jordan Chandler, the kid from the 1993 incident?

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:23 pm

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Being a celebrity, seems to be a horrible career for the people at the top. Yea, fame and fortune are false Gods!

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:25 pm

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In response to [Lisa Derrick @ 16](#)

For sure! At one point, before the trial and the media digging for information, MJ's people offered them a house, but they wanted money. Janet Arvizo's boyfriend at that time, refused and was negotiating for much much more. It was purely a case of extortion.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:26 pm

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In response to [Lisa Derrick @ 16](#)

Due to laws set in place by DA Sneddon, no more hush hush money, but a legal trial first and then a civil case. The Arvizo's contacted lawyers before the police.

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[Lisa Derrick](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:26 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 18](#)

The Arvisos the family that accused Jackson, what was their background...from your documentary I learned that they had health insurance which covered Gavin's treatment, yet it seems in the mainstream media they were pretty broke, they seems ot sort of be hustling celebrities, including George Lopez. Can you give us some background on them.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:27 pm

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The reported \$20 million pay off to Jordie Chandler was paid by insurance, according to Attorney Brian Oxman, who was with the Jackson's during the 1993 case. When a big celeb, like MJ, was on tour, they insure for everything!

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:29 pm

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For sure, the Arvizo's were grifters and the celebrities were their playground

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[Lisa Derrick](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:30 pm

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Geraldine Hughes wrote a book about the Chandler case, can you tell us a bit about her book and the part she played in that case?

Also in your documentary you talk about Aphrodite Jones who did a complete reversal after seeing how the media handled the case...

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:30 pm

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The Arvizo's were getting money from anyone they could. Chris Tucker, his child's mother, several people of MJ staff, Fritz Coleman (local news man), and this poor female comedian gave her \$20,000

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:33 pm

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Geraldine Hughes was a secretary for the Chandler lawyers—the father. He wanted MJ to invest in a movie (Robin Hood Men In Tights), and when MJ refused, they threatened to get the money out of him any way he could. So he hired a nasty attorney and they were to work on a plan.

Since MJ loved kids and hung around kids—it fit like a glove and was so easy to convince people.

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 5:33 pm

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Do you think Jackson’s relationship with the tabloids—both good abd, his pranking them on the elephant man bones and the oxygen chamber, as well as his high profile—helped shape how the case was reported in mainstream media? There was a lot of hearsay and rumors, checkbook journalism in the case...Housekeepers getting paid, you mention one was paid almost as much by a journalist as she made in year with Jackson (also I kinda hope he paid his staff more, as an aside!)

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 5:34 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 24](#)

What angle was the family working..they had insurance for his health care?

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 5:35 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 25](#)

Did Miss Huges loose her job for talking with Anthony Pellicano about the railroading of Jackson, the false charges?

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:35 pm

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Aphrodite and I had a meeting (she requested to see our first documentary, Behind the Scenes at the Michael Jackson Trial) and she had a reversal of opinion due to the facts and opening her eyes—maybe feeling guilty!

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:36 pm

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In response to [Lisa Derrick @ 28](#)

Geraldine was quiet for seven years, so she had already changed jobs. That attorney (Klein, I think) was very mean and hard to work with and for.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:38 pm

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The Arvizo's had no shame or class! They'd use whatever necessary to cheat and gain.

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[Lisa Derrick](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:39 pm

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Tell us a bit about Tom Mesereau, he was a great attorney

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:41 pm

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Well, a housekeeper doesn't make more than \$20,000 a year and that was the Diane Dimond pay off to the Francia family!

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[pmorlan](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:42 pm

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I think a lot of people who don't believe much of what our establishment media reports suspected that this family was shaking down Jackson. They start out with their narrative and they never let the facts get in the way of it. PATHETIC!

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:42 pm

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The tickling innocent allegedly happened in 1987.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:45 pm

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In response to [pmorlan @ 34](#)

The claims were really outlandish. The first night MJ had them over, they said MJ put on a website called pu\*\*y.com, but if MJ was a gay pedophile, why bring up the woman's parts?? Also, when they searched MJ's computer, no such site was ever accessed from MJ's computer. MJ didn't use the computer to visit any type of porn sites whatsoever

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:48 pm

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I got to know Tom pretty good after the trial. The media was not allowed to talk to MJ, after the gag order was put in place. I'd just smile big for Tom when he had a great day and there were lots of great days for the defense.

