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Public meeting called to discuss appraised values

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
A public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 319 N. Ballard concerning recently-mailed notices of appraised value which were sent to some Gray County property owners. Gary Willoughby, who represents the county on the appraisal district's board of directors, scheduled the meeting "for clarification of recently-mailed tax notices and to give the

citizens of Gray County the opportunity to express their concerns of property tax values that have had a 50-plus percent increase," according to a paid advertisement Willoughby placed in the Sunday's and today's editions of The Pampa News. Willoughby has talked to several county residents who are dissatisfied with their new property appraisals, he said. State law allows a maximum increase of 10 percent in value per

year of property since the last reappraisal of the property, according to Willoughby and to Gray County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley. Bagley said in a telephone interview this morning that he had a prior commitment and would not attend Tuesday night's meeting. Connie Rose, a representative of State Comptroller Susan Combs' office, will attend Tuesday's meeting,

Willoughby said. Reappraisals of taxable property are to be conducted every three years, according to the state property tax laws. Bagley said some county property owners received reappraisals this year even though it had been less than three years since their last reappraisal. "We had so many sales of proper-

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Gerald Sanders' passing leaves void in community

By DARLENE BIRKES
Special to The News
Gerald Sanders enjoyed life, loved people, and lived art. With his passing, Pampa has lost an art patron, an internationally recognized artist and a special friend. He enjoyed visiting with frequent strangers to Pampa who came to see his studio work. He gave generously of his time and talent, staging many art shows for Pampa Fine Arts Association. He donated bronzes to several annual benefits by non-profit organizations in Pampa and Amarillo.

The wall. The lone star flag covers one of the walls and is surrounded by area cattle brands. Dimensional art on the other wall illustrates the history of the area done by local artists. Both "Grandfather's Vision" and the history wall projects were sponsored by Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art, with Sanders donating hundreds of hours as well as his innovative talent. Sanders began his art as a child in Fort Worth, whittling, carving and working with wood. Then he took up taxidermy and made custom gun stocks. He carved horses, Indians, entire wagon trains from wood or other material — a stag horn, a tree burl, or molded with his paper pulp invention. Later he learned to model in wax, which he said was much easier. His work was dimensional; he explained that his hands could "feel" the object he was shaping. He meticulously incorporated detail, from portraying a cowboy's puzzled expression or the hole in his boot. "He expresses the human soul," said Lorelee Cooley.



Courtesy photo
Gerald Sanders' bronze "Passing of Honor" at the Shiloh battlefield near Jackson, Tenn., brought him his greatest acclaim.

He loved nature — an eagle, a dolphin, horses, mountain lions. He was a disciplined student of the Old West, the Indian and the cowboy, and eventually the soldier — the Civil War Confederate. His bronze sculpture "After the Storm" of a telephone lineman repairing a line after a blizzard was on the cover of more than 14.5 million Southwestern Bell Telephone Books in 1982. That cover later introduced him to a Tennessee man searching for an artist to do a bronze sculpture for the Shiloh battlefield near Jackson, Tenn. Asked to make a presentation, Sanders took the wax model, "Passing of Honor," that depicted a Confederate soldier in the heat of battle retrieving the Confederate flag from the hands of a mortally wounded flag bearer while a third soldier stands guard. The eventual giant bronze brought Sanders his greatest acclaim.

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Family has bragging rights after Miami cow-calling



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Randy Chrissmass with the Miami Volunteer Fire Department serves up beans and barbecue to Allen Harron of Amarillo during lunch at the National Cow Calling Championship in Miami Saturday.

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer
MIAMI -- The Baileys and the Andersons have bragging rights in Roberts County today after multiple wins in the National Cow Calling Championships. Kay Lynne Bailey Ezzell returned to her hometown from her residence in Fort Worth Saturday to win the women's division of the cow-calling contest. Her mother, Barbara Bailey, won the grandmother's division. One of Mrs. Bailey's other daughters, Kasandra Boozer, placed second behind Kay Lynne in the women's division. Gerald Anderson beat out 11-time winner Charles Byrum in the grandfather's



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Kay Lynne Bailey Ezzell exhibits the winning technique that won her the women's division National Cow Calling Championship Saturday in Miami.

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**Tuesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. Windy, with a southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 67. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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**3 arrested in massive food fight**

AURORA, Ill. (AP) — A high school senior accused of starting a massive food fight that left a police officer injured was among three students arrested in the prank.

At least 200 students were in West Aurora High School's cafeteria when french fries, milk, sandwiches and pizza slices were hurled in a free-for-all,

authorities said. "It was just insane," said senior Zach Little, who was in the cafeteria when the melee began Thursday. "Things like milk cartons, full pop bottles and blue slushies were flying around. Kids literally bought the food to throw it and, to me, that's a little expensive."

**Burnett's childhood home to be bought**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bill Miller Bar-B-Q has agreed to purchase Carol Burnett's childhood home as part of a project to relocate and preserve the one-story Victorian house.

The company had planned to raze the home, where Burnett lived with her grandmother until she was 7, to clear space for a parking lot accompanying a rebuilt restaurant next door.

The company reached an agreement to help preserve the house last week with American Sunrise, a non-profit housing and education program led by former U.S. housing secretary Henry Cisneros.

The nonprofit will cover the cost of dismantling the house into three pieces and moving it eight blocks to an after-school learning center for elementary school children.

Burnett's famed career has included Broadway, movies and the acclaimed "The Carol Burnett Show," a CBS variety show that ran from 1967 to 78. She has often spoken of her memories of the house, including cold enchiladas for breakfast, donated used girls clothes and roller-skating on the hardwood floors.

Bill Miller, which will replace its existing restaurant with a larger building, did not say what it will pay for the vacant house.

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**ATTENTION TAXPAYERS** of Gray County. For clarification of recently mailed tax notices and to give the citizens of Gray County the opportunity to express their concerns of Property Tax Values that have had a 50-plus percent (50+) increase. Chief Appraiser, Pat Bagley, has been invited to attend to answer your question. 7pm., Tues., June 5, 2007, 319 N. Ballard, Pampa. Gary Willoughby.

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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**SULLIVAN, Paul** — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami. Memorial services, 11 a.m., Miami Church of Christ, Miami.

**SANDERS, Gerald L. "Sandy"** — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery. "Celebration of Life" service 4:30 p.m., M. K. Brown Room of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

**Gerald L. 'Sandy' Sanders, 79**

Gerald L. "Sandy" Sanders, 79, died Saturday, June 2, 2007, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dale Meadows, Church of Christ minister, officiating. The Pampa Fine Arts Association will hold a "Celebration of Life" service for Mr. Sanders at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at the M. K. Brown Room of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Sanders was born July 17, 1927, in Krum, Texas, and had been a resident of Pampa since 1951. He married Juanita Robertson on June 28, 1948, in Weatherford, Texas. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving during World War II

and the Korean Conflict.

He worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone for 35 years, retiring in 1978. Mr. Sanders was a local artist, specializing in bronze sculpture. One of his major accomplishments was the "Passing of Honor," a national monument sculpture for the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee. In 1982, his art work, "After the Storm," appeared on the cover of the Southwestern Bell magazine, and, in 1984, he was invited by Southwest Art Magazine to show at Chatsworth Castle in England.

He sculpted "Grandfather's Vision" which is located in Dr. Von E. Brunow Park in downtown Pampa. Mr. Sanders was a member of the Pampa Fine Arts Association, Amarillo Fine Arts Association, the Cowboy Artists Association, and he was a recipient of two Golden Nail Awards. He was a Christian man who touched the lives of all who knew him, and his legacy will live through his artwork. He was pre-



**Sanders**

ceded in death by his parents, Opal and Frank Sanders, and by a sister, Memory Washim. Survivors include his wife, Juanita Sanders of the home; two daughters, Scena Snider and husband Victor of

Amarillo and Starla Tracy and husband Harry of Pampa; one son, Sonny Sanders of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Jeffrey Snider, Jeremy Tracy and wife Shelli; Amanda Griffith and husband Stuart; and Julie Carreon and husband Fred; and by two great-grandchildren, Chazden Tracy and Sidney Tracy.

**MEMORIALS:** Pampa Fine Arts Association, P.O. Box 818, Pampa, TX 79066 or BSA Hospice, Olivia's Angels, P. O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79106.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

**Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Friday, June 1**

Two traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2800 block of Charles, the 1500 block of North Wells, the police department lobby, the 1000 block of South Barnes, the 900 block of South Banks, the 2500 block of Rosewood, the 2200 block of Dogwood, the intersection of Highways 60 and 70 and the 1600 block of North Faulkner.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 100 block of West Foster.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 200 block of Tignor, the intersection of Evergreen and 16th streets, the 400 block of Hill, the 700 block of East 14th, the 1700 block of Williston, the 2500 block of Mary Ellen, the 400 block of North Zimmers, the 600 block of North Christy, an unreported location, the 1000 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of Willow, the 1700 block of Aspen and the 1000 block of South Farley.

