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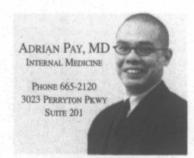


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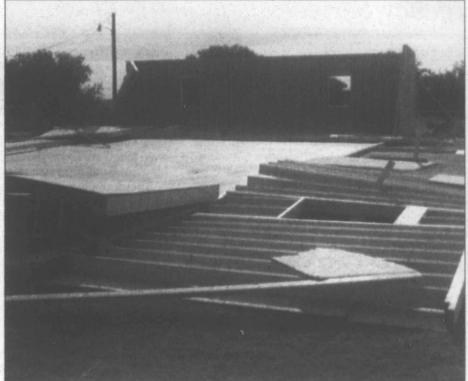
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Three walls of a new shop being built on Loop 171 were blown down by the high winds Tuesday night. The tree at right was blown down during the storm in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill. A peak wind speed of 73 mph was reported by West Texas Mesonet.

Fierce winds rip through Pampa causing damage

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

windy weather Tuesday night causing tree limbs to litter city streets. wind speed reached 73 mph. Pampa received only .01 inches of precipita-

Pampa Fire Department Capt. Claud Scifres reported that the fire department responded to six calls concerning arcing power lines between 11:15 p.m. and 12:15 a.m.

"There were more calls that came in last night for power lines that were

down, but the firefighters were so the arcing power lines. Our fire station did sustain some damage though. Some windows in our hose tower, where we hang the hoses to dry, were blown out by the high winds."

Wes Reeves, spokesman from Xcel Energy, said that Pampa seemed to be the hardest hit area Tuesday night with strong winds.

"Pampa and the east side of busy they couldn't respond to all of Amarillo sustained the most wind Pampa experienced some wild, them," Scifres said. "I guess the damage last night in this area," police department had to respond to Reeves said. "We haven't received the other calls. As far as we know, reports from other towns with much According to West Texas Mesonet, there wasn't any further damage to damage. In Pampa, between 11 and Tuesday's high was 91 and peak life or property that occurred from 12 p.m. last night, there were 2,500 customers without power. Most of those outages were from damaged feeder lines. As of this morning at 10:30 a.m., there are still about 100 customers without power. Crews are still working on those issues and hope to have everyone back up and running soon. We know that we have to replace at least 13 power poles in Pampa also."

Donnie Hooper, deputy director of public works, said that all of the city's services were out Tuesday night helping each other.

"We had public works crews out last night trying to help the firefighters, policemen, sheriff's deputies, highway department and the Hoover firefighters," Hooper said. "With the power being out all over the city, there were many people just patrolling the dark neighborhoods making sure that everything was OK. We were also looking for downed power lines so we could

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Garden tour this weekend

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Koi ponds and gardens, both with and without bodies of water, will be on display Saturday at 14 Pampa area homes.

The 10th annual Water Garden Tour, sponsored by Las Pampa Koi and Water Garden Society, will begin at 9 a.m. and continue through 11 p.m. with tours divided up into daylight and evening viewing. Some stops on the tour will be open for both time peri-

Daylight-only tours, which are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., include ponds and/or gardens in the 700 block of North Gray, the 1600 block of North Christy, the 2100 block of Lea, the 2600 block of Cherokee, the 1100 block of Harvester, 23rd Avenue and Deer Place, the 2300 block of Chateau Rue and north of the city off Highway 70.

Ponds and/or gardens which will be available for viewing during both the daylight and evening tours are in the 800 and 900 blocks

of North Gray, the 1000 block of North Dwight, the 1900 block of Evergreen and the 1900 block of Fir.

One home in the 2400 block of Evergreen is listed as a twilight-only tour. The twilight tour for all participating locations is from 8 to 11 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 each and are available at the Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard; West Texas Landscape, 120 S. Hobart; Pollie's Greenhouse, 529 N. Hobart; The Potting Shed, 410 E. Foster; or on the day of the tour at any of the participating homes.

Persons taking the tours may visit some or all of the stops, in any order they choose. Exact locations, tour times and in which tour(s) each location is participating are printed on the tickets.

Koi are any of various colorful cultivated forms of the common carp, believed to have originated in Japan and other parts of eastern temperate Asia. Koi are popular aquarium and ornamental pond fish.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS Water cascades down a series of steps to a pond in the back yard of a home in the 1900 block of Fir. The home is one of 14 on Saturday's Water Garden

Earthquake rumbles area five miles below ground

By DAVID BOWSER

Staff Writer Did you miss it?

Shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday a 2.9 magnitude earthquake rolled about five miles below the surface of Pampa.

The epi-center was located two miles west-southwest of Pampa along U.S. Highway 60, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

That same day there were about two dozen earthquakes of similar size reported across the tier of states

west of the Rocky Mountains.

Most of North America east of the Rockies has infrequent earthquakes, the USGS reports. Most of the region from the Rockies to the Atlantic goes years without an earthquake large enough to be felt.

Several states have never reported a damaging earthquake.

The USGS said earthquakes east of the Rockies are typically felt over a much broader region.

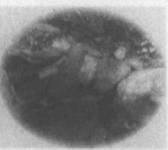
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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Thursday

Friday

Saturday







Mostly sunny

Mostly sunny

Partly cloudy

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. Southsoutheast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 71. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high

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Widespread showers to continue

By The AP

Widespread showers and thunderstorms were expected to continue today throughout the East Coast as well as the Southern Plains

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and Lower Mississippi Valley. Skies in the Northeast were to clear late in the day as the cold front bringing the rain moves into the Atlantic.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow.

McLAUGHLIN, Johnnie Sypert — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Fairdale Baptist Church, Fairdale.

Ivan Peacock, 71

Pampa, Texas, died June 18, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Peacock was born July 27, 1935, in Pampa. He attended Pampa schools and graduated from Pampa High School in 1954. He joined the U.S. Army in 1957. He married Barbara DuPont on Sept. 12, 1959, in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

He was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Texas

electronics engineer for Hughes Aircraft, Walt Studios Disney and HR Textron, retiring in 1997.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 2004. He was a member of the Pampa congregation of the Peacock Jehovah's Witnesses.

He loved playing the gui- Calif., Sanda Lynn Peacock



Barbara Peacock, of the home; four daughters, Deborah Anne McKown of Gypsum, Kan., Linda Sue

Lorenzo of Simi Valley,

Ivan Peacock, 71, of National Guard. He was an tar, woodworking and pho- of Encino, Calif., and Rebecca Marie Botvinik of mother, his Cypress; Dorothy Brown Meadville, Pa.; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Bob Peacock of Meadville, Pa., and Charles Peacock of Omak, Wash.