Tom is a great man with a great heart. He fully believes in justice for all, despite race, income, or gender



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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 5:48 pm

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I was stunned when Mrs Arviso claimed Jackson ws going to take them away in a hot air balloon...what were some of the other things that made an impact on the jury?

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 5:50 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 36](#)

Also, you brought up manufactured evidence, that Gavin's fingerprints were found on a girlie mag which hadn't been published at the time of the alleged molestation...I was like WHAT?

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:51 pm

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She was mentally unstable and full of manipulations and sad stories that were unbelievable, like he son broke his wrist when playing baseball because his glove was so worn out. They slept in the barn and only ate cereal with water. They had to walk for 3 hours to the hospital. It was just too unbelievable, when she had their father, with a job, and she worked, and they were not first generation Latinos. The kids had grandparents, etc. Janet was a game player of the worse kind.

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[georgewalton](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:51 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 25](#)

What is The Whole Truth about Michael Jackson here? You don't know. I don't know. They don;t know.

Indeed, isn't this why we invented God?

We can't know, but He does. And since He is omniscient there is nothing Michael could have done that escaped His ubiquitous eye. And since He is omnipotent whatever sins Michael committed will be punished.

That's just a fairy tale of course but who among us wishes that it were not? All of us, perhaps?

Divine justice. Once that is gone it's your word against mine against whatever we insist the evidence shows.

And it almost always shows whatever we want it to.

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[Phoenix Woman](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:53 pm

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Pearl, what do you think of [Matt Taibbi's coverage of the 2005 trial](#)? Especially of passages like this:

It is hard not to escape the impression that Sneddon hates Jackson. He clearly has not forgotten the debacle of 1993, when Jackson and the family of thirteen-year-old Jordan Chandler reached a \$15.3 million settlement before Sneddon could bring Jackson to trial on molestation charges.

His key witnesses, meanwhile — the accuser and his family, whom we'll call the Riveras — are an astounding bunch. Any sane prosecutor would drown himself before building a case around witnesses like these, but they were all Sneddon had. A single mom and her three kids, an older daughter and two boys. They're poor but not ghetto poor — just poor like eighty percent of America is poor, making their way through life with a shabby cocktail of nowhere jobs, disability, Zoloft, Jesus, diets and, one guesses, a vast collection of self-help books.

This family has been burdened first by an abusive father, then by a horrible cancer that struck the older boy; by the age of ten, he had a sixteen-pound tumor in his stomach. Through a series of charitable foundations and recovery programs, the boy's terrible predicament put the family in touch with a number of celebrities: George Lopez, Chris Tucker, Jay Leno and Michael Jackson. The Jackson fiasco did not really begin until the boy, hereafter referred to as Freddy, had miraculously recovered and the family returned to its mean pre-crisis existence, armed only with a suddenly impressive Rolodex.

[...]

At one point during the trial, the jury is shown a picture of a frighteningly lifelike mannequin of a small black girl with braided hair. Recovered during one of the two searches of Neverland ordered by Sneddon, this mannequin apparently was fashioned in the image of a little cousin of Jackson's. The accuser's brother testifies that on their first night at Neverland, Jackson jumped on the mannequin and simulated sex with it. "He was, uh, having intercourse with it," says Pudge.

Sneddon then leaves the picture of the mannequin onscreen for a few long moments. It looks exactly like a real girl. Nobody in the courtroom can take their eyes off the thing. My own heart skips a beat; I half-expect the picture to start steaming from the ears and speaking in tongues.

In scenes from the Bashir documentary shown to the jury, Jackson is depicted as the father of three utterly Caucasian "real" children who never see their mother. He insists he's had only one small nose job; he says with a straight face that he is Peter Pan and that he will never die. And he thinks everybody understands when he says that sleeping in beds with kids is OK because there should be "more love in the world." And it gets even more disturbing. He talks about the nicknames he gave the kids: "Blow Hole" for Pudge and "Doo Doo" or "Apple Head" for Freddy. Pudge testifies that Jackson called another boy who came to the ranch "Baby Rubber."