Welfare checks were made at the intersection of Rosewood and Sirroco streets, the 1100 block of West Gwendolyn, the 1100 block of Duncan and the intersection of Browning and Starkweather streets.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 400 block of Powell.

A civil matter was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Sex offender registration was reported at an unreported location.

Found property was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. A knife was found.

A runaway was reported in the 900 block of North Fisher.

An information report was taken in the 900 block of North Fisher.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2800 block of Charles.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2200 block of Christine and the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of South Finley.

Public intoxication and purchasing or furnishing alcohol to a minor were reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood.

Criminal mischief was

reported in the 300 block of South Tignor and the 500 block of North Hobart, where the back window of a vehicle was knocked out, resulting in damage estimated at \$400.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby and the 100 block of West 30th.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Sexual assault of a child was reported in the 300 block of North Ballard.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of Hamilton. Three to four rolls of electrical cable valued at \$1,500 were taken.

**Saturday, June 2**

Four traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 900 block of East Browning, the intersection of Kingsmill and Magnolia streets, the intersection of Campbell and Osborne streets and the 1100 block of Cinderella.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of East Kingsmill, the 1200 block of North Russell, the 1200 block of Darby, the 2100 block of North Wells, the 400 block of Hughes, the 900 block of South Wells, the 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 1500 block of North Zimmers, the intersection of 23rd and Sumner streets and the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Starkweather and Francis streets.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of Doucette.

Welfare checks were made in the 800 block of South Barnes and the intersection of Nelson and Gwendolyn streets.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 600 block of East Browning and the 1000 block of North Frost.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 600 block of North Ward and the 1700 block of Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson, where a window was broken out on a vehicle.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1500 block of Hamilton and the 1000 block of South Sumner, where no injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Domestic assault was reported in the 300 block of

North Faulkner. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Five alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of West 25th. Cash valued at \$85 was taken from a purse.

Burglary was reported in the 1200 block of East Frederic.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of East Harvester. A stereo valued at \$200 was taken.

**Sunday, June 3**

A traffic complaint in the 1000 block of South Barnes led to an arrest for no valid driver's license and no proof of liability insurance.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 700 block of East Kentucky and the intersection of Hobart and Harvester streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 400 block of North Hobart, the 1700 block of Hamilton, the 1200 block of Farley, the 800 block of South Sumner, on two occasions at an unreported location, the 1100 block of Huff Road, the 2200 block of Williston and the 1100 block of South Faulkner.

Two suicide attempts were reported.

Civil matters were reported in the 1800 block of Chestnut, the 500 block of Yeager and the 300 block of South Tignor.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of South Wells, the 1400 block of Gwendolyn and the 800 block of South Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 1200 block of South Sumner.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 700 block of West Foster and the 300 block of Sunset.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and the 500 block of North Nelson.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of North Christy.

Criminal trespass and harassment were reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Wynne and the 1300 block of Terrace, where tires valued at \$250 were cut.

Domestic violence was reported in the 1000 block of Charles. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Family violence was reported in the 500 block of Doyle.

Assault and a domestic disturbance were reported in the 500 block of North Perry. No injuries were reported in

connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 2500 block of Christine. A taillamp was removed and taken from a vehicle. Estimated value of loss is \$400.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of South Barnes. A necklace and three rings were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$1,200.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Duncan. A lawn mower and weed eater were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$550.

Burglary was reported in the 1700 block of Coffee. An extension cord and power tools were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$431.

**Monday, June 4**

A civil matter was reported in the 2100 block of North Dwight.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2000 block of Coffee.

A silent/abusive 911 call and a domestic disturbance were reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of North Ward.

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

**Saturday, June 2**

Teresa Flores Gerhardt, 41, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Faulkner by Pampa Police Department for failure to identify and failure to appear.

Steven Mark Kimbley, 34, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for theft of property by check and a bond surrender for theft by check.

**Sunday, June 3**

Brad Lynn Ivy, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 2200 block of Dogwood by PPD for displaying expired registration, failure to appear/bail jumping and speeding.

William E. Kirkham, 34, of Fritch was arrested in the 2200 block of Dogwood by PPD for unlawful carrying of a weapon and criminal trespass.

Shawn Weatherford, 36, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of South Barnes by PPD for no valid driver's license and no proof of liability insurance.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 72-hour period

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Gerald Sanders working on his bronze "Grandfather's Vision" that is now in Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park in downtown Pampa.

Courtesy photo

## Sanders

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Approximately \$280,000 for the monument was raised by Sons of the Confederate Veterans, United Daughters of the Confederacy, U.S. Park Service, and the state of Tennessee. Modest Sanders admitted, "I was even impressed," when he first saw the finished monument. He had worked tediously with a Wyoming company that cast the sculpture from his 16 inch by 21 inch wax model, enlarging it into a nine-foot bronze. This involved a series of molds in Styrofoam, then clay, rubber, and finally bronze. The plates were assembled, welded, ground and polished, and the completed sculpture was hauled by truck to the park and placed on a base more than 4 feet tall, 10 feet wide, and 6 feet deep. The words "Passing of

Honor" and "Tennessee" are engraved on the base.

The monument recognizes the April 6-7, 1862, battle at Shiloh Hill where more than 23,746 soldiers were either killed, wounded, or missing.

In 1983 Sanders took his "down to earth" friendliness, cowboy lore and his bronzes to England where he was honored with art exhibitions at Chatsworth Castle and the American Embassy in London. His art is owned throughout the United States, and he has won numerous art show awards. He is listed in the "Contemporary Western Artist" and "The Texas Cowboy" by the Texas Cowboy Artists Association. He was awarded the Golden Nail Award by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce committee. He amassed numerous awards in Tennessee during the two-day dedication June 2-3, 2005, and was named an

honorary member of several organizations.

Sanders was a veteran of WW II. He and wife Juanita raised three children, Sonny Sanders, Starla Tracy and Sena Snider. He was a loving grandfather — even to standing on a 10-foot ladder to inscribe his grandchildren's names on the inside of the Shiloh soldier's drinking cup for history. He worked for Bell Telephone for 35 years until he retired to follow his lifelong ambition — a career as a professional artist.

"A celebration of his life and the love he had for his community, for art and for all his friends," said his son, will be held at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce M. K. Brown Room at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, following the graveside services at 3 p.m. in Memory Gardens, Pampa. The celebration is sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts Association.

## Miami

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division, while Anderson's son, Steve Anderson, an Amarillo firefighter, won the men's division.

A reluctant contestant, Steve said his father had entered him.

Sarah Northcutt, one of the organizers, said second and third generations are now entering the cow calling.

"I think that's kind of neat," Northcutt said.

In the grandmother's category, Barbara Bailey won first, Gayle Clark won second and Kay Cameron won third.

In the grandfather's category, Gerald Anderson won first, Charles Byrum (11-time champion cow caller) was second and David Stribling was third.

In the women's division, Kay Lynne Bailey Ezzell was first, Kasandra Bailey Boozer was second and Rietta Roberts was third.

In the men's division, Steven Anderson was first, J.R. Baggett was second and Ray Young was third.

In the boys division,

Nicholas Wootton was first, Holt Bivens was second and Brennan Cobiello was third.

In the girls division, the division with the largest set of contestants, Karri Wootton was first, Chanel Guill was second and Jessica Gibbs was third.

Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook estimated that between 1,000 to 1,500 people crowded into the park for the cow calling, games and free barbecue.

The National Cow Calling Celebration is held the first Saturday of June each year.

## Meeting

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ties that indicated we were low," Bagley said. "That's why some valuations were done sooner than the three-year valuation schedule."

The Texas Property Tax Code provides methods for determining the value of taxable property: Mass

appraisal standards, a cost method of appraisal, a market data comparison method and an income method of appraisal.

"The method of appraisal we use is sales of residential property, because that's the most abundant source of information — the market data comparison method," Bagley said. The cost method is also used.

"Market data comes from sale information and word of mouth," he said. "Some of our biggest sources are confidential."

The condition of the property is the strongest factor in determining value, he said, along with size. Realtors are not required to report how much property sells for, Bagley said.

Notices were mailed to 36,282 accounts last month concerning reappraised values, Bagley said. There are approximately 50,000 total accounts for the appraisal district.

"A large part of that is minerals and business personal property," he said con-

cerning the number of notices mailed. The average mailing each year is 35,000 to 37,000, he said.

Another feature on the notices, postmarked May 25, is an incorrect school tax rate for 2006 at the bottom of the notice, which is used to show estimated taxes under the new appraised value of the property.

The rates shown for all public school districts in Gray County for 2006 is actually rates used in 2005. Carol Fields of Pampa Independent School District said the rate shown on the recent notices of appraised value show a rate of \$1.51690 for PISD, which is the 2005 rate. The 2006 rate was \$1.435, Fields said.

