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## Perry pushing for school funding solution

AUSTIN (AP) — One failed special session on school finance was barely over when the Legislature started a new one today under a warning from Gov. Rick Perry he'll keep lawmakers at the Capitol until they find a solution.

House and Senate lawmakers started a second 30-day session to take another crack at what has proven to be a thorny issue for Democrats and Republicans alike for the past two years.

"Education reform and property tax relief are the two most significant issues the Legislature faces," said Perry, a Republican. "Lawmakers won't leave Austin until both priorities are addressed."

Perry called the new session about 10 p.m.

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> — Rick Perry Governor of Texas

Wednesday night, two hours before the first session failed. Lawmakers left at midnight and returned 10 hours later.

Many lawmakers and Perry have campaigned on promises to change the public school funding system and reduce local property taxes which pay for much of it.

Meanwhile, Texas is under court pressure to change the school funding system, and the state Supreme Court is expected to rule in the coming months on whether it violates the state constitu-

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## Police charge Pickens' son with fraud

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — A wellknown oil tycoon's son has been charged with securities fraud and also is accused of growing marijuana.

Michael O. Pickens, 51, son of T. Boone Pickens, was taken into custody Monday by FBI agents on federal charges of securities fraud in an indictment out of New York, said Lori Bailey, an FBI spokeswoman in Dallas.

After appearing before a federal judge in Wichita Falls, Michael Pickens was released on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond, court officials said. He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Michael Pickens also was arrested Saturday by Montague County sheriff's deputies, who said they found marijuana plants after responding to a domestic disturbance call at his home in Nocona, 45 miles east of Wichita

T. Boone Pickens started his career in the 1950s as a petroleum geologist, built his reputation in the following decades as the founder of Mesa Petroleum Co. and gained fame in the 1980s with attempts to take over major oil

Although he lost control of the debt-ridden Mesa in the 1990s, the elder Pickens is riding high again as the chairman of BP Capital Management, a billion-dollar hedge fund focused on energy commodities and equities that has delivered mammoth gains.

In 2002 his company Mesa Water Inc., obtained water permits in the Texas Panhandle to sell to downstate communities with growing populations – a plan that has not yet happened. Many locals were furious about the venture, claiming that their resources were being stolen from under them.

Information from: Wichita Falls Times Record News, http://www.trnonline.com.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

## Just a swingin'

Leeslie Ruiz, 3, swings with her family in Central Park and takes advantage of the mid-morning 80 degree temperature. With highs forecasted for the rest of the week in the high 90's or low triple digits, the morning hours prove to be one of the coolest times to be outside.

## Canines spark confrontation in Lefors

By MARILYN POWERS

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a Lefors man after his dogs sparked a confrontation with a neighbor that reportedly led to an assault.

'The incident involved dogs chasing a vehicle," said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of Gray County Sheriff's Office.

The complainant pulled into the driveway of his home to avoid two dogs which were reportedly chasing his pickup, Hoard said. The man watched the dogs return to their home, two houses down the street. He saw the dogs' owner making a rude gesture at him, according to the sheriff's

office report.

The pickup driver then allegedly drove to the house of the dog owner. A confrontation ensued, Hoard said.

"The man threatened to kill the pickup driver if the pickup driver tried to run over his dogs again. The pickup driver got out of his pickup, the dog owner grabbed him by the throat, and one of the dogs bit him,'

"He got in his vehicle, drove home, and called the sheriff's office," Hoard said.

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### Capital murder sentence tossed out because of a jury member's gun

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - An convicted Brooks of killing a appeals court has overturned a man's death sentence because one of his jurors was charged with bringing a gun to the courthouse during the trial.

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals tossed out Carl L. Brooks' sentence Wednesday, saying juror Santiago Alexander Garcia's actions during the penalty phase might have been influenced by his own pending

The morning after the jury

man in a drug-related robbery, security guards at the courthouse doors found a semiautomatic pistol in Garcia's briefcase.

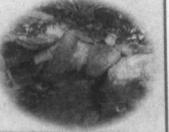
Garcia said he had planned to take the gun to a gunsmith for repair. He was charged with a misdemeanor and returned to the

At the time, Brooks' attorneys objected to Garcia participating in the sentencing, but a state district judge let him remain on the panel.

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### **Obituaries**

### William Crosswell (W.C.) Epperson, 82

**Epperson** 

of Buda, Texas, formerly of Pampa, Texas, passed away on July 17, 2005. He was born in Winchester, Kentucky, on May 3, 1923. His parents, Orban Scott and Minnie Epperson, and older sister Nancy Timmons preceded him in death.

W.C. leaves behind his loving wife and best friend of 60 years, 11 months, Betty Jo Epperson. He is also survived by his children, son, Gary Epperson and wife, Vickie,

of Pampa, Texas, son Scott Epperson and wife, Donna, of Buda, Texas, son John Epperson and wife, Becky, of Lubbock, daughter Betty Ann Epperson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and his brother Buddy Epperson and wife, Joyce, of Pampa, Texas, and sister Jean Johnston of Odessa, Texas, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family and friends including

Mario Zorati of Padova, Italy, their foreign exchange student of 1968.

W.C. and Betty went to high school together in Pampa, Texas, and were married August 15, 1944. They lived in Pampa until W.C. retired from farming in October 1999 and moved to Buda, Texas. W.C. was a graduate of Pampa High School in 1941 and was a member of FFA.

After their wedding W.C. and Betty made their home in Pampa where W.C. farmed for 58 years. He was a major organizer in starting the Farm Bureau of Gray County in September 1959 and served as their first membership chairman. He was also among the first farmers in the Panhandle to introduce irrigation farming, drilling the first irrigation well in the Pampa area.

He had many accomplishments as a farmer throughout his career. In the 1950's he won a First Place Ribbon at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo and a Second Place Ribbon

William Crosswell (W.C.) Epperson, 82, in the Chicago Exposition for grain sorghum entries. In May 1959 he was honored by the Texas Soil & Water Conservation Association for being in the top 25 soil and water conservationist in Texas. W.C. was a member of the Southern Hills Church of Christ in Buda, Texas, and the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa, Texas. He served as deacon for 10 years for his church in Pampa.

W.C. loved farming. In addition to raising wheat, maze, corn, and cotton, he grew vegetables and had a vegetable stand in Pampa for many years. Area people came for miles to buy his farm fresh tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, watermelons, and much more. The only thing he loved more than farming and his family was Harvester football and basketball. Even after he moved to Buda he had a weekly report on the athletic teams called

to him from his grandson, Greg Epperson. W.C. would even take the time to call and talk with the coach. In 1968 W.C. and Betty opened their home and welcomed a foreign exchange student. They maintained

a very close relationship. W.C. loved his church family, eating catfish and steak, music, and talking to people. There was never a stranger in the room when W.C. was there. He loved the rich warm soil, the rain and a field of golden wheat. He had a loving heart and open spirit for his Lord. W.C. was a loving Christian, husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

The family will receive friends and family from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m. Friday, July 22, 2005, at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ building. Visits will also be received at 2116 N. Zimmer Street in the home of Gary and Vickie Epperson. Services will be held at 10 a. m., Saturday, July 23, 2005, at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, Interment will follow services at Memory Gardens.

### Edith Hoff, 87

FRITCH — Edith Hoff, 87, of Fritch, died 1994. Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at Spearman.

Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Minton Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Harvey Patterson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mobeetie, officiating. Interment will be in The Garden of Devotion at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of

Mrs. Hoff was born June 1, 1918, at Son Jon, N.M. She married Hext Hoff on April 6, 1934, at Albuquerque, N.M.; he died in Alzheimers Foundation.

