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Gehrig's farewell a day for all fans to remember ...

Yesterday marked the 51st anniversary of a day that all baseball fans regretfully remember.

It was the day that the 1939 New York Yankees faced the Detroit Tigers at Briggs Stadium.

It was the day that marked the end of a career of the most dedicated and durable man in baseball.

It was the day that Lou Gehrig did not play.

He was working on one of the most incredible records in baseball, having played in 2,130 consecutive games for the Yankees. But when he was out of the lineup that day, many knew he was to never to play again.

Gehrig played his entire career in a shadow — first Babe Ruth and in 1935, when Ruth left and it looked as if Gehrig would finally get his chance, along came Joe DiMaggio.

But the "Iron Horse," as Gehrig was called, was a solid hitter destined for the recordbooks.

He began his life with the Yanks in 1923 — the same year Yankee Stadium opened. Not seeing much action, he was put in the minor leagues until 1925, when he was again pulled up by New York. But the team already had a good first baseman in Wally Pipp, and kept Gehrig on standby.

On June 1, Gehrig was put in to pinch hit, but it was the next day that he really got his chance. Pipp complained of a headache and asked to be left out of the lineup. Gehrig replaced him and from
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Just sliding by



Mike Easley, first baseman for the 1989 Texas A&M baseball team, attempts to tag out Arkansas' Bubba Carpenter during the first game of a doubleheader of last year's series with the Razorbacks. The Aggies won the series 2-1, and hope to repeat again this weekend when they travel to Arkansas for a three-game series.

Battalion file photo by J. Janner

Rangers boggle White Sox with three quick runs

CHICAGO (AP) — Geno Petralli, a catcher, is not exactly known for his speed, so his game-winning triple was something of a surprise.

He had only seven triples in 1,073 previous at-bats before his pinch-hit three-base hit in the sixth inning Wednesday night drove in two runs to break a 3-3 tie and lead the Texas Rangers to a 6-3 win over Chicago, snapping a five-game winning streak for the White Sox.

"I might have stopped at second, but I was waved to third base," said Petralli, whose last triple was in 1988.

Charlie Hough, 2-1, gave up three runs and 10 hits, including three singles to Carlos Martinez. The 42-year-old Hough walked one and struck out two in his first complete game of the year.

"I struggled early. I had good stuff. I gave up some hits. I gave up a lot of hits!" said Hough.

"Charlie was great, awesome, real gutsy and had a good knuckleball. He threw it when he got behind in the count," said Texas manager Bobby Valentine. "He saved the bullpen another day's work."

Chicago manager Jeff Torborg said Hough's performance was business as usual.

"Charlie Hough is a tough competitor. He's been that way for a long time," said Torborg.

The Rangers — who had lost three straight, batting only .165 during that period — bounced back from a 3-0 deficit in the first inning, the third straight game they had fallen behind early to the White Sox.

"They got to us early again. The way balls were falling in we thought we were snakebit," Valentine said.

The Rangers had five stolen bases for the first time since 1986. Gary Pettis stole three to tie a club mark shared by many.

The Rangers chased Greg Hibbard (2-2) in the sixth when he walked Mike Stanley and gave up a single to Scott Coolbaugh. Petralli broke out of a 1-for-10 slump with a one-out liner off reliever Donn Pall that got by Steve Lyons in shallow center field and rolled to the warning track, scoring pinch-runner Thad Bosley and Coolbaugh. Pettis singled to score Petralli.

Chicago scored three runs in the first inning. Dan Pasqua had an RBI single and Carlos Martinez a two-run single.

St. Edward's University fails to get Cowboys' camp

AUSTIN (AP) — St. Edward's University failed to get the long-term contract it was seeking for the Dallas Cowboys' training camp and instead will sign a one-year deal within a week, a school official said.

The contract, with options for four more years, assures that the university will get

about \$200,000 in expenses, said David Dickson, St. Edward's vice president for finance.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones on Monday said again that he is committed to training in Austin over a long term.

The Cowboys held camp at California

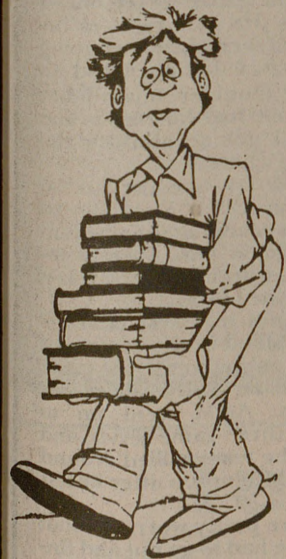
Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks for 27 years before Jones announced in December that the team would move to Austin.

"We're just all trying to get our feet on the ground," Jones said.

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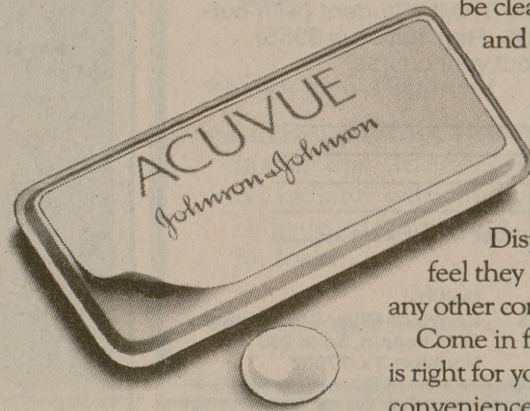
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