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# Howard County remembers

*Area, citizens, vets pay tribute to fallen heroes*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

With the many flags popping loudly in the wind Monday morning, local residents gathered at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial to pay tribute to this country’s fallen heroes during a Memorial Day service.

Marking the Vietnam Memorial Committee’s 20<sup>th</sup> year since construction of the ever-growing tribute to Crossroads area veterans, the service was a solemn occasion for many, as they took time to remember the many men and women who gave their lives while in



Sonny Choate

the service of the U.S. Armed Forces.

According to veteran Timothy McKinnon, who served in both the Air Force and Army, the overall goals of America’s fighting men and women isn’t a complicated one.

“For those of us who have served in combat operations, we understand what freedom is about. We get it,” McKinnon said. “Memorial Day in this country is fundamentally about love. It’s about love of God, country, family and brothers and sisters in arms.

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From top, clockwise: Members of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Color Guard present the colors at Trinity Memorial Park Monday afternoon; Tim McKinnon of the U.S. Army discusses the price paid by United States soldiers in combat situations at the Vietnam Memorial ceremony Monday morning; these active duty soldiers listen as local resident and veteran Sonny Choate (not pictured) delivers the keynote address; and a flag waves mightily in the wind at Trinity Memorial Park, part of the facility’s annual Avenue of Flags.

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# Fan drive: Beat the heat

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Salvation Army is doing its part to offer a little relief from the heat.

The annual fan drive has kicked off and will continue through at least August, according to social services director Bessie Flores.

“We usually go through the hotter months and once the cooler temperatures get here we switch to the heaters,” Flores said.

New or slightly used fans can be donated at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.

“We will accept new fans and we also accept used fans as long as they are in good, working condition,” Flores said. “Monetary donations are also accepted, which allows us to go out and purchase the fans.”

The past few years there has been a substantial need

for fans in the community, according to Flores.

“There are people out there who can’t afford to buy a fan or air conditioner, but we are here to try and help,” Flores said. “We are trying to provide some relief for these families from the heat.”

Families wanting to take advantage of the program can apply Monday through Wednesday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Those wanting to see if they qualify for the program need

to bring a picture ID, Social Security card and may also need to bring a report of their income and expenses.

“Usually we are able to approve them and let them take a fan with them that day,” Flores said.

For more information, contact Flores as 267-8239.

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## Obituaries

### Zora Lottie Ashley Phillips



Zora Lottie Ashley Phillips, 100, passed away May 29, 2011, at her home surrounded by family and friends. She was preceded in death by Lowe Ashley in 1988 and son, John Edwards Ashley, in 1995.

She was born Sept. 5, 1910, in Coleman. Zora married Lowe Ashley in 1925 and their life as avid cotton farmers began. She lived most of her life on the farm and spent her days working in the fields

and teaching her children the value of hard work and family.

One of her favorite things was to have her family sitting at her kitchen table snacking on her famous grandma's cookies and coffee while she made her biscuits for breakfast. Zora has always been strong in her faith and lived a life of love, grace, integrity, faith and family.

Zora married Edgar Phillips in 1991 and immediately increased her family. When Edgar passed away in 2004, she moved to Grapevine, where she spent the remaining years of her life. She celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends in Grapevine on Sept. 5, 2010.

Zora is survived by daughters, Jimmie Robertson and husband Melvin of Grapevine and Jane Gilmore and husband Melvin of San Angelo; daughter-in-law, Molly Ashley Torres and Bill Torres of Prairie Grove, Ark.; children, Fred Phillips and Frances Ringener, both of Big Spring, Edgar Allen and Amy Phillips and Sandra and Marion Beard, all of Granbury; grandchildren, Vicky Muller, Greg Robertson, Lori Russo, Elaine Pierce, Janeice Barnes, Michael Ashley, Russell Ashley, Tim Gilmore, Darla Trout, Darrell Prater and Dennis Prater; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

### Billie Prophet

Billie Prophet, 61, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 28, 2011, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Sharon Weise officiating. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2011, at High Point Cemetery in Buffalo, Okla.

She was born Feb. 28, 1950, in Woodward, Okla., to Helen and Billy Prophet. She received her bachelor's in social work from Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. She moved to Big Spring in 1985 and retired from the Big Spring State Hospital. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by her father, Bill Prophet of Hydro, Okla.; one brother, Gary Prophet and wife Marilyn of Weatherford; and five nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

### Judy Angelo

Judy Angelo, 67, of Big Spring died Monday, May 30, 2011, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

Note: Arrests for the corresponding time were not available at press time.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1100 block of S. Scurry.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 600 block of W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
- In the 3300 block of E. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild.

## Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- MICHAEL S. HUMPHERY, 43, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on warrants for bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (two counts), bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – more than two ounces less than four ounces and violation of parole.
- KARRIE JOSHULYN PORRAS, 32, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROCKY LEE RODRIGUEZ, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROY G. CERVANTES, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for disorderly conduct – fighting, failure to maintain financial responsibility, disorderly conduct – obscene language and failure to appear.
- DIANE CASTILLO, 39, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RAYMOND IGLESIA ALVEAR, 33, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RAUL VEGA JUAREZ, 44, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- MICHAEL ALLEN RICHTER, 36, was arrested Sunday by Texas Parks and Wildlife on charges of driving while license invalid and no license plate light.
- JACEN BRADLEY STOTT, 54, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ARNOLD CORONADO VELASCO, 42, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHN JEWELL OVERTON, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for no driver's license.
- DONALD WILLIAM BRYANT, 48, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for turning left from the wrong lane, displaying an expired registration (two counts), expired motor vehicle inspection (two counts), running a stop sign, driving while license invalid (two counts and failure to appear (three counts).
- BIANCA CHRISTINE RODRIGUEZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and disorderly conduct.
- JOHNNY BRETT CLARK II, 34, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 46, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RAFAEL CRUZ LOPEZ, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- COLBY ROSS THURMAN, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- TERRY LEE TRAHAN, 53, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- KIM ANN RUEDA, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- CODY WELCH, 37, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- EPIFANIO HINOJOSA, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of

driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• CARL WAYNE NICHOLSON, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 6000 block of Interstate Highway 20 N. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 6000 block of W. FM 846. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Ridgeroad. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Goliad. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. Fifth Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2500 block of Merrily. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5700 block of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Ryan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of W. Eighth Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 7000 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Runnels. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of N. Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Tulane. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Galveston. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of FM 461 and RR 33. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Morrison. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Settles. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Young. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Larry. One person was transported to SMMC.

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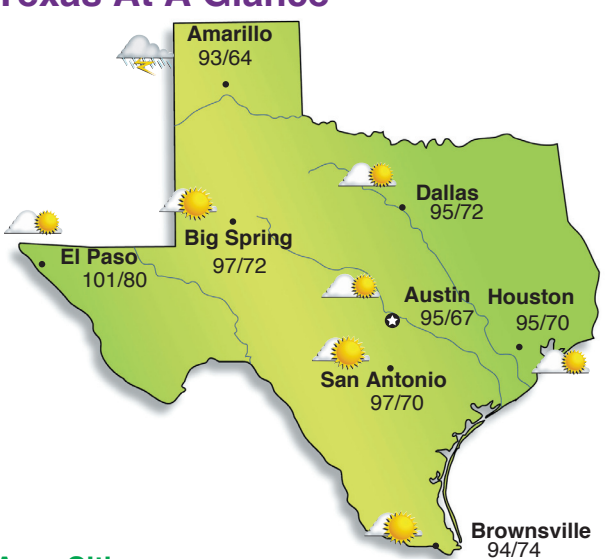


Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 6/1	Thu 6/2	Fri 6/3	Sat 6/4	Sun 6/5
 <b>97/72</b> A few passing clouds, otherwise generally sunny. Hot. High 97F.	 <b>98/69</b> Windy with times of sun and clouds.	 <b>98/69</b> Windy with a few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	 <b>98/69</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	 <b>97/70</b> A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:48 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:48 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:49 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:49 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:39 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:50 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	96	69	windy	Kingsville	93	71	pt sunny	
Amarillo	93	64	t-storm	Livingston	96	67	mst sunny	
Austin	95	67	pt sunny	Longview	96	72	mst sunny	
Beaumont	95	71	pt sunny	Lubbock	93	65	mst sunny	
Brownsville	94	74	mst sunny	Lufkin	97	70	mst sunny	
Brownwood	97	68	pt sunny	Midland	95	73	mst sunny	
Corpus Christi	91	72	pt sunny	Raymondville	95	72	pt sunny	
Corsicana	94	69	mst sunny	Rosenberg	95	69	pt sunny	
Dallas	95	72	pt sunny	San Antonio	97	70	mst sunny	
Del Rio	96	72	windy	San Marcos	96	67	pt sunny	
El Paso	101	80	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	94	72	mst sunny	
Fort Stockton	94	68	windy	Sweetwater	96	68	windy	
Gainesville	92	69	t-storm	Tyler	96	70	mst sunny	
Greenville	93	69	pt sunny	Weatherford	94	69	pt sunny	
Houston	95	70	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	98	69	t-storm	

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	97	70	mst sunny	Minneapolis	74	59	mst sunny
Boston	83	63	t-storm	New York	85	68	t-storm
Chicago	79	60	sunny	Phoenix	96	70	pt sunny
Dallas	95	72	pt sunny	San Francisco	55	49	rain
Denver	89	58	pt sunny	Seattle	58	49	rain
Houston	95	70	pt sunny	St. Louis	90	73	mst sunny
Los Angeles	69	53	pt sunny	Washington, DC	91	68	t-storm
Miami	87	76	pt sunny				

# Big Spring commander addresses troops in Iraq on Memorial Day

Special to the Herald

Maj. Gen. Eddy M. Spurgin of Big Spring, commander, 36th Infantry Division and U.S. Division — South Basrah, Iraq, addressed troops on Memorial Day.

“From the American Revolution to the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, from the fertile fields of North America to the dark blue deep of the South Pacific, from the rugged mountains of the Korean Peninsula to the flak-filled skies over Germany, from the jungles and rice paddies of Vietnam to the streets of Mogadishu, more than one million, three hundred thousand American service members have perished in battle.

“While we pay tribute to all of them today, I want to say a few words about just five — five young men who came to Iraq not long before we did, full of life and devotion to the Army, and who returned home last month solemnly draped in American flags, to be laid to rest by grieving family members who will never see them again, who will never feel their touch or hear their voices, who will feel in their hearts for many years to come a painful void where once there was a father, a son, a brother, a husband, or a fiancée.”

Spurgin then called them by name — Staff Sergeant Christian A.



Courtesy photo

**Maj. Gen. Eddy M. Spurgin, commander of the 36th Infantry Division and U.S. Division - South in Basrah, Iraq, speaks in a Memorial Day service about five Soldiers of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment who died in Iraq last month. More than 7,000 active-duty Soldiers from Fort Hood are currently stationed throughout southern Iraq under the leadership of the Texas Army National Guard's 36th Division headquarters, from Austin.**

Garcia, Staff Sergeant Quadi S. Hudgins, First Lieutenant Omar J. Vazquez, Private First Class Antonio G. Stiggins and Specialist Robert M. Friese — and gave a brief biography on each.

He continued, “Five young soldiers, the old-

est of them just 30 years of age. Five young soldiers who came from places as diverse as New Orleans, New Jersey, New Mexico, Michigan and even the Philippines; together, they embodied what is truly great about our nation and our Armed Forces.

## TRIBUTE

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“American veterans, combat veterans and men of the military understand that we, as a country, have been given a lot. And because we’ve been given a lot, we have to give much back, and that’s why we serve.”

McKinnon said the United States continues to be a beacon of hope for people around the world, especially in countries where freedom is but a fleeting dream.

“Much of what we do in the military is to take oppression out of the world. That’s why we are in Iraq and Afghanistan,” McKinnon said. “Love of our country is another reason we

serve. The Statue of Liberty says, ‘Give us your oppressed, your poor, and we will take care of them.’

“People come here from all over the world to have a better life because the Declaration of Independence gives us the right to pursue life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. There are a lot of nations in this world that don’t have that ability. We also have freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom to gather without fear of the government coming in and telling us, ‘You can’t do that.’ Not many countries have that right and ability.”

Retired Air Force veteran Sonny Choate also spoke during the ceremony. Choate was also the keynote speaker during the VMC’s first

Memorial Day Service two decades ago.

“We come here each year to honor our veterans, and we’ve done this for 20 years,” Choate said. “We tend to separate our wars. We name them after the people we fought or struggled against and for the countries they came from. But really, they are all the same. Every war has been against people who were trying to take someone’s liberty. And our Americans, just like those standing here today, stood up and said no, you can’t do that. If you will look at the history books, every war we’ve been involved in has been for either our freedom or the freedom of someone else. That’s quite a legacy.

“We’re fighting the same people, the same motives. They may wear

different hats and different clothes and come from different countries, but they are the same people. They want to take someone’s liberty from them. There’s nothing new.”

Choate said freedom isn’t something that should be taken for granted, and encouraged Crossroads residents to use the Memorial Day holiday to honor the soldiers who shed their blood to secure it for every American, regardless of color or creed.

“They fought for our symbol we pledge allegiance to, that piece of fabric, that flag,” Choate said. “The rest of the world recognizes that flag for what it is and what it means to us. Not everyone is fortunate enough to live under it, as we do.”

Also Monday, officials

with Trinity Memorial Park held a Memorial Day service, paying tribute to the nation’s fallen heroes.

Joined by a number of local veteran organizations and numerous patients from the Big Spring VA Medical Center, a wreath was laid at the foot of the park’s flagpole to commemorate the nation’s vow to never forget the men and women who have given their lives in the pursuit of freedom.

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Bob Wash, 81, died Thursday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## News in brief

### Afghan president says he won't allow NATO airstrikes on houses

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Angered by civilian casualties, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Tuesday he will no longer allow NATO airstrikes on houses, issuing his strongest statement yet against strikes that the military alliance says are key to its war on Taliban insurgents.

The president's remarks follow a recent strike that mistakenly killed a group of children and women in southern Helmand province. He said it would be the last.

"From this moment, airstrikes on the houses of people are not allowed," Karzai told reporters in Kabul.

NATO says it never conducts such strikes without Afghan government coordination and approval. A spokesman for NATO forces in Afghanistan said they will review their procedures for airstrikes given Karzai's statement but did not say that it would force any immediate change in tactics.

### Obama finds more solid political ground

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six months after Republicans alarmed Democrats with a midterm election wave, President Barack Obama has shaken off the jitters and found his political footing despite sluggish economic growth and deep public anxiety about the direction of the country.

The White House now displays an air of confidence, bolstered in part by achievements such as the killing of Osama bin Laden by U.S. commandos and the financial success of an auto industry that Obama bailed out over the objections of many.

Obama is also benefiting from the absence of negatives. The economy, while lethargic, is growing. The private sector is creating jobs. Natural disasters, while deadly and plentiful, have not developed into governmental crises. Skyrocketing gas prices, which fed the public's economic fears,

are now subsiding. And the GOP's signature budget plan, ambitious in its spending reductions, has lost its luster with the public.

"It is likely he will be re-elected, in my opinion," veteran Republican pollster Wes Anderson says.

### Experts warn of environmental hazards after deadly tornado

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) — As residents confront a gigantic cleanup following the tornado that savaged Joplin, experts say environmental dangers could lurk amid the mountains of debris in the southwestern Missouri city and even in the water and air.

Damage from tornadoes, like floods and hurricanes, often goes beyond what is readily visible. Liquid fuels and chemicals can leak from ruptured containers and contaminate groundwater. Ruined buildings may contain asbestos. Fires can generate smoke containing soot, dioxins and other pollutants. Household, industrial and medical wastes are strewn about.

In the initial hours after the April 24 twister, the odor of gasoline was evident around several flattened service stations. A large fire burned for hours near the devastated St. John's Regional Medical Center. Heavy rains caused flash flooding, possibly fouling local waterways.

Yet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency teams sent to inspect the damage turned up no serious pollution issues in the first week, although the search was continuing, spokesman Chris Whitley said.

