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Warming bill dicey for Dems

A big push to gather support for the bill is putting Markey and John Salazar on the spot.

By Michael Riley *The Denver Post*

WASHINGTON» Democratic House leaders, President Barack Obama and environmental heavyweights scrambled Thursday to find the support needed to pass an ambitious global-warming bill, one of the administration's chief environmental initiatives.

Obama and former Vice President Al Gore worked the phones to try to land support from moderate Republicans and undecided or wavering Democrats from conservative districts, such as Reps. John Salazar and Betsy Markey of Colorado.

Salazar opposed the bill early on, particularly the impact its central component, restrictions on emissions of greenhouse gases, could have on energy costs. His spokesman said this week that Salazar has not decided whether recent compromises to the bill are enough to change his mind.

But the vote is an especially dicey one for Markey, who has yet to take a public position. A first-term Democrat in a moderate district, Markey is likely to be one of the GOP's biggest targets in 2010, and they would love nothing more than to see her vote "yes."

Environmental groups also hope Markey supports the bill. Defenders of

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A canine-do attitude drives 2-legged dog



Dare visits with patients at the Rocky Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Center. *Hyoung Chang, The Denver Post*

By Adam Schrage *9News*

Among Tami Skinner's three Shelties, it's easy to pick out the youngest. He's not just the smallest or the one knocked down by his brothers while playing catch in her backyard. Three-year-old Dare has a more obvious distinction.

He has only two legs — the front and back limbs on his right side.

"People ask me all the time, 'How does he walk?'" said Skinner. "He just walks. He just goes because nobody's told him he can't."

He has adapted to life with half the capacity of a normal dog without giving up anything in the process. For example, he leans against a wall to drink his water and eat his food. He uses the ground to help balance any bone he wishes to chew. And when he plays

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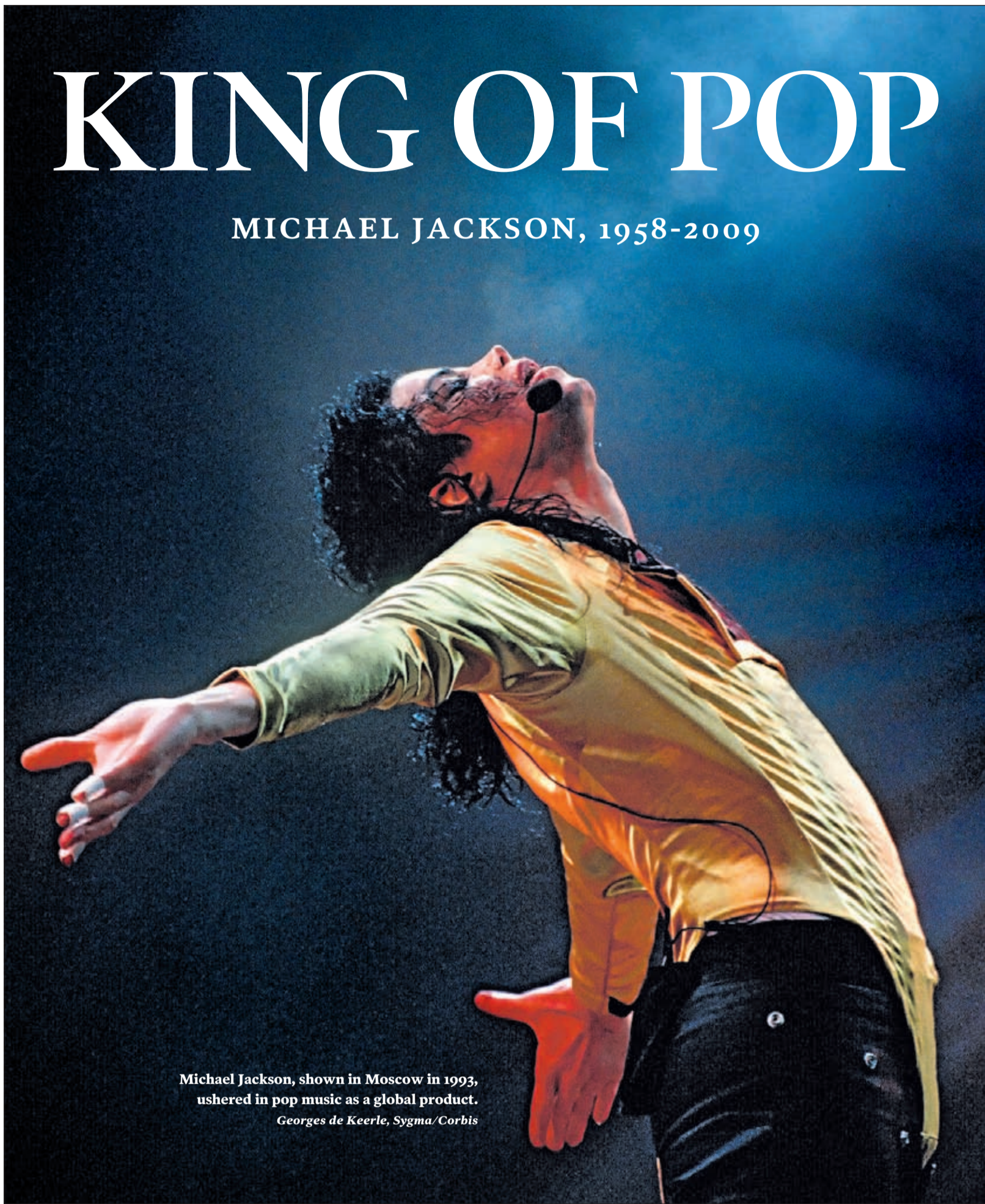
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OBITUARY