MEMORIALS: Genesis House, Inc., 615 W. Buckler, Pampa, TX 79065.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Emergency Services

reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Eight traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 200 block of East Brown and the 200 block of Canadian.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 100 block of South Wells, an unreported location, the 1000 block of South Faulkner, the 900 block of South Faulkner, the 100 block of North Nelson, the 300 block of North Sumner, the 1100 block of North Dwight, the 800 block of South Faulkner, the 600

Pampa Police Department block of South Somerville, the 2500 block of Mary Ellen, the 700 block of Bradley Drive, the 1600 block of North Somerville, the 1400 block of Williston and the 500 block of Wilks.

> A welfare check was made in the 100 block of North Sumner.

> A runaway was reported in the 500 block of North Perry.

A missing person was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells. Agency assistance was

rendered in the 2200 block of North Wells and the 2400 block of Alcock.

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of East Francis.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of Henry, the 1100 block of West Wilks, the 200 block of North Faulkner, the intersection of Cuyler and Francis streets and the 300 block of North Frost.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 100 block of South Purviance.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 800 block of South Barnes and

the 2600 block of Seminole. Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road and the 1100 block of Huff Road.

Public intoxication was reported at One Medical

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 600 block of East Craven, the 900 block of North Somerville

and the intersection of Campbell and Henry streets.

Criminal mischief was reported on two occasions in the 2900 block Rosewood. On one occasion, paint was thrown on the inside and outside of a vehicle. Estimated cost of damage is \$1,500.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Hazel. A window valued at \$300 was broken out of a vehicle.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 700 block of East Scott, the 600 block of Deane Drive and the 800 block of North Wells.

Seven alarms were report-

One open door was checked.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of North Davis, the 100 block of South Faulkner and the 700 block of East Francis.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 2200 block of Duncan. A lawn mower of unknown value

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Movie to benefit Relay for Life



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The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will benefit from a portion of movie ticket sales on Friday at Pampa's Cinema 4 for the movie "Heaven Almighty." Pictured are Garrett Jones, selling tickets to Jackie Davis, Myra Jiminez, Linda Lantz, Jessica Rameriz and Pam Dalton. For more information on Relay for Life at Recreation Park June 29, contact Pam Dalton or Linda Lantz at 665-0356.

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Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest today.

Wednesday, June 20 Lindsey Terrell, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Huff Road by Pampa Police Department for public intoxication and disorderly conduct/lan-

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, June 19 10:35 a.m. — One unit

three personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

3:37 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of North Gray on a medical assist.

3:39 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of South Wells on a medical assist.

5:19 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of South Nelson on an investigation.

5:19 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1600 block of Somerville on a medical

6:00 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of North Christy on a medical assist.

7:19 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of McCollough on a medical

7:23 p.m. — One unit and ICU responded to PRMC two personnel responded to the 900 block of East Campbell on a rubbish fire.

11:20 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 500 block of Naida on arcing power lines.

11:28 p.m. — One unit three personnel responded to the 1300 block of Mary Ellen on arcing power lines.

11:42 p.m. — One unit three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Sierra on arcing power

11:47 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 600 block of Deane on arcing power

11:56 p.m. — One unit three personnel responded to the 800 block of West Somerville and of Frost on arcing power transported a patient(s) to

Wednesday, June 20

12:12 a.m. — One unit three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Crane on arcing power

2:45 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 100 block of West Harvester on a fire alarm.

The fire department reports that none of the arcing power line calls resulted in further damage to life or property.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, June 19

8:02 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:07 a.m. - A mobile

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Wind

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Hooper said that city crews will be going around picking up tree limbs that are placed by the curb as soon as possible.

"This will be similar to how we handled the broken tree limbs after the ice

Hooper said. "Residents should place the limbs in the right of way of their yard next to the curb, but not out in the street. We will not enter yards or go up by houses to collect these limbs.'

According to Hooper, Central Park did have quite a few tree limbs that were down. Prison work crews were working early in the morning to pick these up.

Mike Killgo, who lives on Loop 171, woke up to

see the walls of a new building he was working on lying on the ground. He and family members have been working on a 40 by 80 foot shop and game room since February. They had all four walls put up on top of the concrete slab and this morning only one wall was still

"The walls are just laying down and there is lumber scattered all over the pasture," Killgo said.

Colorado fire forces 90 homes to be evacuated

NEW CASTLE, Colo. (AP) — Firefighters took advantage of calm, humid weather Wednesday morning to extend containment lines around part of a 1,000-acre wildfire that forced scores of people from their homes.

Erratic wind on Tuesday had driven the fire through highly flammable trees and brush, and more hot, dry weather was forecast later Wednesday.

The blaze was in steep terrain about 160 miles west of Denver, close to the site of the 1994 Storm King Mountain fire that killed 14 firefighters.

Crews set a small, controlled fire or "back burn," between the wildfire and several houses to remove fuel from the path of the flames, Garfield County sheriff's spokeswoman

Tanny McGinnis said. "It (the back burn) did exactly what we intended for it to do," McGinnis said. "The only issue is, there's no way to predict what will happen with the winds.'

The fire was at least 15 percent contained Wednesday.

"It's been a really scary fire. Its behavior has been bizarre. We're struggling to get a handle on it,' Garfield County Sheriff Lou Vallario said.

No buildings had burned but officials ordered the evacuation of 90 homes near Glenwood Springs and advised residents to evacuate 110 oth-

One firefighter injured his hand and another suffered heat exhaustion.