A representative of McLean ISD also noticed the incorrect rate and called County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead to point out the error, Whitehead said last week.

Bagley confirmed the error, and said his office would not send out corrected notices.

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ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, June 1

1:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Christy and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Saturday, June 2

12:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Frederic. No transport was made.

4:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

11:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Fir and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, June 3

8:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

11:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Francis and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

3:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Coronado Healthcare Center and transported a patient to PRMC.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, June 2

No reported calls.

Sunday, June 3

11:04 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza for Lifestar standby.

## WEEKLY SPECIAL

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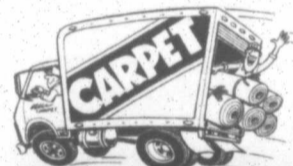
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## Defense attorney says he was sleepy for trial

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)— A defense attorney tried a different argument to win his convicted client a new murder trial: the attorney was too sleepy.

Charles R. Curbo wrote in a motion for a new trial that he could not properly represent the defendant, Tony Wolfe, because he was tired during the six-day trial in January.

"The court constantly rushed defense counsel, who the court knew had little sleep on account of the hours that the court was keeping for no good reason," Curbo wrote.

Prosecutor David Zak said he saw no lack of enthusiasm for the defense.

"The defense attorney showed anger, passion and

zeal in representing his client. There was never a moment when he was running out of gas," Zak said.

Wolfe was convicted of first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of Leodus Hawkins, 27, in September 2004 at a service station parking lot. He was sentenced to life in prison.

But both sides said the trial held long and late hours due Wolfe's medical condition and because the judge wanted to send the sequestered jury home as quickly as possible.

Wolfe required dialysis treatments every other morning and kept the trial from starting until early afternoon for some days. The proceedings went on until 10 or 11 p.m. on some days.

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# Viewpoints

## Blackboard served community of Dumont as message center

When Elmer D. Landreth hit the West Texas town of Dumont in 1920 he found a three-classroom wooden schoolhouse with a fourth room for the Woodsmen of the World meetings, a small frame church shared by the local Baptists and Methodists (they alternated, every other Sunday), a cotton gin, and one store.

The young preacher arrived at the King County town after a two-hour, 30-mile trip on a muddy road. Having traveled to Paducah by train, he got a ride to Dumont on the only available form of public transportation -- the mail car, an open-topped Model T with a home-made wooden cargo area. In addition to mail and freight, the driver carried passengers from the railroad station at Paducah to Dumont for \$1.25 a head.

That seemed like a lot of money, considering that since the end of the World War the cotton market had been way down and an extend-

ed drought had made farming even harder than usual. Still, Landreth found, local folks were optimistic that the hard times were just about behind them.

Dumont did not have many trees (if any), and money sure did not grow on them, but the community had some fine people, and Landreth always remembered his time there with fondness.

When he published his autobiography "The Missing Book" in 1968, something else that he recalled about Dumont was its simple yet effective communication system. The town had no newspaper, commercial radio still lay in the future, television remained a theoretical concept more akin to science fiction than possibility and the "Internet" was the telegraph and telephone. Even so, the people of Dumont got on just fine with nothing but a blackboard.

Bob Lasaster and his wife operated the town's general store, a

structure Landreth described as a "white wooden store building [with] a big porch separating the front door and the gasoline pump where customers could purchase the gas for the few automobiles in the community."

Outside the front wall of the building Mr. Lasaster had placed a big blackboard, which served as a

**Mike Cox**

Texas Tales



bulletin board on which affairs of the community were announced."

Party invites and scheduled "preachings" went down in chalk on the board so that, as Landreth put it, "saints and sinners alike might know." In addition, Landreth recalled, the board "broadcast" important news events that

Lasaster "or any other of the three or four families who were subscribers to a daily newspaper" had heard about. That daily would have come from Lubbock, a hundred miles to the west, or Fort Worth, even farther to the east. And while the newspapers may have arrived daily, that did not necessarily mean on the same day of publication.

While state, national and international news might take its time in reaching Dumont, the blackboard amounted to the instant messaging of its day. The Lasaster store blackboard, Landreth continued, "was a real institution, the only news media for the community aside from the usual gossip."

Not long after the young preacher hit town, the most significant event in Dumont's history up to that time occurred: The cotton gin burned. Of course, that was so obvious, no one needed to write it down on the blackboard.

At the time, Dumont — named

for Auguste E. Dumont, Paducah's first postmaster — was not even 30 years old. It developed around a dugout school on the John Parker farm in 1891. Two years later, area residents subscribed to build a community school and in 1894 enough people lived in the area for Washington to approve the opening of a post office.

Located near the sprawling and historic 6666, SMS and Matador ranches, Dumont reached its population peak in 1960 with 105 residents. The 2000 Census showed only three business and 85 people in the community, with the latest estimate being only 323 residents in all of King County, the nation's third smallest in population. At least those who call Dumont home today don't need a blackboard to get their news, but newspapers still come in the mail.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 4, the 155th day of 2007. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On June 4, 1942, the Battle of Midway began during World War II.

On this date:

In 1783, the Montgolfier brothers first publicly demonstrated their hot-air balloon, which did not carry any passengers, over Annonay, France.

In 1784, Elizabeth Thible became the first woman to fly aboard a Montgolfier hot-air balloon, over Lyon, France.

In 1878, the Ottoman Empire turned over control of Cyprus to the British.

In 1892, the Sierra Club was incorporated in San Francisco.

In 1896, Henry Ford made a successful pre-dawn test run of his horseless carriage, called a "quadricycle," through the streets of Detroit.

In 1940, the Allied military evacuation from Dunkirk, France, ended.

In 1947, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a House-Senate conference report on the Taft-

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In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc signed treaties in Paris according "complete independence" to Vietnam.

In 1979, Joe Clark of the Progressive Conservatives became the 16th prime minister of Canada.

In 1989, hundreds, possibly thousands, of people died as Chinese army troops stormed Beijing to crush a pro-democracy movement.

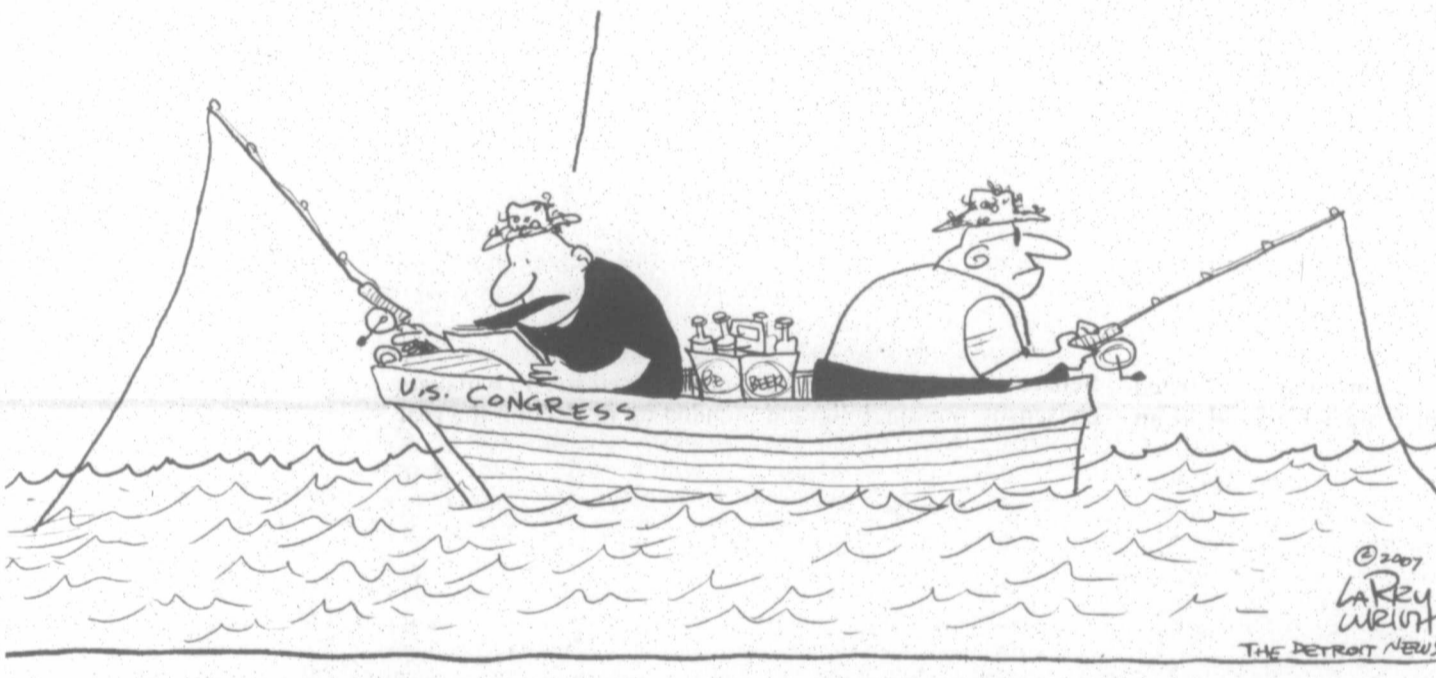
Ten years ago: At the Oklahoma City bombing trial, prosecutors urged the jury to sentence Timothy McVeigh to death, calling relatives of the victims to testify about their agonizing loss.