If you buy this part of the story, and it's pretty close to impossible not to, it doesn't require a great leap of logic to connect the remaining dots. It is a short step from Doo Doo and Apple Head to a late-night hand down your underpants. This is the kind of thing that is running through the collective mind of the courtroom at the trial's first decisive moment: when Freddy takes the stand.

And later, [from his June 2005 RS piece](#):

His case was bullshit. California vs. Jackson turned out to be basically a tale of a family of low-rent grifters trying to lay a criminal-molestation charge on a rich celebrity as a prelude to a civil suit: British TV documentary reveals pop star sleeps in bed with children; pop star's handlers scramble to do damage control; coddling of potentially troublesome family passed off first as kidnapping, and then, what the hell, as molestation.

[...]

Jackson's slick white-haired lawyer, Mesereau, put on a defense that at the end felt like a dinner for the jury at Spago. You know: Look, there's Chris Tucker, let's go over and I'll introduce you. Sneddon's woeful performance had set up the defense as the good guys, but when the bell rang, Mesereau answered with a string of witnesses who testified that Jackson had spent hundreds, if not thousands, of nights in bed with strange children. Far ahead on points, Jackson's first counterstrike was to boldly announce himself as a compulsive maniac, addicted to children — a musical Saturday-morning-cartoons version of something out of Seven.

This might have been a disastrous move were it not for the utter incompetence of the prosecution. By the third month of the trial, the prosecution's strategy seemed to be to excitedly introduce the words "boy," "suck," "penis" and "jack off" into their cross-examinations as often as possible (Sneddon managed to elicit the trifecta phrase "sucking on the penis of a young boy!") — and they pissed away Jackson's own damaging admissions by continually introducing crazy new theories of molestation, real wacko witch-hunt stuff, that turned what might have been a serious trial into a low comedy of grasping provincial bureaucrats.

Here's Ron Zonen cross-examining Wade Robson, a young man the prosecution contended had been molested by Jackson — but who testified to the contrary.

ZONEN: You're telling us nothing happened, right?

ROBSON: That's right.

ZONEN: All right. What you're really telling us is that nothing happened while you were awake. Isn't that true?

ROBSON: I'm telling you nothing ever happened.

ZONEN: Mr. Robson, when you were asleep, you wouldn't have known what had happened, particularly at age seven, would you have?

ROBSON: I think something like that would wake me up.

One would think it would. In any case, there was never enough evidence at this trial of "something like that" to answer with any satisfaction the question of who Michael Jackson really is. Emboldened, the defense never bothered to offer an affirmative explanation of Jackson's strange behavior.



[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:53 pm

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In response to [Lisa Derrick @ 39](#)

Tom Sneddon did that one. Tom was so obsessed with MJ, he let his ego get the best of him. Tom was flying all over the world looking for kids to say they were molested, even to Australia. Wade Robeson, a well-known choreographer, even testified that MJ never touched him. The media was offering and begging people to lie for money.



[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 5:55 pm

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In response to [georgewalton @ 41](#)

When in doubt, go to trial and get as close to the truth as possible. No DNA, No Forensics, No witnesses—just opposing stories. The one that makes the most sense wins the vote from the majority!

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 5:58 pm

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Pearl, what was the “jesus juice” thing?

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:00 pm

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In response to [Phoenix Woman @ 42](#)

I would talk to Mike Tiabbi at times, he smoked non-filter cigarettes and I would tell him that my stepmother just died from cancer. I hope he listened. I tried to talk some sense into the media to tell the truth and sometimes, they did. Mike was decent to MJ.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:02 pm

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The mannequin was weird. MJ was way to shy to ever do such a thing, especially in front of new children/people.

MJ would share his bed, but he would sleep on the floor in a sleeping bag. The bed was huge and his bedroom was 2 floors.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:05 pm

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In response to [Lisa Derrick @ 45](#)

Jesus Juice was alcohol. The brother of the accuser was some type of locksmith and slick, very slick—Star Arvizo found a way into the wine cellar.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:05 pm

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Those kids were bad!