Mrs. Hoff was a homemaker and a member of Gateway Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Velma Norton and Hazel Denson.

Survivors include two daughters, Darlene Nelson of Stinnett and Patsy Caswell of Mobeetie; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hansford Manor Activity Fund, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081; or to

### Helen Tilcock, 88

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BAKER CITY, Ore. — Helen Tilcock, 88, Cathedral, officiating. of Baker City, died Sunday, July 17, 2005, at St. Elizabeth Health Care Center. Graveside internment will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5 at Mount Hope Cemetery with Father memorials be to a favorite charity. Camillus Fernando, of St. Francis de Soles

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Healthcare Coronado Center in Pampa will stage a benefit poker run this coming Saturday, July 23. Proceeds will help fund a goldfish pond and landscaping projects at the center.

The first bike out is scheduled at 12 noon, and the last bike out at 2 p.m.

The entry fee will be \$20 per hand. Each entry will receive a free T-shirt.

Cars are welcome. Prizes will be awarded for high and low hands. A 50/50 drawing will be held as well.

The event will include an auction, Karaoke, and refreshments.

### **Emergency Services**

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest today Wednesday, July 20

Seventeen traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 1700 block of Wiliston and the 700 block of West

Animal complaints were received from the 800 block of East Frederic and the 1900 block of North Dwight.

One business alarm was reported.

Welfare checks were made in the 2100 block of Duncan and the 1300 block of

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at One Medical Plaza, the 1000 block of Prairie Drive, and the 900 block of North Frost. Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in

the 1700 block of Hamilton. Public intoxication was reported at One

Medical Plaza. An arrest was made. A runaway was reported in the 1500 block

of North Faulkner. The runaway was later

A civil disturbance was called in from the 100 block of North Ballard.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2000 block of Duncan.

Criminal trespass calls were received from the 1800 block of North Christy and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen. A window and closet doors were damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$150.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Coffee. A vehicle was egged. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Gordon. The report involved a wire fence, gate, welder, gas and labor, with total estimated value at \$550.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Rham. A car trunk received an estimated \$600 damage.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was called in from the 500 block of Lowry.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. Keys were found at the intersection of Kingsmill and Marie streets.

Theft was reported twice at Wal-Mart, 2801 N. Charles. One report stated that a

compact disc valued at \$7.88 was taken. In the second report, a female shoplifter was arrested.

Theft was reported at Dollar General, 105 N. Cuyler.

Assault by threat was reported in the 900 block of North Frost.

Deana Romona Vargas, 25, Skellytown, was arrested in the 2800 block of Charles for theft under \$50.

Thursday, July 21

Assault/domestic violence was reported in the 1300 block of Garland. Minor injuries were reported.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, July 20

No calls.

### **Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance today reported the following calls.

Tuesday, July 19

9:11 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 4000 block of Price Road and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical

12:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell and

transported a patient to PRMC. 3:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded

to Lefors and transported a patient to PRMC. 6:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Wednesday, July 20 7 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Duncan and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

12:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to

6:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Starkweather and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Carr and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

## **School**

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ing three special sessions, in which lawmakers have tried to overhaul the state's education funding system. Previous special sessions cost about \$1 million each.

Some lawmakers thought they could achieve at least partial success Wednesday night.

Although a compromise tax plan designed to lower property taxes and raise others had failed, Perry and leaders in the House and Senate hoped to pass an education funding bill.

That bill would have created pay raises for teachers, and put more money into bilingual education, transportation and other meas-

ures. That plan failed in the final hours Wednesday night as opponents stalled it with parliamentary maneuvers and a two-hour, 15-minute filibuster led by Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston. The

filibuster took the session to its midnight deadline. A filibuster is a tactic that

allows a member to speak on a bill as long as the member wants. It's sometimes used to kill bills late in a session.

"This bill does not solve school finance in any significant way," Whitmire said at the beginning of his remarks: "It has united Democrats and Republicans to oppose this." The education measure

would give districts enough money for teachers to get about \$2,000 more in 2006 and an additional \$500 in 2007. That pay raise included the full restoration of a \$1,000 health care stipend that was cut in half two years

Teachers' groups have criticized the salary increase as insignificant. Brock Gregg, a lobbyist for the Association of Professional Educators, said the health care stipend that teachers were promised four years ago eradicates most of the boost in pay.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst remained optimistic that lawmakers could pass the education and tax measures in the next special session.

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"I think we're a lot further along than we were 30 days ago," he said.

### Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high around 100. Southwest wind around 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 74. South-southwest around 15 mph. Friday: Mostly sunny and

hot, with a high near 98. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 75.

between 10 and 15 mph. Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 102. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

South-southwest

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South-southwest around 15 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high around

The pickup driver went to the emergency room of Pampa Regional Medical Center, where he was treated for injuries to his neck. No information is available on the severity of the reported dog bite. Hoard said.

The incident occurred on West 2nd Street in Lefors, he said.

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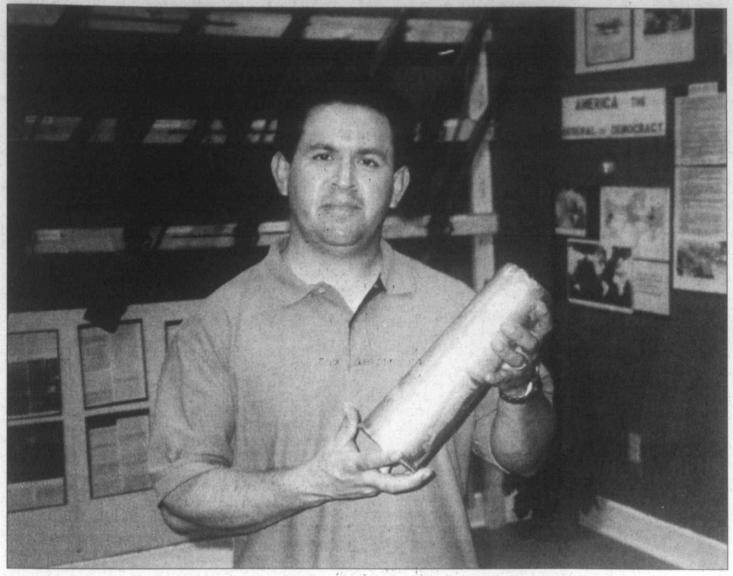
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### Military exhibit

Anthony Soria of Pampa holds a shell casing that has intricate artwork etched on it. The casing, an artifact of World War II, is called trench art and is part of a military exhibit currently on display at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

### Some Guantanamo prisoners engage in hunger strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 50 declared they are on a hunger strike, a Pentagon spokesman said Thursday.

They went on strike three days ago, spokesman Bryan Whitman said. Some have already begun eating again, he said. The spokesman said he did not know why they went on strike and said the health of the striking detainees is Borekzai estimated the men were in the being monitored.

The Pentagon's version of this incident contrasted somewhat from the accounts of two Afghans released from the facility for terrorist suspects earlier this week. On Wednesday, they claimed mistreatment at the facility at a U.S. want to be released," he said. military base in Cuba.

prisoners at Guantanamo Bay have Borekzai, who said they left the prison camp on Cuba on Monday and were flown to Afghanistan before being freed, said they did not participate in the hunger strike. They did not say how they knew others were refusing to eat.

> Russol said 180 Afghan prisoners "are not eating or drinking." He and 14th or 15th day of their fast.

Borekzai later told The Associated Press the detainees were protesting because "some of these people say they were mistreated during interrogation. Some say they are innocent."

that more than about 180, Afghans were of roll They are protesting that they have on a hunger strike to protest alleged been in jail nearly four years and they

Neil Koslowe, a Washington-based

Habir Russol and Moheb Ullah lawyer for 12 detainees from Kuwait, said several inmates told him during a June 20-24 visit to Guantanamo that there was a "widespread" hunger strike over the amount and quality of their drinking water.