### Jailed war crimes suspect visits daughter's grave; could be extradited today

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — As his extradition to a U.N. tribunal loomed, jailed war crimes suspect Ratko Mladic was allowed out of his cell on Tuesday to visit the grave of his daughter who committed suicide during Bos-

nia's bloody war.

The 69-year-old former Bosnian Serb general accused of some of the worst horrors of the 1992-5 war made the early morning visit under tight security, accompanied by several armored vehicles, said Serbia's deputy war crimes prosecutor, Bruno Vekaric. At the grave, he left a lit candle and a small white bouquet of flowers with a red rose in the middle.

A defense appeal sent by mail arrived at the Belgrade court Tuesday, and officials say Mladic could be handed over to the tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands as soon as late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

"We didn't announce his visit to the grave because it is his private thing and because it represented a security risk," Vekaric said. "The whole operation lasted for exactly 22 minutes and passed without a glitch. He was at the grave for a few minutes."

Europe's most wanted war crimes fugitive was arrested Thursday in a village north of Belgrade after 16 years on the run. Mladic is charged by the tribunal for atrocities committed by his Serb troops during the war, including the notorious Srebrenica massacre that left 8,000 Muslim men and boys dead.

### Getting personal: Feds pursue top execs in health care fraud cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's getting personal now. In a shift still evolving, federal enforcers are targeting individual executives in health care fraud cases that used to be aimed at impersonal corporations.

The new tactic is raising the anxiety level — and risks — for corporate honchos at drug companies, medical device manufacturers, nursing home chains and other major health care enterprises that deal with Medicare and Medicaid.

Previously, if a company got caught, its lawyers in many cases would be able to negotiate a financial settle-

ment. The company would write the government a check for a number followed by lots of zeroes and promise not to break the rules again. Often the cost would just get passed on to customers.

Now, on top of fines paid by a company, senior executives can face criminal charges even if they weren't involved in the scheme but could have stopped it had they known. Furthermore, they can also be banned from doing business with government health programs, a career-ending consequence.

Many in industry see the more aggressive strategy as government overkill, meting out radical punishment to individuals whose guilt prosecutors would be hard pressed to prove to a jury.

### Thousands in Honolulu pray for Japan, loved ones with candlelit lanterns

HONOLULU (AP) — Rosie Rowe usually just watches Honolulu's annual lantern floating ceremony on live television. This time, she wanted to honor her mother, father and brother, who have all passed on.

"I wrote a message of thanks for the people who made me who I am," said Rowe, 50, as she fought back tears. "I think about them every time this event comes up."

The Honolulu resident joined more than 40,000 other people who gathered at Ala Moana Beach Park on Monday to remember their loved ones and pay tribute to their ancestors on Memorial Day.

Many of them wrote the names of loved ones who have passed, and personal messages to them, on the sides of lanterns. Some wrote prayers and others wrote poems. At sunset, they waded into the ocean just off the beach, set their candlelit lanterns in the ocean, and watched them drift off into the horizon.

The Japanese Buddhist sect Shinyo-en organized the event.

## Work remains for Texas lawmakers

By CHRIS TOMLINSON  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Republicans began the Texas legislative session with unprecedented majorities in the House and Senate and holding every statewide office. But 140 days later, they still failed to pass a key budget-related bill and two of the governor's top priorities.

So, they're back at work today.

The legislation session ended Monday, but lawmakers need to finish their work on a plan to fund state government for the next two years — amid the state's multibillion-dollar budget shortfall. Gov. Rick Perry called a special session, which will also be used by lawmakers to consider the governor's proposed changes to Medicaid.

"We have taken great strides this session ... but critical work remains to ensure we have a balanced budget that provides essential services without raising taxes, while protecting the Rainy Day Fund for future emergencies," Perry said in his call for special session late Monday.

The Texas Constitution requires the Legislature to pass a balanced budget every two years, and the state comptroller is responsible for certifying that they did their job. While both chambers passed the main budget bill, Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, was successful

with a filibuster against a new school finance law that would have cut the state's obligations to schools districts by \$4 billion.

Without the new law, the budget doesn't balance and a special session is mandatory.

The proposed Medicaid reforms would also save the state money by expanding the privatization of Medicaid services in Texas and creating incentives to improve the quality of care, Perry's statement said.

Earlier Monday, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst wrote Perry asking him to put nine issues on the agenda during the special session, including new immigration enforcement rules, Medicaid savings measures, interstate health insurance, the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and congressional redistricting.

Perry can still add those issues later, or call another special session later in the year. Last week, the governor's aides said Perry would call a special session to reform the windstorm insurance association, which helps coastal property owners find home insurance. Negotiations between the governor's office and trial lawyers on how to reform the association broke down Friday night.

Dewhurst also said he was ready to do away with the Senate's tradition of requiring a two-thirds vote to approve bills, something de-

signed to give even the minority party a say.

"Given that a small number of Senate Democrats have demonstrated their unwillingness to find consensus on these important legislative items, I can see no other alternative than to operate under a simple majority vote in the special session," Dewhurst said in his letter to the governor.

Republicans hold 19 out of 31 seats in the Senate and 101 of the House's 150 seats. The only way Democrats can stop legislation is for senators to leave the state.

Republicans said Democrats made a mistake in triggering a special session.

"I think the Democrats have made a bad strategic move. They could have made a deal on a number of issues and we could've been done right now," said Rep. Larry Taylor, the Republican leader in the House. "I think the negotiations for them during the (special) session are going to be a lot harder for them."

House Democratic leader Rep. Jessica Farrar said her team was ready to fight for more school funding. They would insist that the public have a chance to let lawmakers know how they feel about the \$4 billion in proposed cuts. She said Democrats want to tap the state's almost \$10 billion Rainy Day Fund to give schools what they are owed.

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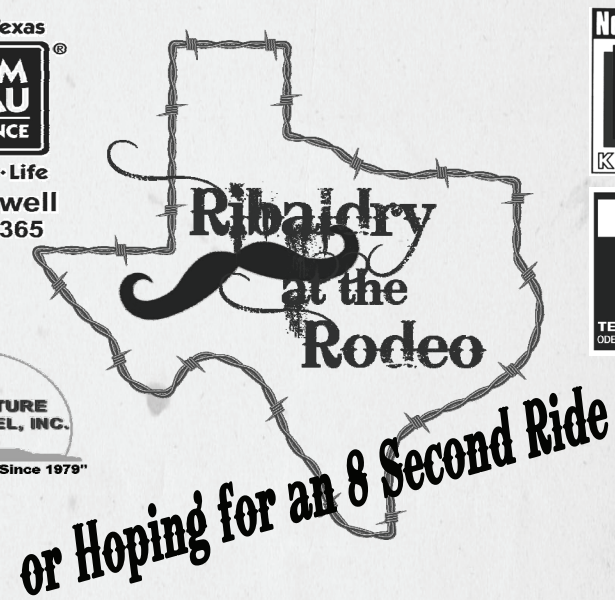
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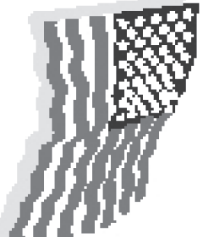
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# Airline fuel bills today anything but peanuts

NEW YORK (AP) — To fly someone from New York to Los Angeles and back, airlines spend close to \$330 these days — just on fuel.

That's a 48 percent increase from last year and the main reason vacationers face record costs to fly this summer. To offset their single biggest expense, airlines have hiked fares seven times this year and raised fees for checking bags and other services.

This has only added to the frustration of most casual fliers who see \$59 fares advertised but are quoted prices well above \$300 when they

actually try to book. Americans' expectations of a cheap vacation are being destroyed by the reality of \$100-a-barrel oil.

"The passenger has to understand that the airline industry in the United States is not meant to be a low-cost mass transit system. The airlines are in business to be profitable," says airline analyst Robert Herbst.

A decade ago, fuel accounted for about 15 percent of airline operating expenses. Five years ago, it was 29 percent. Today, it's 35 percent.

During the first three

months of 2011, the airlines spent \$8.7 billion on fuel, 31 percent more than last year. In the current quarter, jet fuel expenses are even higher.