Five years ago: President Bush said the CIA and FBI had failed to communicate adequately before the Sept. 11 terror attacks; Congress began extraordinary closed-door hearings into intelligence lapses. A panel of U.S. Roman Catholic bishops called for a zero-tolerance policy against priests who molest children in the future and a two-strikes-he's-out policy for those guilty of past abuse. Japan ratified the Kyoto Protocol, aimed at cutting emissions of heat-trapping gases.

One year ago: Peru's former president, Alan Garcia, won the country's presidential runoff election.

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## Warmongers leave fighting to others

I didn't watch any of the Memorial Day events on television. Memorial Day, it seems to me, should be only for the families of the dead. It's really impossible to remember someone we never knew.

Of course, these days Memorial Day gets larded with politics and pseudo-patriotism. It's nauseating to watch a bunch of actors, entertainers and politicians who never heard a gun fired in anger put on a maudlin performance as if they really gave a rat's toenail for the dead.

The fact is, war is started by old men who never go near the war, and wars are always fought by the young. The king of Belgium once noted that it takes 20 years of peace to produce a man and 20 seconds of war to destroy him. Think about that. All that a young human

being is — intelligence, health, youth, education, knowledge, potential accomplishments — reduced to a bloody pile of broken bones and guts in an instant. They are strangers killing and being killed by strangers.

**Charley Reese**  
Columnist



War is mass murder, and no doubt part of the degradation of the human species is the fact that starting with the War Between the States, the human toll of war has increased exponentially. It's ironic that wars take the healthiest and bravest, while the unhealthy and the cowardly manage to evade them.

Look at all the draft dodgers of the Vietnam Era who suddenly became war hawks as soon as they were

too old to go. I've said it before: If I had children of war age, I would do everything in my power to dissuade them from joining the military.

The present war is a bad war. It is not being fought to protect freedom, let alone the American people. Poor Cindy

Sheehan, who bravely protested the war, finally gave up. She felt betrayed by the Democrats, by the anti-war movement, but the saddest thing of all, she said, was that she finally faced the fact her son died for nothing.

And sad as it is to say, it's true. The politicians and some of the media chicken hawks like to fork the fertilizer talking about sacrifices

for freedom (sacrifices most of them studiously avoid ever making), but it's just fertilizer.

Why did we go to war in Iraq? Because the president hated Saddam Hussein; because the Israeli lobby wanted us to; because the crazy neoconservatives had the insane idea that the Middle East could be democratized at the point of a gun; because oil companies and other corporations lusted for profit.

Missing is any threat to the safety and freedom of the United States, a threat no Iraqi ever made or ever had the capability of carrying out. So, if you don't want to say the kids are dying for nothing, you can say they are dying for Halliburton, for ExxonMobil, for the president's ego, for a cock-

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 29

The Dallas Morning News on the 80th session of the Texas Legislature:

State legislators began their 80th session in January with a broad, optimistic agenda. It lurched toward a merciful conclusion Monday with a list of accomplishments that's nearly as long as the list of lingering political grudges.

Sad, but the session may be best remembered for the parliamentary havoc and raw power plays that dominated the House over the final week-end.

Lawmakers started the year with an exuberant sprint. Like the bulls of

Pamplona, their blood was running hot; they were itching for a fight and began charging most anything that looked vulnerable.

Legislative leaders couldn't get out of the way with Speaker Tom Craddick badly gored and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst nicked a bit. Gov. Rick Perry at times looked like everyone's target after he waved new initiatives in their faces. Legislators squandered energy attacking his new ideas and trying to damage old ones.

They also waged counterproductive internecine battles especially the urban and rural factions that tangled over water and transportation planning.

If this paints a picture of a Legislature distracted especially in the fractious "people's House" that's the

right impression.

But political bloodletting should not entirely overshadow the successes rung up during the chaotic dash toward session's end. Lawmakers managed to adopt a forward-looking water plan, beef up medical care for the needy and uninsured, provide more resources to the state park system and make strides to improve Texas' air quality and public education.

Striking an important blow for government transparency, they put a constitutional amendment on the ballot to require roll-call votes in the Legislature. Among our biggest disappointments: Funding for regional rail and a downtown Dallas law school

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# Tough talks with Putin focus of Bush's 6-country European trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sharp differences between the United States and Russia over President Bush's plan to build a missile defense system on Moscow's doorstep are likely to dominate talk during Bush's European tour.

Bush, who left today at the start of an eight-day trip to the G-8 summit of industrialized nations and visits to half a dozen countries, will see President Vladimir Putin at the summit in Germany later this week. It likely will be a difficult talk; relations between Washington and Moscow are strained almost to the breaking point, and Putin has been harshly critical of U.S. foreign policy.

Bush's message in advance of the trip has been to calm down, reminding Russia that "the Cold War is over." As if to drive home that point, Bush was bookending his summit stay with calls on the Czech Republic and Poland, former Soviet satellites where he wants to base major parts of the new defense shield.

Diplomatic niceties aside, Bush's strategic defense plan could hardly be seen as anything less than a poke in the

eye to Putin. "This is a distinctive message that is as easily understandable in Russian as it is in English," said Simon Serfaty, a senior adviser to the Europe program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "The message is that we're going to do what we're going to do, and your concerns about the deployment of some marginal capabilities designed for defense purposes in Central Europe are not going to impress me."

Speaking to foreign reporters before he travels to Germany for the summit, Putin warned that Moscow could take "retaliatory steps" if Washington goes forward with the missile plan, including possibly aiming nuclear weapons at targets in Europe.

Putin said neither Iran nor North Korea have the rockets the American system is intended to shoot down, suggesting the system would be used instead against Russia.

Besides the Czech Republic, Germany and Poland, Bush also has Italy, Albania and Bulgaria on his travel itinerary. He has meetings planned with at least 15

foreign leaders, plus the Pope, and his schedule isn't final yet.

But the spat with Putin is front and center.

U.S. officials have insisted — publicly and to Putin personally — that the system planned for Eastern Europe is meant to protect NATO allies against a missile launch from Iran, which the West suspects of trying to develop nuclear weapons. Moscow isn't buying it, insisting the system must be aimed at Russia and accusing Washington of touching off a new arms race.

Saying it is now forced to strengthen its military potential, Russia test-fired new missiles and declared a moratorium on observing its obligations under a key Soviet-era arms control treaty. Putin assailed "imperialism" in global affairs, saying the shield would turn Europe into a "powder keg" and accusing the U.S. of "an almost uncontained hyper use of force."

Arguments about the missile defense plan came on top of Washington worries about backsliding on democracy under Putin's leadership — even as the U.S. courts

Russia's assistance in curtailing Iran's and North Korea's nuclear programs. Putin, meanwhile, is increasingly riled over what he views as U.S. meddling in his backyard.

To settle things down, Bush has invited the Russian leader for an unprecedented stay at his family's summer compound on the Maine coast in July. But he also is hosting Estonia's president at the White House the week before. Like the Czech and Polish stops, this meeting will not please the Russians, angry with Estonia for moving a memorial to Soviet soldiers killed during World War II.

"The Cold War is over," Bush told foreign reporters before the trip. "We're now into the 21st century." He called the Washington-Moscow relationship "complex" — a term previously used mostly to describe the U.S.'s tricky ties with China.

This sort of strategic travel-planning isn't new for Bush.

The president agreed to attend Putin's Red Square celebration in May 2005 of the 60th anniversary of WWII's end. But he started that trip in Latvia and ended it in Georgia, both ex-Soviet republics that the president used as backdrops for rhetoric on the power of democracy.

Later that year, Bush made a state visit to communist China. But first he delivered a pointed speech in Japan that amounted to a lecture for Beijing to increase political and economic freedoms. And he flew directly from China to Mongolia, the first Asian nation to discard communism in favor of democracy.

Other presidents have done it, too. When President Nixon

traveled to Moscow in 1972, for instance, he made counterweight stops in Poland and Iran.

"It has some benefit in trying to demonstrate to people who might be critical of policies that there's a broader set of initiatives being pursued, often to critics back home," said Stephen Sestanovich, senior fellow for Russian studies at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Lavishing attention on smaller countries facing pressure from their more powerful neighbors can back up Bush's promise to predicate U.S. relations with all nations on their treatment of their citizens, and to advance democracy in every corner of the globe. At the Radio Free Europe building in Prague on Tuesday, the president is delivering a speech on the importance of supporting democratic aspirations and meeting with current and former dissidents from around the world.

