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Candidates running for mayor, college board or public school board in Howard County will be featured in a written question and answer forum scheduled for publication in the Sunday, April 28, edition of the *Big Spring Herald*.

The *Herald* presents the information as a public service to its readers who might wish to get to know the candidates better before making their selections at the polls. The April 28 publication date allows voters two days of early voting on April 29-30, as well as election day, May 4.

These races will include contested school board and city races in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan as well as the Howard College board of trustees.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Band Boosters, 6 p.m., high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

□ Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow. First and Goliad. All Masons are welcome to attend.

□ Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

□ Big Spring chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

□ Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

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Powell holds hope for some kind of cease-fire

JERUSALEM (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell said today he is making progress in talks with Israel and Palestinian leaders and that he hopes to work out some kind of cease-fire within 24 hours.

Powell said it probably would be something less than a formal cease-fire, but he did not spell out what might be in the offering.

He met today one-on-one for an hour with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel

Sharon, their third get-together since Friday. Powell plans to see Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for a second time Wednesday at his battered Ramallah headquarters, where Israeli troops have him confined.

"I'm going to have a good discussion with the prime minister," Powell said during a photo-taking session before the Sharon meeting when he was asked to elaborate on any progress he was

making toward a cease-fire.

Earlier, Powell said he would return to the United States after a stop Wednesday in Cairo, Egypt. He plans to meet there with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, a key Arab moderate.

The focus of the talks is how to stop the fighting and security arrangements to maintain calm, Israeli officials said.

Israel wants assurances from the Palestinians they

would assert control, but the Palestinians say the Israeli incursion has riddled their security apparatus, said the Israeli officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Israel's response is that there are enough Palestinian security forces to get the job done, the officials said.

U.S. and Palestinian officials were holding "good conversations," Powell said before meeting with a group

of Palestinian professionals. "I think we are making progress and are looking forward to making more progress in the next 24 hours," he said.

However, Palestinian and U.S. officials failed to agree on a statement condemning suicide bombings and calling for an Israeli withdrawal from West Bank areas, said a senior Palestinian official, speaking on condi-

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Theodore's message: Read books!

Library Week celebration set Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Theodore will be joining St. George Thursday at the Howard County Library to "help" the brave knight's quest to find and return overdue books for National Library Week.

"Theodore will be starring in a semi-original puppet show written by John McIntyre called 'St. George and the Dragon,'" children's librarian Karen McIntyre said.

Loosely based on a 1985 Newberry award winner, "St. George and the Dragon," adapted by Margaret Hodges, St. George, the brave library knight takes up the task of tracking down all the overdue library books for National Library Week.

"The person who has the overdue books is not Theodore but the dragon," McIntyre said. "The ques-



Howard County children's librarian Karen McIntyre attempts to ignore Theodore's antics while reading a book in the library. Theodore will be featured in a puppet show at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the library, 500 S. Main, to celebrate this week as National Library Week.

tion is how to get the books back."

Theodore will add his

own "entertainment" by telling jokes during the show.

The show is scheduled for

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Early voting set in school, college board races

HERALD Staff Report

Voters in District 1 and 3 of the Big Spring public school system will get their first chance Wednesday to voice their opinion on who will represent them on the board of trustees.

In District 1, incumbent Irene Bustamante, who has served for eight years, is being challenged by Michael Willard, pastor of Mount Bethel Baptist Church. Willard put his name forward as a write-in candidate after missing the March 20 filing deadline.

Tom Coates had filed, but



BUSTAMANTE



WILLARD



MCLELLAN



PARTEE

withdrew his name as a candidate for District 1 on March 22.

Local businessman Alan Partee will challenge incumbent Larry McLellan for the District 3. A three-term veteran, McLellan has served on the board for 10

years.

Early voting begins Wednesday and runs through Tuesday, April 30. Voting will be held at the clerk's office in the Howard County Courthouse, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voters

must bring their voter registration card or some type of identification when going to the ballot box. Eligible voters will have a BS1 or BS3 designated on their voter registration card in the area marked school.

While the two BSISD races are confined to voters residing in those districts, all Howard County residents are eligible to vote in the Howard College trustees race.

David Baird, Joyce Crooker and incumbents Dr. Charles Warren, John

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Doggone good company: Chihuahua breeder has a passion for her pets

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A friendly Chihuahua may seem like an oxymoron to many but not to Big Spring Kennel Club member Hazel Baker.

"I like their attitude," Baker said. "I like them being small and lovable and everything most people don't think they are."

The 57-year-old Coahoma native has been both showing and breeding champions of the pint-sized dogs for several years.

"The reason they're biting is that they (the owners) are not getting them out and socializing," she said.

Baker begins socializing her Chihuahuas at an early age, taking the young dogs to confirmation classes, to dog shows or just out shopping.

The breed does have a bold heart, Baker admits. "It's more attitude with Chihuahuas than biting,"

she said.

For nine years, Baker has been showing champions of the breed. Two of her dogs won top honors at this year's Dallas Chihuahua Club Show.

Showing the petite animals is a passion for Baker, who suffers from chronic pulmonary disease and asthma. She needs an oxygen tank to assist her breathing, and because she has been without an electric wheelchair for the past year, Baker has not been able to be in the ring with her dogs. Instead, she has relied on a family friend or her 10-year-old granddaughter, Hilary Rodriguez, to show her dogs.

But that is changing.

Baker plans to be back in the ring for the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show after recently learning she will soon be acquiring an electric wheelchair.

The show will be held on



Coahoma native Hazel Baker works with one of her Chihuahuas while her 10-year-old granddaughter Hilary Rodriguez assists. Baker has a passion for the breed and has shown a number of champions.

April 27-28 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Admission is free to the general public. The show begins at 8 a.m.

both days.

Kennel shows are a good time for someone who is thinking about purchasing to a certain breed to visit

with breeders.

For anyone interested in Chihuahua's, Baker gives a

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OBITUARIES

Bobby Jack "Bob" Hitch

Bobby Jack "Bob" Hitch, 74, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, April 14, 2002, at a local hospital. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at the First Presbyterian Church. Masonic graveside rites will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



He was born on March 20, 1928, in Old Glory and married Louise Stuart on Jan. 6, 1950, in Big Spring.

Mr. Hitch served in the United States Air Force for 22 years. He worked in civil service for 21 years, serving 17 1/2 years as Fire Chief at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock. He had also worked for Big Spring ISD for five years. He enjoyed fishing and traveling, was involved with community service and helped with Meals on Wheels.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. Bob was a 32 degree Mason, a member and Past Master of Staked Plains Lodge 598, AF & AM, a member of Big Spring Lodge 1340, AF & AM, and a member of South Plains Daylight Lodge 1443, AF & AM in Lubbock. He was also a member of Big Spring Chapter 178 RAM York Rite, Big Spring Council 117, R & SM, Big Spring Commandery 31, KT, the Suez Shrine Center in San Angelo, Lubbock Valley of the Scottish Rite, and served as ambassador for Big Spring for the Scottish Rite.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Hitch of Big Spring; his children, James Hitch and wife, Debbie, and their children, Laura and Christopher of The Colony, Betty Hitch of Lubbock, Alan Hitch and his wife, JoAnn, and their children, Hunter and Amber of Little Elm, John Keller and wife, Tracy and their children, Christopher and Royce of New Braunfels, Jeff Keller and wife, Stacey and their children, Kaylee, Ashley and Mathew of Canon City, Colo.; and Sherry Harrison and husband, Lee and their children, Brittany and Jessica of New Braunfels; one brother, Jerry Hitch and wife, Lavada of Breckenridge; and six sisters, Mary Nell Rogers and JoAnn Phillips, both of Olney, Diane Manuel, Betty Corn and Bessie Hitch, all of Wichita Falls and Gina Brown and husband, Marshall, of Graham.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Terry Hitch, Shirley Hitch, Tommy Hitch, Harold Hitch, and one sister, Donna Hitch.