FARRAH FAWCETT DIES

The actress with the feathery mane who soared to fame in the late 1970s on TV's "Charlie's Angels" loses her fight with cancer at age 62. » 12A



Michael Jackson, shown in Moscow in 1993, ushered in pop music as a global product. *Georges de Keerle, Sygma/Corbis*

By Brooks Barnes *The New York Times*

LOS ANGELES» For his legions of fans, he was the Peter Pan of pop music: the little boy who refused to grow up. But now he is gone.

Michael Jackson, whose quintessentially American tale of celebrity and excess took him from musical boy wonder to global King of Pop to sad figure haunted by lawsuits and failed plastic surgery, died Thursday afternoon. He was 50.

Jackson was pronounced dead at 2:26 p.m. PDT at UCLA Medical Center.

"It is believed he suffered cardiac arrest in his home," a statement from the center said. "However, the cause of his death is unknown until results of the autopsy are known."

At his peak, Jackson was the biggest star in the world. He sold more than 750 million albums.

From his days as the youngest brother in the Jackson 5 to his solo career in the 1980s and early 1990s, Jackson was responsible for a string of hits including "I Want You Back," "I'll Be There," "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough,"

"Billie Jean" and "Black and White" that exploited his high voice, infectious energy and ear for irresistible hooks.

As a solo performer, Jackson ushered in the age of pop as a global product. His early career with his brothers gave way to a solo act in which he became more character than singer, with his sequined glove, his whitened face, his moonwalk dance move.

But after his entertainment career hit high-water marks, it started a bizarre disintegration. His darkest moment came in 2003, when he was indicted on charges of child molestation. He was acquitted on all charges.

Jackson is survived by three children: Michael Joseph Jackson Jr., Paris Michael Katherine Jackson and Prince "Blanket" Michael Jackson II.

Michael Joseph Jackson was born in Gary, **JACKSON » 18A**

INVENTIVENESS WAS A KEY NOTE OF PULSING TUNES

By Ricardo Baca *Denver Post Pop Music Critic*

He was, of course, bigger than his music. But Michael Jackson was music first, and it was dynamic, ear-tickling music that pulsed and flirted and jived — and prepped us decades ago for what we listen to now.

Even in death, his musical legacy — which sparkles with immediacy and crackles with inventiveness — will likely live strong.

"He was like a shooting star," said Barry Fey, the legendary Denver-based concert promoter who booked at least six Jackson shows in Colorado over the years. "He came, and he shined so brightly, and now he's gone."

The pop icon's influence reaches far beyond the numbers, which are record-breaking. He won 13 Grammys, had 13 No. 1 records and sold hundreds of millions of albums worldwide.

Jackson's decades-long musical career start-

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The changing face of the pop icon » He started his career with the Jackson 5 and evolved into a figure often derided as "Wacko Jacko"



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