U.S. airlines burn an average of 22 gallons of fuel for every 1,000 miles each passenger flies. At \$3.03 a gallon, airlines are currently spending \$330 per passenger just on fuel for a 4,950-mile transcontinental round-trip. Some fliers might have paid less than that for their ticket while others could have spent more than \$2,000.

The industry's remaining expenses break down this

way:

- Salaries and benefits account for 28 percent. Ten years ago, it was the biggest expense at 39 percent. But several major airlines filed for bankruptcy and that allowed them to renegotiate labor contracts.
- Aircraft maintenance, airport landing fees and travel agency commissions account for 18 percent.
- Aircraft lease payments, food and drinks and in-flight entertainment account for 5 percent. And that's even with most airlines no longer serving peanuts.

- Another 14 percent goes to miscellaneous costs, such as updating reservation systems and marketing partnerships with other airlines.

The price of a domestic round-trip ticket this summer is forecast to be \$430, on average. That includes taxes but excludes baggage fees.

While airfares should break nominal records, they are not nearly as high as they were a generation ago once inflation is factored in. The average ticket in 1978, the year airlines were deregulated, was almost \$650 in today's dollars.

# Homesteaders out on the old ranch

Miles of open range stretched north and westward toward the horizon. Graced with native grasses, mesquite, cholla and

cactus, the ranch had nurtured generations of the same family.

Having long deserted the original homestead dwelling, descendants had flourished in a newer ranch house

everyone thought was adequate for the operation of a working ranch. By the 21st century, however, the present occupants felt a larger, more modern facility could welcome and house the visitors and family get-togethers that seemed to grow every year.

Nearly two years went by as an architect drew and redrew plans for the new structure. On one item everyone agreed. Where the original headquarters had been was the most scenic and best locale.

Although weathered from nearly a century of dust storms and unrelenting sun, the old building stood erect and defiant. "Still plumb," thought a contractor as he admired the craftsmanship of that era.

Having examined the interior, he stood on the porch. As far as he could see was the land the original occupant had valued so deeply. For a few moments he could experience the same empathy the owner had felt toward owning a part of western Texas.

Moving away from the soon-to-be destroyed relic, he turned and walked in a large circle around the home. He noticed that an opening leading to the attic was uncovered.

Motioning for his foreman as he pointed toward the hole, the contractor asked, "Has anybody checked inside?" "We'll get right on it," came a hurried reply.

Climbing a ladder, the foreman was almost to the top when he suddenly ducked. From inside, a startled owl had taken flight toward the access way. Slowly raising his head again to peer inside brought another darker owl close to his



Courtesy photo

**Threatening hisses from deep in their throats warn anyone that young barn owls will follow with flailing feet and talons for their defense. Their heart-shaped faces make them easy to identify.**

head. As the bird tilted its wings to fly through the narrow opening, its primary feathers brushed against his forehead.

"Are there any more coming out?" asked the contractor. "Don't think so, but we have a problem." At the opposite end of the attic the foreman could see two dingy-white, fuzzy looking heads. "Looks like they have a nest in there."

When the game warden called to alert us to some baby barn owls, he continued by saying he had called Harry Hopkins, who was listed on our permit. Knowing he had helped us in the past, the officer said Harry was at least closer to the ranch than we were.

Promising to keep us up-dated, the warden said he and Harry would meet the contractor the next day. "Please ask Harry to search the attic," was my warning. "Barn owls lay up to eight eggs, and could easily have five to eight nest-

lings."

By the time the officer and Harry arrived at the ranch, it was early afternoon. Having discovered an access to the attic from within the house, the foreman saw the parents leave hurriedly when a workman raised the ceiling panel. Immediately, he called for one of his men to seal the outside entry.

When the warden called an hour later, the temperature was 104 degrees outside. In what we estimated to be between 114 and 120 degrees inside the attic, two downy nestlings had given Harry a workout.

While he tried to keep up with the fleeing duo, Harry was careful to step on the joists while keeping his balance by grabbing the rafters.

Finally corralling the older and larger offspring, he handed them individually to the game warden. Having stood halfway into the attic, the officer climbed down a ladder and to an awaiting container.

## BIRD POOP

By BEBE McCASLAND



The phone rang again. The third and fourth owls had been caught. "They're not feathering-out yet like the older ones," noted the officer. "Lots of dirty-looking down."

Thirty minutes passed. Then we learned a fifth, even younger owl had been found. We assumed that had to be all of the owls.

Jolted by the sound of the phone a few minutes later, we heard Harry's voice announce number six had been discovered. "Are you sure that's it?" I asked. Saying he was positive, he added that he and the game warden didn't have a dry stitch on them. "Even my sneakers are wet," he added.

After having alerted Julie Boatright, another volunteer who lived in Lamesa, we drove to Midland to get the owls. Having had time to shower and don dry clothes, Harry was beaming with enthusiasm.

Thanking him was hardly enough. Telling him we were headed north, we promised to let him know the outcome.

Leaving the avian sextet with Julie, we headed back to Big Spring. When the phone rang soon after we arrived, it was Julie. "They left in style and are already in Lubbock," she boasted.

Concerned that she would be unable to deliver the owls that day, she felt our relaying the birds to South Plains Wildlife Center had to be accomplished as soon as possible. Having a family member who was an accomplished pilot, she had carried them to an awaiting helicopter.

Rising above Lamesa and quickly making the trip north, the attic brood of *Tyto alba* was soon introduced to one of the volunteers from the wildlife center. Rather than their parents insuring their survival, a different specie known as a "whirlybird" had come to their rescue.

*Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop From Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*

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Registration for the two-person scramble is \$75 per person and proceeds will go toward providing college scholarships to area students.

On the first day of the tournament, a prize of \$500 will be awarded for a hole-in-one, while a 2011 vehicle will be awarded for an ace on the second day.

For more information, contact Ben Garcia at 213-1074, Tommy Billalba at 816-1091 or Bobby Cordava at 935-0410.

### Country Club Parent-Child Scramble June 4-5

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a Parent-Child two-man golf scramble June 4-5. The event will kick off to a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 4 and at 1 p.m. Sunday. Entry fee for the Open Division is \$80 and \$40 for the Trophy Division, plus cart fees (private carts are welcomed).

Parents may play with more than one child and the fees will be half off for the second team. BBQ will be served on the golf course Saturday. Prizes in the Open Division will be Golf Shop gift certificates.

To sign up or for more information, call 432-267-5354.

### Summer Bash Ragball Tournament June 10-11

A Summer Bash Ragball Tournament will be held June 10-11 at Cotton Mize Softball Park. Teams must be comprised of 5 girls and 5 guys. The fee is \$10.00 per person. Registration will be at 6 p.m. June 10 and games will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Mike Hilario at 213-6791 or Tommy at 517-9512.

### BSHS Cheerleader Ragball Tournament July 8-9

Big Spring High School Cheerleaders will be having their ragball tournament at Roy D. Anderson Complex July 8 from 6 p.m. to midnight and July 9 from 8 a.m. until the last game is played.

To register contact Kelli Wash at 213-3206, Brandi Borchardt at 816-2334 or Val Robertson at 213-8315.

Registration deadline will be July 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the complex. Fees are \$10 per person. Remember to get your receipt. A full concession will be open.

### Gaines County Golf Summer Junior Clinics June 8-10

The Gaines County Golf Course has announced the first of its summer clinics.

Session 1 will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 8-10.

Session 2 will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 29-30 and July 1.

Session 3 will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 20-22.

The cost for sessions 1-3 will be \$15 per day or \$45 for the three-day session.

An advanced clinic is scheduled for August 10-12. The fee for that clinic is \$25 per day or \$75 for the three-day session.

For more information, call 432-758-3808

# Rangers win third straight

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Mike Napoli and Endy Chavez are unlikely catalysts for a power surge that's carried the Texas Rangers to their first three-game winning streak in over a month.

Napoli homered twice and drove in five runs, while Chavez drove in two with a solo homer and single to help the defending AL champions beat the Tampa Bay Rays 11-5 on Monday night.

The Rangers have 13 home runs in their last

three games, with Napoli and Chavez delivering six of them from the bottom of the batting order.

"I've thrown all the mechanics out and just trying to see the ball and hit it," said Napoli, who's batting just .229 with 10 homers and 25 RBIs.