The two Afghans released this week said they had been accused of being members of the former Taliban regime, but both said they were innocent. Neither said how long they had been detained.

The Pentagon also announced Wednesday that seven Guantanamo detainees had been released and an eighth transferred to the custody a foreign government. In addition to the two released Afghans, three Saudi Arabians, a Jordanian and a Sudanese

### China decides to sever currency's link to dollar

5BEIJING (AP) — China said Thursday it will no longer peg its currency to the U.S. dollar but instead let it float in a tight band against a basket of foreign currencies.

The yuan currency has been strengthened, effective immediately, to a rate of 8.11 to the U.S. dollar - compared to the 8.28 it has been set at for more than a decade. The new trading regime will begin Friday, the government said in an announcement on state television.

China's decade-long policy of fixing the yuan to the dollar had drawn fire from Washington, which had accused Beijing of keeping the yuan artificially weak to boost the competitiveness of Chinese exports.

Some U.S. lawmakers had threatened tariffs if China didn't adjust its yuan trading scheme.

The yuan will now be allowed to trade in a tight 0.3 percent band against a basket of foreign currencies, the government said. It didn't say which curren-

It said the central bank would announce the yuan's closing price each day, and that rate would be the midpoint of the next day's trading band.

The announcement was a surprise and came on the government's evening newscast.

China had resisted changes, saying its fragile banking system wasn't ready to let its currency

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### Slim chance for Roberts filibuster, but Democrats say they won't rubber stamp court nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key Senate Democrats say John Roberts won't get a "free pass" to a seat on the Supreme Court, while acknowledging that there is little chance they will filibuster the nomination.

As Roberts paid courtesy calls on senators Wednesday, a conservative group purchased TV ad time in support of his nomination. Abortion rights groups, meanwhile, staged protests against the nominee at the Supreme Court and the Capitol.

Majority Republican senators have been unfailingly admiring of the candidate since President Bush announced the nomination Tuesday night. And even though Democrats are uncertain about Roberts' judicial philosophy, not a single Democratic senator so far has called for the conservative jurist's outright rejection. Also, there has been no public talk of trying to block a yes or no vote

Democrats, however, said they weren't about to rubber stamp Bush's selection of Roberts to replace retiring Sandra Justice Day

O'Connor. "No one is entitled to a free pass to a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court," said Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, senior Democrat on the committee that will question the 50year-old judge later this summer.

Abortion and access to internal government memos loomed as likely flash points as Democrats pointed toward the nationally televised proceedings, likely to take place after Labor Day.

Yet chances of a Democratic filibuster were

### Need to know facts

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answer would be no, not at tion-rights supporter.

versations with Senate "extraordinary Judiciary Committee members on Thursday, part of a methodical campaign to reintroduce the Supreme Court nominee to a Senate that voted for him unanimously in 2003.

rounds, 14 Senate centrists vote," Sen. John McCain, Rwho halted a partisan con- Ariz., said. frontation over Bush's judi-

cial selections two months "Do I believe this is a filiago weren't waiting for a buster-able nominee? The visit from the nominee. This "Gang of 14" was meeting this time," said Sen. Dianne Thursday to discuss the Feinstein, D-Calif., an abor- nomination and learn whether any among them Roberts scheduled con- think it might trigger the circumstances" caveat that Democrats could say justifies a filibuster.

Many of the participating Republicans have indicated their support for Roberts. "I think that Judge Roberts Even as Roberts made the deserves an up-or-down

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# Viewpoints

## First-hand impressions of London bombing

LEEDS, England Eleven days before the bombings in London, I was there visiting friends and experiencing Wimbledon tennis for the very first time. Staying in the Nottinghill Gate area, we took the underground subway (known as the Tube in London) practically everywhere we went, and in absence of the tube we rode on the red double-decker buses that London made famous. Our main tube lines of travel were the Circle line and the Piccadilly line - the same lines where the three underground bombs went off on July 7, and, of course, one of the London Double Decker Buses, #30, also bore the brunt of terrorism.

Walking through London, I remarked to my British friend that I always felt safe hand in Washington, D.C., around the city. A city of 9 million people from every country in the world, it is arguably one of the greatest in the world.

The people who have continued to carry out these appalling acts of terrorism on innocent civilians for the past many years, makes me incredibly angry. The cowardice of it should shame these militants enough to stop, but their world view is so different than "the West." As President Bush said in his 2002 State of the Union Address, "These enemies view the entire world as a battlefield, and we must pursue them wherever they are."

They truly detest our way Experiencing the terror-

ism of Sept. 11th, 2001, first-

and having two very good friends of mine on a train underground in London during the bombings a few days ago, has made these horrific terrorist events very personal and very real to me.

Thankfully, my friends were not on Horton same trains or the Guest bus that Columnist w a s bombed,

but, sadly, it appears that more than 70 people didn't share in the same fate.

The atmosphere among the British people can be summed up in one statement: "Just get on with it."

At first impression, I was alarmed by this attitude patriotic I have ever seen,

because it felt as though people didn't seem to care all that much. But as the days have gone by, I realize that is not the case at all. In fact, I have grown to understand this reaction as one of utter determination. A general

attitude of "if I get on with my life, we don't let the terrorists win." One could

mistake this attitude as uncaring or uncompassionate, but they would be

wrong. The attitude here a week after the bombings was one of active reflection but also one of deep determination. After Sept. 11th, our nation became the most

but I think it is fair to say that we, as a nation, collectively continued to fear the unknown - we feared further attacks. (It didn't help our national psyche with the many additional anthrax attacks). While there is an element

of fear here in England, the fear does not seem to be making any difference in people's lives. Fear is much more of a secondary issue, where defiance is the predominate feeling. Obviously, the scale of the attack was not the same as on Sept. 11th so that is a key difference. But perhaps another reason for our different reactions, in part, stem from our different histories.

The fact that the tube lines were re-opened later on the same day of the bombings

speaks volumes of the British will and defiance. But, perhaps, Britain's history with IRA bombings and the history of World War II when London was bombed every day for five years straight, has created an enduring strength and thick skin passed down for generations that had helped the public psyche deal with these kinds of tragic events in a very direct way.

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This is in no way to say that our reaction in the U.S. was better or worse, I would just submit that it is much different, and these differences should be understood because differences often strengthen relationships, and our societies firmly stand together in the world's war against terror.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 21, the 202nd day of 2005. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1925, the so-called Monkey Trial ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned.)

On this date:

In 1831, Belgium became independent as Leopold I was proclaimed King of the Belgians.

'Happiness is good health and a bad memory.

 Ingrid Bergman Swedish-born actress (1915-1982)

In 1861, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in Confederate victory.

In 1899, author Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, Ill.; poet Hart Crane was born in Garrettsville, Ohio.

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty. In 1954, the Geneva Accords divided Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

In 1955, during the Geneva summit, President Eisenhower presented his "open skies" proposal under which the U.S. and the Soviet Union would trade information on each other's military facilities.

In 1961, Captain Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a suborbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the Liberty Bell 7.

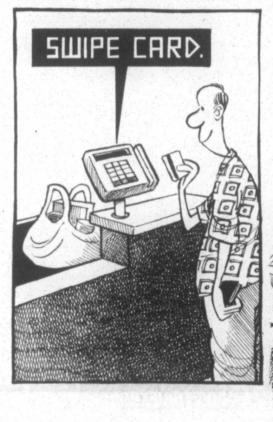
In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the lunar

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

Ten years ago: At a 16-nation conference in London, the United States and NATO allies warned Bosnian Serbs that further attacks on U.N. safe havens would draw a "substantial and decisive response."

