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Hampton Village celebrates grand opening

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"I'm sure there are some folks in this room that thought this day would never happen," said R.J. Collins, one of the moving forces behind Hampton Village.

Collins spoke in the Hampton Village clubhouse during the official opening of the housing addition Wednesday.

While the nation faced the most serious economic downturn since the Great Depression after Hampton Village was first announced, neither the New Life Housing Foundation nor the Tejas Housing Group, the groups behind

the construction of Hampton Village, had written off Pampa, Joe Weaver, executive director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, said at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"Hampton Village is one of the signs of growth in Pampa along HAMPTON cont. on page 2

Surrounded by Pampa Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats, City Manager Richard Morris (left) and Hampton Village principals Tim Lang and R.J. Collier cut the ribbon to the new housing development off Alcock. >



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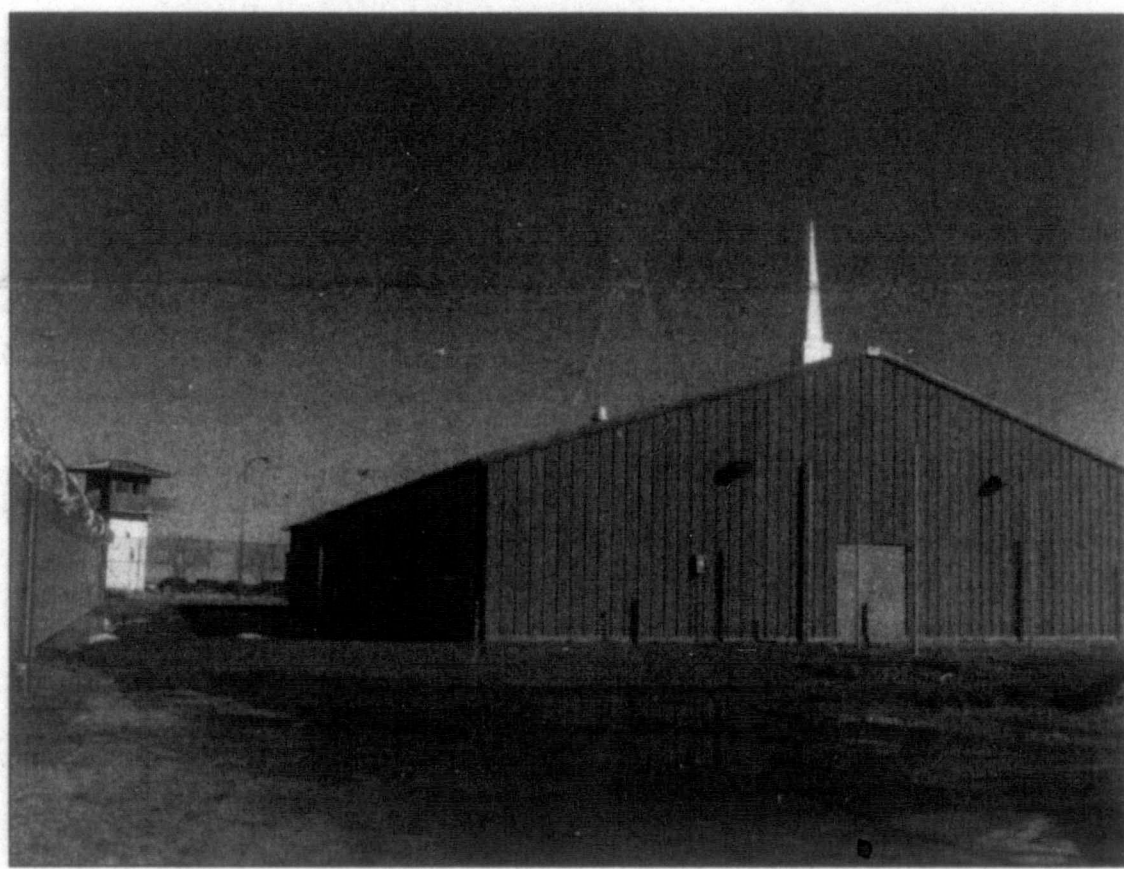


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It may look like a plain building on the outside, but Jack Reeve said that the new Jordan Unit chapel has the potential to change lives.

Reeve reflects on chapel completion

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Jack Reeve, one of the forces behind the new Rufe Jordan Prison Unit Chapel, said he's proud of the community support that the chapel has had in Pampa and among state officials.