"I think I've been going up there thinking way too much about, you know, I've got to get my foot down, I've got to get my hands moving, rather than just playing

See **RANGERS**, Page 2B

# Big Spring baseball in 1955

## Garland Turano tells of baseball in the 'old days'

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

The last day Garland Turano spent in Big Spring was a memorable one, not only for him, but for everyone who decided to catch a ball game that day. It was September 12, 1955, the last day of the season for the Big Spring Cosden Cops of minor league baseball's Longhorn League. They were playing a doubleheader against Odessa and they needed a win to stay out of the cellar and end the year in a respectable seventh place.

When Turano took the mound with a 7-2 lead in the top of the ninth inning, he had something up his sleeve. More precisely, he had something in his back pocket. On a dare from his catcher, Big Spring's "Huck" Doe, and an eventual nod from Pepper Martin, the team's coach, Turano had carried an orange out to the mound with him.

"Back then it was so hot and dry out there, that we kept baskets of oranges in the dugouts to suck on during the game," 76-year-old Turano said.

After the ball was thrown around the infield and all of the warm up pitches were thrown, the nineteen year old pitcher from Port Arthur slid the orange into his glove with the ball. Hoping not to be discovered prematurely, he bypassed a windup and quickly threw the orange toward home plate.

"I didn't want him (the batter) to see what was happening, so I threw it like Ol' Don Larson used to, with no windup," Turano said laughing.

It was what he described as his best pitch of the day. The orange hurled toward the Doe's glove, dead center, about waist high, a perfect fastball. The Odessa slugger did not have time to do anything except think this is the one.

An error of comedies followed as the batter swung, connected and caused the orange to disinte-

grate. Doe, the batter and the umpire were all covered in freshly squeezed orange juice. The rind fell on home plate, never going any farther, but Turano said they picked up orange seeds as far out as short-stop.

"I couldn't do anything but laugh. I was all bent over out there on the rubber, just cackling," Turano said, still cackling.

As the fans caught on to what had happened and everyone was picking the seed and pulp off of their uniform, the Odessa slugger threw the bat into the air and shouted out to the mound, "I'll get you for that, Turano!"

That day marked the end of Turano's professional baseball career. He had spent the 1954 season in Lake Charles, Louisiana, playing for the Lakers. 1955 saw his

time split between the Port Arthur Seahawks and the Big Spring Cosden Cops. After a semester at the University of Texas, Turano joined the Army.

Over seven years he was in the service, traveling from Oklahoma to Germany and even Korea. He spent most of his time playing for Army baseball teams, making several All-Army teams as a pitcher. Then, it was back to the States to get on with what he described as a normal life.

He got married, worked on the docks of Port Arthur and eventually found his niche at PPG industries, where he worked until he retired in 1995.

Garland Turano finished his minor league career with a lifetime ERA of 7.09. He also hit three home runs.

*"I couldn't do anything but laugh,"*  
-Garland Turano

# Nowitzki and James to clash tonight as NBA Finals get under way in Miami

MIAMI (AP) — Even those critics who hated "The Decision" might understand why LeBron James made it.

Or maybe they don't, because so few of them bothered to watch the 2007 NBA finals.

James was a one-man team swatted away by three great players, his Cleveland Cavaliers held to the worst offensive performance in finals history and swept aside by the San Antonio Spurs. The series drew the worst TV ratings ever and ended with James admitting his team was simply overmatched, that nothing could have been done to change the outcome.

That led him to Miami for a partnership with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, and the promise of multiple championships. Less than a year after coming together, they have a shot at their first when they face Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks in a series that starts Tuesday night.

"I know what this league is all about, about having multiple guys on the court that can dominate a game," James said Monday. "With teaming up with these guys, I feel like we can compete for a lot of years to come. We've proven a lot of people wrong so far. We have a lot of work to do still."

And this time, people will be watching James — even if only in hope of seeing the Heat humbled after their theatrics of last summer.

"It's probably going to get the highest-rated finals, maybe ever. Just because of what they were assembled to do, and then the team that we have, I think it makes for great TV," Dallas guard Jason Ter-

ry said.

James' free agency announcement didn't. His televised special was blasted throughout the league, and his popularity tumbled further when the Heat celebrated winning the championship of July with a scene that was part pep rally, part rock concert.

It cast him in the villain role, but James only cares about the result. "You know, we've got a lot of flack this year, mostly because of myself. And we've tried to use that as motivation every day we get on the basketball court," James said. "But just play the game of basketball. That's all we can do is play the game of basketball at a high level. Play Miami Heat basketball."

Five years after Wade largely overwhelmed the Mavericks by himself to win the Heat's first championship, the teams arrive at Game 1 of the rematch through decidedly different constructions.

The Heat essentially sacrificed seasons for salary-cap space, making the playoffs through Wade's greatness but with no realistic chance of winning.

The gamble paid off in July, when James and Bosh agreed to come and Wade committed to stay, giving Miami the Nos. 1, 2 and 3 players on perhaps the greatest free-agency list in NBA history.

Nowitzki's name was on it, too, and he even said he would have listened if James and Wade had tried to recruit him. His preference was to remain in Dallas, as long as owner Mark Cuban would do what it takes to give the big German another shot at a ring.

"Ultimately, that's where my heart was at.

I almost felt like we had unfinished business after '06," Nowitzki said. "Had a great meeting with Mark there, free agency."

All I needed was reassurance that he was going to keep going and keep building around this team, and keep putting all his resources for us to hopefully be up there one day. We're here again at the big stage. Hopefully we can turn it around this year and finish strong."

With reliable role players such as Jason Kidd, Terry and Shawn Marion but no defined second scorer, the Mavericks arrived in the postseason as an afterthought, maybe even a first-round upset loser to Portland.

Instead, a stunning sweep of the Lakers in the second round was followed by Nowitzki's spectacular play against Oklahoma City in the Western Conference finals, making the Mavs the last hope for the Heat haters.

"We are facing a very tough team, a very good team with a bunch of closers and leaders. And so we've got to just go from there and bring our best game," Nowitzki said. "But we as players, we're not really worried about who are the good guys or the bad guys, what the fans want. That's not going to matter to us, anyhow."

Nowitzki believed the Heat were the favorites "on paper" last summer, but things changed by the time they met twice in the first two months of the season.

Dallas beat Miami both times — the Mavs have won the last 14 regular-season meetings — as the Heat stumbled to a 9-8 start amid speculation coach Erik Spoelstra could

be fired, and criticism that James' and Wade's styles couldn't work together.

The Heat have it all figured out now: James and Wade alternating big shots in the clutch, Bosh grasping his role as the third scorer, key reserves Udonis Haslem and Mike Miller getting healthy at just the right time after nearly season-long injuries.

So the Heat could win, like it or not. And they're aware the more likely answer is not.

Wade was briefly the NBA's brightest star in 2006, when he averaged 34.7 points to lead the Heat back from a 2-0 deficit to beat the Mavs in six games.

A second ring could elevate him to a second level — or it could be diminished because he needed James and Bosh to get it.

"Only thing I care about is winning. That's all I care about," Wade said. "Whatever you guys want to decide to put me or talk about me, that's where I'll be. The biggest thing is to be a champion."

Wade said he was "blessed" to win a ring so early in his career, knowing this series is loaded with players who have been chasing one for more than a decade.

Kidd reached the finals in consecutive years with the New Jersey Nets and figured he'd get another chance with the Nets or much sooner with the Mavericks. He's finally back — the oldest of seven players on the Dallas roster born in the 1970s.

"You have great teams in this league like the Lakers and the Celtics and San Antonio, who were all winning championships. It didn't work out," he said. "But now we're here."



## RANGERS

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the game,” he added. “I’ve been working hard. Trying to get my mind right and keep it clear.”

The veteran catcher batted eighth and homered for the third consecutive day, giving him four in three games. No. 9 hitter Chavez went deep for his second straight game, helping the Rangers amass a season-high 20 hits in their first meeting with Tampa Bay since Texas eliminated the Rays in the opening round of last year’s playoffs.

The Rangers improved to 11-4 when Napoli, who’s homered in three consecutive games three other times during his career, is the starting catcher.

“He does a good job,” Texas manager Ron Washington said, “and he happens to be swinging right now and putting some runs on the board.”