Five years ago: Special Counsel John C. Danforth concluded "with 100 percent certainty" that the federal government was innocent of wrongdoing in the siege that killed 80 members of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, in 1993. Group of 8 leaders met for an economic summit on the Japanese island of Okinawa, where President Clinton also sought to soothe long-simmering tensions over the huge American military presence.

One year ago: President Bush sketched out a second-term domestic agenda, telling campaign donors he would shift focus to improving high school education and expanding access to health care. Academy Award-winning composer Jerry Goldsmith died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 75.







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## Advanced searching made easy.

A friend once told me that 'searching the Internet is akin to finding a particular grain of sand in the Sahara Desert." While that may be a bit over-the-top, I completely understand his frustration. Whenever I go to my favorite search site, Google (http://www.google.com), and type some keywords into their basic search blank, I inevitably discover that the answer I am seeking lies somewhere within 2 million pages!

To avoid this situation, use Google's Advanced Search Options. You can find this page either by clicking the "Advanced Search" link just to the right of Google's search blank or going straight to: http://www.google.com/adv anced search

Once there, don't let this busy screen intimidate you.

You are looking at the best tool to find your Net answers quickly. Let's start at the top

**Find Results** Have you ever heard the phrase, 'Boolean Logic?' Eric Basically, Spellmann the process of Columnist turning

your search into a mathematical algorithm (something the computer can comprehend). Three major logical tools are used in this process: AND, OR, and NOT. AND is used to guarantee that two or more search keywords exist on a page in order for it to qualify as a "hit." OR allows one, some, or all of the words to exist. NOT prevents a keyword combination.

The first blank "with all the words" is an inferred AND. Typing in a bunch of keywords will ONLY return pages that contain ALL of them. The next blank, "with

the exact phrase" is inferred AND, but requires the words to be in the order

you typed them. This blank is perfect for typing movie and book titles. I've even used it to find the source of famous quotes and song titles. I just type in a piece of the quote or song, and Google finds all instances of the phrase.

Next, you'll see "with at least one of the words." Can you guess which Boolean operator is inferred here? That's right: OR. A word of

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warning, here, though. Using this blank will return the highest number of hits (since only one of your keywords need be present). I rarely use it.

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tion ("without the words") has some very interesting uses. For instance, let's say I was interested in all Web documents pertaining to the "David Copperfield." If those two words are all I type in the second blank ("with the exact phrase"), what will I get back? That's right: a mixture of sites talking about the book and the current-day master-illusionist. To weed out pages pertaining to the famous prestidigitator, I simply add the word "magic" to the "without the words" blank. Try it and see what happens. By adding

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## Public Broadcasting System wins small victory

Senate

The Public Broadcasting and professional news pro-System logo should be a bull's-eye.

That's because the network has come under attack from politicians who feel its programming is slanted to the left.

The criticism, it should be noted, is spearheaded by an administration so controlling and manipulative that it has hired hacks like Armstrong Williams to shill for its initiatives.

Officials may condemn the network, but PBS offers what may be the most sober

gram on television, "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer." And then there are shows like "Sesame Street," funny and radio at its current level,

and entertaining without Texas Thoughts lion being condescending toward

children, a deft balancing act that commercial television seems unable to mas-

People who appreciate such programming received

San Antonio Express-News

last month. Sens. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, and Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, both members of the committee, signaled the bipartisan sup-

good news recently: The port for the funding earlier when they proposed restoring cuts the House made.

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Those cuts included the \$23 million "Ready to Learn" program, which contributes to some of the children's shows on the network, including "Sesame Street." The full Senate, which will consider the funding later this summer, is expected to approve restoring the cuts.

PBS has been assaulted lately, but even Oscar the Grouch would smile at the latest turn of events.

### Too-titillating theft?

## Sex-infused game gets adult rating

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The ing on a new, more secure version, to video game industry on Wednesday changed to adults-only the rating of "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas," a best-selling game in which explicit sexual content can be unlocked with an Internet download.

The decision followed intense pressure from politicians and media watch groups, and retailers reacted swiftly -Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Target Corp. and Best Buy Co. said they would immediately pull all copies from their store shelves nationwide.

The game's producer, Rockstar Games, said it stopped making the current version and would provide new labels to any retailer willing to keep selling the games, which had been rated "M" for mature. The company also will offer a downloadable patch to fix the sex issue in PC versions, and is workbe rated "M."

Rockstar's parent company, New York-based Take Two Interactive Software Inc., also admitted for the first time that the sex scenes had been built into the retail version of that game not just the PC version but also those written for Xbox and PlayStation2 con-

Company officials had previously suggested that a modification created by outsiders added the scenes.

Take-Two spokesman Jim Ankner acknowledged in an Associated Press interview that the questioned scenes were created by Rockstar programmers. "The editing and finalization of any game is a complicated task and it's not uncommon for unused and unfinished content to remain on the disc," he

In a statement, the president of the Entertainment Software Rating Board said the sex scenes were programmed by Rockstar "to be inaccessible to the

But ESRB chief Patricia Vance also acknowledged that the "credibility and utility" of the industry-run board's initial "M" rating had been "seriously

Many retailers sell "M" rated games, which "may be suitable for persons ages 17 and older," according to the Entertainment Software Rating Board, but won't sell "AO"-labeled games at

"Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" was last year's top console game, selling more than 5.1 million copies in the U.S. after its October release, according to market analyst NPD Group.



### Band Camp

Nearly 205 middle school students attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 17th annual Middle School Band Camp recently at the university's Weatherford campus. The camp, which was for students who have completed grades five through seven, concluded with a concert by the different bands. Among those attending the camp from White Deer were (front from left): Stephen Marszal, James Peterson and Hope Mead; (back from left) Tabitha Mead and Dakota Wilson.



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### London

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For me, living in Leeds about 500 yards from where the terrorists actually made the bombs, reminds me that we live in a world of great conflict and contrast. The ironic point of history on that fateful day of July 7, was that two hours north of where I am, the top world leaders were meeting at the G8 summit to help save lives of the world's poorest in Africa, while two hours south of here, some of the most bigoted and evil men in the world had trained young men to carry out the murder of inno-

As angry as I get when senseless acts like these happen, I have to consciously remind myself that anger, hatred, and revenge are the way of evil and of evil men. These emotions are the very motives harnessed by these extremists who tell the world they are acting on behalf of God. In times such as these, dealing with such evilness and confronting some of the darkest parts of humanity,

free people must realize what I believe is true: "The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Corinthians 3:17).

Freedom is within each of us, much of which we take for granted because of the privileges we have of living in our free societies. These freedoms, in part, are what the terrorists fear as an attack on their way of life; therefore, I suggest one of the best lessons to learn in how to defeat these terrorists is to adopt the British attitude: "Just get on with it." No feelings of anger, hatred nor revenge but one of justice, solitude, and defiance.

I feel as if I speak for all Americans when I say, Great Britain, we stand with you.

God bless.

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this one word, you filter out about 12,900 irrelevant pages. Wow!

In the next section, make sure you set the language to "English," unless you want foreign-language pages appearing in the mix. And believe it or not, Google catalogs more than just Web pages. Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files, and Acrobat documents are also included in the database. To narrow your search, choose it here in the "File Types" section. The next option, "Date," is very useful in weeding out archaic pages. If you want the most up-to-date information on your subject, choose "past three months."