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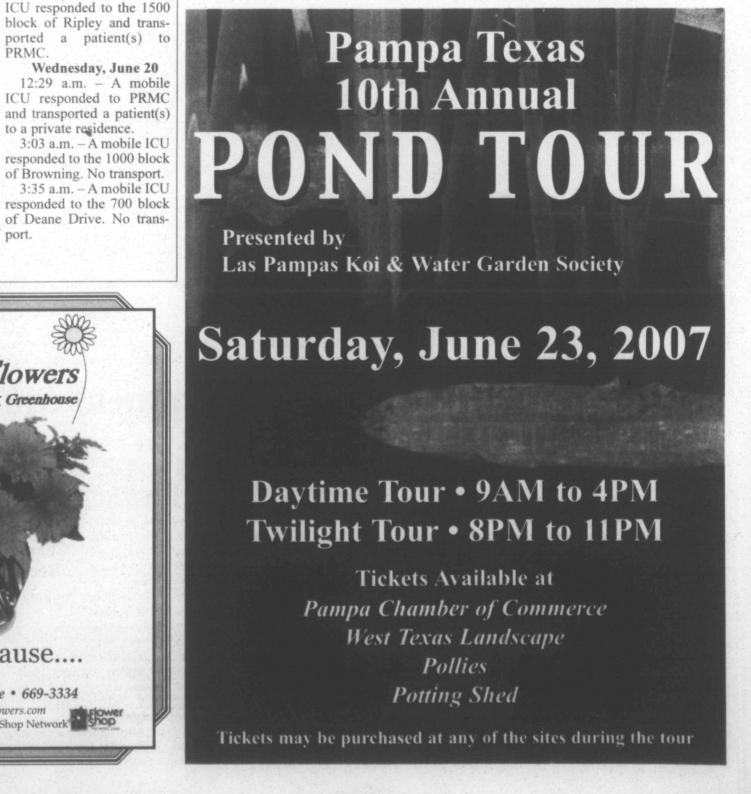
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Animals rescued in Idaho blaze

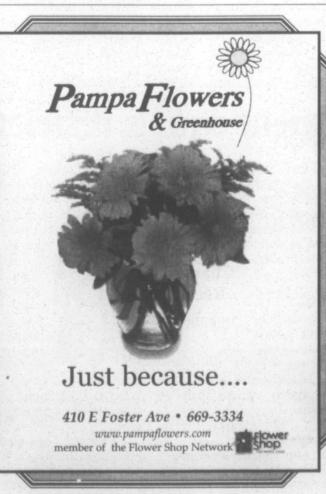
POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) - Firefighters resuscitated four cats and an albino rat from a charred apartment in southeastern Idaho.

The animals received oxygen through a special mask designed for small animals that the department got two years ago.

Electrical failure likely caused the fire, which resulted in at least \$10,000 in damage, fire officials said. No people were injured.

Firefighter Kirby Jonas, who whisked the rat to safety, said he was astonished anything survived the flames that engulfed the apartment. He found the rat huddled in blackened bedding in a cage.

"If I were betting money, I would have put down \$10,000 that anything in that cage was dead," Jonas said.



Viewpoints

Republican Party: Stupid is as stupid does

The S.S. GOP is sinking fast, and it looks like Skipper Bush is going down with his

That's only fair - after all, he's the one who torpedoed his own ship with the immigration-reform-bill warhead. Not fair is the fact that he's taking his party down with him.

I can understand his stubbornness in sticking with this insane program that doesn't do a damned thing to plug the leaking borders that are allowing the United States to be flooded with all manner and shapes of illegal aliens, some of them terrorists who want to kill large numbers of Americans - he really has nothing to lose.

In less than 18 months he'll be history - one of those curiosities who at one moment wielded the vast powers of the presidency and the next found themselves with all the other John O. Citizens.

That's not true of the senators who stand on the bridge with him as the water rises up toward the quarter deck where they can either jump into the life boats and survive, or go down with the

I'm amazed at how many of them appear to be choosing a watery grave. After all, it should be more than obvious that standing firm behind this monstrosity of a bill carries with it the death penalty - it's just plain suici-

He might not yet fully realize it, but Sen. John McCain has suddenly gone from being a serious candidate for the presidency to

that of being a politician with no political future at all. And I can't imagine how Sen. Lindsay Graham could ever imagine that his strong advocacy of a bill that in the blink of an eye turns lawbreakers, some of the most serious kind, into instant legal immi-

Michael

Reagan

Columnist

grants could be helpful to his political future. Ditto John Kyl and the

others. If it weren't so serious, it would leave us laughing at the spectacle we saw when the president went up to Capitol Hill to try to revive the bill.

It wasn't serious politics, it was a joke.

Did he really, seriously think that Harry Reid was going to be his friend and help patch the sinking GOP

Here you have a president with a dismal 30-somethingpercent approval rating rubbing elbows with a group -

Congress that has a more-dismal 27 percent approval rating being led by a guy with a hor-

rendous 19 percent approval rating. It doesn't get more comedic than that.

These people are living in a dream world, and one that has not yet been shattered by the incredible backlash from Americans outraged to see their national sovereignty

imperiled and determined to keep the bill from ever becoming law. The message is loud and clear: Kill the damned thing or get ready to pack your bags and head for home because your political career is all but over.

To continue to push for passage indicates that the backers are either stupid or arrogant and determined to impose their wills on the nation whether the people like it or not.

When this bill emerged from the back room where it was crafted in secret by the likes of Teddy Kennedy, Rush Limbaugh took one look at it and renamed it the "Comprehensive Destroy the Republican Party Bill."

No matter how many Democrat senators back the bill in a Senate they control, Republicans will take the blame for it. Unless the GOP roars back and in one voice makes it clear that their president does not speak for them on this issue, and goes all-out to kill it, 2008 is going to be a sorry time for all Republicans.

The late Sam Francis must be grinning up there in paradise as he watches the GOP prove once again that it is what he called it "the Stupid Party."

After all, stupid is what stupid does. And when stupid defies the will of the American people, stupid goes under.

-Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 20, the 171st day of 2007. There are 194 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 20, 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden innocent of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

On this date:

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Alfred North

English philosopher

and mathematician

Whitehead

(1861-1947)

In 1756, in India, a group of British soldiers was imprisoned in a suffocating cell that gained notoriety as the "Black Hole of Calcutta"; most died. (However, the exact circumstances of this incident — such as the number of prisoners, originally put at 146 — are disputed.)

In 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States. The art of progress

In 1837, Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

In 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state.

In 1943, race-related rioting erupted in Detroit; federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths.

In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at

the order of mob associates. In 1947, President Truman vetoed the Taft-Hartley Act,

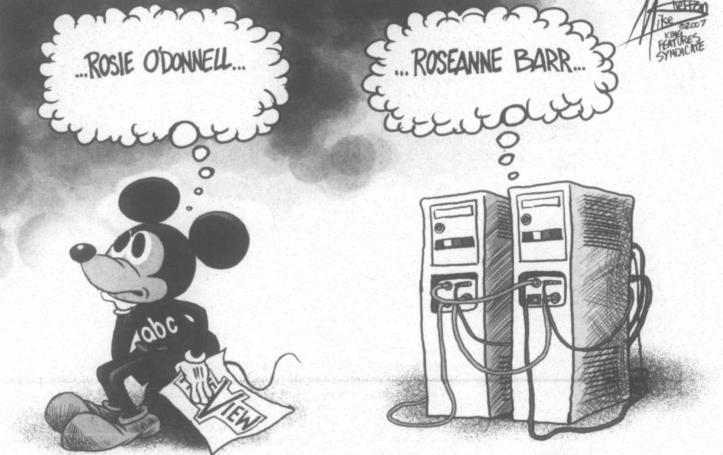
but had his veto overridden by Congress.