Mitch Moreland also homered in support of Derek Holland (4-1), who allowed five runs and five hits over 5 2-3 innings, but still won for the first time in more than a month.

The left-hander gave up home runs to Ben Zobrist and Justin Ruggiano in the sixth, when the Rays scored four

times to trim an eight-run deficit to 9-5.

Zobrist hit a solo homer and Ruggiano’s three-run shot chased Holland, who had gone six starts without being involved in a decision since beating Kansas City on April 22. Monday night’s win gives the Rangers their first three-game winning streak since a sweep of the Royals April 22-24.

Mark Lowe struck out B.J. Upton with the bases loaded to end the sixth. Darren Oliver got six outs and Dave Bush finished for the Rangers.

Napoli also connected Saturday and Sunday at home against Kansas City and is 7 for 12 with four homers and nine RBIs in the last three games.

He had a three-run homer off Wade Davis (4-5) in the third and a solo shot off Andy Sonnanstine in the sixth before adding an RBI double off Juan Cruz in the eighth.

Josh Hamilton had a run-scoring double and sacrifice fly for the Rangers, who have hit 13 homers in their last three games. Adrian Beltre contributed a RBI single to help Texas build a 9-1 lead.

“We didn’t play good. It was one of our less impressive games overall,” Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said after

the Rays lost for the seventh time in 10 games. “But when you get off to that kind of a start pitching-wise, it really makes things little more difficult.”

Chavez, recalled from Triple-A Round Rock on May 14, homered for the second time in three days after not having hit one in the major leagues since May 31, 2009, when he was with Seattle.

He homered against Kansas City during a win Saturday, then did not play in the Rangers’ 7-6 victory over the Royals on Sunday.

Davis is 0-3 while allowing 19 runs in 21 2-3 innings over his past four starts.

He’s given up nine home runs in his past five outings after yielding one in his first six starts of the season.

Nevertheless, Maddon thought he saw some progress from the 25-year-old right-hander.

“He’s not been consistent with his game to this point, but I really am kind of encouraged,” Maddon said. “I saw better velocity, I saw a good delivery. They just hit him tonight.”

NOTES: Texas 2B Ian Kinsler had a scheduled day off. ... Rays RHP Jeff Niemann (strained lower back) threw a simulated game. ... Rangers RHP Brandon Webb allowed five runs and eight hits over 3 1-3 innings for Double-A Frisco during his first appearance in an official game since his opening-day start for Arizona on April 6, 2009. Webb is trying to come back from right rotator cuff surgery. ... CF Julio Borbon, out with a sore left hamstring, was DH in the same game as Webb and went 0 for 4. ... Rays IF Felipe Lopez started at first base in place of Casey Kotchman, who is day to day after leaving Sunday’s game against Cleveland with a right ankle sprain.

## Nicolas Colsaerts leads qualifiers for U.S. Open

LONDON (AP) — Nicolas Colsaerts led 11 players who earned spots in the U.S. Open in a qualifier for European Tour players that ended at dark — much to the surprise of Richie Ramsay.

Ramsay didn’t think his score of 4-under 140 at Walton Heath would be enough to qualify. Because of a three-hour fog delay Monday, he wasn’t even sure the 36-hole qualifier would finish. Ramsay said some players were still teeing off at 5:30 p.m.

He tried to catch a flight to Belfast to attend a wedding reception of fellow player Gareth Maybin. Ramsay, a former U.S. Amateur champion from Scotland,

missed his flight, and then was told to rush back to the course for a playoff among three players. Stuck in traffic, he didn’t arrive until the playoff was over.

Turns out there was just enough light left to play at least one hole, so a par 3 was used. Johan Edfors, in what was supposed to be a three-for-one playoff, made par to earn the last spot over Andreas Harto.

“I actually feel physically sick,” Ramsay said. “I can’t believe they played when it was pitch dark. It’s not up to me to say it’s right or wrong, but it’s just been an horrific day — just an awful, awful day.”

Ramsay will be an al-

ternate, with little hope of getting into the U.S. Open, to be played June 16-19 at Congressional.

Colsaerts easily qualified along with Edfors, Shane Lowry, Maarten Lafeber, Thomas Levet, Robert Rock, David Howell, Stephen Gallacher, Alexander Norren, Marcel Siem and Robert Dinwiddie.

Colin Montgomerie, a runner-up to Ernie Els when the U.S. Open was last held at Congressional in 1997, failed to qualify. Also missing out was Ross Fisher, the only member of the last Ryder Cup team who still has not qualified for the U.S. Open.

Fisher is No. 52 in the world and can get in if he cracks the top 50 in

## Astros rally to beat Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Clint Barmes knew his team needed a lift.

He gave them a spark.

Barmes hit the first of four Houston home runs and the Astros rallied to beat the Chicago Cubs 12-7 on Monday.

Barmes’ fifth-inning two-run shot brought Houston within one run, then Hunter Pence followed with a game-tying solo homer as the Astros halted a three-game losing streak.

“We’re just staying positive and making things happen,” Barmes said. “We’re putting stuff together and getting clutch hits in big situations. It was definitely a game that was needed for us.”

J.R. Towles gave the Astros the lead with a leadoff home run in the sixth inning off Cubs reliever Jeff Samardzija (3-1). Jeff Keppinger added a three-run shot in the ninth inning to

put things out of reach. He finished with three hits and four RBIs.

After blowing leads against the Diamondbacks on Friday and Sunday, the Astros’ bullpen only allowed one run over five innings. Astros reliever Sergio Escalona (1-0) pitched one scoreless inning to earn the win.

“With everything that was going on with that game today, to shut them down like they did was impressive,” Astros manager Brad Mills said of his bullpen. “Those guys were outstanding.”

Game time temperature was in the high-80s and winds were blowing out at almost 20 mph, which is rarely a recipe for low-scoring affairs.

The Astros reached season-highs in runs and home runs, matching their best output this year with 16 hits. They scored 11 runs on 16 hits April 12 against the Cubs in an 11-2 victory in Houston.

“We had good at-bats, ran the bases pretty well,” said Pence, who reached base four times and scored three runs. “It’s a warm day with the wind blowing out at Wrigley, if you put the ball in a hole there, you have a good chance to find a hit.”

Carlos Pena homered run for the Cubs, who committed three errors.

Chicago shortstop Starlin Castro, who committed three errors in an inning earlier this season, made another one in the seventh that allowed a run to score. It was his 10th error of the season.

Trailing 6-3 in the fifth, Michael Bourn tripled off Cubs starter Rodrigo Lopez. Then Barmes and Pence followed with back-to-back shots to left to tie the game at six. It was the first time the Astros hit back-to-back home runs this season.

The Cubs have committed three or more errors eight times this season.

With Casey Coleman ineffective as a replacement starter, Chicago acquired Lopez from Atlanta on Thursday for a minor leaguer and were initially expected to use him as a reliever.

Following Coleman’s demotion this weekend, Lopez was made a starter. On Monday, he allowed six runs on 10 hits in 4 2-3 innings.

“(Lopez) was fine,” Cubs manager Mike Quade said. “Look, I’m not here to make excuses or anything like that, but it is a tough place to pitch under these conditions. We actually have been dying for these conditions.”

Astros starter Aneury Rodriguez only lasted four innings. He allowed six runs, four earned on seven hits.

Cubs outfielder Alfonso Soriano left the game after straining his left quadriceps after trying to beat out a grounder in the first inning.

A few feet from first base, Soriano pulled up holding his left thigh. After limping off the field, Soriano was replaced in left field by Blake DeWitt in the second inning. Soriano will have an MRI.