The family suggests memorials to the Texas Kidney Foundation, 1525 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas 75235.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Today at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com
Paid obituary

Bob Simpson

Bob Simpson, 68, of Big Spring, died on Monday, April 15, 2002, at a local hospital. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 18, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Gary Groves, pastor of First Christian Church of Midland, officiating and the Rev. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church of Big Spring, assisting. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



He was born on Aug. 9, 1933, in Luther and married Jackie Marchant on May 10, 1952, in Lovington, N.M.

Mr. Simpson, the son of Akin E. and Rubye Simpson, was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He had farmed and ranched in north Howard County and worked for Fina Oil Refinery for 39 years, retiring in December 1991.

He was a member of First Christian Church, where he served as a deacon and trustee. He had served in the National Guard and was a member and president of the board of Isaiah 58 (Christian Alliance Ministry).

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Simpson of Big Spring; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Chris and Rhonda Simpson and Ricky Simpson, all of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Gina and Dale Elson of Round Rock; two brothers and four sisters-in-law, Delbert and Alma Simpson of Odessa, Harold and Winona Simpson of South Lake, Kay Simpson of Stanton, and Evelyn Simpson of Littlefield; and six grandchildren, Jeff Simpson, Melanie Henderson, Travis Simpson, John Elson, Ginger Simpson, and Sara Elson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials to Isaiah 58, c/o First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring 79720 or to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Suite A-8, Midland 79701.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com
Paid obituary

Fannie Jo Cates

Funeral service for Fannie Jo Cates, 90, of Big Spring will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Kevin Parker, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



Mrs. Cates died Sunday, April 14, at a local nursing home.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1911, in the Elbow Community in Howard County. She married Roy Percifield and he preceded

her in death on Oct. 14, 1973. She then married W.R. "Ray" Cates on Oct. 15, 1977, and he preceded her in death on April 8, 1988. She was raised in Big Spring and had lived in California and Nevada before moving back to Big Spring in the early 1970s. She had worked as a cashier at Safeway and retired in 1973. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include six nieces, Loyce Looney of Granbury, LaVern Kimzey of Midland, Jeanette Place of Godley, Dean Kraus of Big Spring, Lynda Houle of Wichita, Kan., and Helen Gibbons of Arizona; and one nephew, James Kinman of Lubbock.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Tommie Butler

Graveside service for Mrs. A.J. (Tommie) Butler, 91, of Big Spring, will be 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2002, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. David Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.



Mrs. Butler died Sunday, April 14, at a local hospital. She was born on Feb. 7, 1911, in Nevada, Collin County. She married A.J. Butler on Feb. 15, 1931, in Dallas. She first came to Big Spring in 1935 from Slaton. He preceded her in death on Sept. 26, 1982. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Philathea Sunday School. She had been employed by the Internal Revenue Service in Dallas, Collection Consultants of Abilene, and Gound Pharmacy in Big Spring for 14 years. She retired in 1963.

Survivors include one nephew, Joe Arl Bailey of Maumelle, Ark.; one niece, Juanita Bailey of Brownwood.

The family suggests memorials to the music ministry of First United Methodist Church or other favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

D. Clyde Cravens

Graveside service for D. Clyde Cravens, 89, of Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless.

Mr. Cravens died Sunday, April 14, at a Fort Worth hospital.

He was born Jan. 19, 1913, in Stonewall County and was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie Mae Cravens, in 1999. He was a retired farmer and was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in San Angelo.

Survivors include two daughters, Towana Donald of Fort Worth, and Ladeane Murphy of Irving; one sister, Robbie Reeves of Odessa; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday at the funeral home.

The family requests memorials be made to VITAS Healthcare of Texas, L.P., 2501 Parkview Drive, Suite 600, Fort Worth 76102.

Arrangements are under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home in Irving.

Clarence Jack Bennett

Funeral service for Clarence Jack Bennett, 81, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Bennett died Monday, April 15, 2002, at a local veterans home.

LIBRARY

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4:30 p.m. at the library's children's room, 500 S. Main, and is expected to last about 45 minutes. Admission is free.

Following the puppet presentation, McIntyre will read a story to the children. Children attending will have a chance to receive free bookmarks, booklets and posters during the program.

National Library Week began Monday and will continue through Friday. McIntyre said this week is a great time to become more familiar with the library.

"We invite everyone to come to the library and see all the new books in our inventory, including lots of new bilingual books," she said.

SCHOOLS

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Freeman and Marie Ethridge are running for the three at-large positions up for election. Early voting will also be held at the Howard County Clerk's office.

Residents living in the Coahoma school district will have a choice of five candidates for the two at-large positions up for election. Terrie Bradley, Candy Parrish, Dale Coates and incumbents John Wayne Metcalf and Cindy Neff are all running for a positions on the board.

Early voting will be held at the CSISD Superintendent's office, 600 N. Main from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eligible voters are those living in Precincts 205, 207, 404, 408 and 409.

Debbie Burt, Connie Newell and incumbents Dale Humphreys and Marty Whetsel are all on the ballot for two at large positions on the Forsan Independent School District board. Voters who live in the Forsan school district can cast their ballot early at the FSISD administration office, 411 W. Sixth, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Stanton voters living in District 3 will begin going to the ballot box Wednesday to decide between Roberto Teveni and incumbent

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 9,7,6
CASH 5: 6,25,31,33,35

WEST BANK

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tion of anonymity.

The United States objected to a Palestinian addition "calling for an end to Israel's occupation, for the establishment of the state of Palestine in the June 4, 1967, borders, with east Jerusalem as its capital, and a just solution for the refugee problem, with the needed mechanism to guarantee the implementation within an agreed timeline."

That plan also would have asked additional action by the U.N. Security Council.

Bush told Sharon that ending the siege at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem was one of Powell's most urgent priorities, Fleischer said.

Powell, searching for new ideas, also is considering an international or regional conference aimed at stopping Middle East violence and restarting Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations.

"It's a way to get the parties together and talking," Powell said.

Sharon suggested a conference to Powell at their meeting in Tel Aviv on Sunday, though Sharon objected to including Arafat.

A peace conference was rejected by the ruling party's newspaper in neighboring Syria as a "dirty maneuver." Al-Baath said Sharon's actions have "destroyed all possible chances to revive the pace process in the Middle East."

Hassan Abdel Rahman, the top Palestinian official in the United States, said Sharon should first stop his incursion into the West Bank. "Nothing can happen before that," he said in an interview from Washington.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, on CNN's "Larry King Live," noted Arafat is the elected leader of the Palestinian people.

"Nobody can fire him and we cannot replace him. But what we can demand is that he will change his policies and behavior. This is a must," Peres said.

Powell said he did not broach the idea of who would attend a conference except that representatives of both sides would be there. He said of Arafat, "It doesn't necessarily require his presence to get started."

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

• DONALD WAYNE GREEN, 66, of Midland was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• AMBER GUTIERREZ, 26, of 2608 Calvin was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

CITY

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Jack Hancock. Those will be filled without election by Marie Wilson and Roger Hudgins as they were the only individuals to seek office.

Early voting will be held in the Forsan ISD administration office.

In Coahoma, four candidates are seeking three at-large city council seats. Running are a former councilman, Warren Wallace, and incumbents Dan Shelburne, Paulette Lindsey and Eleanor Garrett. Early voting will be held in the city administration building.

In Stanton, incumbent Mayor Lester Baker is facing a challenge from Kyle Averitt. City council incumbents Ronnie Christian; District 1; Jim Smith, District 2; and James Jenkins, District 3; are unopposed.

Early voting in the mayor's race will be held at Stanton City Hall.

DOGS

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few hints.

"They should be aware that they (the dogs) are small and they're not a toy for kids to play with," she said. "They are not good pets for the elderly because they can run between the feet and throw you for the biggest loop. They are very fast animals."

The diminutive dog also needs attention.

"They are happy when they are with people," she said.

Baker prefers the dogs to be at least five pounds and said she will not breed a Chihuahua weighing less. The smaller animal usually is associated with numerous health problems, she said.

"I like a dog with a good top, a good rump and a good head," Baker said. "I don't like dogs with a short muzzle. I like a dog with a little more muzzle because they end up with less mouth problems."