In 1963, the United States and Soviet Union signed an agreement to set up a "hot line" between the two superpow-In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston

of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the Supreme Court).

In 2001, Houston resident Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the family bathtub, then called police. (Yates was later convicted of murder, but had her conviction overturned; she was acquitted in a retrial.)

Ten years ago: The tobacco industry agreed to a massive settlement in exchange for major relief from mounting lawsuits and legal bills. The summit of industrialized nations opened in Denver, with Russia taking its place as the new eighth partner. A jury in Trenton, N.J., ordered the death penalty for Jesse K. Timmendequas, whose rape and strangling of his 7-year-old neighbor, Megan Kanka, led to the creation of "Megan's Laws" requiring that communities be notified of sex offenders in their midst.



MOUSE BRAIN SIMULATED ON SUPER COMPUTER-NEWS ITEM

Moral relativism mixing up our morals

"I don't see what everybody is so worried about. We should have loosened up our social mores years ago.'

"Ah, yes, you speak of Gallup's annual Values and Beliefs survey. It found that Americans are worried about the state of morality. Nearly 50 percent think our moral values are poor. Eight out of 10 think our morality is getting worse."

"It's the older, churchgoing conservatives who feel this way.'

"The poll did break down along some interesting fault lines. People who attend church are much more likely to think morality is in bad shape than those who do not.

"I figured."

"Whereas 45 percent of Republicans believe moral conditions are poor, only 38 percent of Democrats feel so. The gap widens along ideological lines: 49 percent of conservatives think moral conditions are poor versus 32 percent of liberals."

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morals gives us more to do Tom the Purcell weekend!" .

"Liberals

"The Columnist widest gap is between young and

old. Only 31 percent of Americans between 18 and 29 think moral conditions are poor versus 51 percent of those over 65."

"Older generations always think younger generations are less moral.'

"Your point is well taken, but perhaps things really are getting worse. In the 1950s,

for instance, older generations said Elvis was vulgar and immoral – that his music was sexually suggestive."

"My point exactly. Elvis was the greatest!" "But compare his lyrics to

> many today's hit songs and it clear

things have gotten worse. Many today's

lyrics are not about romance but the biological act of sex or cheating or jealousy. They're often misogynistic and demeaning to women. Elvis celebrated love and romance. Too many of today's songs celebrate human nature at its most base."

"You're entitled to your

"You raise an interesting point. Is morality just a matter of opinion? That's what some would like us to believe. That if it feels good, go for it. That in a world of moral relativism, there are no objective moral standards only personal choices."

"That's right. It's a free world."

"Yes, and in such a world, people have lost their ability to discern. They're often unable to say one thing is bad and another thing is good. They cannot say that some of Elvis' music was great and that some of today's rap music is horrible. But the truth is some things are better than other things. Some things are morally bet-

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Big government equals restricted freedoms

mass murderer, was correct when he said that the power of government comes out of the barrel of a gun. George Washington, our first president, said something similar, likening government to fire, which he said was "a useful servant but a fearful master."

Most Americans seem to have forgotten that, which is why our liberty has been steadily eroded. There is nothing that Congress or the executive branch feels shy about regulating, no matter how trivial. There are so many federal laws on the books today that it is utterly

Mao Zedong, the Chinese to know what they all are. Laws are useful, even necessary, but they should be

concise, clear and represent the people. Most of the Charley legislation

written Reese today unreadable, Columnist and most bills are

longer than a Tolstoy novel. Any bill that consumes more than 10 pages is probably a very bad bill and should never become law.

A free society drowning in impossible for even a lawyer legislation and regulations is

a contradiction in terms. Such a society is in fact a servile society in which people's freedom to make their the consensus and consent of own decisions has been

greatly narrowed down. It is not a legitimate function of government to attempt to make every-

one safe and healthy and comfy. Protecting people from force and fraud is suffi-

I spent a lot of years covering government on the local, state and federal lev-

els, and you know what I never once heard at any public meeting? Someone coming in and saying, "Cut the expenditures." Instead, people came with a laundry list of things they wanted government to do for them.

Politicians, of course, are glad to oblige, but every government action means expense that the people will pay for and lessening of their freedom. We started out with part-time public servants working in modest facilities for modest pay. Now we have overpaid politicians working palaces.

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Events calendar

 The Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9916 or 669-9297.

 The next Third Thursday at Amarillo Museum of Art will be from 6-9 p.m. Thursdday. The event will include music by Roger Dean, a film, coffee tasting and art activities for adults and children. To find out more, call (806) 371-5050.

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· An investigator with the Texas Workforce Commission Civil Rights Division will be at the American Red Cross, Panhandle chapter, for scheduled appointments until June 30. If you suspect housing or employment discrimination, call (512) 632-7021 to make an appointment.

 The postmark deadline to enter the International Library of Poetry's free poetry contest is June 30. To enter, send one poem of 20 lines or less to the International Library of Poetry, Suite 19925, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. For more information, log www.poetry.com on the Internet.

 The entry deadline for "TPS 16: The National Competition" of the

Texas Photographic Society is July 5. The exhibition will open in Austin and tour Odessa, Houston, New York City and San Francisco. Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, call (210) 824-4123 or log onto

www.texasphoto.org on the Internet. Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation will offer "Life Choices" from 1:30-3 p.m. July 9-13 for ninth and 10th graders; "The Hot Head Cool Down" from 2-4 p.m. July 16-20 for youth 11-14 years of age; and "Dating Smart" from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 1,3,8 and 10 for girls 15-16 years of age. Cost of each class is free. "The Hot Head Cool Down" and "Dating Smart" will be presented at the agency's Children's and STAR facility, 1500 S. Taylor, in Amarillo. "Life Choices" will be conducted at DSC Library in Hereford. For more information or to register for the classes, call (806) 359-2005 in Amarillo or (806) 363-7695 in Hereford.

• The summer exit level TAKS for 2006-07 upperclassmen will be administered at 9 a.m. at Clarendon College-Pampa Center on the following dates: July 10 (English language

arts); July 11 (math); July 12 (science); July 13 (social studies). Passing all four parts of the test is a requirement for high school gradua-

· Borger will be the site of the second round of Texas Historical Commission Preserve America workshops scheduled from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Aug. 10 at Hutchinson County Museum.