"Occurrences" allows you to customize the relevance of your search terms. By choosing "in the title of the page," you can make sure that the page is TRULY related to your keywords and doesn't just mention it in some random paragraph. "Domain" is useful to search a site WITHOUT using that site's internal search. For instance, the Microsoft Knowledge Base is very nice, but I prefer Google's tools. Whenever I need to search the ENTIRE Microsoft site, I use this blank to narrow my results to the microsoft.com domain.

Depending on your search terms, you may want to turn the "SafeSearch" on or off. As an example, if you are looking for information on "breast cancer," I would HIGHLY recommend you turn on this filter.

Finally, the last section allows you to find pages that are "similar" to a particular page. It will make sense when you try it. And, the last blank, "Links" is a neat way to find out what websites are linking to YOUR website.

While Google's Advanced Search page should meet the majority of your querying needs, other search tools exist to aid in your exploration of the "hidden Internet." Find out what I mean next week. Until then ...

I'll see you in Cyberspace!



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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single man in my Any advice would be greatly appreciated. mid-40s. My parents are gone, but seven of - A FAMILY OF ONE IN OHIO my 10 siblings are still alive.

When I was 12, my appendix burst and I became deathly ill. The hospital visits took their toll on my dad, who suffered a major heart attack two weeks after I was released. Two weeks after that, my father had another massive heart attack that ended his life. I felt extremely guilty. I thought I had killed my dad, so I turned to our parish priest for help. Instead, he chose to molest me. He said I had made him do it, and I walked out of church feeling I was to blame -- that I was evil.

From then on I trusted no one. I kept people at a distance. I have never had a close personal relationship or a romance.

I have been seeing a wonderful counselor for seven years. She has helped me a lot, but I have resigned myself to being alone the rest of my life.

Abby, my siblings hate me -- I'm not sure why. They have birthday parties, graduation parties, backyard barbecues and many family-oriented gatherings to which I am never invited. We live in the same small town, so it's not a matter of location. They go camping as a family in the summer, and it's always kept a secret from me. When I ask why I wasn't invited to the celebrations, I'm told that "there wasn't enough room." When I ask about the camping trips, I'm told, "We don't go camping as a family; we go as friends, so I'm sure you understand why you're not invited."

I really don't understand. I think they get some kind of kick out of knowing how badly they hurt me. My counselor says I should walk away from them and not look back because what they're doing is deliberate. But how can I walk away from the people who are supposed to love me Los Angeles, CA 90069. unconditionally?

I keep hoping one of them will realize how badly I am hurting, have some compassion and extend a loving embrace to me before I completely die on the inside.

DEAR FAMILY OF ONE: Please listen to your therapist and do as she advises. She has your best interests at heart. You were in no way to blame for your father's death, but on some level you may have been blamed for it by your siblings. Whatever is going on in their shriveled hearts, you cannot fix it. You will not find compassion or empathy where none exists. Your best chance of finding acceptance and love is to stop seeking it from your family, move on, and build a family of your own. Others have done it successfully, and so can you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a horse owner who doesn't mind allowing guests to ride gentle saddle horses. However, some of my guests are so obese that I cannot in good conscience allow them to ride.

Some of my recent guests have weighed more than 300 pounds and think they should be able to ride a small mare. How can I tactfully decline? -- BEFUDDLED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR BEFUDDLED: Weight can be a touchy subject for some people, but you are responsible for the welfare of your animals. Because they can't speak up for themselves, you must. Say it this way, "I'm sorry, but that horse is too small for you, so I can't accommodate you." It's not impolite; it's the truth.

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### The Family Circus

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"I told you to stay out of Daddy's tackle box."

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### Haggar The Horrible



### **Peanuts**



### Flo & Friends



### **Blondie**



# Sports Day



Amber Bradford (above) practices her backstroke Wednesday morning at the M.K. Brown swimming pool where the Pampa Aquatics Club is practicing for the upcoming meet in Ulysses, Kan. Colten Sander (top right) shows the form that has made him one of the top ranked Freestyle swimmers in the country. The Pampa Junior High School student has qualified for a number of marquee meets in which he will compete in the weeks ahead.



## Summer, swimming and Sanders; Pampa teen anchoring a talented PAC team headed for big events

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Coming off what Coach Greg Miller says was a great summer during which his team competed almost every weekend, the Pampa Aquatics Club will travel to Ulysses, Kan. this weekend where they will take part in a championship meet.

"Our kids have traveled throughout Kansas this summer, representing Pampa in a stellar manner," said

Among the girls who qualified for this weekend's meet are Jessica Baggerman, Amber Bradford, Lynsie Guyer, Abby West, Tonya Kiper and Lydia West.

For the boys it will be Nathan Alexander, Cole-Guyer, Dustin Neef, Caden Sander, Colten Sander, Kyle Sander and Caleb West.

Bradford along with Abby and Lydia West has also

qualified for the Division II Long Course Championships to be held in Topeka, Kan. July 29-31. Cole Guyer, Neef and Caden Sander will be in Kansas City, Kan. August 5-7 to take part in the Division I Long Course Championship. Sander has qualified for five events in that meet.

Twelve-year-old Sander, a Pampa Junior High 7th grader, will be a busy swimmer in the weeks ahead. In addition to the Ulysses and Kansas City meets, he has qualified to compete in the National Zone Long Course Championship Meet in Ann Arbor, Mich. August 11-13. He will compete in the 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle and the 50m Breaststroke, events in which he ranks among the best in the nation.

"Colten has been a real team leader this year," boasts a proud Coach Miller. "His work ethic and humble manner has inspired all the swimmers this summer.

## entral Park Skate Park Saunders replaces Brown in Detroit hosts first ever SkateFest

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

In 1964, Jan and Dean hat a hit called Sidewalk Surfin'. The tune opened with the line, "Grab your board and go sidewalk surfing with me." Times have changed since then. Where we once cannibalized a pair of old metal roller-skates, nailed the wheels to a board and set off down the sidewalk, kids today use boards and equipment unheard of then. They are also capable of far cooler tricks and skill.

If you happened by Central Park last Friday, you probably caught a glimpse of the first ever SkateFest held at the Skate

Twenty five skaters took part in the inaugural event, ranging in age from five to 14. Following are the individual results from Skate Fest Competition Central Park Skate Park July 15, 2005

5-10 Years

1st Place Gavin Ward 2nd Place Mason Galaviz

11-14 Years

1st Place Dakota Turlington Alex Romero 2nd Place

Open Division

Rager Jones (Dumas) 1st Place 2nd Place Nick Eakes(Amarillo) 3rd Place Luke Bradshaw (Amarillo) 4th Place Jeremy Klink (Pampa) Matt Heiskell (Pampa) 5th Place

Ugliest Skateboard Mason Galaviz

Larry Brown's old one.

The Detroit Pistons wasted no time replacing their deposed 64-year-old bench leader, hiring the former coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves to a four-year contract worth about \$20 million plus incentives.

The hiring of Saunders and the terms of his contract were confirmed by three league

anonymity because of the sensitivity of the financial information and the team's plans to announce the hiring at a news conference

The deal came some 24 hours after the Pistons reached a severance agreement with Brown, who led Detroit to the NBA Finals in each of the past two seasons.

### **CHANGING OF THE GUARD**

# Plenty of new faces roaming Harvester sidelines in 2005

Stevens

Sports

Editor

Volleyball. Tennis. Five sports, each of them part of the Pampa High School sports curriculum. And for those who participate, each now has a new face at the helm.

This is the beginning of a new era in many ways for Harvester athletics. Young leaders Michael J.

either continuing tradition, or starting one of their own. With change often comes curiosity and ques-

tions. It's only right really. I mean, who knows what each new coach is capable of? Can he or she improve upon the program they inherited? Can they maintain the level of excitement and fan support their sport receives from the tight-knit community that is Pampa? Can they spark interest where interest has waned in recent

These are but a few of the challenges these new coaches face.