"I suggest if a person is interested in purchasing a dog they should go to a dog show and talk with breeders of that dog," she said.

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Ande

WASHINGTON Federal prosecutors defer pursuing obstruction charges against Arthur Andersen settlement requiring accounting firm to employ wrongful disbursements related to Corp. collapse, familiar with the negotiations say.

In the settlement being finalized, also must cooperate with the Department's investigation of Enron's collapse, these people Associated Press

Pro-Is

WASHINGTON: Tens of thousands of pro-Israel demonstrators, gathered in the steps of the Capitol building, hooted and chanted against the administration's suggestion that Israel's support of the peace process be suspended. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Monday among speakers who U.S. solidarity and condemned suicide bombings as the greatest obstacle to the Middle East. Wolfowitz, the second-ranked official, forced to stop at times, shouting boos and chants.

Pluton

COLUMBIA, S.C. Gov. Jim Hodges is pushing down from the government just the Energy Department's ready to pluck the plutonium from South Carolina's reactors. Hodges had said that he's ready to state troopers to the truckloads of the road hogs. His renewed those Monday upon the U.S. Energy Spencer Abraham start the shipment May 15.

"The government very clear that notice would be situation," spokesman Reiff said. "Trooping shipments to Legal avenues aggressively pursue every feasible option." Abraham said to Hodges that "essential" to shipments to move for closing Flats weapons Colorado by 2007.

The Bush administration wants to transport plutonium from facilities around the world to Savannah River near Aiken, which made into mixed to run commercial reactors.

Hodges has intercepted any unless he gets ment — subject court enforcement the plutonium remain in South Carolina permanently.

By giving notice required Congress, Abraham clear signal to the Bush administration intends to pursue objections if Energy Department said.

A spokesman department would discuss how the government would troopers at the doors or lawsuits. "It's not in ment's best interest about "armed action," spokesman said.

"We think these issues require in a separate members of Abraham said is to begin shipment trailer loads from Rocky Mountain after May 15, through June, Reps. Lindsey

Andersen settlement expected soon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors will defer pursuing criminal obstruction charges against Arthur Andersen LLP in a settlement requiring the accounting firm to admit it knew employees were wrongfully destroying documents related to the Enron Corp. collapse, people familiar with the ongoing negotiations say.

In the settlement, still being finalized, Andersen also must cooperate fully with the Justice Department's investigation of Enron's bankruptcy, these people told The Associated Press, speaking

on condition of anonymity. The most significant provisions of what was described as a "global settlement" on the criminal obstruction charge facing Andersen already have been resolved, though some details still were being worked out. The sides expected to announce the deal Wednesday in Washington, these people said.

The agreement could result in a deferral from prosecuting Andersen for as long as three years. Andersen's lawyers were uncomfortable with a deferral lasting that long, but the

Justice Department was concerned that its investigation into possible wrongdoing at Enron wasn't close yet to filing any criminal charges, people close to the negotiations said.

The agreement comes after weeks of intense, secret negotiations between the Justice Department and Andersen in the wake of the firm's criminal indictment unsealed March 14. Talks intensified after last week's plea agreement with David B. Duncan, the former senior Andersen auditor on the Enron account.

In the indictment, the grand jury accused

Andersen of destroying "tons of paper" at its offices worldwide and deleting enormous numbers of computer files on its Enron audits.

Duncan pleaded guilty April 9 to destroying documents related to Enron's collapse and agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors. He remains free until his sentencing in August. Duncan is prohibited under his plea from discussing what he tells prosecutors, but he is considered knowledgeable about Enron's most controversial deals preceding its failure on Dec. 2.

NEWS BRIEFS

Actor Robert Urich dies of cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Television tough guy Robert Urich, an Emmy-winning actor best known for his starring roles in sleuth series such as "Vega\$" and "Spenser: For Hire," died Tuesday of cancer. He was 55.

Urich died at a hospital in Thousand Oaks surrounded by family members and friends, publicist Cindy Gaugenti said.

Urich announced in 1996 that he was suffering from synovial cell sarcoma, a rare cancer that attacks the body's joints. He underwent chemotherapy, radiation treatments and two operations in the mid-1990s to combat the cancer.

He earned his first television role in the 1973 comedy series "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice." He also appeared in the TV series "S.W.A.T." before being cast as Peter Campbell in "Soap."

One of Urich's most recognizable roles came as private detective Dan Tanna in "Vega\$," which ran on ABC from 1978 to 1981.

Paramedic leaps to help van driver

LUBBOCK (AP) — Paramedics Taylor Ratcliff and Eric Teaff used some fancy footwork and expert driving to reach a van driver having a diabetic seizure.

Ratcliff and Teaff were returning from a Lubbock hospital Saturday when they saw a vehicle weaving through traffic. A closer look at the minivan's driver showed he was having a seizure.

With emergency lights and warning signals blaring, Teaff pulled the ambulance behind the minivan. Ratcliff jumped from the ambulance and ran to the minivan, which by then was traveling along at a slow speed.

He got into the vehicle, threw the gearshift into park and turned off the ignition, but that didn't stop the vehicle. Ratcliff had to push the brake pedal down with his hand.

"Thank goodness the brake actually worked," Ratcliff said.

The paramedics treated the man with sugar through an intravenous injection and he was OK in less than a minute, Teaff said.

Siblings confess to slaying boy

LEWISVILLE (AP) — The body of a 6-year-old boy was found in a wooded area early Tuesday and his two siblings have told police that they killed their brother, authorities said.

Jackson Carr was found in a wooded area buried in mud with a puncture wound to the neck.

The boy's 10-year-old brother and 15-year-old sister were in custody, Sgt. Richard Douglas said in Tuesday's online editions of The Dallas Morning News.

"It's a homicide," Douglas said. "They just confessed to the death and burying the child. We do not have a motive at this time."

The boy's body was found about 100 feet from his family's home.

He was reported missing Monday evening after his 10-year-old brother told their parents he could not find his brother after a game of hide-and-seek.

The brother said he held Jackson down during the incident, Douglas said.

Pro-Israel rally draws thousands to Capitol

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tens of thousands of demonstrators, gathered at the steps of the Capitol to support Israel's battle against terror, hooted down a Bush administration official who suggested that Palestinians too have suffered.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz represented President Bush at the rally Monday among a line of speakers who expressed U.S. solidarity with Israel and condemned Palestinian suicide bombers as the greatest obstacle to peace in the Middle East.

Wolfowitz, the Pentagon's second-ranked official was forced to stop talking several times, shouted down by boos and chants of "no more

Arafat," when he noted that Israelis were not the only victims of violence. Yasser Arafat heads the Palestinian Authority and, denounced as a terrorist by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, is "isolated" in his headquarters by Israeli troops sent by Sharon to crush Palestinian terror operations.

"Palestinians are suffering and dying as well," Wolfowitz told a crowd that extended from Capitol Hill down the National Mall to the Reflecting Pool.

"It is critical that we recognize and acknowledge that fact."

Wolfowitz also was interrupted by shouts of protest when he said that most

Palestinians want peace, and "hard decisions must be made by both sides to achieve a lasting peace."

Debra Wasserman of the Israel Policy Forum, a group of Jewish leaders supportive of the administration's efforts to mediate the Mideast conflict, said in a statement that Wolfowitz eloquently articulated U.S.-Israel friendship, and "he deserves gratitude and credit from American Jews, not criticism and jeers."

Demonstrators came by charter plane from New York, Miami and Los Angeles, and by overnight bus from as far away as Wisconsin for what organizers said was the largest pro-Israel rally ever held in the

United States. U.S. Capitol Police said reported no disturbances or arrests but said 138 people were treated for heat exhaustion as temperatures rose into the 80s.

Tom Schottenstein of Columbus, Ohio, said he left home at 11 p.m. Sunday with a group of 300. "We wanted to show our support" for Israel, he said. "It's very frustrating not to be able to do anything."

The speakers, appearing on the steps of the Capitol before a bank of U.S. and Israeli flags, included New York Gov. George Pataki, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel and the parents of several terror victims.

