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Boy's fate isn't simply galvanizing; it's divisive

Cuban-Americans in generational split

Chicago Tribune

MIAMI — International audiences remain riveted by im-

agined images of Cuban-American exiles engaged in acts of civil disobedience over the federal decision to return 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez to his father in Cuba.

But, even as a congressional committee issued a subpoena for Elian in a last-ditch effort to prevent him from leaving the United States, a growing number of younger, more moderate exiles

and unbiased on the matter.

Debate over the boy's future has galvanized and divided Cuban-Americans.

The boy has been in the center of an increasingly rancorous custody-battle-

gone-political debate almost since the moment he was

are not pulled from the Atlantic, drifting on an inner tube on Thanksgiving Day. His mother, uncle

and nine others apparently drowned when the boat they were using to escape Cuba capsized.

The issue has struck the deep-est chord with the elder generation, whose members believe sending Elian back to his father's home in Carriacas is tantamount to resuming diplomatic relations with Fidel Castro.

"What you're seeing is about 1 to 2 percent of the Cuban community who is militant and active," said University of Miami sociologist and Cuban affairs expert Max Castro, 48, no relative of the Cuban dictator.

"Despite what you see on television, the protests are not popular with most people here."

And political fallout, talk of hunger strikes and other fiery rhetoric are the philosophies of middle-aged moderates and the 20- to 30-somethings who comprise Generation X — a catch phrase applied to bicultural, mostly bilingual members of Generation X.

These two generations, considered more liberal than their

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Wildcats drop No. 1 Stanford



Their Bay Area sweep accomplished, the Wildcats celebrate at Stanford's Maples Pavilion

Win is 600th for Olson; Jefferson breaks foot

By Greg Hansen

The Arizona Daily Star

STANFORD, Calif. — Arizona basketball coach Late Olson's 600th career victory yesterday was more than a milestone: It was the first time he beat a team ranked No. 1 in the regular season.

The Wildcats beat top-ranked Stanford 68-65 at Maples Pavilion despite losing sophomore forward Richard Jefferson for an estimated eight weeks with a broken right foot.

"I'll certainly remember this one," Olson said after the Wildcats swept their opening week of Pac-10 competition. "This one was against a great team and in a tough situation. Beating the No. 1 team in the country is certainly something

I won't forget, regardless of how many senior moments I have."

Arizona freshman guard Jason Gardner scored a career-high 22 points to lead the Wildcats, who are 13-2 overall. Junior center Loren Woods and sophomore forward Michael Wright combined for 31 points against a Stanford team that had won its first 12 games to earn the nation's No. 1 ranking.

With Jefferson sidelined, the Wildcats must play the next two months with seven scholarship players on their active roster.

"I'm very proud of the toughness our guys showed under these circumstances," Olson said. "It was a difficult thing for us to deal with, but you deal with it and go on."

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Legislature rules our lives in ways that may surprise

By Rhonda Rodfield Sander

The Arizona Daily Star

Rosemary Nogales, a 44-year-old teaching assistant, doesn't spend time mulling what her taxes pay for, although she has a general feeling they're high.

Like most people, she thinks about government only when the need for protection hits close to home — when her kids leave for school, or when a driver by shot rang out behind her house a few years ago.

Unless lawmakers do something really outrageous, she'll ignore the legislative session that begins tomorrow in Phoenix.

But with its \$6 billion annual budget and 35,000 employees, state government plays a round-the-clock role in her family's life.

It's just before 6 a.m. on a weekday in the Nogales family's red brick home with wrought-iron accents.

They live in the working-class Elvira neighborhood, sandwiched between the coronavirus meat shops and supermarkets along South 12th Avenue and a mobile home park on Los Rioses Road.

The gas heater that cuts the chill in the 1,200-square-foot home is powered by Southwest Gas, a public utility whose rates

and performance are monitored by the Arizona Corporation Commission's utilities division.

Last year, lawmakers appropriated \$18.9 million to the agency, which also makes sure the gas pipelines are secure.

The five family members begin their morning ritual.

Robert Nogales flips on the stove and fries up an egg for breakfast. Tucson Electric Power, also overseen by the Arizona Corporation Commission, juices the stove.

Rosemary's sweetbread since high school, Robert is a 43-year-old sheet-metal worker and the family's one consistent voter.

Rosemary laughs easily and enjoys a low-maintenance routine, as she wears little makeup and casual dress. But TEU also powers an indispensable part of her morning ritual, the dryer she uses on her short, only slightly graying dark hair.

Thanks to an agreement between TEU and the Arizona Corporation Commission, the Nogales family can be assured their rates won't go up for the next four years.

Rosemary brushes her teeth compliments of Tucson Water. The state requires water consumption

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Ben Kirby, The Arizona Daily Star

"Bottom line, he was a sweet, kind and generous human being." Curtis Allen said of his deceased father, Rex Allen.

Rex Allen memorial attracts hundreds for Willcox tribute

By M. Scott Skinner

The Arizona Daily Star

WILCOX — Rex Allen, a singing cowboy whose soaring bass voice was still heard last month, was tenderly remembered in his hometown yesterday under a cool, clear Arizona sky.

Family, friends and hundreds of old-timers from all corners of the West gathered to sing the praises of a "rough old huzzard" who starred in 19 B-movie Westerns between 1960 and 1964.

Allen, who returned to his native Willcox nearly every year

since 1952 for the town's annual celebration of Rex Allen Days, died Dec. 17 after he was run over by his gold Cadillac in the driveway of his Tucson home. He would have been 79 on New Year's Eve.

On an outdoor stage sandwiched between the Rex Allen Theater and Rex Allen Museum, Curtis Allen told the standing, room-only crowd that his father was a "complicated and interesting guy."

"He grew up here during the Depression and he was a tough old huzzard," said Curtis, who joined

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TOMORROW
A retired Tucson stockbroker volunteers his time to help people in developing countries get safe drinking water.

Fresh Ideas
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WEATHER
Mostly sunny. Today is expected to be mostly sunny with occasional high clouds. Look for a high in the mid-60s and a low in the mid- to upper 30s. Yesterday's high was 63 and the low was 31. Details on Page 17A.

Researchers a giant step closer to cloning humans

Chicago Tribune

They're called Timmy, Andy, Timothy and Anthony — the first initials spell TATA, for the genetic central region of their DNA — and they are rambunctious clones of a world-famous Japanese bull. But the simplicity, efficiency and elegance behind their creation moves society a huge step closer to human cloning, and it's happening much faster than anyone predicted.

The four bull calves, ranging in age from 7 to 9 months, were unveiled last week by the University of Connecticut and the Kagoshima Cattle Breeding Development Institute in Japan.

They indicate how biologists are overcoming technical difficulties that once seemed unsurmountable.

The breakthroughs in cloning technique included using ordinary skin cells rather than cells from reproductive tissue; the cells came from an old male donor,

rather than a young female; and the cells had been stored in a lab for several months.

The prized animal, named Kamikakufuku, is a Japanese Black Cattle bull, famous in Japan for their superior meat quality. He has produced nearly 100,000 offspring by artificial insemination, but he is 17 and slowing down as a breeder, so cloning becomes important.

Prior cloning successes have utilized udder or other reproductive

cells from females and scientists believed that female body cells alone retained the ability to be reprogrammed in an egg.

The purpose of the research was to test the cloning competence of body cells obtained from aged donor animals, particularly after those cells were subjected to laboratory storage.

Also, it would indicate that the age of a donor doesn't matter and

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