We won't have to wait long to see what they bring to the Green and Gold table.

Head football coach Bryan Wood and his staff will begin two-a-days the first of August. Pampa's first scrimmage is set for August 19 against Frenship at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon. Curious Harvester faithful, parents and others will no doubt make frequent trips past the practice field to take in what will become the Coach Wood era. To try to determine the difference between this staff and those that preceded it. It is the natural thing to do.

Come Monday, new head volleyball

coach Sonia Van Gilder will begin her first Pampa Harvester volleyball camp. Again, the 'wonder what she's like' folk will find their way to McNeely Field House to take in Coach Van Gilder's methods. Though the camp is for the younger and future

Harvesters, it will provide some insight, for those wanting to know, as to what they might expect when the season kicks off. Then there's Emily Laurence. Here's a lady

who looks as tough she should be attending class, not teaching it. She comes in earlier this week and says, "I guess I am suppose to give this to you." She hands me some information about the upcoming Pampa Open. Laurence is the new tennis coach. After we visited, she asked, "So - do I pay for this to be put in the paper?" Though always willing to separate a fool from his or her money, I smile and said, "I think we can sneak this in as sports item." The Pampa Open is scheduled for July 30 and 31. Again, an opportunity to

get a glimpse of the future of Pampa tennis. The other new faces include Clay Wilson (baseball) and Dustin Miller (basketball).

Ask questions. Be curious. Be a fan. I for one am looking forward to what the new year has to offer in the way of Pampa Harvester sports.

Side Note

In the weeks ahead, Sports Day will feature a series on the new coaches of Pampa High School.

## Armstrong keeps overall lead; Spain's Serrano wins 18th stage

Armstrong easily retained his overall lead after a tricky 18th stage of the Tour de France, won Thursday by Spain's Marcos

Basso of Italy, Jan Ullrich of Germany and Cadel Evans of Australia. The six-time champion's lead over Basso, his closest challenger, remained unchanged at 2 minutes and 46 seconds.

The four riders broke away from other challengers with a burst of speed during a brutal final ascent in south-central France, though they still finished more than 11 minutes behind Serrano.

Mickael Rasmussen is still third, but he was slower up the last climb and finished behind Armstrong's group. He is now 3:46 behind Armstrong, who is on course to win his seventh straight Tour before his retirement.

Ullrich is still fourth, 5:58 behind Armstrong. But by making time back over for the leading riders for good before Rasmussen, the 1997 Tour winner improved Sunday's final ride into Paris. his chances of being able to overtake the

MENDE, France (AP) - Lance Dane in the time trial on Saturday, the penultimate day of the three-week race.

Serrano was one of 10 riders that broke away from the main pack containing Armstrong early in the 117-mile route from Armstrong finished in a group with Ivan Albi. The stage was run under baking sun and had five hill climbs, including the steep final ascent that winds up from Mende to nearby aerodrome.

> Serrano shook off the remaining members of his group on the last ascent, scything through the dense crowds that flooded onto the road.

> "It's incredible," Serrano said. "We work, we ride and finally we succeed."

> He covered the route in 4 hours, 37 minutes and 36 seconds. Armstrong, Basso, Ullrich and Evans were 11:18 back. Rasmussen was another 37 seconds slower than them.

> Another hilly route through central France awaits Friday before the time trial on Saturday that should fix the finishing order

### FORMER COWBOY TRIO HONORED

## ikman, Irvin and Smith going in Ring of Honor

The Redskins are

going to hate it.

They better hate it

because I don't care

much for them.

Jerry is going to

showboat in front of

them.

— Emmitt Smith

Former Dallas Cowboy

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Of all the accolades and honors that Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith earned throughout their careers with the Dallas Cowboys, their favorite was something simple shared nickname, "The Triplets.

While the phrase linked them in the minds of others, the teammates really were as tight as brothers. Each inspired, cajoled and teased the best out of the other two and their entire team was better off for it. Dallas went from 1-15 the year before they became a threesome to Super Bowl champions in their third, fourth and sixth years together.

Now that all three are retired, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has found another way to get the trio back together, announcing Wednesday that on Sept. 19 they'll become the 13th, 14th and 15th recipients of the club's Ring of Honor.

"Honestly," a teary-eyed Irvin said, "this is the best way."

Aikman, Irvin and Smith shared their memories for more than an hour in a news conference at Texas Stadium. The fran-chise's five Super Bowl trophies gleamed on a table in front of them and the field was visible behind them; from the right angle, banners commemorating the three Super Bowls they won were flapping high over their heads.

Aikman recalled that the last time he was in this setting was his retirement press conference and he mentioned then how much he loved being called "The Triplets."

"So when Jerry called me up and said we want you to go into the Ring of Honor and things began to change. Mixing up this terwe've got a couple of special people we've rific run-pass combination, Dallas made the

got to go in with you named Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith, to me it was really the playoffs in the Triplets' second season remained through 2002, then spent the past two seasons in Arizona. way that it should be," Aikman said.
"We're so connected," added Smith.

Irvin mocked the current "Triplets" in Indianapolis, Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison and Edgerrin James.

"We are the Triplets because we won three Super Bowls," Irvin said. I need some championships in there somewhere!"

As fitting as their shared tribute is the timing of their ceremony: a Monday night game against their top division Washington the Redskins.

"The Redskins are going to hate it. They better hate it because I don't care much for them," Smith said, smiling wide. "Jerry is going to showboat in front of them.

The trio arrived separately over three straight summers, 1988-90, each a first-round pick. Irvin, drafted by Tex Schramm and Tom Landry, got =

hurt his rookie year and the team went 3-13, so bad that Dallas got the next No. 1 overall pick. Jones arrived in time to choose Aikman, but the Cowboys went 1-15.

Then Smith arrived — as did new offensive coordinator Norv Turner, something Aikman and Smith emphasized — and together, 1991, and became champions following the '92, '93 and '95 seasons.

"People had to prepare for all three of us,"
Smith said. "You could take one of us lightly if you want to, but the other two are going

to hurt you pretty bad." Jones said that during one of those offsea-

sons, then-Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer told him that every defense in the league could read the Cowboys' hand signals, so they knew whether to expect a run or pass and to which side.

"It was almost like we were yelling out there, 'Here we come,' and nobody could stop us,' Jones said.

Over their 10 seasons together, the Cowboys went 101-59, a .631 winning percentage, with six division titles and eight playoff appearances. Dallas is 31-

49 in the five seasons since,

losing its only playoff

"If I had any prayers, it would be to put some contracts in front of each one of these guys and relive what they brought the Dallas Cowboys," Jones said.

Injuries forced Irvin to retire after the '99 season, then Aikman a year later, both having spent their entire careers with the Cowboys' star on their helmets. Smith period after retirement.

Smith's departure from the Cowboys was a bit messy, but the NFL's career rushing leader reaffirmed his Dallas ties during a retirement news conference in February and later signed a ceremonial one-day contract so he could go out as a Cowboy. He opened his remarks Wednesday by saying, "It's great to be back amongst the family.

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"A lot of the things I've done on the football field could not have been done without the throwing arm of Troy Aikman and the receiving arms and legs of Michael Irvin,"

Jones said the chance to put all three players into the Ring together was too great of an opportunity to pass up. He added that it doesn't mean the Ring will be closed to predecessors such as Drew Pearson, Harvey Martin, Ed "Too Tall" Jones and Charlie

Roger Staubach, one of three Ring members at the news conference, said he still expects some of his former teammates to get their due. He pointed out that the new stadium the team is building will be awfully big.