Plutonium shipment controversy intensifies

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Gov. Jim Hodges isn't backing down from the federal government just because the Energy Department says it's ready to begin shipments of plutonium to South Carolina next month.

Hodges had said previously that he's ready to send state troopers to intercept the truckloads or even lie in the road himself to stop them. His spokesman renewed those calls on Monday upon learning that U.S. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham wants to start the shipments around May 15.

"The governor made it very clear that the 30-day notice would escalate the situation," spokesman Jay Reiff said. "Troopers blocking shipments is an option. Legal avenues will be aggressively pursued. You use every feasible tool."

Abraham said in a letter to Hodges that it was "essential" to begin the shipments to meet a schedule for closing the Rocky Flats weapons facility in Colorado by 2006.

The Bush administration wants to transport excess plutonium from weapons facilities around the country to the department's Savannah River complex near Aiken, where it will be made into mixed oxide fuel to run commercial nuclear reactors.

Hodges has vowed to intercept any shipments unless he gets firm agreement — subject to federal court enforcement — that the plutonium will not remain in South Carolina permanently.

S.C., and John Spratt, D-S.C., were working on legislation that could break the impasse.

Graham spokesman Kevin Bishop said. A bill under consideration could require that plutonium not be left in the state permanently.

Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., called the department's decision "great news" and said he would work with South Carolina's congressional delegation to ease the state's concerns.

The standoff over the ship-

ments escalated last week when Abraham rejected a demand from Hodges that a federal judge oversee the enforcement of any agreement on the plutonium shipments.

Abraham outlined what he called a string of concessions to ease the governor's concerns. Among them is a formal commitment to take the plutonium back if the conversion plant falls behind schedule or runs into funding trouble.

Hodges told Abraham he

wants more assurances in a formal consent agreement that would allow a federal judge to oversee the process.

Abraham rejected the courts' involvement, saying it would amount to "an attempt to conduct ... national security and foreign policy affairs through the judicial process" and "goes beyond what we can do."

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By giving the 30-day notice required by Congress, Abraham issued a clear signal to Hodges that the Bush administration intends to pursue the shipments, over the governor's objections if necessary, Energy Department officials said.

A spokesman for the department would not discuss how the federal government would react to troopers at the state's borders or lawsuits.

It's not in the government's best interest to talk about "armed confrontation," spokesman Joe Davis said.

"We think we can get these issues resolved."

In a separate letter to key members of Congress, Abraham said his intention is to begin shipments of 76 trailer loads of plutonium from Rocky Flats shortly after May 15, continuing through June, 2003.

Reps. Lindsey Graham, R-

EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Make plans to attend Health Fair

It has oft been noted that nothing is as important as one's health. Adages on the subject abound. And for good reason, because anything else, with the exception of one's spiritual condition, pales in comparison.

Unfortunately, far too many of us are less than conscientious when it comes to making sure we're in good health — we're too busy, we believe, to schedule a doctor's appointment for a check up and in some cases ignore symptoms of potentially life-threatening conditions.

That's why it's important that we all take advantage of free health screenings Saturday at Health Fair 2002.

Doors to Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to about 60 booths supplying free screenings and information.

Free screenings, such as those for prostate cancer; depression, bone density, skin cancer; body composition, stroke risk, blood sugar and blood pressure are just a small sampling.

Health Fair 2002 is an event for all ages. Screenings and information available is directed at children, their parents and grandparents. Many of the booths give out free gifts.

We encourage everyone to get involved this weekend and pay a little attention to healthy living.

It just might be the best and most important fun you've ever had.

OTHER VIEWS

Ugly Americans, that's what we are.

Such is revealed by "Aggravating Circumstances: a Status Report on Rudeness in America." This Public Agenda study released last week found that 88 percent of people surveyed "often or sometimes came across people who are rude or disrespectful."

Particularly offensive were public cellphone use, bad service in stores, obnoxious parents at kids' sporting events and frustration with customer service by phone. Reckless and aggressive driving topped the list.

Seventy-three percent of the people surveyed said they believe Americans were more respectful of each other in the past.

For starters, people's fuses have grown shorter. Perhaps the rude people lived in cities where unemployment is high, or where hours are lost each week stuck in traffic jams. Maybe they were sleep-deprived, overworked or worrying about health problems they can't afford to take care of. Still, those excuses don't make rudeness excusable.

One explanation may be that people are becoming more anonymous and isolated from each other.

And remember, that nasty e-mail sent to a faceless Internet address is

read by a human being. There's less accountability today for the reactions we provoke, the feelings we hurt.

Past standards of proper conduct were a bit more defined than they are today.

But we also seem to have lost a fundamental element of good manners: simple respect for one another.

Prime-time TV shows and music lyrics normalizing this disrespect certainly don't help.

Perhaps we can stop the erosion by recultivating the habit of courtesy. Not so long ago kids with good manners always addressed their elders as "Mr." and "Mrs." They were expected to pay full attention to their teachers and chewing gum in class was a punishable offense. Back then, foul language was the exception rather than a vocabulary staple.

The bread-and-butter note was a nice touch. Likewise, it's still appreciated when kids write thank-you notes for the gifts they receive from friends and relatives.

The next time you receive an invitation that says "R.S.V.P.," it means you are supposed to let someone know if you are coming or not.

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW,
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We are forever our brothers' keepers

One could hardly go anywhere without

encountering such spectacles of poverty and misery as to tear at the heart — people in tatters, hunger and suffering in their faces ...

Compounding her sorrow was the realization that every night in all weather ... hundreds slept beneath the bushes and trees in the park.

Is this Lafayette Park across from the White House, New York's Central Park or any park in any major American city where the homeless collect? No, it was Hyde Park in London,

circa 1785. The excerpt is from David McCullough's wonderful biography, "John Adams." He was paraphrasing from a letter written by Abigail Adams, who was appalled at the conditions in England. Struck by the contrast between the classes, she observed that "the clothes, carriages, the sheer weight of gold braid on the livery servants, left little doubt as to how vast was the wealth of the wealthiest."

The critique was implied in the observance. How could the wealthiest nation on earth allow people to live like animals? How had the people and government of England so blinded themselves to the human misery surrounding them?

The question for us is whether or not future generations of Americans will be equally astonished and perplexed by our behavior.

It seems that every time the subject of homelessness

comes up, politicians play the blame game. Was it President Jimmy Carter or President Ronald Reagan who forced people from asylums and onto the streets? Does it matter? The fact is that in every major American city destitute people roam and sleep in the open, and this makes us — who believe we are the most compassionate people on earth — a people without a heart.

The argument is even made that many homeless people prefer to live the way the live. Even to the limited extent to which this is true, it is irrelevant because as a society we must not allow such degradation.

Yet we, and our government, continue to wrap ourselves in rationalizations and bureaucracy, a situation that has been exacerbated by the Welfare Reform Act, which has succeeded in delivering to the

states another unfunded mandate. The Act removes recipients from the welfare rolls after five years, leaving the states to take up the slack, which they do with widely varying degrees of compassion and skill.

What is required is a national Care and Subsistence Bill that would recognize that many destitute people are not in full command of their faculties, and that the nation has an obligation to care for them. It is time to put an end to this national shame. There may be many reasons why people become homeless. It can be a result of mental deficiency, financial distress, or even individual preference.

But, the reasons cannot be allowed to dictate the solution. Either we are our brothers' keepers or we are not. Either way, posterity will proclaim that we should have been.