"When he goes to NATO or he visits a major industrialized country, he goes out of his way to go to the Baltics or to some part of the former Soviet Union to sort of send a message that we're behind this agenda," said Charles Kupchan, director of Europe

studies for the Council on Foreign Relations. "I think it really does make a difference."

For Bush, unpopular at home and in much of the world, it also offers photographic proof he still is revered in some places.

In the impoverished, struggling young democracy of Georgia, for instance, the main road from Tbilisi's downtown to the airport has been called George W. Bush Avenue since his visit.

"There are countries that tire of having Air Force One touch down," Sestanovich said. "But very small countries that rarely get the treatment can respond in very positive ways. And presidents who aren't used to that kind of adulation at home anymore sometimes find it invigorating."

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eluded the North Texas delegation.

At times, the House felt like an ocean liner tossed about in a nasty storm. Back and forth, the chamber heaved, after Mr. Craddick survived a Republican-led challenge in January to unseat him.

The speaker never found his equilibrium, appearing to lurch from the tight-fisted Tom Craddick of old to an anything-goes speaker at times. Committees churned out bills; then authors waited and waited for full House debate. Frustration mounted, and veteran legislators described the odd experience of a speaker scurrying around the floor trying to save his skin.

Ultimately, even Craddick loyalists joined a last-minute coup attempt that plunged the chamber into pandemonium as the speaker staved off repeated political assaults.

As Mr. Craddick tried to change his ways, he went from one extreme to another. As a result, the House got lost at sea at times, throwing the entire Capitol off balance.

Political fireworks broke out in the Senate, too, but not nearly as spectacularly.

Mr. Dewhurst's agenda was less ambitious than in previous years, owing to the 2010 governor's race. Some of his party-pleasing priorities sailed through the Senate, like the ill-conceived bill to execute sex offenders against children.

One partisan issue needlessly stirred a mini-revolt the push for stringent voter ID requirements with the unproven claim of phantom voters on Election Day.

For the most part, though, the Senate did what the Senate usually does: find consensus on big bills and let others go. The Senate took the lead on giving more Texans a chance at health insurance, increasing the chances that we have enough water to survive inevitable droughts, and boosting the number of investigators for Child Protective Services.

The lieutenant governor and several senators also did a good job keeping shock-jock radio host Dan Patrick from blowing up the Senate in his freshman year as a senator.

Members went berserk at times over ideas from the governor. That sometimes blinded them to the big pic-

ture, like during their revolt against the governor's mandate for a cervical-cancer vaccine. They ultimately cheated the important discussion about the vaccine's value.

Anger over private highway financing ironically stemmed from the Legislature's own laws from previous sessions. Rural lawmakers led the attack, trying to block the governor's Trans-Texas Corridor, but their moratorium plan was punched full of holes by urban interests. Lawmakers ended up neglecting the real problem a motor-fuels tax that has lagged behind road-building needs.

In addition to sorting out the polarizing leadership questions, lawmakers must do the following before their next session:

Answer North Texas' call for rail funding and address concerns of a few powerful business adversaries.

Reckon with the lack of money for roadways and settle on a mix of public and private sources.

Monitor proceeds from the new business tax to make sure an unexpected gap doesn't open in the state budget.

## Reese

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mamie theory of a bunch of academics, for Israel, for money or for oil. What you cannot truthfully say is that they are dying for freedom.

The "global war on terror" is just a bad metaphor that doesn't have any connection to reality. How long are the American people going to allow liars to lull them into sacrificing the most precious treasure the country has — its youth — in a futile, lie-ridden, corruption-pocked war?

In my dreams, I see the American people rising like a roaring lion and ripping the guilty politicians out of their offices, but that is only a dream. The kind of people with the courage to do that lie moldering in millions of graves around the world.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Every faucet in our house has a slow drip -- the kitchen sink, the bathtub, the upstairs bathroom. My husband "Earl's" response to the kitchen drip is that he wants to replace the entire sink and countertop, so "we'll do it all then." For the one in our bathtub, he says, "We're going to tear all that out anyway and put in a new tub." Earl avidly watches home improvement shows and drags me to home improvement stores to look at the replacements, but never buys anything or follows through with any projects. I am willing to approve anything that gets the drips stopped, whether it's a faucet replacement or a whole new kitchen. Earl is fully capable of doing the job himself and has all the new tools. I might add that he takes the same approach to the old truck he's going to fix up, the painting that needs to be done, the porch to be replaced and other projects. He is full of talk, but to myself I refer to him as "the Big Drip." How do I get him to fix the problem? -- **DRIPPY'S WIFE**

**DEAR WIFE:** Give your husband a deadline to get the leaks fixed. If he doesn't meet it, then schedule an appointment with a plumber who will. The same goes for the other chores that need to be done. Home improvement is your husband's fantasy, not his hobby, and the sooner you accept that, the better off you'll be.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 16 years old and confused. My friends are always coming to me for advice on their relationships and anything else they need help with. I always give them advice they need. I come right out and say what I need to. But one thing I can't do is give myself advice on what I need. Could it be that I'm better at helping others than myself? I have always been the

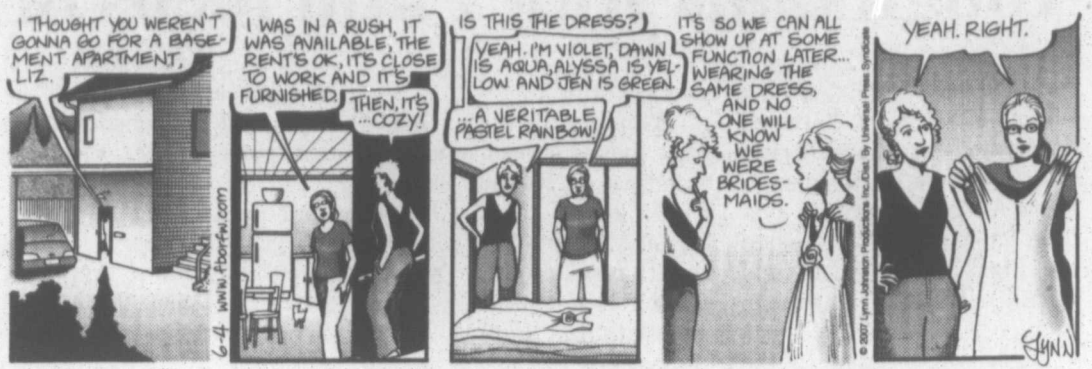
one who would do anything for anyone and help whoever needs it. I'm only 16, but I don't feel 16. I feel more like an adult. I'm mainly helping my mom with her mother (my grandmother) because my grandmother is recovering from a stroke. I love my life, but sometimes I forget that I am only 16. -- **CONFOUNDED IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEAR CONFOUNDED:** It's easy to forget that you are still a young person with so much responsibility placed on your shoulders. Perhaps you need some respite from taking care of your grandmother so you can just be a teenager once in a while. Please do not think you are the only advice-giver who can't advise herself. When someone is emotionally involved in a situation, it is almost impossible to be objective. And yet, objectivity -- and compassion -- are the most important qualities necessary when dispensing advice, and you appear to be capable of both.

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter's boyfriend just asked my ex-husband for our daughter's hand in marriage. My mother died several years ago and left me a lovely diamond cocktail ring. I would like to offer the stone to my future son-in-law. Perhaps he would like to have it reset for an engagement ring. He may not even be intending to give her a diamond ring. He may have something else in mind -- and that's OK. I just need to know if it's proper for me to offer him the ring. -- **DIANA IN NEW YORK CITY**

**DEAR DIANA:** There is nothing improper about it. Of course it's all right -- and generous, too. If you are asking for my blessing to offer it, you have it.