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 6:06 pm

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Pearl, what was Michael situation in Bahrain, with the prince?

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 6:06 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 48](#)

Oh so the kids got wine and drank it themselves?

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:08 pm

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Well, MJ's brother Jermaine set that up. The Prince wanted to know MJ and was a huge fan. At one time, the electricity got turned off and the Prince wired Grace (the nanny) the money to pay it. MJ didn't have a checking/bank account.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:09 pm

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So via all that MJ wanted to leave America, because he felt so abused by everyone and he and Prince embarked on a comeback, but when the Prince's brother was accidentally killed in an auto accident, I think MJ felt like an intruder and off MJ went to Europe!

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:10 pm

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Yes, the maid found wine in their suites. MJ had suites at Neverland and they could be so disrespectful and filthy them up and leave wine glasses all over.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:11 pm

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Star bragged about being able to get into the wine cellar.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:13 pm

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In response to [Phoenix Woman @ 42](#)

Sneddon also asked Macauley if MJ ever molested him. And Macauley said never, and then Sneddon said how about when you were sleeping, and Macauley said "don't you think that would have woke me up?"

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[Lisa Derrick](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:17 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 53](#)

Didnt they have some sort of record deal in place at one time?

And what is your sense about Jackson's death?

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:19 pm

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One thing most people don't realize is that sodomy was NEVER an accusation. People just assume that it was, but never and not with any kid. I guess if the parents are going to make something up, they didn't want that to be a part of the equation!!!!!!!

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:20 pm  
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What surprised me the most was how normal Michael Jackson was when you heard an entire truth. MJ love Disneyland and he was very naive and childlike, so being Peter Pan was probable something he thought people would endear to.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:20 pm  
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The Arvizo's never had a record deal. Wade Robeson did and he and another kid did a remake of "Heartbreak Hotel" a rap song that I liked.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:21 pm  
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I might be writing a book about MJ's death. I have lots of discovery and I'm keeping notes and up to date with everything.

All I can say for sure is, "something in the milk is not clean"

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:22 pm  
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The Arvizo kids did a video about Neverland and Gavin's cancer, but no singing. they wanted to be in showbiz.


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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 6:25 pm  
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In response to [Pearljr @ 62](#)

Well, they got their 15 mins of fame...at Jackson's expense!

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 [Elliott](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:25 pm  
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In response to [Pearljr @ 61](#)

what do you mean by that,  
it wasn't the use of Propofol by an inattentive physician?

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 6:26 pm

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Pearl, had Michael lived, do you think he could have pulled off those 50 shows? He seemed so fragile...

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:27 pm

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I was the first to report there was an ambulance at MJ's house. I wrote a story about that most tragic day. I was at the hospital all day. I was at MJ's house the day before (outside talking with the fans) and that is when I learned that a doctor was spending the night. I actually saw Dr. Murray leave the day before and wondered who that was. I was worried, but when I saw the choreographer go into the gate, I figured MJ was fine.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:28 pm

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I was planning on going to the Staples Center the next day to see him perform. I would hope to have been let in. MJ did that on rare occasions

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 6:29 pm

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Pearl's website is [michaeljacksoninsider.com](http://michaeljacksoninsider.com) where she has a blog and updates, along with being able to purchase her documentaries

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Lisa Derrick November 16th, 2009 at 6:30 pm

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Thank you Pearl for giving us some insight into Jackson's trial and how grifters and the media helped destroy him. And we look forward to your book on his death!

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:31 pm

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MJ as always skinny. He was strong though and tough in his perseverance. MJ once said that when he tours he goes through hell. He could have been talking about the sleep med required for sleep.

For years after the trial, MJ traveled the world, no how did he get propofol in Bahrain, Ireland, UK, Las Vegas, New York, California????? That means to me that he was not always using it!

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:32 pm

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Thanks for having me! Check out my website:

<http://www.MichaelJacksonInsider.com>

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[Larue](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:32 pm

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Hey Pups, Lisa . . .

MJ had his moment in the sun.

Thriller changed vids, hell, it BIRTHED vids.

Well, after Michael Nesmith, and Rio. \*G\*

Thriller changed the studio, the sound of the time, the sales and marketing, and influenced music everywhere.