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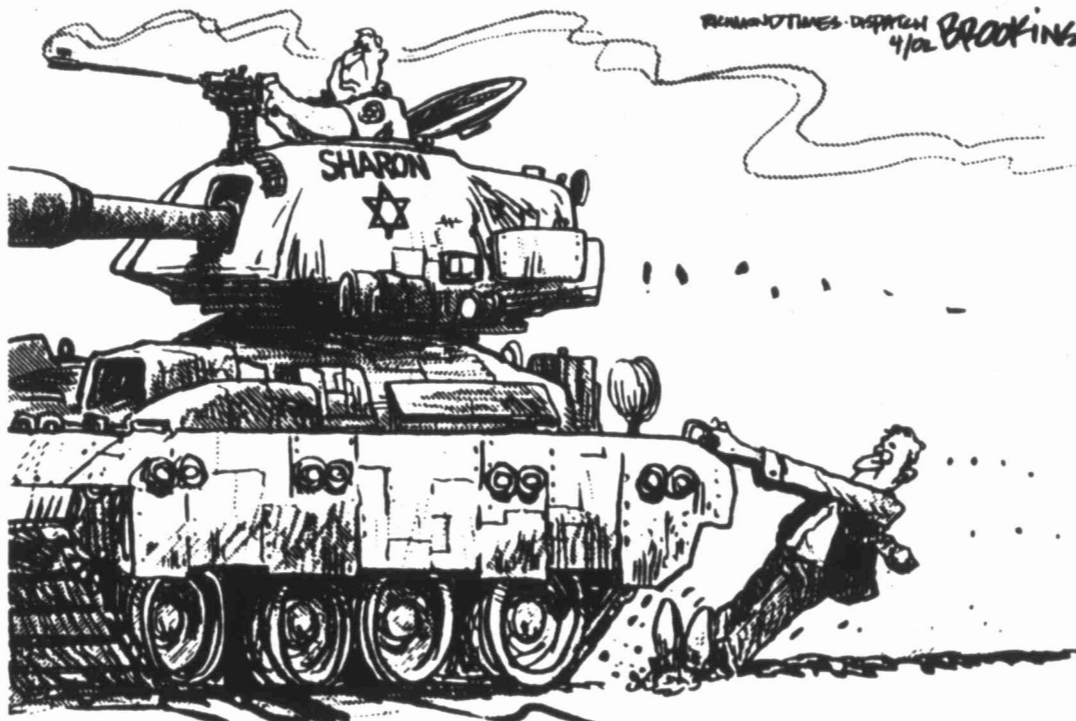
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Bush: Make it or break it time

President George W. Bush faces a crisis that will make or break his presidency. Ironically, to use his words applied to Yasser Arafat, Bush finds himself in a situation of his own making.

Last week, the president was publicly humiliated by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who arrogantly ignored Bush's repeated calls

for the Israelis to stop their military operation and pull out of the West Bank. The secretary of state was also publicly humiliated. The king of Morocco kept him cooling his heels for two hours before consenting to see him and then, in front of the press, embarrassed him with a hostile but legitimate question, "Why are you here instead of in Jerusalem?" All of the Arab leaders, in fact, instead of heeding Bush's demand that they condemn terrorism, laid new demands on the United States.

Bush seriously misread Sharon. That's probably because he is ignorant of the Middle East and its history. I think he relies on his staff to give him little yes-or-no choices to make. If Bush had bothered to read the British and Israeli press or, God forbid, one or two books on the conflict, he would have known:

Sharon started the intifada; Sharon has been the one who has refused to negotiate for the past 14 months; Sharon has systematically destroyed the Palestinian Authority and the Oslo peace process; and Sharon does not intend to yield an inch of the West Bank.

All of this time, Bush has apparently thought that if the Palestinians would just lie down, Sharon would resume the negotiations. Apparently, he wasn't aware that Arafat did keep the peace for three weeks, and Sharon's response was to start a program of systematically assassinating Palestinian political leaders. Bush, of course, routinely condemns every act of resistance by the Palestinians, and the most he has ever said to the Israelis is, "Gee, I hope you show some restraint."

So now his reputation and that of the United States is at stake. It isn't just the Arab world that is fed up with Israel's brutality and flaunting of international law and America's one-sided support for Israel. It's the European Union, the United Nations and Russia. Serious demonstrations against Israel and the United States are taking place all over the world.

So here's Bush's dilemma: Sharon will not stop his military operation. Sharon will not negotiate with the Palestinians. Bush will have to force him. The reason Sharon feels confident in humiliating the president is because he believes that the Israeli lobby has such a lock on Congress that it will prevent Bush

from taking any measures to punish him for his defiance. Hence, when Bush butts heads with Sharon, he will also have to butt heads with the Israeli lobby.

The question upon which the success or failure of his administration depends is, does Bush have the guts to do that? I don't know. We'll just have to wait and see. If Bush caves in to Sharon, American prestige will plummet, and his coalition for his war on terrorism will fall apart. Moreover, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will eventually start a wider war in the Middle East, for which Bush will be justly blamed.

The reason this is a situation of his own making is that Bush should have pressured Sharon into negotiations 14 months ago, instead of falling for Sharon's ruse that he wouldn't talk while Palestinians were resisting the occupation. Bush should have been equally critical of the Israeli violence. It has apparently taken him 14 months to realize that the Palestinian violence is provoked by the Israeli violence.

His popularity, while still high, is already starting to drop, and if he lets Ariel Sharon walk all over him, I predict he will be a one-term president. The larger question for the American people is this: Who runs American foreign policy, the elected president or the Israeli lobby?

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IN BRIEF

Simmons earns berth in regional tourney

Big Spring's Jerrod Simmons posted a round of 71 in the final round of the District 4-4A Boys' Golf Tournament at Andrews, giving him a 300 total for the 72-hole event and a fourth-place finish in the medalist standings.

That finish is good enough to give him a trip to the Region I, Class 4A tournament set for Monday and Tuesday, April 22-23, at the Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo.

As a team, the Steers carded a 301 in the final round, allowing them to finish fifth — Nick Read carding a 75 on the Andrews Country Club layout, while Will Conley had a 76 and Clayton Weaver added a 79. Ryan Rodriguez rounded out the "A" team's scoring with an 80.

Big Spring's "B" team finished 11th. Jace Williams led that squad with a 76 over the final round, while Jason Murphree had a 77. Jacob Castle had an 81, Ryan Wegman carded an 87 and David Welch had a 95.

Hawks, Lady Hawks changing schedules

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks have announced revised schedules for the remainder of their baseball and softball seasons.

The Lady Hawks, 34-16 on the season and 12-6 in conference play are currently second in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference softball standings, one game behind Midland with six league games remaining.

They will make up two games with Odessa College with a 1 p.m. doubleheader Wednesday at Foundation Field.

They will then host El Paso Community College's Tejanas in a 1 p.m. twinbill on Friday and an 11 a.m. doubleheader on Saturday.

They'll close out the regular season with a 1 p.m. home twinbill on Friday, April 26, at Foundation Field.

The Hawks, who dropped to 26-17 overall and 9-10 in WJCAC play when they were swept by Frank Phillips Sunday, are currently sixth in the league standings with 8 1/2 games remaining.

They will face Hardin-Simmons' JV in a non-conference doubleheader at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Jack Barber Field.

The Hawks will then host El Paso's Tejanas in WJCAC twinbills on Friday and Saturday. Games will begin at noon.

Another home conference doubleheader with Midland is set for noon Thursday, April 25.

The Hawks are also tentatively scheduled to play 2 1/2 conference games with Clarendon on April 26-27, however, those make-up games have not yet been confirmed.

ON THE AIR

Radio
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
4:15 p.m. — Snyder Tigers at Big Spring Steers, KBST-AM 1490.
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
6:45 p.m. — Big Spring Lady Steers at San Angelo Lake View Maidens, KBST-AM 1490.

Television
PRO BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — Detroit Pistons at New Jersey Nets, TBS.
7:30 p.m. — Utah Jazz at Dallas Mavericks, FXS.

Texas' Jammer, Williams expected to be first-round picks

AUSTIN (AP) — Orban Sanders' place in the University of Texas record book is brief but significant.

In 1942, the backup running back with the nickname "Spec" was the first Longhorn to be a first-round NFL draft pick when he was selected by the Washington Redskins.

Since then, 30 more Texas players have been drafted in the first round and two more — cornerback Quentin Jammer and offensive tackle Mike Williams — figure to join the list on Saturday.

Both seniors are considered top 10 picks, which would be the first time that's happened at Texas since 1948 when Bobby Layne (third) and Max Bumgardner (10th) both went to the Chicago Bears.