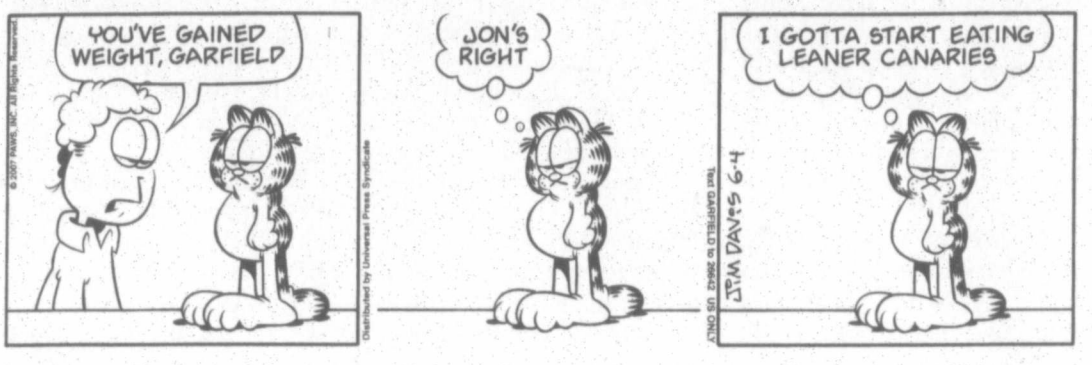
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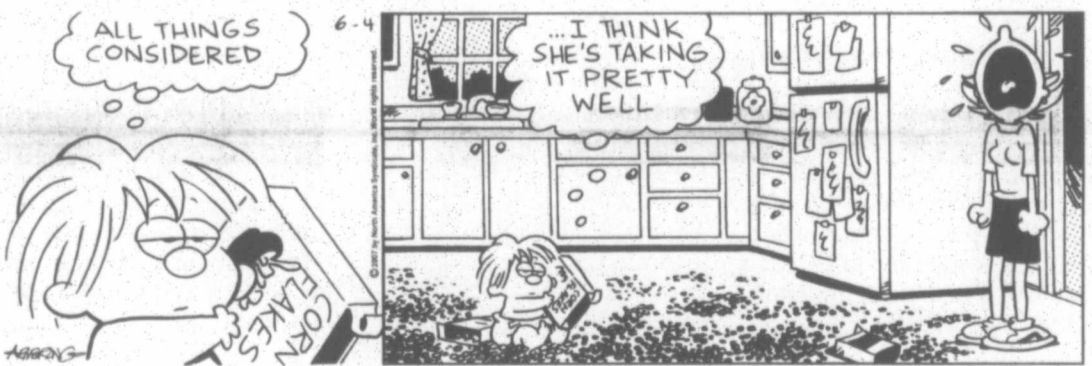
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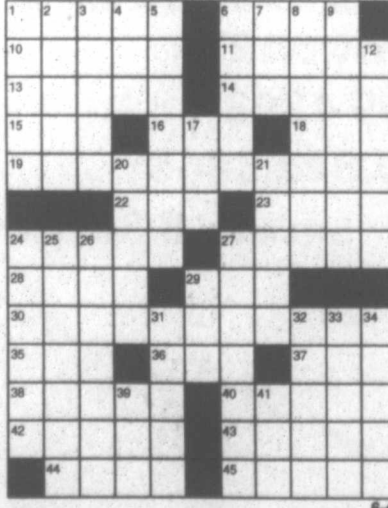
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  - 1 Lion
  - 44 Car scar features
  - 6 Not barefoot
  - 10 Full of verve
  - 11 Danger
  - 13 Showed surprise
  - 14 Baja buddy
  - 15 Little rascal
  - 16 Industrious insect
  - 18 Tonic's partner
  - 19 South Dakota nickname
  - 22 Dripping
  - 23 Epps of "House"
  - 24 Bridge play
  - 27 Tries to save a sinking boat
  - 28 Portent
  - 29 City vehicle
  - 30 Wisconsin nickname
  - 35 Used one's teeth
  - 36 Big tub
  - 37 Veto
  - 38 Superior group
  - 40 River of Nantes
  - 42 Evil spirit
- DOWN**
- 1 Orlando team
  - 2 Texas landmark
  - 3 Cold
  - 4 Adam's mate
  - 5 Drugged
  - 6 Minor arguments
  - 7 Dress line
  - 8 Folding skill
  - 9 Like some watches
  - 12 Solitary sorts
  - 17 Tennis need
  - 20 In debt
  - 21 Club sandwich base
  - 24 Held up
  - 25 Wrote to, in a way
  - 26 Kind of story
  - 27 Energetic fellow
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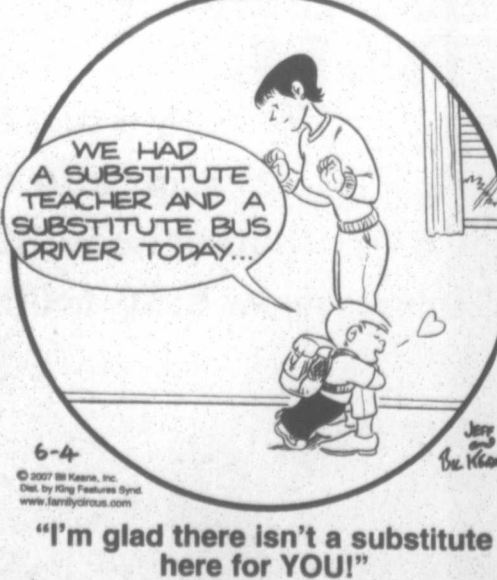


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# Sports Day

## Glo-Valve's Miller hits three homers in win over Rotary Club

Three consecutive home runs by Reid Miller propelled Glo-Valve Service past Rotary Club 13-8 Friday in Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League action.

Glo-Valve wrapped up its 19th league championship increasing its their season record to 14-0. Glo-Valve leads second place Celanese Corporation by three games with two games left in the regular season.

Miller ignited Glo-Valve in the top of the first inning hitting the second pitch over the left field fence. An out later Zach Graves singled, stole second and third and tallied on a double by Jordan Lemons. Lemons took third on a throwing error and scored on a passed ball. Glo-Valve led 3-0

In the second inning Corey McCarn walked, stole two bases and trotted in on Reid Miller's second homer, this time to center field.

Rotary narrowed the score to 5-1 in the bottom of the second. Chris Garcia walked, stole second, went to third on an error and scored on a ground out by Cager Osborne.

Glo-Valve added two more runs in the third without a base hit. Lemons walked and stole two bases. Krysten Miller walked and was permitted to take second base. Lemons came in on a ground out by Nickie Wells. Krysten Miller followed suit on a ground out by Nick Rodriguez to increase Glo-Valve's lead to 7-1.

Hustle by Rotary's Daniel

Leal produced Rotary's second run. He walked and went all the way to third base on a ground out. He scored on a ground out by Riley Douglas.

Reid Miller struck again leading off the top of the fourth inning with a shot over the right center field fence, his third of the game and seventh of the season. Sam Cain singled and went to third base on errors. He scored when Graves was safe on an error. Graves stole two bases and added another run when Lemons reached base on an error. Lemons stole second and third and scored on a single by Krysten Miller. Krysten Miller also stole two bases and scored the fifth run of the inning on a ground out

by Rodriguez.

Rotary refused to go quietly. Behind 12-2 with Glo-Valve threatening to end the game by the 10-run rule, Rotary rallied for six runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Osborne started the Rotary eruption by being safe on an error. He went to third on a single by Joseph Slatten. Both runners moved up a base on a balk. Slatten stole third but was thrown out at home trying to score when the catcher's throw got by the pitcher. Leal walked, stole second and third and scored on a throwing error. Ryan Damron walked and stole second. He went to third on a throwing error and held up when Riley Douglas reached base on an infield

single. A double steal plated Damron and allowed Douglas to reach second. Riley stole third. Gatlin Taylor walked and was permitted to take second.

Cody Parks punctuated the inning with a three-run homer high over the right center field fence.

Glo-Valve's lead was cut to 12-8.

Reid Miller was intentionally walked with one out in the Glo-Valve fifth. A pick-off attempt went awry as did an attempt to get him at third as he scored the final run of the game.

Allowing one unearned run and no hits, Reid Miller notched his 10th win of the season. He struck out four and walked one in two innings. Lemons pitched the

third inning. He gave up a run, a hit and a walk.

Rodriguez and Graves finished up for Glo-Valve. Rodriguez allowed no earned runs and one hit. He walked two and struck out one. Graves allowed one run and one hit. He struck out three without walking a batter.

Rotary is back in action tonight against Cabot Corp. at 5:45 p.m. while Glo-Valve plays Celanese at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday's games feature Cabot and Celanese at 5:45 p.m. and Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency against Rotary in the late game.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

## Bring 'er down



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

The cowboys from the Burnett 6666 Ranch out of Panhandle finished the cattle roping with a time of 1:51 on Friday night at the Coors Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo.

## Cavs win 4th straight to clinch spot in finals

CLEVELAND (AP) — As his teammates danced and carried on while wearing baseball caps and T-shirts proclaiming "Champions," LeBron James walked around in a daze with a smile etched across his face.

"This is like a dream," he said, shaking his head. "This is probably the best feeling that I've ever had in my life."

An entire city felt the same.

For the first time in a long time, championship-starved Cleveland has something to feel good about.

The Cavaliers, once the punch line to jokes and Michael Jordan's favorite foil, are Eastern Conference champions — and on their way to the NBA finals.

Lugging an entire region's hopes with him on every trip to the basket, James had 20 points and 14 rebounds, and unflappable rookie Daniel Gibson added 31 points — 19 in the fourth quarter — to give the Cavaliers a 98-82 victory in Game 6 against the Detroit Pistons.

Cleveland, a city that hasn't celebrated a world championship since the Browns won an NFL title in 1964, has the next closest thing. And now the Cavs, who won only 17 games the year before James arrived from just down the Interstate in Akron, will meet the San

Antonio Spurs in Game 1 of the finals on Thursday night.