"There's room for them," he said. "It's not the beginning of the end for the old

Seven of the previous 12 Ring members already are Hall of Famers. Irvin came up short in his first election earlier this year, but will be up for consideration again in February, when Aikman will be on the ballot for the first time. Smith won't be eligible until 2010 because of the five-year waiting

## Players to hold ratification vote on labor deal

TORONTO (AP) — The NHL playbefore approving a tentative deal reached last week between the union and league.

Talks went well into the night Wednesday, with players still milling about with each other well past 1 a.m. Just hours later, the approximate 225 players in attendance got together for a communal breakfast before resuming discussions at 8:30.

The ratification meeting began league-wide revenues. around 10 a.m., and was due to wrap up following lunch.

"Hopefully things are moving smoothly upstairs and we are able to get some good results and get back to work," St. Louis defenseman Chris ronger said as he was leaving

hotel. Many players are unhappy that a full season was lost and the union ended up accepting a salary cap anyway. They came to Toronto to find out why, and look forward.

Surely, many of the 700-plus players voiced displeasure over the deal after finally seeing it on paper. Those not in attendance will be able to vote via the

"When this is done, we're all going to be on the same side I hope," St. Louis center Doug Weight said. "It's OK to have questions and it's OK to be heated about them. This is our livelihood, after all."

If the deal passes, as expected, there will be no remaining obstacles in this labor war. The lockout will end soon after, and hockey talk will go back to which team is best instead of who came out ahead at the negotiating table.

"For people to judge whether we won or lost this deal, I think is ridiculous," Carolina forward Jeff O'Neill said. "We all got in this together and then some guys started piping off and maybe showed a few cracks in us as a group. But we're still in this together now.

The players' discussion of the collective bargaining agreement began in earnest around dinnertime Wednesday. Lots of information was exchanged before the vote that would determine the fate of next season.

Fans who sought autographs in the for some and bad for others, but it's a ers' association entered ratification hotel lobby from hockey stars they've mode Thursday morning, the last step missed for a year will have to wait a little bit longer for some good news.

It looks as though it's coming. "We had to stand up for what we thought we could get and that's the nature of the business. Now we have to move on," Weight said.

Players' association executive director Bob Goodenow took on the NHL and vowed not to take a salary cap or have player compensation linked to

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questions and it's OK to be heated about them. This is our livelihood, after all."

> Doug Weight Center, St. Louis

By all accounts, this deal contains

"As far as I'm concerned, he's done what we asked him to do," O'Neill said. "He's led us and I think he's done the right things.

"Maybe as a group we underestimated how strong the owners were going to be. But we were all behind Bob and we were all in this together."

No doubt, the long night and day of internal talks brought out opposing

That is what makes this meeting and vote so crucial and intriguing. It isn't even known if Goodenow will still be in charge of the union once the dust

Some of those entrusted to negotiate a deal for the players are fellow players that make up the executive committee — headed by president Trevor Linden of the Vancouver Canucks.

It might not be the deal they wanted, but this is the one that will get the league back in action.

Hockey loyalty stretches beyond the 30 NHL rinks.

"You're not going to please everyone all the time, it's going to be good

deal we have to live with at this stage." Pronger said. "(The executive committee) has been locked in a room for the last 12 weeks hammering this down. They deserve a lot of credit for getting an agreement with the league.

So all signs point to a ratification by the players. If that happens, commissioner Gary Bettman will join his adversary Goodenow at a podium in a Toronto hotel and announce that the NHL is back in business.

The league's board of governors will hold a ratification vote Friday during a meeting in New York, but that ballot is really just a formality. Bettman was sent out by the owners to get "cost certainty" - a hard salary cap tied to league revenues — and he

That vote by the 30 teams is so much of a sure thing to pass that the league has already planned the televised draft lottery for Friday and an announcement on new rules changes for next season.

But for now, the biggest change is in how teams pay their players. The union liked the deal that stood in place for 10 years, following the previous lockout, and Bettman and the owners made it their mission to overhaul the

"I think it's unfair for guys to start to point the finger," New York Islanders forward Michael Peca said. "It is what it is. Any deal that we would have gotten was going to be significantly worse than the one we came off from.

"We tried to go in a certain direction, and at a certain time the executive committee tried to make the best of the situation they were in. I think they did that. I think they did a nice job.

Bettman's news conference Friday to announce the relaunch of the league won't have representatives from the players' association there, as the union will still be holding a meeting with agents to go over the CBA — a document numbering 600 pages.

Pending ratification, teams will have six days — beginning Saturday to buy players out of their contracts to free cap space and nine days to negotiate with their unrestricted free



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## Game face

Caden Sander cradles a football with one hand Tuesday morning during Coach Bryan Wood's football camp.

### Yankees 8, Rangers 4 ARLINGTON, Texas South Hills High in West

(AP) - Jason Giambi and Aaron Small won a lot of games as high school teammates in California in the late 1980s. Now, they are winning together again with

the New York Yankees. Giambi and Martinez homered twice, and New York matched its season high with six to back Small in his first major league start in nine years, the Yankees' 8-4 win over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

"We had a great team. We've put some guys in the major leagues. ... Aaron was our best pitcher. He was tall and threw 90," Giambi said. "When he gets his confidence going, he can be a factor. He can handle spot starts and really help this team out."

Small (1-0) became the 12th different New York starter this season, the most for any team. He worked 5 1-3 innings in his Yankees debut for his first victory since Sept. 2, 1998, in his first start since September 1996 for Oakland.

Pride.' That was the high school we went to," Small said. "That was fun."

After they played togeth-

Covina, Calif., Small was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays and started his professional career that summer, while Giambi went to Long Beach State and was drafted by Oakland in 1992. They were teammates with

the Athletics from 1996-98. All six Yankees homers came from left-handed hitters and accounted for all the runs. They came on a night when Gary Sheffield, Alex Rodriguez and Hideki Matsui were a combined 0-

Giambi and Jorge Posada put the Yankees ahead to stay with consecutive homers in the second off Joaquin Benoit (1-1), who struck out the first four batters he faced and got a flyball out before then.

Benoit had retired eight more in a row until Martinez's one-out homer in the fifth. Robinson Cano's three-run homer made it 6-1, and Benoit was pulled without throwing a pitch in the sixth even after coming out to warm up.

"They got good pitches "I told (Jason) after the to hit and hit it out," said game was over, 'Huskies Benoit, who had allowed just two runs over 26 innings in 11 relief appearances. "I felt comfortable. Things happen. This was

## Bruschi to sit out 2005 season

BOSTON (AP) — Tedy Bruschi didn't decide whether to end his career. He just put the decision off for a year.

The Patriots linebacker said Wednesday he will sit out this season because of a stroke he suffered 10 days after helping New England win its third Super Bowl in four years.

"Tedy ... has declared his intentions to forgo the 2005 campaign," Patriots spokesman Stacey James said in a statement. "Tedy pledges to focus on his health and his family while continuing to offer ongoing support to his teammates throughout the upcoming

Bruschi, 32, suffered a mild stroke on Feb. 16, three days after playing in the Pro Bowl and 10 days after helping New England beat the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21 in the Super Bowl. James said Bruschi has made daily progress in his rehabilitation. He has attended team meetings,

helped new players learn the defense and worked out in the Patriots' weight room. But he didn't practice during the team's June minicamp.

Training camp begins July 28.

"All offseason, we have seen and felt Tedy's strong and upbeat presence," coach Bill Belichick said. "As usual, we will keep the focus on the short term and address the future in due course. We are pleased Tedy continues to be part of the team and he has our complete support."

could sit out the 2005 season and 17 forced fumbles.