While the Houston Texans have locked in Fresno State quarterback David Carr as the top pick of the draft and the Carolina Panthers are

expected to go with North Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers, the Panthers could opt for Jammer after releasing both starting cornerbacks during the offseason. Carolina ranked last in the NFL last season in total defense.

At 6-foot-1, 198 pounds, the former safety spurned the chance to enter the draft after his junior season to get an extra year of experience. He had moved to cornerback after sitting out a year due to a shoulder injury.

He allowed only one touchdown pass in his last two seasons and scouts easily rate him as the top cornerback in the draft.

Jammer doesn't lack for confidence either, having followed the career of the flamboyant Deion Sanders.

"I thought he could be a whole lot better as a tackler. He was the best

cover corner ever," Jammer said. "My goal is to be the best complete corner, not the best cover corner-back."

Gil Brandt, the longtime personnel director of the Dallas Cowboys and the NFL's senior draft consultant, rates Williams as the best offensive lineman in the draft.

At 6-6, 350 last season, Williams was just a shade smaller than his former linemate Leonard Davis, the No. 2 overall pick last season for Arizona. Williams was even bigger at the scouting combine when he weighed in at 375 pounds.

Brandt dismissed rumors that surfaced at the combine that Williams had a torn knee ligament that would require surgery.

"That rumor is like it's 75 degrees today and going to snow," said Brandt. Williams "blew everybody away" with his workouts, he said.

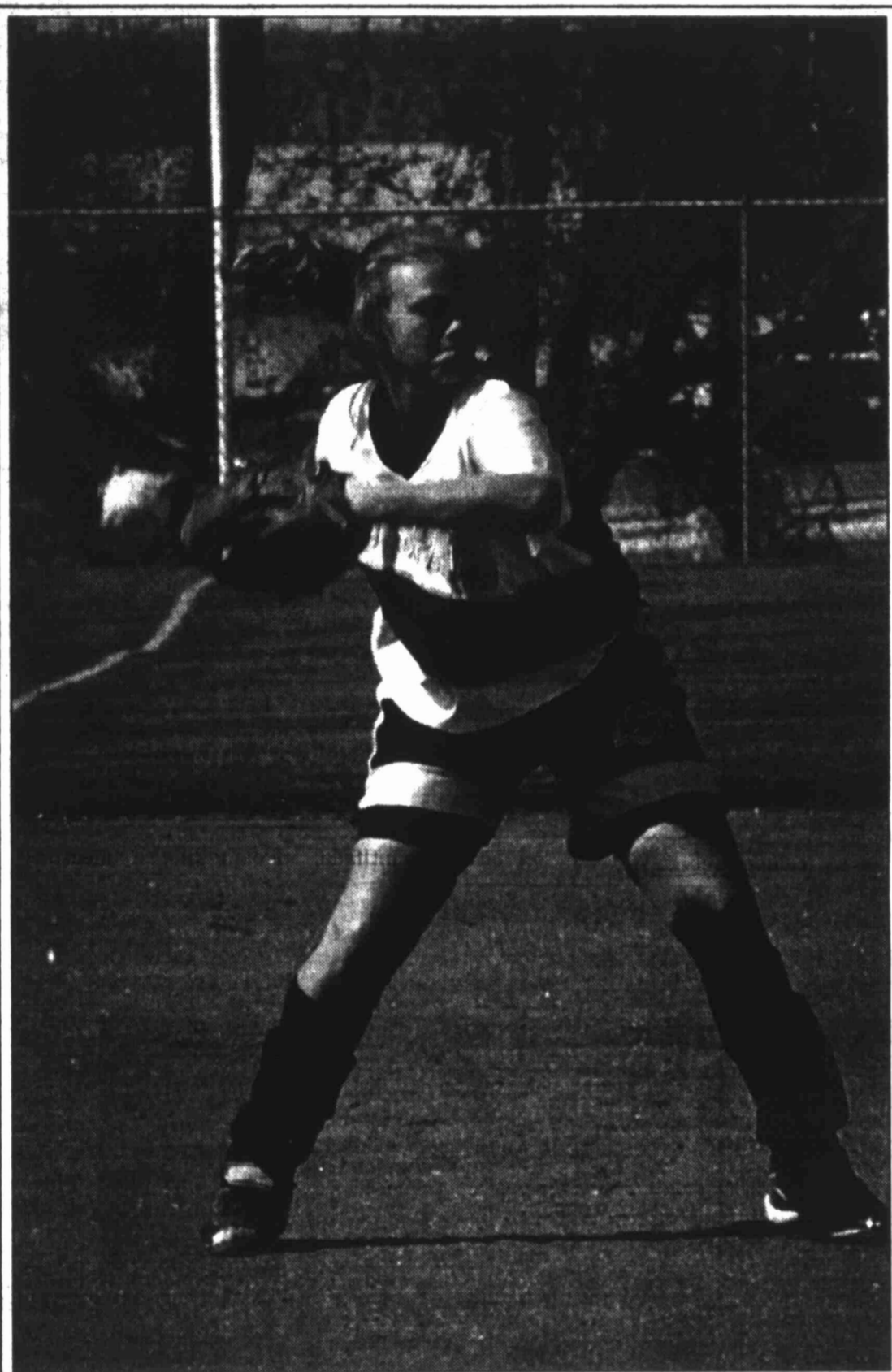
"If he was hurt, they'd better start rewriting the medical journals," Brandt said.

UT trainer Tom McVan said Williams hyperextended his right knee on Sept. 29 against Texas Tech, but tests showed no ligament tears.

Williams will be the first Texas player signed as a recruit by Mack Brown to be drafted.

Since his first season, Brown has seen seven of his players drafted, including three last year, in Davis, Casey Hampton and Shaun Rogers.

"When you look at last year when all three of the guys we drafted went on to start in their first year and earn votes on the NFL all-rookie team, that is rewarding," Brown said. "Those guys, and the guys before them, do wonders for helping to build a program's reputation of placing guys in the NFL."



Big Spring third baseman Trista Casey prepares to make the throw to first and retire a Fresno batter during the Lady Steers' win over the Lady Tigers last week. Casey and her teammates will travel to San Angelo today to take on Lake View's Maidens. Game time will be 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490.

Mariners top Rangers, 13-11 in 10 innings

ARLINGTON (AP) — Even the Seattle Mariners can't believe the ways they are winning close games.

Mark McLemore made up for a ninth-inning error with a two-run single in the 10th to send Seattle to a 13-11 win over the Texas Rangers on Monday night, extending the Mariners' winning streak to eight.

The Mariners swept the four-game series, coming from behind in the final three games.

"The whole series was unbelievable, especially the way we kept coming back," said Seattle second baseman Bret Boone, the only Seattle starter without a hit Monday night. "This is a great start for us."

The normally sure-handed McLemore surprised manager Lou Piniella.

"I've never seen Mac do that," Piniella said. "He normally has great hands. But he was able to make up for it with that single."

McLemore's hit off Dan Miceli (0-2) came after the reliever loaded the bases on two walks and a single.

Seattle, which overcame home runs by Alex Rodriguez and Carl Everett, has won all eight games on the road during its streak. Last year, the Mariners set an AL record with 59 road wins.

Desi Relaford homered and drove in four runs for Seattle, McLemore had three RBIs and Mike Cameron homered. Rangers pitchers walked 10.

"That was just a wild game, but we got a win out of it," Piniella said. "Both

bullpens are pretty well spent."

Texas, which outit Seattle 16-15, had tied it at 11 in the ninth after McLemore dropped Kevin Mench's liner to left for a two-base error. Mench took third on Hank Blalock's sacrifice and scored on pinch-hitter Mike Lamb's sacrifice fly.

Ruben Sierra walked in the 10th, Carlos Guillen singled and Ben Davis walked to load the bases for McLemore, who played for the Rangers from 1995-99.

After blowing his first save opportunity in the ninth, Kazuhiro Sasaki (1-0) got the victory despite allowing the unearned run.

Shigetoshi Hasegawa got three outs for his first save. Seattle had gone ahead 11-10 in the ninth with the help of John Rocker's throwing error. Dan Wilson led off with a single, and Rocker overthrew first base on McLemore's bunt, allowing pinch-runner Charles Gipson to move to third.