 The 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc., upcoming schedule of activities include the following events: 61st National Convention, Aug. 13-19, Harrisburg, Pa.; National Airborne Day, Aug. 16; and 45th All Ohio Day's, Oct. 19-20, Clearwater, Ohio. For more information and membership details, call (937) 898-5977.

· The 61st annual Top O' Texas Rodeo and Kid Pony Show is scheduled at the Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds in Pampa Aug. 23-25 and Aug. 19-21, respectively. In case of inclement weather, Aug. 22 will serve as a make-up day for any performances of the Kid Pony Show that did not go as scheduled. A rodeo parade is planned at 10 a.m. Aug. 25.

Lawsuit claims chef faked show

NEW YORK (AP) — Celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay is accused of faking scenes for a new reality television show in which he was supposed to "makeover" failing restaurants in a week's time as his confrontations with staff were recorded, according to a lawsuit on Tuesday.

A former general manager at Dillons in Manhattan, Martin R. Hyde, said Ramsay featured the Indian-American restaurant as part of a new series titled "Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares," to be distributed this fall by the Fox Broadcasting Co.

Hyde's lawsuit said Ramsay falsely claimed meat was spoiled, used a defective chair to imply that Dillons' furniture was shoddy and even hired actors to pose as customers to make the restaurant look busy at the end of the week.

Hyde also claimed Ramsay, known for foul-mouthed outbursts and star of Fox's reality competition "Hell's Kitchen," humiliated him and forced him to quit his job to avoid further abuse.

He asked for millions of dollars in damages and a court order to stop the show from airing.

Purcell

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"You're treading on dangerous ground, buddy."

"Look, the American Heritage Dictionary says that morality is the quality of being in accord with standards of right or good conduct. It is a system of ideas of right and wrong conduct - VIRTUOUS conduct."

"Yeah, what of it?"

"Greek philosophers had names for virtuous conduct. They believed prudence, temperance, courage and justice were virtues all people should strive to master. By mastering virtue, we become MORAL.'

"Sounds like a lot of work to me."

"On the flip side, we should avoid excessive pride, envy, gluttony, lust, anger, greed and sloth. These are known as the seven deadly sins."

"They're also the activities that make up most of my social life."

"It's not complicated, but we've complicated it. It used to be morally wrong for teenagers to do what Lewinsky and Clinton did. It used to be immoral for a man and woman to bring a life into the world without being married, but both are OK now."

"Yeah, yeah."

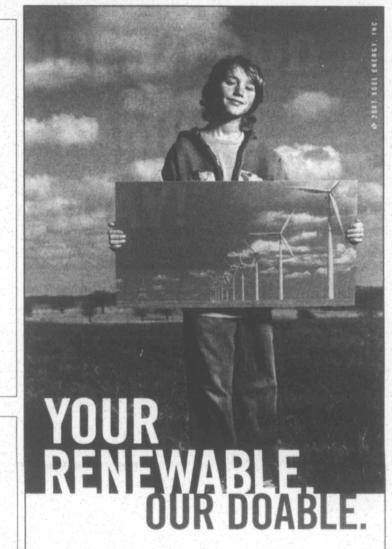
"Cigarette smoking used to be a vile personal choice, but now it's considered more evil than communism. And whereas traditional sins are considered relics of an unenlightened past, there is no bigger sin than NOT believing humans are causing global warming. Our moral universe is completely twisted up."

"Says you." "No, says a lot of people. They know that 35 percent of American births are to unwed mothers. They know that our culture has gotten excessively vulgar and cynical. They experience incivility every day.'

'You need to loosen up." "We've loosened up plenty. That's why so many worry

traditional morality is in swift decline in America." -Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndi-

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Reese

American politicians have, in recent decades, built far more palaces than the late Saddam Hussein could even men in America and solved his probdream of.

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lawyer who lived most of his life in a normal manner until he was elected county manager. That meant that he driver and a bodyguard, as if he were it has become an aristocracy of

patching of potholes and the roundup of stray mutts. A young lawyer knocking down

office. I reminded him that George Washington was one of the richest lem by declining to accept any pay I've often told the story of a local for his public service, either as a general or as a president.

The idea of personal sacrifice for the common good has been left to the would manage the county dog enlisted men and women of the pound, the road department, and armed services. We have indeed parks and recreation. He immediate- developed an aristocracy, but instead ly decided that he needed a personal of an aristocracy of virtue and merit,

risking his life by overseeing the money, often inherited. Like Paris Hilton, a great many of these people are spoiled brats and sissies. It's not far off the mark to say that

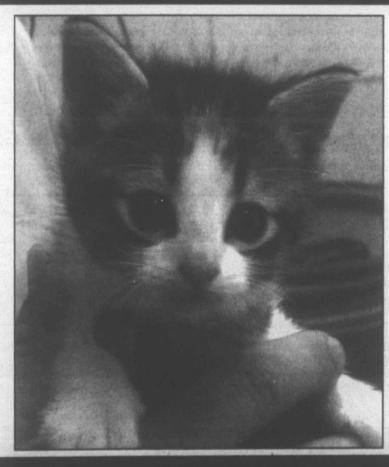
about \$400,000 a year said that he the natural leaders of America have couldn't afford to run for public declined to lead, preferring instead to make money. Forgive these ramblings of my discontent, but I see a great country slipping away, and it's neither inevitable nor necessary. People do seem to be getting riled

up about the immigration amnesty bill, and that's a good sign. I hope they remember to vote against every (bleep) who was a party to this sellout to big business. -Write to Charley Reese at P.O.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I live next door to a 75year-old man whose wife died a few months ago. I'm fairly new to the neighborhood and heard of his loss just before Easter. As a caring gesture, I took him a homemade casserole and left my number in case he needed help going to the store or a cup of coffee. Since then, he has been over once with flowers to chat and have coffee, and is now calling me every few days inviting me for lunch, a glass of wine, etc. I am engaged to be married and he knows this, but my fiance lives in another town. I realize my neighbor is lonely, but he appears to be thinking romantically. I am 30 years his junior and busy with my life. I only just met him and have nothing to say except to listen, which would be OK if I didn't think he was looking for more. When he was here for coffee, he kissed my forehead several times when he left and wanted several hugs. I feel so sorry for him, but I don't want to lead him on or hurt him more than he already has been. Could this man actually be thinking of another woman this soon after his wife's death? How should I handle this? Please reply ASAP! - LUCY IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR LUCY: It is not unheard of for a widower (or a widow) to miss physical contact and companionship after the loss of a spouse, and start thinking romantically within months of her or his death. You were kind to reach out to comfort your neighbor in his grief, but the time has come to make it clear that you are not available for the kind of companionship he is looking for. Remind him again that you are

engaged to be married, and that he should find a grief support group that can help him work through his loss and re-establish a social life. To do so is neither rude nor unfeeling, and it may be the push in the right direction he needs to get moving with his life again -- because right now he is barking up the wrong tree.