Finished earlier this year, Reeve said there had been more than 500 individual contributors to the million-dollar project, including many local churches and foundations.

The Jordan Chapel Builders, the group behind construction of the chapel, transferred ownership of the structure to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in late May.

It was the culmination of a project a decade in the making and involving dozens of local volunteers.

Construction broke ground on the chapel in early June of last year.

Reeve said the state's criminal justice division that runs the prison system will provide chaplains for the new chapel at the Jordan Unit on the east side of Pampa.

Presently, that chaplain is the Rev. Willard Kiper.

In the past, Reeve said, the prison has had to use classrooms or the prison gym for worship services.

Now, he said, they have a large meeting area that can handle 250 people.

"They were not able to do that before," Reeve said.

In addition to the sanctuary for church services, the chapel has classrooms for study and personal development.

"It's answered a lot of prayers," Reeve said.

The chapel, he said, is a

chance to give a lot of people a personal anchor in their lives.

"It will provide treatment to get them back into society," Reeve said.

Earlier this year, the Jordan Chapel Builders were recognized at the State Capitol in Austin with the 2011 Criminal Justice Service Award.

The certification noting the award is on display in the chapel, Reeve said.

He said the Jordan Chapel Builders worked closely with wardens Michael Savers and James Veach on the project.

Reeve credited Jan Elston, the president of the Jordan Chapel Builders, and Darville Orr, a member of the board, for their work on the project, along with the other board members and community support.

Medication cleanout numbers in

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The Texas Panhandle Poison Center collected 166 pounds of unused medications from 62 cars during its medication cleanout last weekend, according to Dr. Jeanie Jaramillo, managing director of the TPPC.

The TPPC set up camp at First Christian Church on Saturday and collected expired and no-longer-needed medications from local donors. A handful of local organizations were instrumental in making the event possible, Jaramillo said, including co-sponsor GrayCares and the Pampa Police Department.

It was the first event of its kind that the TPPC has held in Pampa, previously, the TPPC had held events in area cities and towns such as Amarillo and Shamrock.

Jaramillo said that the TPPC inaugural Pampa cleanout went well.

"For a community of Pampa's size, having 62 cars drive through is a success," she said. "We're happy to be able to get those unused medications out of people's homes for safety reasons and dispose of them properly."

Controlled substances collected during the drive, Jaramillo explained, are taken by law enforcement officials to be kept in evidence rooms. The rest are disposed of safely through a contract with Waste Management.

The TPPC, which is part of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, also logs and classifies its collection results, Jaramillo said. It is the only organization in the country that does so and records its findings.

While the logging process generally takes about four weeks, Jaramillo said that the TPPC has regularly found that heart drugs, MEDICATION cont. on page 3

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AFTERNOON RUSH

Gov. addresses Latino group

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Gov. Rick Perry is expected to address the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials about the growing Hispanic population in Texas.

The non-partisan group is holding its national convention in San Antonio. The country's changing demographics, growing educational needs and new sources of energy are the other main topics.

Perry will give the keynote address at noon today. Hispanic leaders in Texas have criticized Perry recently for sponsoring legislation that would require voters to produce a photo ID before voting and forcing local law police and sheriffs to enforce federal immigration laws. Critics say these measures will lead to racial profiling of Hispanics.

Hispanics make up 48 percent of the Texas population, and Republicans need their support more and more to win elections in the state.

Fire evacuees eager to go home

STONEHAM (AP) - Some Southeast Texas wild-fire evacuees have praised emergency personnel but criticized why they're still displaced as others get to go home.

More than 200 people attended a town hall meeting Wednesday night in the Grimes County town of Stoneham, 50 miles northwest of Houston.

The residents began with a standing ovation for firefighters and other emergency responders. But some in the crowd later complained to public officials about being held off their property even though some mandatory evacuation orders started being lifted Wednesday. About 2,000 residents have been displaced since Monday.

Texas Forest Service spokesman Justice Jones says safety concerns remain.

Perry schedules NH speech

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas Gov. Rick Perry has added a second early presidential nominating state to his travel schedule.

The Republican governor who is considering a White House bid has agreed to be in New Hampshire Oct. 28 to speak to the conservative Cornerstone Action Group.

Perry earlier this week scheduled a trip to South Carolina to deliver an Aug. 13 speech to a conservative blogger conference.

New Hampshire's February primary is one of the first nominating contests in the presidential race, along with Iowa and South Carolina.