After Suzuki was walked intentionally, Relaford's sacrifice fly drove in the tying run.

Texas starter Dave Burba gave up six runs and seven hits in five-plus innings, and Seattle starter James Baldwin allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 4 2/3 innings.

The Texas relievers continue to struggle, allowing 15 runs in 10 1/3 innings over the last three games to raise the bullpen's ERA from 5.76 to 7.65.

Texas' 3-10 start is its worst since going 2-11 in 1987.

As usual, Mets and Braves provide a fantastic finish

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New York Mets and Atlanta Braves always provide a fantastic finish.

Mike Piazza homered twice and Edgardo Alfonzo hit a game-winning single in the 12th inning as the Mets came back from a five-run deficit to beat the Braves 7-6 Monday night.

"We play some good games against the Braves it seems," manager Bobby Valentine said. "We know we can win ball games no matter what the score is."

The Mets took two of three from their NL East rivals at Turner Field in early April. New York scored nine runs in the ninth inning of an 11-2 victory, then lost the next day on Marcus Giles' three-run homer in the 14th.

The Mets are beginning to make a habit of these dramatic endings, and not just against Atlanta. New York rallied from a 7-0 deficit Saturday against Montreal before losing 9-8 in 11 innings.

This time, the Mets made sure they finished the job. "It's tough when you get down like that, especially against a team like Atlanta," Piazza said. "But

we've come back before and we believe we're going to win these games."

Elsewhere in the National League, it was: San Diego 4, San Francisco 3; Los Angeles 5, Colorado 2; Arizona 14, St. Louis 5; Chicago 6, Montreal 4; and Pittsburgh 6, Milwaukee 1.

In the three American League games, Boston beat New York 4-3, Chicago routed Baltimore 13-4 and Seattle edged Texas 13-11 in 10 innings.

Piazza hit solo shots in the second and seventh innings, and the Mets scored five runs in the seventh to tie it at 6 on a home run by pinch-hitter John Valentin that woke up a tame Shea Stadium crowd.

Jay Payton, hitless in his first five at-bats, singled with one out in the 12th against Chris Hammond (0-1). After a two-out walk to Piazza, Alfonzo hit a soft single to right-center off Kevin Gryboski that scored Payton.

The Mets poured out of the dugout to mob Alfonzo between first and second base as New York fans did a mock tomahawk chop.

"The guy throws a great sinker. I just wanted to

make something happen," Alfonzo said.

Scott Strickland (1-1) pitched a perfect 12th inning, and the Mets won for the fifth time in six games. New York relievers combined for seven scoreless innings.

Chipper Jones and Gary Sheffield each went 0-for-6 for the Braves, who lost their third straight and fifth in seven games. Andrew Jones had three hits, including a home run. Vinny Castilla also homered for Atlanta.

Padres 4, Giants 3

Phil Nevin led off the bottom of the ninth inning with a home run off Jason Christiansen (0-1) to give host San Diego its sixth victory in seven games.

It was the fourth straight hit for Nevin, who also had a two-run single and finished 4-for-5.

San Francisco's Jeff Kent tied it at 3 with his second homer of the game in the eighth, and Barry Bonds, playing with a sore hamstring, robbed D'Angelo Jimenez of a home run in the eighth. Bonds finished 1-for-3 with a single and an

intentional walk.

Giants starter Ryan Jensen, who entered the game with 13 2/3 scoreless innings this season, left after spraining his ankle in the first inning.

Dodgers 5, Rockies 2

Odalis Perez pitched a five-hitter at Coors Field and Eric Karros had a three-run homer as Los Angeles handed Colorado its fifth consecutive loss.

Perez (1-1) walked one and struck out five for his first complete game in 36 career starts.

Rockies slugger Todd Helton hit his first homer of the season.

The Dodgers' Kevin Brown is expected to miss only one start because of his most recent elbow injury.

Diamondbacks 14, Cardinals 5

Luis Gonzalez drove in four runs, and Damian Miller hit a three-run homer as Arizona routed the Cardinals at Bank One Ballpark for its fifth straight win.

Rick Helling (1-2) earned his first victory with the Diamondbacks, who defeat-

ed St. Louis in a thrilling playoff series last October.

Andy Benes (0-2) gave up 10 runs and six hits in three-plus innings.

Cubs 6, Expos 4

Sammy Sosa and Fred McGriff hit back-to-back homers, and Kerry Wood (2-0) pitched six scoreless innings as Chicago won consecutive games for the first time this season.

On the 25th anniversary of the Expos' first game at Olympic Stadium, Montreal drew 4,917.

Sosa's sixth homer of the year struck a cable 120 feet above the left-field wall. He also had an RBI double.

Pirates 6, Brewers 1

Adrian Brown drove in three runs, and Brian Giles homered as Pittsburgh beat Milwaukee before the smallest crowd ever at Miller Park.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Could there be such a thing as revealing too much? You need to think twice about revealing too many plans. Someone could hop on your great ideas. Return calls, but leave the socializing for later. OK? Tonight: Chat the night away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** You know what you want. Ask questions and seek out others. If you're questioning the end results of a particular situation, check in with someone in charge. Though you might be surprised by another's reactions, you discover that he or she is right-on. Tonight: Pay bills.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Your instincts guide you well, especially concerning a money matter. You might not be as secure as you would like, but by asking the appropriate questions, you will gain professionally and emotionally. Be direct in your dealings with a friend. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Let others act on their wishes. Allow co-workers to take the lead. Though you want to get the credit, you might do better by completing a key task. Someone demonstrates his or her caring. Respond with your normally effusive style. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Meetings prove to be instrumental, both emotionally and financially. Not everyone responds as you would like, but leave the door open for someone to change his or her mind gracefully. Make needed inquiries. Seek out experts. Trust your sixth sense. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Others look to you for answers. Use your innate sense of responsibility to create more of what you might like. Your sense of humor comes out with a friend you feel very comfortable with. Don't hesitate to state what you want. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Think in terms of gaining a new perspective rather than lecturing on what you already know. Others might be intimidating on some level. Sign up for that course. There is no such thing as knowing too much. A boss appreciates your financial insight. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Another has a lot of feedback for you. Let go of defensiveness and listen. Remember to include this person in your thinking

process; after all, it all began with him or her. Your imagination could take you to the next level. Recognize your limits, within reason. Tonight: Let another know just how much you appreciate him or her.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** You'll be much happier if you let others seek you out. Because you're generally the energizing force, others don't have to take the initiative as much as you would like, be it professionally or personally. Let someone come to you. Tonight: Go along with a pal's ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You might be more enthusiastic about work if you live your life a little more. Many surround you who would like to be part of your social life. Do yourself a favor — let go of the work ethic and live your life to its fullest. Tonight: Splurge on yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** What another suggests could be far more delightful than you realize. Don't get stuck in the rebellious mode so often associated with your sign. Go along with the program. You accomplish a lot professionally as a result. Tonight: Play away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** You will like what comes up for you right now. Your imagination feeds into a conversation. To many, an idea could sound silly, but to you, it stimulates many other ideas. Don't slow down on a project involving real estate or your home. Tonight: Get sleep while you can.

BORN TODAY
News commentator Harry Reasoner (1923), actress Olivia Hussey (1951), Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev (1894)
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Brother's coming out leaves sis in shock

Dear Ann Landers: I recently found out that my 22-year-old brother is gay. I am in a total state of shock. He has told only me and my older sister, and we are both confused about how to handle it.



ANN LANDERS

I think my brother should be the one to tell our parents, but my sister says we should tell Dad. I know my father will not accept this news well. In fact, he will be furious. Frankly, I don't want to tell anyone, even my husband, but I sure would like to confide in someone. My brother's decision to become gay is difficult for me to understand. Please help me out, Ann. — Alabama Sister

Dear Alabama: Your brother did not decide to become gay. He was born that way. I hope all the family members will accept the situation. His sexual orientation does not change the kind of person he is.