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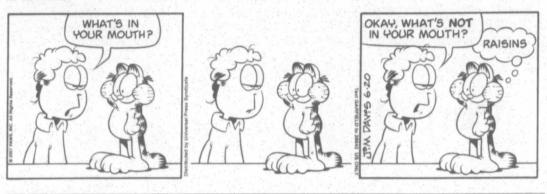
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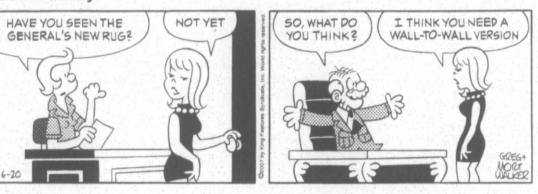
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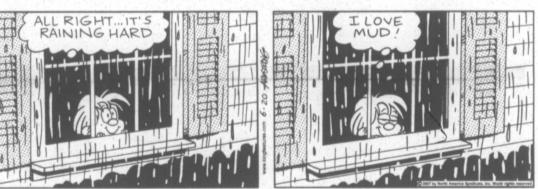
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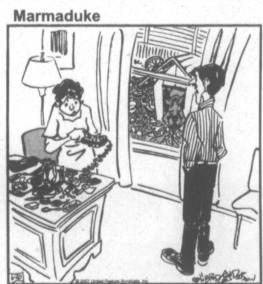
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Coach Trent Davis (right) works with the morning session of Pampa High School Soccer Camp early this morning. Pictured here is Davis showing his campers how to work a ball-stopping drill.



Midland High School's coach Warren Cottle (left) works with the 7-8 year-olds during this morning's session of Pampa High School Soccer Camp.

Saving the Orioles not a young man's job

By JIM LITKE AP Sports Columnist

Last week's duel between 48-year-old New York Met Julio Franco and 44-year-old Yankee Roger Clemens was the oldest batter-pitcher matchup in the major leagues in nearly 75 years.

Had their field bosses been the same ages, though, the matchup would have been among the game's youngest. Managing is that rare job where most guys hit their stride right around the same time the only other career choice is to become a greeter at Wal-Mart. The Baltimore Orioles would do well to keep that in mind as they start sifting through candidates to put a halt to nearly a decade-long slide into mediocrity.

The slumping Orioles fired the 56-year-old Sam Perlozzo on Monday and replaced him with interim manager Dave Trembley, who is 55. Considering what's at stake and based on the admittedly scant evidence of one game, Baltimore might want to go grayer still. The Orioles lost for the ninth straight and 14th time in 16 games Tuesday night to San Diego in Trembley's first outing.

More than just Trembley's interim tag, though, might be

hanging in the balance on a road swing that keeps the Orioles out of town until next week. Attendance at Camden Yards is nose-diving, and more troubling, lackluster play by veterans like Miguel Tejada and Melvin Mora suggests Perlozzo lost the club and his successor might not find it easy to win that support

Reports peg 42-year-old Joe Girardi, who spent a season in charge of the Florida Marlins, as the clear frontrunner. Yet also rumored to be on the short list are Davey Johnson, 64, who led the Orioles when they last had a winning season, in 1997, and former Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker, 58.

"I don't know what age you're at your best and I'm sure it's different for everyone," said Dick Williams, who won two World Series titles in Oakland during one of a half-dozen managerial stints. "But the way the game is played anymore, managing is going to be more and more a younger man's rack-

"Almost nobody plays the game the way I was taught and I'm 78 now, so I don't have anywhere near the time or patience to teach 'em. But

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UC Irvine wins second straight extra inning game

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — UC Irvine left Arizona State coach Pat Murphy with a sense of familiarity.

The Anteaters became the first team in College World Series history to win two extra-inning games on consecutive days after Ollie Linton's bases-loaded single lifted Irvine over Arizona State 8-7 in 10 innings on Tuesday night.

"They reminded me of our '05 team — a team of des-Murphy tiny," said. "Probably not going to win the whole thing, but a team of destiny. But they may."

The Anteaters (47-16-1) will face Oregon State and have to win twice to keep the Beavers out of the championship round, which starts Saturday.

"Get some sleep, 'cause tomorrow's going to be better," said Irvine head coach Dave Serrano.

Rice will face North Carolina in the other game.

Linton raised his fist after pushing the game-winning hit through the right side of the infield. The rest of his

team rushed out of the dugout and mobbed the field as the crowd chanted Linton's name.

"They pushed me to get that hit," Linton said.

Arizona State looked to be the winner when it broke the game open with two runs in the seventh inning and three in the eighth.

But the Anteaters, down 7-3, tied it with four runs in the bottom of the inning after Jason Jarvis allowed three walks, a hit batsman that forced in a run and a Cody Cipriano RBI single.

Matt Morris tied it with a bases-loaded, two-run double into the right-center gap. Cipriano rounded third on the play as third-base coach Greg Bergeron signaled him to stop. Cipriano stopped suddenly, touched Bergeron and was called out for

coach's interference. "I don't know if I have words to describe what happened tonight," Serrano said. "But I will say that the 2007 Anteaters don't want to take their uniforms off."

Sosa strikes out against old teammates in Rangers' home-field loss

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Slammin' Sammy swung hard against his old

team. And missed. Playing against the Chicago Cubs for the first time in his career, with cameras flashing on every pitch to the slugger, Sosa was 0for-4 with three strikeouts Tuesday night in Texas' 5-4 loss. He remained one home run shy of becoming the fifth member of the 600-homer

"I don't worry about that. My main focus is me and the pitcher," Sosa said. "Today is over. I'll come back tomorrow ready to go

again." Sosa, whose only homer in the past 21 games was a grand slam Friday in Cincinnati, has two more chances against the Cubs to join Hank Aaron, Barry Bonds, Babe Ruth and Willie Mays in the elite club.

Slammin' Sammy has 11 third after a couple of hard homers in 61 games this season for Texas.

Derrek Lee, in the Cubs lineup after appealing his five-game suspension, was 2-for-5 with an RBI double in the sixth inning off Joaquin Benoit (2-2) that made it 5-4.