Redistricting commission sought

AUSTIN (AP) - Senators voted to create a non-partisan civilian commission to redraw Congressional districts.

The measure passed 16-13 and now goes to the House for consideration.

Currently lawmakers draw Congressional districts every ten years, usually along partisan lines. Every new map since 1970 has ended up in federal court.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth's bill would have four members appointed by House Democrats and Republicans and four members appointed by a bipartisan Senate group. A ninth, non-voting member would chair the commission, which would draw the maps.

Senate passes wind bill

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Senate passed its own version of a wind insurance bill, guaranteeing it will go to a conference committee with the House.

Lawmakers in the two chambers have very different ideas about how change the Texas Wind Insurance Association, the organization that proves insurance to hurricane-prone areas.

The association is not in a position to pay policyholders should a hurricane hit the Texas coast. Gov. Rick Perry named wind storm insurance to the special legislative session to get a new organization in place before a hurricane hits.

Republican Sen. John Carona said he was ready to fight for his version of the bill, which allows greater latitude for suing the association if it fails to properly pay policyholders. The House version is more restrictive.

Layoffs in Houston budget

HOUSTON (AP) - More than 700 city workers will lose their jobs as part of the 2012 Houston budget during lower tax collections and higher pension obligations.

The Houston City Council on Wednesday approved the \$1.8 general fund budget as part of an overall \$4 billion spending plan. The *Houston Chronicle* reports the other \$2.2 billion comes from city enterprise funds, such as airport and water utilities that generate user fees.

The budget, which takes effect July 1, is \$100 million less than the current spending plan.

Payment of some pension contributions will be deferred. Private donations will help keep more than a dozen pools and community centers open this summer.

Medication

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vitamins, OTC pain medications like Tylenol and Aspirin and narcotic pain medications such as hydrocodone are the most likely to be collected.

"Based on the other 10 or so events that we've done, those are the most likely for people to bring in," she said.

TPPC hopes to return to Pampa next June for another medication cleanout, said Jaramillo. For more information about TPPC or other area medication cleanout events, visit the website at www.medicationcleanout.com.

Freesia pattern is a perennial favorite

ANNE MCCOLLAM

Q: Enclosed is a photo of my two pottery vases. Standing 7 inches tall, they are decorated with flowers and long slender leaves against a textured, matte green glaze. The bell-shaped flowers are purple on one side of the vase and white on the other side. I have been told the flowers are freesias, but I am not sure if that is accurate. Still in excellent condition, they are both marked with the words: "Roseville USA — 119-7."

I am interested in learning their value and where I might sell them.

A: Introduced by Roseville Pottery in 1945, you are correct that the pattern is "Freesia." In addition to green, Freesia was also available in blue and brown. The number "119-7" refers to the shape/design and the height.

Roseville Pottery Freesia-pattern vases can be seen selling on eBay from \$135 to \$175 each. You might consider giving eBay a try.



Villeroy and Boch started in Mettlach, Germany, in 1813.



Roseville Pottery produced pottery vases.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of my antique stein. Decorated with fleur-de-lis, the stein has a stoneware lid framed in pewter. Also included with the mark, the stein contains: "Gegen-Nachbildung — Geschutzt" and the numbers "88" and "1803."

What can you tell me about my stein?

A: Your stein was made by Villeroy and Boch, which has been located in Mettlach, Germany, since 1813. Your stein is an example of Mosaic, a type of stoneware glaze. The lid is inlaid with a decorated stoneware disk that's surrounded by pewter.

"Gegen-Nachbildung — Geschutzt" shows the design is registered and protected against being copied. "88" indicates it was made in 1888, while "1803" is the number for the fleur-de-lis pattern and .25L size. A master stein was also available to complete the set.

Your stein would probably be

worth \$250 to \$300.

Q: I am writing to you about a Black Americana cookie jar that belonged to my grandmother. She is wearing a green and brown plaid dress. There is a wicker handle that is attached to green knobs on either side. The only marking on the bottom is a simple stamp of "Japan."

I just celebrated my 70th birthday and remember the cookie jar in my grandmother's kitchen when I was a toddler. My sister and I would like to know its value.

A: You have a biscuit holder rather than a cookie jar. Black Americana is very collectible. Your biscuit jar would probably fetch \$250 to \$300 in an antiques shop.