It is your brother's place to inform your parents if he chooses. I urge you to respect his privacy and allow him to determine how he wants to handle it. Meanwhile, please be as supportive as possible. He needs to know you love him no matter what.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 21-year-old, full-time college student. I maintain excellent grades while working part-time. I do not smoke, drink or do drugs, and I have tried to be a good daughter.

Four months ago, I moved in with my boyfriend, "Jason." It seemed ridiculous for us to be living apart when we spend most of our days and nights together. We plan to marry someday, but not before I finish my degree. Jason has a good job, and he's a great guy.

Here's the problem: My father is furious that Jason and I are living together. He says I am immoral and have shamed my family. He insists my behavior means I no longer love him, and consequently, he does not want to have anything to do with me until I show him some respect and move out.

My mother thinks Jason is wonderful, and she has no problem with our living arrangements. She has tried to talk to Dad, but he refuses to budge. I love my father, Ann, but I have never been able to please him. I am deeply hurt by his willingness to destroy our relationship and angry that he refuses to let me make my own decisions. Am I wrong, or is he? — Angie in Arkansas

Dear Angie: I do not recommend living together before marriage because too often, the marriage doesn't take place. However, you are 21, and your father no longer has the right to control what you do with your life. Please keep the lines of communication open, and give Dad the opportunity to stay in touch. I suspect he will let bygones be bygones once you and Jason marry. Until then, however, there is little you can do to change his mind.

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Unbeliever in Maryland," who had a hard time with religious people telling him he is going to hell because he is an atheist.

On behalf of all Christians like myself, I apologize to this man. The Bible is quite clear that only God can decide who goes to hell. Any person who passes judgment on another in this way is committing a sin. — Real Christian in Washington State

Dear Washington: According to my mail, you are in the minority. However, I appreciate your words of tolerance. I hope others will read them and come around.

Dear Ann Landers: I read with interest the letters about husbands who refuse to wear their wedding rings. I was married for 16 years to a man who would not wear his ring. He said he "didn't want to feel married." I decided to overlook this because he worked hard to support his family, was home for supper every night, participated in family gatherings and was a good father.

When he turned 40, he left us for a younger woman. He now wears his wedding band every day. However, he refuses to put his new wife on his health insur-

ance, disappears for days at a time and won't attend her family functions.

Several months after he left me, I pawned his ring. The children and I had a lovely dinner and went to the movies. I decided I got the better deal. — First Wife

Dear First Wife: I agree. The guy was no bargain, and you are better off without him. Congratulate yourself.

Dear Ann Landers: I had to write about the letter from "Not Grateful in Richmond, Va.," whose husband buys her gifts at garage sales.

I have been married for 34 years. At first, my husband bought me gifts I had no use for and didn't like. I would return them for something more to my taste. No matter how many hints I gave him or pictures I left on his pillow, he always bought what he liked without regard to my preferences.

I finally solved the problem by telling him, "Please don't buy me anything, and I will do the same for you. Instead, let's save the money we would have spent on gifts and each year, take a nice vacation." In the past 14 years, we have been to both coasts and to Europe twice. We never forget to give each other cards on birthdays and anniversaries, but the money goes into our travel kitty. — Works for Us in New York State

Dear N.Y.: Congratulations on discovering how to get, and give, the perfect gift, every time. I'm sure many of those who read your letter will think the idea is wonderful. My thanks for sharing it.

Gem of the Day: For some people, their sole purpose in life is to serve as a warning to others.

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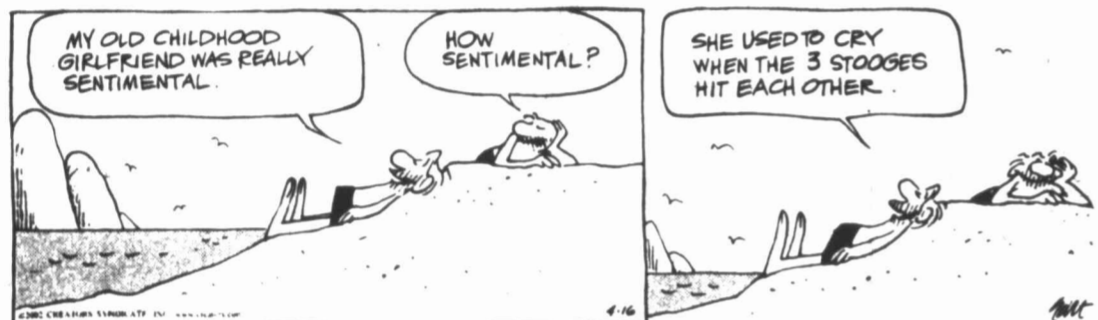
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, April 16, the 106th day of 2002. There are 259 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On April 16, 1947, the French ship Grandcamp blew up at the harbor in Texas City, Texas; another ship, the Highflyer, exploded the following day. The blasts and resulting fires killed 576 people.
On this date:
In 1789, President-elect Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.
In 1862, a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia became law.
In 1912, Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel.
In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years of exile.
In 1935, the radio comedy "Fibber McGee and Molly"

premiered on the NBC Blue Network.
In 1945, in his first speech to Congress, President Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, Franklin D. Roosevelt.
In 1945, U.S. troops reached Nuremberg, Germany, during the World War II.
In 1947, financier and presidential confidant Bernard M. Baruch said in a speech at the South Carolina statehouse: "Let us not be deceived - we are today in the midst of a cold war."
In 1962, Walter Cronkite succeeded Douglas Edwards as anchorman of "the CBS Evening News."
In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon.
Ten years ago: The House ethics committee listed 303 current and former lawmakers who had overdrawn their House bank accounts.
Five years ago: Police in Israel recommended indicting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for breach of trust in an influ-

ence-trading scandal. (Prosecutors later decided not to pursue charges against Netanyahu, citing a lack of proof.)
Today's Birthdays: Actor Les Tremayne is 89. Actor Barry Nelson is 82. Actor-director-author Peter Ustinov is 81. Actor Peter Mark Richman is 75. Actress-singer Edie Adams is 73. Jazz musician Herbie Mann is 72. Singer Bobby Vinton is 67. Denmark's Queen Margrethe II is 62. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is 55. Singer Gerry Rafferty is 55. Actress Ellen Barkin is 48. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 39. Rock singer David Pirner (Soul Asylum) is 38.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
1 Gershwin and Levin
5 Installs, as a lawn
9 Incredible bargain
14 Sandwich shop
15 Oklahoma city
16 Conversation starter
17 "The ___ lama, he's a priest"
18 Leaning Tower town
19 Wheel connectors
20 With 54 Across, completely
22 No longer fashionable
23 A question of timing
24 Lion's home
25 Borne on the water
28 Tiny
30 "Shoo!"
34 Impolite glances
35 Mockery
37 Author Tan
38 Completely
41 Rural hotel
42 Coupes and convertibles
43 Actress Witherspoon
44 Jacob's twin
46 Sprinted
47 Tin alloy
48 Gym surface
50 Hardwood trees
51 Cairo's country
54 See 20 Across
59 Oregon or Chisholm
60 Snaky shape
- DOWN**
1 Admired one
2 Casino city
3 Actor Guinness
4 Domesticated insect
5 Trio + four
6 Hamburger topping
7 Platter
- 61** Mrs. Charlie Chaplin
62 ___ firma
63 Exon's former name
64 Probability quote
65 Actress Moorehead
66 Hardens
67 Disordered situation
- 8** Mt. Rushmore's home
9 Physical condition
10 Houstonians, e.g.
11 Right-angle shapes
12 British brews
13 Misplace
21 California peak
24 Art ___ (20s style)
25 Michael Caine film
26 Flowerless plants
27 Hotelier Helmsley
28 Conestoga ___
29 Makes a mistake
31 West Point student
- 32** Entertain
33 One at a keyboard
35 Greek cheese
36 Cry of discovery
39 Injured
40 Workplace for Rafter
45 Ballpark arbiter
47 Picasso et al.
49 Mythical world lifter
50 Keats or Shelley
51 Jazz singer ___ James
52 Diver Louganis
53 Tall story
54 Experts
55 Wine's aroma
56 Took a train
57 Calls it a day
58 Highlands girl

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