Sosa hit 545 homers with the Cubs from 1992-2004, when he was the 1998 NL MVP and a seven-time All-Star. Chicago was the only team that Sosa, in his 18th major league season, had never faced as an opponent.

And based on his hard swings, he was excited about the chance to face his old

"I'm an aggressive guy. I'm not a guy that's going to go out there and swing like a girl," Sosa said.

Sosa struck out swinging in the first inning, then took a called third strike in the

swings. Sosa struck out swinging again in the fifth and flew out to left - well short of the wall — in the eighth inning, prompting many fans to head to the exits.

"I thought he was taking normal swings at pitches he thought he saw," Rangers manager Ron Washington

The Cubs played at Rangers Ballpark Arlington for the first time, and many in the announced crowd of 38,290 wore Chicago jerseys and cheered for the visitors — and Sosa.

"It was nice, a lot of people showed up," Sosa said. "I still have to go out there and concentrate.'

Carlos Marmol (2-0) struck out the first four batters he faced and five of nine in three perfect innings. Ryan Dempster struck out the side in the ninth for his 16th save in 18 chances, completing five hitless

innings by the Cubs' bullpen. "Our starter didn't pitch well, but our bullpen saved us," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said.

Ian Kinsler hit two homers and Brad Wilkerson also homered to account for all the Rangers runs — all off Cubs starter Sean Marshall.

Mike Fontenot, part of the February 2005 trade that sent Sosa to Baltimore, was 2for-3 with a walk and scored twice for the Cubs — the second run after his leadoff single in the sixth and before Lee's double.

"It's cool to be involved in a game like this after getting traded for him. It's fun. But I'm just happy to be in the lineup," Fontenot said. "I didn't expect this many Cubs fans. It seemed like there were more of them than

Ranger fans."

Lee appealed the fivegame suspension he got because of a bench-clearing brawl Saturday at Wrigley Field after he was hit by a pitch thrown by San Diego's Chris Young, who has also appealed a five-game suspension.

Lee was hit in the forearm by a pitch from Young that appeared to be headed toward the first baseman's head. Lee walked to first, had words with the pitcher, then threw a punch. Young swung back and the benches emptied.

Felix Pie had a two-run triple in the third to put the Cubs up 2-1.

Alfonso Soriano, who played in Texas in 2004 and 2005, drew a bases-loaded walk with two outs in the fourth to make it 4-2. Mark DeRosa, who had a career season for the Rangers last

year before signing a freeagent deal with the Cubs, had a sacrifice fly earlier in the inning.

Marshall left Kinsler's two-run homer with no outs in the fifth tied the game at 4-4

Kinsler's 12th homer of the season came in the first inning, and Wilkerson led off the third with his seventh. Kenny Lofton had a leadoff single in the fifth before Kinsler homered again. Sosa never came close.

"I don't think he's pressing," Kinsler said. "We're hoping the next pitch is the one he hits out."

The Rangers played the first of 20 games in 20 days before the All-Star break. The Philadelphia Phillies are the only NL team which hasn't played in Arlington. Marshall had allowed only three homers in his first five

The San Antonio Spurs have named Dennis Lindsey of the Houston Rockets as the team's vice president/assistant general manager.

Lindsey spent the past 11 seasons with the Rockets. For the past five years he was vice president of basketball operations/player personnel. During his time with the Rockets he also served as director of player personnel, director of player development and personnel video coordinator/scout. He joined the Rockets in 1996.

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> Lindsey replaces Sam Presti, who earlier this month was named general manager of the Seattle SuperSonics.

> The Spurs won their fourth NBA championship in nine seasons last week by sweeping the Cleveland Cavaliers.

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PHS head soccer coach John True (left) and Midland High School head boys coach Warren Cottle run drills with this morning's Pampa High School Soccer Camp session.

Kings choose Theus as next coach

The Sacramento Kings reached an agreement in principle Tuesday with Reggie Theus to become their new coach, ending a meandering two-month search for Eric Musselman's replacement.

Kings spokesman Troy Hanson said the club plans to introduce Theus, the New State coach and a conference news Wednesday.

The Kings' search progressed slowly and deliberately after the club's first losing season since 1998.

Sacramento nearly hired Stan Van Gundy two weeks ago before he chose the Orlando Magic, while veteran coach Larry Brown recently expressed interest in

The Kings instead chose Theus, a well-liked 13-year NBA veteran — though he ence playing a coach on teleformer Kings player, at a vision as in real life. Theus, who transformed the New Mexico State program into an NCAA tournament club in just two seasons on the Aggies' sideline, has never coached in the NBA.

"People that know me, know that I am not someone who gets speechless, but right now I am," Theus said in a statement released by New Mexico State. "When I got involved in the interview process I really didn't give it much thought. It was just a happening."

Musselman was fired April 20 after one season that began with his arrest on a drunken-driving charge. The former Golden State coach coaxed just 33 victo-

ries from a fractured locker room filled with grumpy veterans — most of whom are under contract for next sea-

Kings assistant coach Scott Brooks, and Los Angeles Lakers assistants Brian Shaw and Kurt chance to experience an Rambis also got second has almost as much experi- NBA interview, and I never interviews with Sacramento thought about this really owners Joe and Gavin Maloof, who reportedly picked Musselman after the coach wowed the brothers in an interview last summer just as Theus apparently did last Friday at the Maloofs' casino in Las Vegas.

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a lot of guys 10 years younger than me don't either.' Whether Williams is cor-

rect about the future, managing still isn't even a middle-aged man's game.

Washington's Manny Acta, at 38, began the season as the youngest manager in the major leagues. On the other hand, Tony LaRussa, the defending World Series champion is 62. So is the man he beat last fall, Detroit Tigers skipper and close pal Jim

Leyland. The manager with the most glittering Series resume, the Yankees' Joe Torre, will be 67 in July. Yet he was so unproven barely a dozen years ago that one of the New York tabloids greeted his November,

1995, hiring with the headline "Clueless Joe." One guy he's outfoxed a few times in October, Atlanta Braves counterpart Bobby Cox, turned 66 last month.

How much longer any of them plan to keep working is something only they know. Lou Piniella, who is 63, said in a recent interview that he decided to take over the Cubs because he 'wanted one more challenge in my career," but even he has limits.

"I don't want to be doing this at 70," Piniella added.

But he might change his tune. Jack McKeon, the third-oldest manager ever behind Casey Stengel, 74, and Connie Mack, 88, took over the Florida Marlins during the 2003 season at age 72. Almost as unique as his feat of turning the sub-.500 ballclub he inherited into series champions was the reason he got fired: too abrasive for some players Others can't wait to get him at jlitkeap.org

and management.