James, who scored 48 points in Cleveland's double-overtime win in Game 5, didn't have to carry the Cavs by himself.

Gibson gave him all the help he needed.

The slender second-round pick from Texas, who didn't become a major contributor until March, outshined his superstar teammate. Gibson made three 3-pointers in the first 2:16 of the fourth and drilled another long-range jumper with 6:52 left, setting off a massive celebration in Quicken Loans Arena.

"If I'm dreaming, please don't wake me up," Gibson said. "This was perfect, to win it for Cleveland."

The Cavaliers are only third team to come back from an 0-2 deficit in a conference finals, joining the 1971 Baltimore Bullets and 1993 Chicago Bulls.

The season couldn't have ended worse for the top-seeded Pistons, making their fifth straight appearance in the conference finals.

Rasheed Wallace fouled out and then got thrown out after being slapped with two technicals by referee Eddie Rush with 7:44 to play. Rip Hamilton, too, fouled out after scoring 29 points.

The loss could signal an end of an era for the Pistons, who lost in Game 6 of the

conference finals for the second straight year after being the East's top-seeded team.

With Chauncey Billups (9 points) and Chris Webber (13) both bound for free agency, coach Flip Saunders' security could now come into question in Detroit, which hasn't won a title since 2004.

"It's disappointing," Billups said. "I feel bad for the guys on the team to have it end like this again after a great year."

As the final seconds ticked away, James flung the ball into the crowd and jumped into the arms of center Zydrunas Ilgauskas as the Q quaked. The moment was particularly sweet for Ilgauskas, the club's 7-foot-3 center who was drafted by the franchise in 1996 and spent two seasons on the sideline with major foot injuries.

"We said we loved each other," Ilgauskas said. "We've gone through so much as a team. For some reason we sought each other out and the emotions took over."

With wine-and-gold confetti falling from the rafters, James walked to midcourt for the trophy presentation and thanked Cleveland fans, some of whom were wiping away tears at finally seeing a hometown team win something significant.

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# A coronation for certain; but will it be for King James?

By JIM LITKE  
AP Sports Columnist

Four days later, people are still debating where LeBron James' 25 straight points to end Game 5 ranks on the NBA's list of all-time best finishes. The only point worth adding is this: Whoever has James' ear between now and Thursday can serve the King best by reminding him that better be just the beginning.

James better have a few more games like that in him, and we're not talking during the course of his career, but over the next two weeks. Otherwise, this will be remembered as the NBA finals that he got close enough to see his reflection in the Larry O'Brien Trophy — and not much else.

It's easy to forget how tricky it can be for even the brightest young star to trace a learning curve that reaches the top without a single dip, maybe because Miami's Dwyane Wade did it only last year.

James, to his credit, didn't need reminding.

He recently described climbing over the Pistons and out of the

Eastern Conference in just his second try as "another chapter in my book, I guess." But James also understands he won't write that happy ending without help. The tough part will be deciding how much to accept.

"If I get double-teamed and the game is close, I'm going to pass it again," James said, despite catching flak for doing just that at the start of the Detroit series. "If we make the shot, I'm on top of the world. If not, then I'm under a lot of trees and leaves. It's fine with me. I'll take the criticism that comes with it."

"I'm the leader of this team."

There's a nice bit of symmetry in having the Spurs stand between James and that shiny piece of hardware he wants so much. The Cavaliers have modeled themselves as the Spurs of the East, and two of their chief decision-makers, coach Mike Brown and GM Danny Ferry, actually did their management training in San Antonio. But the sharing arrangement, not to mention a real resemblance, pretty much ends there.

The only coronation the Spurs plan on attending anytime soon is their own. They can grab their fourth championship since 1999, a run of titles that might finally garner San Antonio and reluctant superstar Tim Duncan the respect and recognition that has so far consistently lagged behind their accomplishments.

The Spurs last appearance in the finals, against Detroit in 2005, was almost the opposite situation from what James and the Cavs will be facing this time around. It was framed as a referendum on whether Duncan was truly a great player, or just a very good one lucky enough to land in San Antonio when the Spurs boasted a deep and better-than-average supporting cast.

As that series stretched out toward Game 7, the NBA's promotional tagline for the series, "Where Legends Are Born," began to sound like a dare.

Duncan responded with 25 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks and three assists. Nearly all the numbers flowed easily from the Spurs game plan, except for a

stretch late in the third quarter when Duncan scored nearly half his total and grabbed the game by the throat. In a hallway afterward, former teammate David Robinson savored the win and that third-quarter as much as any of Duncan's then-teammates.

"Some people talked about Tim like a dog. The way that man has performed over the years, I don't understand that," said Robinson, who partnered Duncan for two of San Antonio's titles. "For him to dig down tonight and show everybody what he's made of is just awesome, unbelievable. He settled it the best way."

Unfortunately, James doesn't have Robinson, Manu Ginobili, Tony Parker or even Robert Horry to take over the show long enough to catch his breath. And unlike Wade, Shaquille O'Neal won't be there to cover his back.

If James is going to win a championship this year, he's going to have to do it the same way he just sent Detroit packing: largely on his own.

The 25 points in a row that

closed out Game 5 was part of a 48-point night that got most of the attention. But James' performances on either side of that game were almost as good. He averaged 33 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists. James can't afford much slippage if Cleveland is going to have a chance.

So Spurs coach Gregg Popovich wasn't exaggerating when he said, "Pick a problem, we have it, with LeBron. He's fantastic in every way so, pick any aspect of the game, he's a problem."

But more telling was something that Duncan said a little later. "You have to respect someone like that and focus a little more of the attention toward him."

"But they're going to need a team to beat us," he added, "LeBron's not going to do it by himself."

Not yet, anyway.  
Spurs in five.

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## Castrale beats Ochoa in playoff in Ginn Tribute

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. (AP) — Nicole Castrale chased down the world's No. 1 player for her first LPGA Tour victory, beating Lorena Ochoa with a par on the first hole of a playoff Sunday in the Ginn Tribute.

Castrale closed with a 1-under 71 to match Ochoa (74) at 9-under 279 on the RiverTowne Country Club course. Castrale earned \$390,000.

Ochoa was up by six shots Saturday and was still ahead

by two shots with three holes to play Sunday. However, bogeys on the 16th and 17th holes dropped the Mexican star into a tie and a wayward tee shot into a marsh on the playoff hole, the 18th, cost her the title.

Castrale, who watched Ochoa's bad drive, kept it simple and straight on the extra hole. She two-putted from 25 feet for par, then waited until Ochoa's 18-foot try to extend the playoff slide left.

## Texas errors prove costly in loss to Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Ryan Feierabend has a tattoo of a screaming baseball with flames trailing on his pitching shoulder. That's how the ball must have looked to Seattle's rookie left-hander on the two long homers he allowed in the first four innings.

But the 21-year-old Feierabend allowed one single over his final four innings to earn his first career win behind Jose Lopez's four hits. Lopez's three-run double highlighted a five-run fourth and put the

Mariners ahead for good in an 11-6 victory over the bumbling Texas Rangers on Sunday.

"It's incredible — and my contacts are burning," Feierabend said, wiping the shaving cream from closer J.J. Putz's celebratory pie out of his eyes after allowing seven hits and striking out five in 7 1-3 innings.

With his wife, parents and extended family watching on satellite television back in Elyria, Ohio, Feierabend (1-1) used a consistent slider and changeup.

Feierabend, replacing the injured Horacio Ramirez in the rotation, walked one and received an extended standing ovation when he left the game. But he knows he will probably be back to Triple-A Tacoma when No. 5 starter Jeff Weaver is activated from the disabled list, likely this week. Even though Weaver is 0-6 with a 14.32 ERA, the Mariners are paying him \$8,325,000 this season.

"I said, 'Don't worry about what the future holds,'" Feierabend said.

"I'd be happy if I stayed up here ... but if I go down, I'll just work on improving and coming back up."

Victor Diaz homered twice and had a career-high five RBIs, and Mark Teixeira hit a solo home run for Texas. But the last-place Rangers lost a fly ball in the sun, threw three balls past first base, had a passed ball that allowed another run, and botched what should have been an inning-ending out that would have prevented Seattle's decisive rally.

## Sharapova revels in win despite jeering crowd at French Open

PARIS (AP) — Not even thousands of boing fans could ruin the moment for Maria Sharapova.

After saving two match points and breaking Patty Schnyder in the 16th game of the third set to reach the French Open quarterfinals with a 3-6, 6-4, 9-7 win, the Russian smiled and waved through the jeers at Court Suzanne Lenglen.

The spectators turned on

Sharapova at 7-7 in the final set Sunday, when she won a disputed point while serving at 30-love. Schnyder watched a serve land in, then complained she had held up a hand to call for time.