It went global.

Seems to me The Beatles did that, too.

And Elvis, before them.

And Frank Sinatra, before Elivs.

But enough of MJ, his time is LONG passed, other than a historical referent for the change he once brought.

Thriller was long ago. MJ's now gone.

Why is he still relevant to current affairs? Other than nostalgia?

His present occupation with MSM, and the public that feeds on the MSM, is way, way, way beyond his actual impact on life.

What is it that causes so many millions, or billions, to continue to obsess with him, in present time, as opposed to looking back wistfully and wondering how it could have all been different?

His shelf life should have expired a decade ago.

What keeps him alive? I'm purely clueless about this, I completely don't understand why huge portions of the general populous of all races, economic and social strata, continue to propagate his 'essential being'.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:35 pm

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We've known him for 40 years!!!! Simple as that!

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[Larue](#) November 16th, 2009 at 6:56 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 46](#)

Matt. Matt, Taibbi.

Not Mike Tiabbi . . .



For the record.

What's cigs and cancer and death got to do with Matt's postulations on MJ?

Which, I've noticed, are not answered in regards to the questions posed by PW?

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[Larue](#) November 16th, 2009 at 7:04 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 73](#)

That's well glossed over Pearl.

But thanks for all time spent at Lisa's Post, and all the info you share.

I remain somewhat confused if not horrified about the thrill of the masses with MJ.

If I had time to spend I'd try to research Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra, Beatles and a few others to see if MJ's plight in life garnered what's ongoing in the MSM and the masses.

I'd bet, I'd find that the MSM ginned up the messaging, in a VIRULENT way, to sell ad dollars.

And that the conclusion would be, MJ had his time in the sun. Deservedly so.

But was clung to by moneyed interests to sell ad time.

He was media created, and media destroyed.

(never mind his family, parents and others who used him all his life to make a buck)

And such is life in Show Biz. Like Warhol said, it's fleeting, and should be.

But sometimes, there's just too much money to be made on a figure.

Alive, or dead.

Everyone wants a piece of the money, the action, the fame.

Everyone.

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[emerson](#) November 16th, 2009 at 7:07 pm

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It's hard to know the truth about celebrities in these times. I tend to believe the ones closest to him on a professional as well as personal basis. The studio musicians that worked with him most, contemptuously dismissed even the possibility of these charges.

I think this was a tremendously mistreated kid who never overcame his childhood and tried to re-write it. I think there are lots of these people walking this earth who had to endure such nightmares. Some of them were driven to excel in other areas, but few could harness their talent and present it so freshly and with such originality as MJ.

Personally, I don't believe whatever it is that causes humans to molest innocent children resided in him. The

lesson is in what we've allowed our society to sink to.

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georgewalton November 16th, 2009 at 7:21 pm

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In response to [Pearljr @ 44](#)

Remember that scene from Reversal of Fortune where a disembodied Glenn Close is pointing to the trial of Claus von Bulow below. What is the truth she ask? What really happened? In the world of mere mortals the heated opinions are all over the map. Only in a world with God can we be guarenteed that in the end the truth will out.

That's why I wish I could be a believer again. Well, that and immortality of course.

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[Pearljr](#) November 16th, 2009 at 7:32 pm

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In response to [Larue @ 74](#)

Sorry the person that I knew at the trial and talked to was Mike Tiabbi, not Matt Tiabbi.

I mentioned him smoking because that made a big impression on me. I tried to bond with whoever I could to get them to listen to reason, sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't. Sometimes it was permanent, but mostly it was just for a moment.

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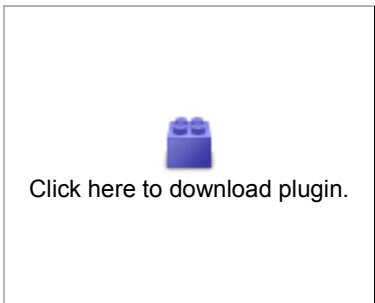
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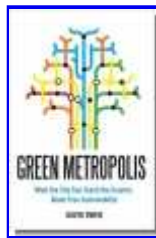
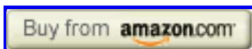


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