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Going Against the Grain

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 10 9  
♥ Q 5 2  
♦ Q 7  
♣ J 9 7 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ 7 5 4  
♥ A J 10 9 8 6  
♦ K J 6  
♣ 10

**EAST**  
♠ 8 6  
♥ 7 4  
♦ 10 9 8 4 3 2  
♣ K Q 8

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q J 3 2  
♥ K 3  
♦ A 5  
♣ A 6 4 2

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South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♣	Pass
4 ♣			

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**But East took the club nine** with

**Tomorrow:** Picture bidding.  
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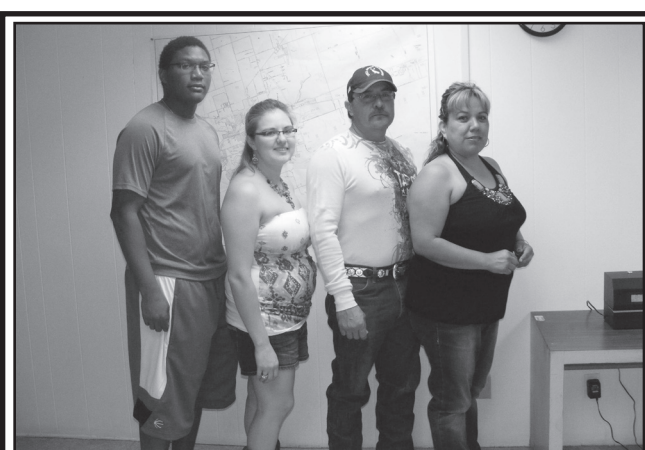
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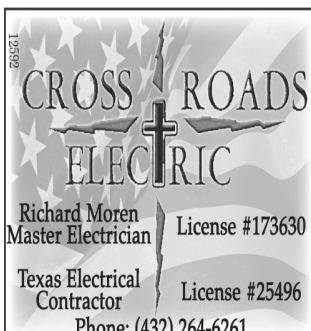
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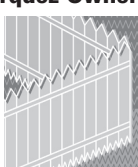
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The Taurus moon puts us vividly in touch with our physical environment. If you suddenly notice the dust on the shelves, a clock that needs a battery change or weeds growing in the yard, you are responding appropriately to the cosmic call to clean, clear and restore our surroundings to their optimum functionality.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Over the course of a day, the job before you goes from being pleasant to tolerable to tedious. To avoid turning into a grump, take some time to play. Get in a few good belly laughs, and your optimism returns.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Exercise helps you blow off steam. When you return to the day's work, you'll manage your frustration level better and remain in control of even the trickiest situation.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Someone is doing what you want to do in a way you hadn't thought of until this living example revealed itself to you. You'll be emboldened by what you learn.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). As the first water sign of the zodiac, you have a tendency to let your emotions steam, boil, flow or freeze according to the climate around you. Today the hand that guides the thermostat is yours.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Sometimes work can be a grind, but today you'll get paid to do something you love, and the exchange deserves some kind of celebration. Remember when this was all a faraway dream to you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Over-thinking is a danger now, so make a plan, and then move through it quickly and with certainty. Leave no room for doubt, and your interaction will be graceful.



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**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will get rid of the attitudes that are holding you back. A ritual will help you make this a lasting change. Something ordinary, like washing your hair, will have spiritual significance.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are vulnerable to critical people now. But not all criticism is negative. In fact, you'll probably hear the specific words you need to know in order to make immense improvements to your work.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You socialize for fun, but you also see it as a job, which it is. Deals will get made during happy hour. You may be smiling and laid-back, but you're out there promoting your business at the same time.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Others want to know your secret, but it's not something you can share. This is mostly because it comes so naturally to you that you don't know how you do it. You simply know how to make people happy.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll do some work on your image, making certain enhancements that keep you intriguing and appealing. This might include updating your technical skills. Image is, after all, more than skin deep.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There are so many people who are trying to do what you already do so well. You really are doing the world a disservice unless you share what you know. In your heart, you are a teacher.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 31). Your domestic needs will coincide nicely with other aspirations. You will attract supportive people and also competitors who push you to be your best. There is some restlessness around July, and you're likely to take off on spur-of-the-moment adventures. Unlikely partnerships are featured in August. Invest in October. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 38,14, 30, 5 and 1.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Where is Saturn now, and what does it mean?"

Saturn represents the rules, responsibilities and limitations that shape our lives. This planetary taskmaster can be a bit of a killjoy, but like a stellar teacher, the structure he imposes is meant to bring about the best and highest good in us. The ringed planet is currently transiting through the realm of Libra, suggesting that the current lessons Saturn offers have to do with close relationships and partnerships of all kinds. In the way of business, Saturn features the working out of contracts and agreements that are likely more complex and involved than they at first seemed. Legalities come into play. The details must be hashed out in quantifiable terms. Regardless of the size of the entities involved, agreement is come to in the same manner — by going through each arrangement point by point. On a personal level, the Saturn transit through Libra helps us realize what we give to and take from our relationships. Many will be weighing the fairness of those exchanges and making certain adjustments in the name of personal equality.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Happy birthday to charismatic octogenarian Clint Eastwood. This iconic movie star, director and producer is the quintessential macho man, legendary for his portrayal of outsiders with major attitudes and trademark phrases. Eastwood is a multifaceted Gemini, born when the moon, Venus and Pluto were all in soulful Cancer, indicating that his tough exterior hides a deep sensitivity.

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**D e a r A n n L a n d e r s :** You recently printed a letter from parents whom you termed "enablers" because their young adult children still expect money from them. Ann, my husband's situation is exactly the same with his daughter. (She is his only child. I have no children.) "Linda" quit high school in her senior year and has moved from one mediocre salesclerk job to another. Her father stopped



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paying child support a year ago, but he still gives her money to live on. She calls him regularly every month crying about one financial emergency or another. My husband sends her \$200 or \$300 after every tearful call and swears each time that it is the last check he will mail. My husband saw the column where you said, "Tell such children the bank is closed." He vowed that his "bank" was going to close. I was thrilled. Then, two days ago, we received another well-rehearsed call from Linda, with the same old song and dance. Again, he sent a check. Ann, how can I convince my husband that he isn't helping Linda by caving in every month when her bills are due? He won't listen to me. He tells me I know nothing about children since I don't have any. We've

been together for 12 years. We get along beautifully. I love him and want to stay with him forever. This is the only major conflict we have, but I am a nervous wreck every time the phone rings. Do you have any advice for me? — *Rebecca in Mississippi*  
**Dear Rebecca:** Yes, I do. Lay off. You have spoken your piece, and it has not made a particle of difference. The problem isn't financial; it's emotional. And it isn't YOUR problem; it's his. So swallow it, dear, and don't let this issue ruin your relationship. That grabby daughter would then have her daddy all to herself, and wouldn't that be nice?  
**Dear Ann Landers:** I'm tired of those West Coast grouches who think people who live in New York can't tell what time it is. They are

angry when they get phone calls at 6 in the morning because some idiot on the East Coast can't figure out the time difference. Let me tell you what it feels like to be on the other side. When it is 9 p.m. in California, it is midnight in Maine. Strange as it may seem, we "numbskulls" (their term, not mine) are not anxious to chat with the nice folks on the West Coast. Most of us are asleep. We don't like the phone waking us up at such a ridiculous hour, but you don't hear us complaining to Ann Landers. Tell those sourpusses to try smiling instead. It's wonderful exercise for the face, and it postpones wrinkling. — *Lorraine in Waterville, Maine*  
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6:PM	Jeopardy! Wheel	Cuando Me	Two Men	News	Caso Cerrado	News	King	McDonald Alewine	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Deadliest Catch		Auction	Law & Order		Shake It	Football	MLB Baseball: San Francisco Giants at St. Louis Cardinals.
7:PM	20/20	Teresa (SS)	Glee	Ent	Mi Corazón Insiste	Millionaire	Office	Upd	Great Performances	One Tree Hill	Deadliest Catch	Movie: U.S. Marshals, Robert Downey Jr.	Auction	Movie: Forrest Gump, Gary Sinise	Movie: Love & Basketball, Alfre Woodard	Deck	Sup. Bowl	
8:PM	Body of Proof	Triunfo del Amor (SS)	Raising Traffic	NCIS: Los Angeles	Herederos-Monte		Office	Light of the Southwest	Ribbon	Hellicats	Deadliest Catch		Auction			Shake It	NFL's Greatest Games	Baseball Tonight
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DENNIS THE MENACE



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“ARE YA SURE I HAFTA BE GOOD AT MATH IF I’M JUST GONNA FLY A SPACESHIP?”