The chair umpire ruled the point would count, giving Sharapova her first ace of the tournament. Sharapova said later she didn't see Schnyder's hand until after hitting the ball — and had no

regrets about what happened.

"It's pretty hard being a tennis player and Mother Teresa at the same time," Sharapova said. "You're fighting for every single point out there."

Schnyder was one point away from ending the match in the 10th game and again in the 14th — and she also was two points away from victory on 11 occasions. But

Sharapova stayed positive. "Don't count on me giving up," the two-time Grand Slam champion said.

Serena Williams and Justine Henin also won Sunday, setting up a quarter-final showdown, while Roger Federer advanced in the men's draw.

Monday's schedule featured the four remaining men's fourth-round matches, including two-time French

Open winner Rafael Nadal against two-time major champion Lleyton Hewitt.

Sharapova, who has been hindered by a right shoulder injury, said she was able to stay in the match against Schnyder because she kept to her style of play.

"I wasn't going to beat her by being a clay-court player. I'm simply not a clay-court player," Sharapova said. "I started moving in and I started

hitting the ball and I started attacking."

The 14th-seeded Schnyder even gave credit to Sharapova for the comeback.

"At the end, yeah, she was the big champion. I'm the little one who could not win," said Schnyder, whose best result at a major was reaching the 2004 Australian Open semifinals.

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## Cheerleader car wash

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**Pampa High School cheerleaders will hold a car wash at NBC bank on Saturday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Getting ready to wash PHS Principal Danny Seabourn's car are, from left, senior captains K'lyn Holmes, Kiersten Taylor, Marli Street, Stephanie Jasso and Monica Schepp.**



## Alabama eye doctor winner of Van Cliburn piano contest

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — An ophthalmologist from Birmingham, Ala., bested 74 other competitors from 23 states and seven nations to win the Van Cliburn Foundation's Fifth International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs.

Drew Mays, 47, took top honors Sunday for his 30-minute recital of Beethoven's "Waldstein Sonata" and Liszt's "Mephisto Waltz." Mays also won the audience award and the best performance of a work from the Romantic Era.

"I haven't let it sink in yet," Mays said as he was surrounded by his four children on the auditorium stage at Texas Christian University. His winnings included \$2,000, a pair of custom spurs and recital dates in Washington, D.C., and Laguna Beach, Calif.

The weeklong competition was limited to contestants age 35 and older who don't earn their living teaching or playing the piano.

Second prize went to Mark Fuller, a Phoenix lawyer who also won the press jury award and best performance of a post-Romantic work. Composer Clark Griffith, of

Fort Worth, won third prize and best performance of a Baroque work.

The event is an offshoot of the prestigious Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, named for the acclaimed pianist who gained prominence after winning the first Tchaikovsky International Competition in Moscow in 1958. The Cliburn contest is now held every four years in the pianist's hometown of Fort Worth.

Cliburn's contest for amateurs started in 1999 and then was held in the even years until 2004. Starting this year, organizers decided to hold it every four years so there will be two years between it and the main Cliburn competition.

Cliburn opened Sunday's finals with praise for the competitors and their infectious enthusiasm. He also honored his friend Mstislav Rostropovich, the Russian cellist who died in April.

He urged the musicians and fans to become what Rostropovich would call "soldiers of beauty."

## Immigration bill would put some students on fast track

WASHINGTON (AP) — At 23, Mariana should be carefree. She is finishing up her undergraduate degree at the University of California, Los Angeles, and has been accepted to a master's program at Harvard University's education school.

But life is not so simple for Mariana, who insisted that only her first name be published because she is illegally in the United States and worries she could be deported to Guatemala, where she was born.

"I'm even afraid of eating an apple in the library because I'm afraid of getting caught," she said.

Mariana also worries about how she will pay her tuition and what kind of work she will get after she completes school. "What happens next? Without a work permit, how do you exercise your degree?" she said during a recent interview.

Mariana is among an estimated 50,000 undocumented students in U.S. colleges today. These students would be among the people who would benefit from a part of an immigration bill that the Senate plans to resume work on this week.

Children born in the United States to undocumented parents are granted citizenship automatically. A section of the new legislation deals with illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children. They would gain temporary legal status when they graduate from high school as long as they agreed to enroll in college or enlist in the military.

They would be put on a fast, three-year path toward getting their permanent resident status and their green cards. While waiting for that, the students would be eligible for federal student loans and could work legally — options not available to them now.

The overall bill would help roughly 12 million illegal immigrants. For most, it would take a minimum of eight years to get a green card. The larger group also would have to pay fines that would not be imposed on the high-school graduates who came to the U.S. as kids.

In all, about 1 million people now in the country illegally could potentially benefit from the provision aimed at children. Those include students currently in elementary and

secondary schools. Current law allows children in the U.S. illegally to get a free K-12 education. They can go to most colleges if they can pay their way.

The immigrants who would benefit from the provision must have been age 15 or younger when they were brought to the U.S. and must have arrived before January of this year. People older than 30 when the law is enacted would not benefit.

While the bill is the subject of widespread debate, the provision addressing students is popular. Advocates say they will try to add it to other bills moving through Congress if the immigration legislation does not pass.

"I'm going to look for every chance I can find to make this the law," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., a chief supporter of the idea. "What we're saying is these kids deserve a chance," he said. "They didn't decide to come to America. Their parents did."

One of the most vocal student advocates is Marie Gonzalez, a 21-year-old junior at Westminster College in Missouri. She has made numerous trips to Washington to tell her story.

Her parents were deported to Costa Rica two years ago. Gonzalez, whose deportation was deferred, said she could be sent back next year.

She said saying goodbye to her parents was awful. "There's no words to describe it. It's been absolutely terrible. I'm an only child. They're my best friends," she said.

But she said she cannot contemplate departing the United States for Costa Rica, a country she left when she was 5. "I've thought about visiting, but not going back to live there," she said. "That would be like a crashing of my dreams."

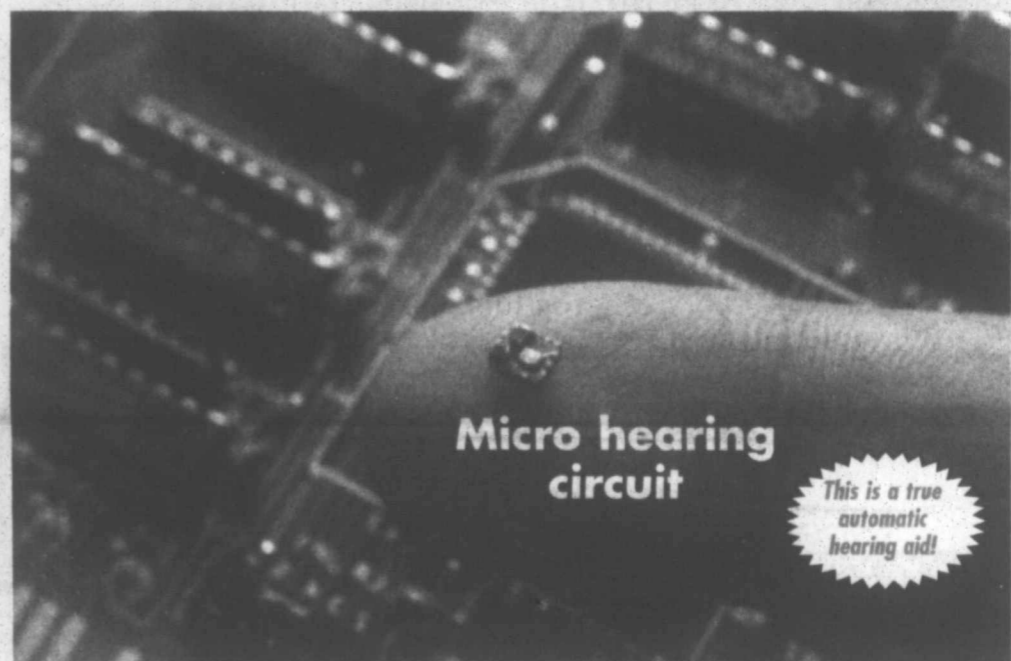
Student advocates say many of their peers drop out of high school because illegal immigrants typically only get jobs for low-skilled workers.

But the provision is motivating some students to stick with their studies, said Tam Tran, 24, who just graduated from UCLA.

"The idea that it might pass someday — that they might be able to use their college degree to get a job — that drives people," said Tran, who was born in Germany.

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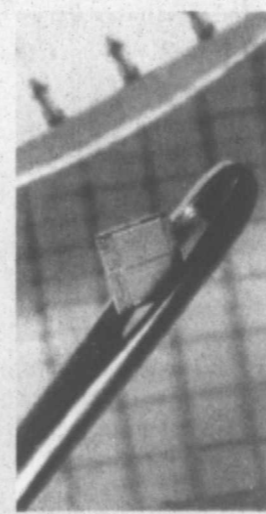
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