"Football to me, it's something I love and it's something I'll always want to do," he said last month at a party to pass out the latest Super Bowl rings. "But I've got to think about my wife and my sons and just make sure things are right."

Bruschi was an inspirational leader, a smart player who seemed to excel beyond his physical talent. A defensive lineman at Arizona, he was converted to linebacker as a rookie in 1996 and developed a knack for making big

Bruschi was second on the team in total tackles last season with 122. In 136 career games, he has 753 total Bruschi had said it was possible he tackles, 25 sacks, 11 interceptions and

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 22, 2005: You enter a year in which the word "no" will not be acceptable, as you will hang in there until you accomplish what you want. Others could distract you, but also could become your best allies if you ask for their support and ideas. Give up some of your pride, and your year will flourish. Others are inclined to respond to your requests, especially through October. Investments, property and your domestic life become sources of pleasure from this winter on. You will like nestling in. If you are single, you will want a steady relationship, which will happen, but perhaps not exactly on your schedule. The next year will bring interesting choices. If you are attached, relish your sweetie, and agree to disagree. Just be happy to be

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

together. AQUARIUS loves people like

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* You find that your creativity and willingness to spread your wings increase today. You might actually change plans as a result. Some of you might decide that a workshop, trip or different type of adventure might work, too. Tonight: Bring your friends together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* You enter a period in which you might feel like saltwater taffy being pulled in all sorts of directions. You need to take care of your responsibilities first. Your family could become demanding. You can only do your best. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Your mind moves around more than it has in quite a while. You toy with many ideas. There is also a possibility that you might take flight more often. You are in the mood to explore. Open up your horizons. Tonight: Try something

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You can't avoid dealing with your finances any longer. If working as a cou-

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ple, you might need to divvy up your checking accounts, as well as have a joint one. Your focus on work will also be one of your assets. Tonight: Accept an invita-LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ The Sun swings into your sign midday, christening your birthday peri-

od. You might feel a bit pulled or manip-

ulated, as others seem to prod and push

for what they want. Do you really care? Go with the moment, Tonight: Do what the Lion does best: socialize. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Your ruler goes retrograde, perhaps putting you out of sorts. In fact, as soon as you can clear out your obligations, the better you will feel. Take some long-needed downtime. Don't take on

any more responsibility. Tonight: Easy works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* If you are focused and your charming self, you are in a period in which your desires can become realities. Emphasize your innate creativity right now when approaching different situations. Someone really does care. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

\*\* You might need to soften your

strong personality for the next few

weeks. Others have the power in their

hands. Emphasize home and family.

Attention paid to your special loved ones is most appreciated. Tonight: Movies and

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

lines. Make calls and reach out to others. Tonight: You don't have to go far. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Deal with basic elements in your life, and stay out of more volatile situations. A partner or associate might

she is usually quiet. Tonight: Your treat. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Yes, you are hot stuff, but so are others. It is clear that there is plenty of laughter and chemistry around to real= ly focus on an important project, Know

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Work or a project demands your attention. If you can distance yourself from others, you will complete what you need to far more quickly. Recognize that you might need a break or some quiet time. Schedule some time for yourself.

host Alex Trebek (1940) Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at

\*\*\*\* Your ability to understand starts peaking today. You also might feel like an amateur psychologist, as you see what others don't. Read between the

want a lot more say-so. You need to encourage this self-expression, as he or

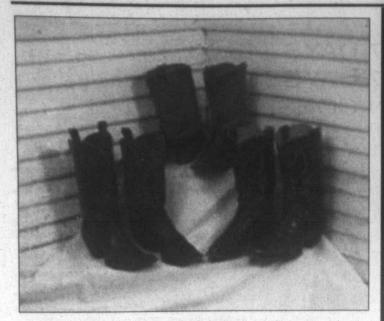
when to call it guits and make it an early day. Tonight: You seem to start a happen-

ing wherever you are.

Tonight: Do for you. **BORN TODAY** Musician Don Henley (1947), comedian David Spade (1964), TV game-show

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Cowboy boots from the Museum's collection. (top) M. L. Leddy & Sons of San Angelo, 1949. (bottom left) Willie Lusk of Lubbock, ca. 1970. (bottom right) Attributed to Morris "PeeWee" Barnwell of Amarillo, ca. 1940.

## Canyon museum exhibit to explore western clothing

Necessity to Fashion: Clothing of the American West" will open at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum on July 30 and run through Dec. 31, a press

The exhibit will include western style clothing, cowboy boots, hats, chaps, and other items that reflect the western lifestyle and will explore through objects and images the influence of cowboy and western culture on American fashion and popular culture.

As in other places and times, necessity inspired the cowboy's attire.

ing evolved from practical, figure. necessary items to the fashion icons they are today. For example, a wide-brimmed hat protected the cowboy's face from sun and rain, while leather chaps and high-top boots protected his to invoke the cowboy image legs from the brush and rat- by wearing cowboy clothtlesnakes.

The origins of the American cowboy lie in the period of Spanish occupation of the southern and state of mind."

CANYON — "From western United States. The Spanish vaquero of the 18th century is the genesis of the 19th and 20 century North American cowboy, the release explained.

The American cowboy is release from the museum a romantic figure that grew out of the brief era of freerange ranching and the long trail drives of the late 19th century. Dime novels, western movies, and dude ranches contributed to America's fascination with cowboy culture and mythology during the early and mid-20th

Popular performers such as Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show, Will Rogers, development of much of the Tom Mix, and John Wayne solidified the image of the American cowboy cloth- cowboy as a larger-than-life While American men don't wear chaps today, cowboy hats and boots are commonly worn all over the United

Many "city slickers" like ing. As succinctly stated by Western clothing authority Tyler Beard, "The West is not a place. The West is a

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### Rumsfeld says Iraq report will acknowledge problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Insurgents and foreign fighters remain effective in Iraq even though progress is being made against them, says Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Previewing a late report to Congress that was due last week, Rumsfeld said Wednesday information about the readiness and performance of U.S.-trained Iraqi security forces — one of the main measures of progress — would be included in a classified annex to the report but not made

"The information we're getting is in large measure from the Iraqi security forces," he said. "It's their information. It's

not for us to tell the other side, the enemy, the terrorists, that this Iraqi unit has this capability and that Iraqi unit has this capability." He said it would be "mindless" to publish information about the combat readiness of Iraqi security forces that would reveal their strengths and weak-

Speaking at the same news conference. Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the Pentagon's unwillingness to publicly release that information does not mean Congress is kept in the dark.

"We do tell the Congress privately, classified, exactly what these facts are. So there is a dialogue, just not one in the public," Pace said.

The New York Times reported in Thursday's editions that a seven-sentence declassified response Pace gave the Senate Armed Services Committee last week said about half of Iraq's new police battalions are still being established and cannot conduct operations.

It said he reported the other half of the police units and two-thirds of the new army battalions are only "partially. capable" of carrying out counterinsurgency missions and need U.S. help.

The Times said it obtained the Pace report from a Senate staff aid.

Rumsfeld said a full report to be provided to Congress by Thursday or Friday will not include an estimate of how many U.S. troops are likely to be required in Iraq next year, even though Congress is pressing for that estimate.

He has said repeatedly that it is not possible to know how many U.S. troops will be needed because the size of the force will be determined by conditions, including further progress in containing the insurgency and training the Iraqis.

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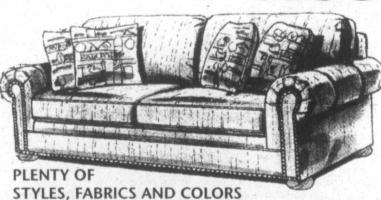


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