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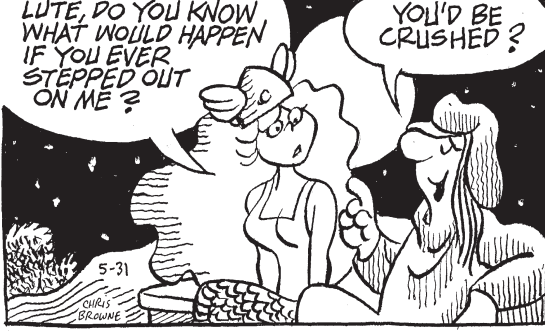


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“Am I s’posed to wear PANTS with this muscle shirt Grandma sent me?”

HAGAR



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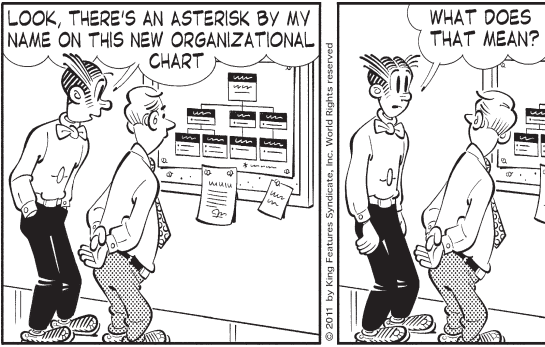
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LUTE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU EVER STEPPED OUT ON ME?

YOU'D BE CRUSHED?

NO, YOU'D BE CRUSHED... ..WITH A BIG CLUB!!

BLONDIE



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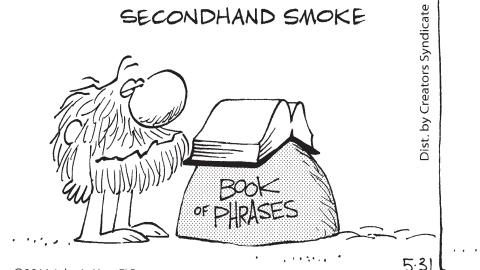
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LOOK, THERE'S AN ASTERISK BY MY NAME ON THIS NEW ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

IT SAYS, "SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY MOMENT"


SECONDHAND SMOKE



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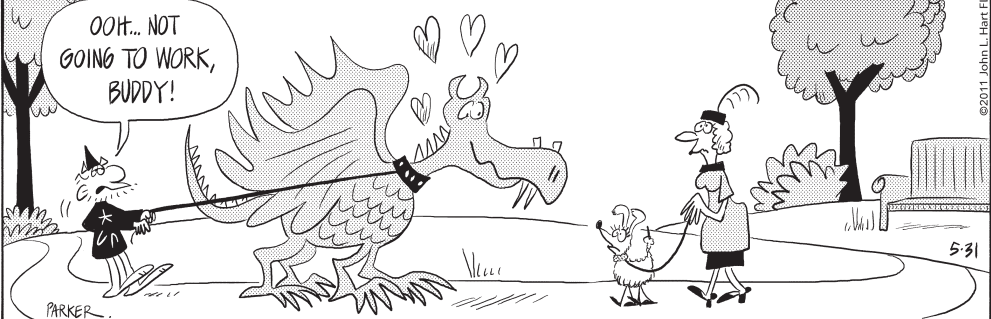
A PAWN SHOP ON FIRE



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WIZARD OF ID



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AGNES



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HI AND LOIS



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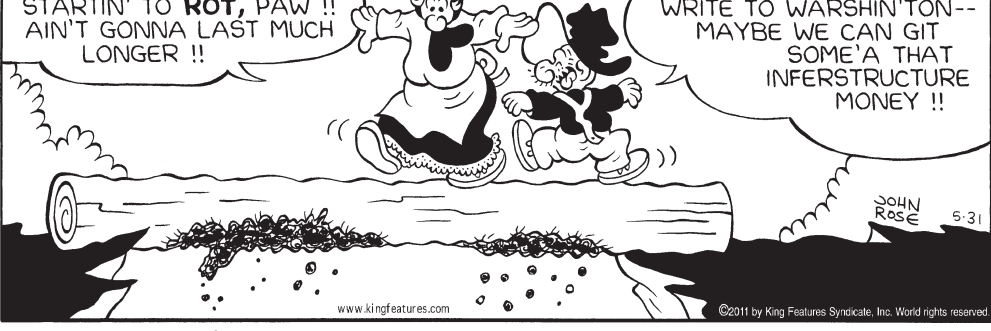
THE OTHER COAST



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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 31, the 151st day of 2011. There are 214 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 31, 1911, the hull of the British liner RMS Titanic was launched from its building berth at the Port of Belfast, less than a year before the ship's fateful maiden voyage.

On this date:

In 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first U.S. copyright act.

In 1859, the Big Ben clock tower in London went into operation, chiming for the first time.

In 1889, more than 2,000 people perished when a dam break sent water rushing through Johnstown, Pa.

In 1910, the Union of South Africa was founded.

In 1941, "Tobacco Road," a play about an impoverished Southern family based on the novel by Erskine Caldwell, closed on Broadway after a run of 3,182 performances.

In 1961, South Africa became an independent republic as it withdrew from the British Commonwealth.

In 1970, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake in Peru claimed an estimated 20,000 lives, according to the U.S. Geological Survey's website.

In 1977, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making, was completed.

In 1985, at least 88 people were killed, more than 1,000 injured, as over 40 tornadoes swept through parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Ontario, Canada, during an eight-hour period.

In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Elaine Stewart is 82. Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 81. Singer Peter Dinklage is 73. Former Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite is 72. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 71. Actress Sharon Gless is 68. Football Hall-of-Famer Joe Namath is 68. Actor Tom Berenger is 61. Comedian Chris Elliott is 51. Actress Lea Thompson is 50. Actor Hugh Dillon is 48. Rapper DMC is 47. Actress Brooke Shields is 46. Country musician Ed Adkins (The Derailers) is 44. Actress Archie Panjabi is 39. Actor Colin Farrell is 35. Rock musician Scott Klopfenstein (Reel Big Fish) is 34. Rock musician Andy Hurley (Fall Out Boy) is 31. Actor Jonathan Tucker is 29. Rapper Waka Flocka Flame is 25. Actor Curtis Williams Jr. is 24.

Thought for Today: "They that approve a private opinion, call it opinion; but they that dislike it, heresy; and yet heresy signifies no more than private opinion." — Thomas Hobbes, English political philosopher (1588-1679).

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Partner of "his"

5 Foul mood

9 Locations

14 Corporate bigwig

15 Chore-list heading

16 More than annoyed

17 Volcanic flow

18 \_\_ about (roughly)

19 Chop finely

20 Flowers on mah-jongg tiles

23 Cone-shaped tent

24 Small bill

25 "I've got it!"

28 Starting poker stake

31 Like Native American councils

33 Jingle writer

37 Cambodia's continent

39 Long-extinct bird

40 Small cabbagelike veggies

43 Oodles

44 Banana skin

45 Choir section

46 Happenings

48 Stitched together

50 Crimson or scarlet

51 Fresh from the oven

53 Corrosive liquids

57 Chinese stir-fry ingredients

61 Cook's cover-up

64 Border on

65 Ripped

66 Antique-car starter

67 Traditional wisdom

68 Make \_\_ for it (try to escape)

69 Lugs around

70 Minus

71 Fast fliers of yore: Abbr.

DOWN

1 Assist

2 Praise to the skies

3 Variety show

4 Rascal

5 Illegally obtained

6 Taboo thing

7 Wedding vows

8 Upper body

9 Cook slowly

10 Colored eye part

11 Color close to beige

12 And so on: Abbr.

13 Get a look at

21 Lima and garbanzo

22 How some beers are served

25 Concerning

26 Was compelled

27 At \_\_ for words (speechless)

29 "Tall" story

30 Double curves

32 Admired one

33 More skillful

34 Took the wheel

35 Turned off, as the sound

36 Org.

38 Cruise stop

41 \_\_ salts (drugstore buy)

42 Cowboy's workplace

47 "Much obliged!"

49 Fritters away

52 Batting game for kids

54 Tiny amounts

55 Entryways

56 Walk with a swagger

57 Dog's treat

58 Clarinet cousin

59 Yours and mine

60 DC 100

61 Play a part

62 Expert

63 Lab-maze runner

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