If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

Feds seek to join disabled rights suit over homes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Advocates for nearly 4,500 developmentally disabled Texans living in nursing homes may be getting a powerful ally in their efforts to force state officials to move them into community-based facilities.

The Justice Department announced Wednesday that it has asked to be allowed to intervene in a federal lawsuit filed against the state that alleges developmentally disabled nursing home residents do not receive proper treatment or the opportunity to transfer to places better suited for their needs.

The lawsuit was filed in December on behalf of a 44-year-old mentally disabled man who has lived in a San Antonio nursing home for eight years, since a hospitalization required him to move out of the community-based home where he had previously lived and had a private bedroom.

The lawsuit claims the man's mental state has

deteriorated since the move, leaving him in a "persistent sad mood" with no specialized services.

"Individuals with disabilities have a right to access appropriate community-based services, and the (Obama) administration is committed to helping them do so," Thomas Perez, head of the Justice Department Civil Rights Division, said in a statement announcing the department's request to intervene in the existing lawsuit.

"Unquestionably, it's quite a boost," said Steven Schwartz, a spokesman for attorney Casey Burton of Dallas, the lead lawyer representing the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, and the group Disability Rights Texas.

Perez noted that the Justice Department filed its petition on the 13th anniversary of a the U.S. Supreme Court decision that held that the Americans with Disabilities Act requires public entities, like governments, to provide com-

munity-based services to persons with disabilities when such services are appropriate.

"This suit presents an opportunity to turn the promise of the ... (Supreme Court) decision into a reality for individuals with developmental disabilities confined to nursing facilities in Texas," Perez said in his statement.

Assistant Attorney General Amanda Cochran-McCall, representing the state of Texas, did not return messages seeking comment.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: With so many families moving in with relatives because of personal struggles in their lives, I thought it might be helpful to offer a few suggestions to help this work for everyone. If you move in with relatives:

1. Do not assume they won't mind if you store everything you own in their garage. Get rid of it or pay for a storage unit.

2. Help with the housework, even if they say, "Oh, don't bother." And keep your space clean and orderly and assist in keeping a shared bathroom tidy.

3. Show you appreciate having a place to stay. Feed pets, carry out the trash, rake leaves or shovel snow.

4. Do your own laundry. Ask when is the most convenient time to do it. Don't leave clothes in the washer or dryer, which prevents others from washing their own things.

5. If you are paying something toward your stay, don't think that precludes your helping in the home.

6. Work out the food arrangements. Maybe you have a shelf or drawer in the fridge for your food. Prepare your own meals unless everyone agrees to share cooking duties and food budgets.

7. If you don't have a

job, keep looking. Don't lie around watching TV, sleeping or playing on the computer.

8. Never gossip about the household. You owe it to the family who took you in.

9. Do try to set a departure date. If things change, discuss it. When in doubt, talk it out.

To those who are going through this, I wish you luck and better times ahead. — LOVING FAMILY MEMBER

DEAR FAMILY MEMBER: Your letter is timely because, for various reasons, millions of Americans now live in multifamily and intergenerational households. For some of them, the arrangement will be temporary. For others, it is cultural, practical and will be permanent. Whatever the reasons for cohabiting, the suggestions you submitted are thought-provoking and worth space in my column. Thank you for raising the subject.

DEAR ABBY: I was married for nine years to an outwardly sweet, but deceptive woman who cheated and left me. We have two children. A custody battle is waging, and the divorce has not been finalized due to financial

disputes.

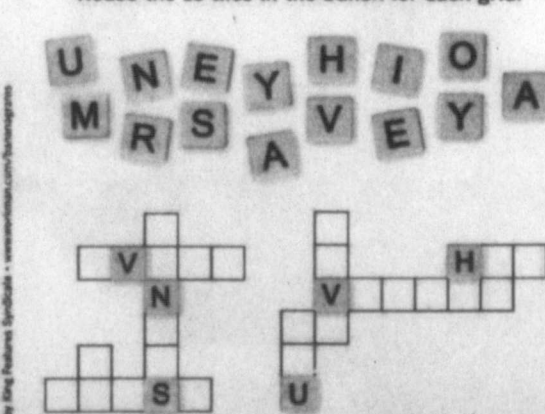
I have found myself with a dilemma. I am not a bad-looking guy, and women come on to me during social events. On the occasion that I find myself attracted and ask a woman out, I end up telling her the whole divorce/custody story no matter how hard I try to avoid it or change the subject. After the date, I regret the conversation.