And while there's little evidence the old dog is willing to learn new tricks, McKeon is also rumored to be interested in returning to the bench to manage.

"One danger with guys of a certain age — if they're going down, their attitude is, 'I'm going to go down my way."' Williams said during a phone interview Tuesday from his Las Vegas home. "If you set a program and you get players to buy into it, fine. If you set it and they don't, that's fine, too.

"Today, you've got 150pound guys routinely swinging for the fences. I wouldn't put up with that. The way things are," he chuckled, "I wouldn't last a week.'

But Williams doesn't presume to speak for all of his contemporaries.

Some worry they won't know when to get out.

back in. Almost all of them are resigned to the knowledge the decision will be made for them by some-

body else. Stengel, nicknamed "The Old Professor," won 10 pennants and seven World Series titles for the Yankees. But three days after Pittsburgh's Bill Mazeroski hit a dramatic ninth-inning home run to deny the New Yorkers an eighth during Stengel's reign, co-owners Dan Topping and Del Webb instituted a mandatory retirement age of 65.

"I'll never make the mistake of being 70 again," Stengel quipped.

And a year later, Stengel came out of retirement to manage the expansion

Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to

Kobe keeps pressuring Lakers to trade him

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Intentional or not, Kobe Bryant seems to be doing everything he can to pressure the Los Angeles Lakers into trading him.

So far, it doesn't appear to be working.

The latest twist in the Bryant saga involves an amateur video of the ninetime All-Star denouncing general manager Mitch Kupchak and teammate Andrew Bynum.

Black said the team was contacted about the video before Bryant first requested to be traded on May 30.

"It doesn't change our stance at all," Black said a day after saying essentially the same thing — that the team has no plans to trade the two-time defending NBA scoring champion.

"These people called us about a month ago, they told us they wanted to sell it, we told them we had no interest Lakers spokesman John in buying it," Black said.

"That's the end of the story. There's been no further contact between them and us." Kupchak declined further

comment, saying, "I think enough has been said."

A spokesman for the men trying to peddle the video to media outlets told the New York Times they were talking with Bryant when one decided to take a photograph and some video, but they didn't believe Bryant was aware they were filming.

According to the Times,

the video lasts 24 seconds an interesting coincidence since Bryant wears No. 24 and his personal web site is www.kb24.com.

The Lakers passed up a possible opportunity to acquire star guard Jason Kidd from the New Jersey Nets at the trade deadline in February because they didn't want to part with the 19year-old Bynum - a 7-footer taken with the 10th overall pick in the draft two years

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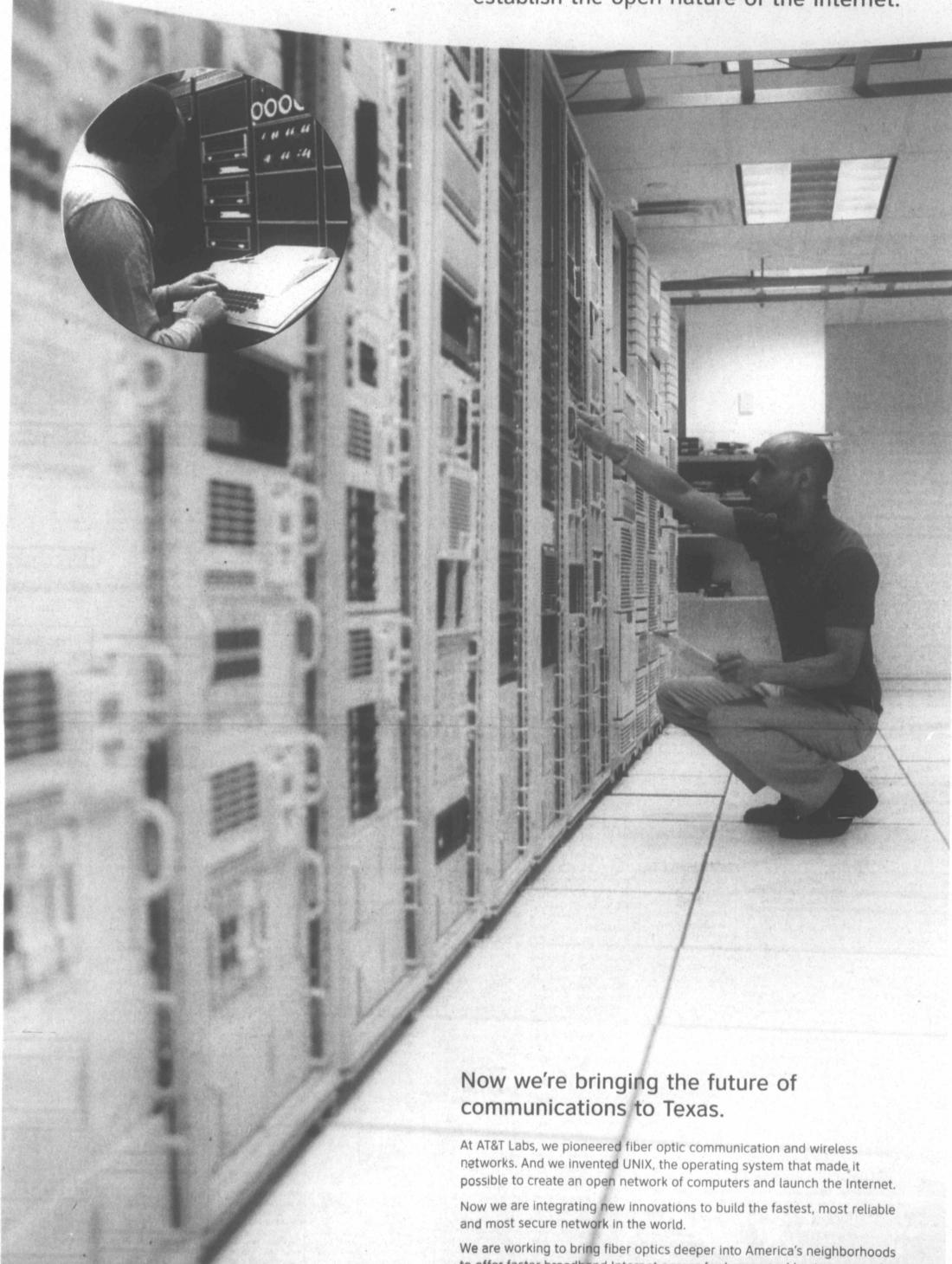
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