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**Sports** Tomlinson leaves legacy as one of top NFL running backs

## Lockheed, union to meet with mediator

**Fort Worth** Both sides seem to want to end a strike that is entering its ninth week.

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Lockheed Martin and the striking Machinists union have agreed to meet Wednesday with a federal mediator, a sign that both sides may be looking for a way to settle a walkout that has entered its ninth week.

Both Lockheed and the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers issued statements Monday saying they had accepted an invitation to intervene from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Federal mediators previously offered to help the union and the company work out an agreement but were rebuffed.

"We welcome the opportunity to find a resolution to the strike," Lockheed spokesman Joe Stout said in a brief statement.

Mark Blondin, a union vice president, said in a statement: "The IAM welcomes the involvement of federal mediators and we're looking forward to the face-to-face meetings with Lockheed. We're hopeful the [mediator] can provide the independent perspective that often produces the framework for a resolution."

The strike by about 3,600 workers at the west Fort Worth fighter jet plant has gone on longer than many workers had expected, with no sign that either side is willing to budge on key pension and healthcare issues.

Several union members said Monday that they were pleased to hear that both sides had agreed to resume negotiations with a mediator.

"A lot of my colleagues are calling and saying they're glad to see there's a glimmer of light," said Steve Warner, a longtime Lockheed employee and union steward.

Lockheed said an addi-  
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## Higher education

# Spaniolo announces retirement from UTA

The president is praised as a visionary who led a transformation at the school



UTA President James D. Spaniolo said it's time to make room for new leaders. He said he will stay until a successor is found. Star-Telegram/Paul Mosley

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ARLINGTON — James D. Spaniolo, who led a surge in enrollment and development as president of the University of Texas at Arlington for eight years, including construction of the acclaimed College Park District, announced Monday that he plans to retire.

The 66-year-old administrator and attorney, who took over as UTA's seventh president in February 2004, said that he loves the university but that it is time to make room for new leaders.

"I have had a great opportunity to serve, and hopefully, make a contribu-

tion to the growth and development of UT Arlington," Spaniolo said. "I need to look at my future."

Spaniolo plans to stay until the University of Texas System board of regents finds a successor, which is likely several months. He said he doesn't intend to seek any other university post and is looking to spend time with his new twin granddaughters.

"I'm looking forward to having a continuing active engagement in higher education and maybe in other areas, but not on the same schedule that you have to have when you are a university presi-

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## Transformation in Arlington

Among the milestones reached under the Spaniolo administration:

- Development of the College Park District, 20 acres anchored by College Park Center, which opened in February.
- Construction of the 234,000-square-foot Engineering Research Building, which opened in January 2011.
- Kickoff of effort to make UTA one of the state's top-tier research institutions, which requires meeting criteria that include fundraising.
- Move to the Western Athletic Conference, beginning in the 2012-13 school year.
- Growth of enrollment, which increased 34 percent from 2008 to about 33,500 students this spring.
- No increase in tuition or fees for 2012-13, the first time in a decade that costs have remained flat.

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## Star pitcher Clemens is acquitted of perjury

Justice won out, defense lawyer Rusty Hardin proclaims.

By Stewart M. Powell  
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Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors tried relentlessly — but failed miserably — to transform pitching superstar Roger Clemens into a disgraced icon



of baseball's stubborn doping scandal when a jury took barely 10 hours to acquit the retired

49-year-old multimillionaire of lying to Congress about the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

The speed of the decision Monday by the jury of eight women and four men took both Clemens and his lawyers by surprise after nine weeks of tedious proceedings that featured 46 witnesses.

Clemens was exercising with his sons near the Washington Monument shortly after 4 p.m. Eastern time when word reached him that the jury had reached a decision after the first full day of de-  
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Several government bodies claimed power ahead of results of the presidential runoff. 3A

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Students returned for summer remediation classes in preparation for retaking the end-of-course state tests. 1B

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The federal center will be the only one led by a public university to develop anti-bioterror medicines and vaccines. 1B



The Associated Press

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The Surface is a departure for the company, which typically devotes its efforts to software. 4B

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The indie Western *The Legend of Hell's Gate*, years in the making, is out on DVD today. 1D

## With fewer fires here, Texans help elsewhere

Fifteen firefighters from the state are assisting in New Mexico.

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When nearly 4 million acres of Texas went up in smoke last year, more than 16,000 emergency responders from all 50 states and Puerto Rico helped the Lone Star State's beleaguered firefighters beat back the flames.

Now Texas is returning the favor.

Fifteen emergency responders, including 11 from the forest service, headed to New Mexico over

the weekend to aid in recovery efforts on the Little Bear Fire near Ruidoso.

"This is our chance to say thank you; we have a big debt to repay," said Tom Boggus, director of the Texas Forest Service, which contended with 10,331 fires last year at a cost of around \$337 million.

"We are available to help our neighbors. If we have the resources they need, we will go," he said Monday.

Fire experts say that the same combustible combination of prolonged

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