How should these issues be discussed with a potential lover? I have avoided commitment because of all the "baby mama drama" some of the women had, but I'm now seriously interested in someone and she's receptive to seeing me. I'm a free-spirited person and this problem is weighing me down. Please advise, Abby. — "STUCK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR "STUCK": Because you are seriously interested, do the honorable thing and let her know in advance that a relationship with you may be complicated because your divorce isn't final, and the reasons why. If she's as interested in you as you are in her, she will respect you for it. If your almost-ex is vindictive, your new lady will need to be prepared for it.

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed. Reuse the 15 tiles in the bunch for each grid.



Yesterday's Answer: CEDAR, SPRUCE, CHERRY

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 23, the 174th day of 2011. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 23, 1961, the Antarctic Treaty, intended to ensure that the continent would be used only for peaceful purposes, came into force.

On this date:

In 1860, a congressional resolution authorized creation of the United States Government Printing Office, which opened the following year.

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on a round-the-world flight that lasted eight days and 15 hours.

In 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Authority was established.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

In 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin held the first of two meetings at Glassboro State College in New Jersey.

In 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief justice of the United States by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed a plan to use the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.)

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland because of a bomb believed to have been planted by Sikh separatists.

In 2005, a divided U.S. Supreme Court, in *Kelo v. City of New London*, ruled that governments may seize property for private development projects.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II arrived in Ukraine, seeking to reconcile divisions between Catholics and the Orthodox Church.

Five years ago: Vice President Dick Cheney denounced the revelation of an anti-terrorism program that tapped into an immense international database of confidential financial records.

One year ago: Following Gen. Stanley McChrystal's criticism of the Obama administration in a *Rolling Stone* magazine profile, President Barack Obama named Gen. David Petraeus to replace the Afghanisthan commander.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Diana Trask is 71. Musical conductor James Levine is 68. Actor Ted Shackelford is 65. Actor Bryan Brown is 64. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is 63. Actor Jim Metzler is 60. "American Idol" judge Randy Jackson is 55. Actress Frances McDormand is 54. Rock musician Steve Shelley (Sonic Youth) is 49. Actor Paul La Greca is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chico DeBarge is 41. Actress Selma Blair is 39. Rock singer KT Tunstall is 36. Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz is 34. Rock singer Duffy is 27. Country singer Katie Armiger is 20.

Thought for Today: "Loneliness is the poverty of self; solitude is the richness of self." — *Mary Sarton, Belgian-born American poet (1912-1995)*

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NATION-BUILD HERE

Budget cuts force libraries to re-examine roles

KRISTEN WYATT
Analysis - Associated Press

DENVER (AP) - A century after the nation's library building boom, public libraries are under siege: plunging tax revenues are forcing closures and staff cutbacks, while e-readers and the Internet can make a library seem quaint as a place to find a book or do research.

Yet amid severe cutbacks, libraries are finding novel ways to generate money and are rebranding themselves as crucial employment resources for people without computers and as community gathering places that cannot be easily replaced.

"If there's any silver lining in the downturn for libraries, it's that it has really forced us to look at new ways of doing business," said Audra Caplan, president of the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association. "We can't depend solely on tax dollars anymore."

Library directors are responding to the dwindling support from local governments by charging for premium services, selling passport photos and joining with DVD retailers to offer commercial movie-rental boxes in exchange for a cut of the sales.

In the most extreme examples, some communities have decided to privatize library operations.

Today, the American Library Association meets in New Orleans to begin its annual conference and will address the funding crisis and ways to maintain services.

There's no question libraries face an uncertain future. A 2010 survey by *Library Journal* showed that 72 percent of surveyed libraries said they faced budget cuts in the previous year, while 43 percent said they had made cuts to staffing. Nearly one in five respondents expressed pessimism about the future of libraries.

Even with the search for new funding sources, the shorter hours, slimmer staffs and declining offerings of books and DVDs have devoted library patrons worried about the future.

"Libraries are everything - opportunities to come read, better yourself, find out what's going on. But these days, it seems no one really cares about all that," said Charles Holt of Denver, a 50-year-old out-of-work cook who walks daily to a library to pass the time and search for a new job.

These days, Holt is walking farther because his closest library branch is now open just four days a week. Budget cuts in Denver threaten to shut

his branch and up to half the city's library branches permanently.

He said even in his relatively low-skill field of commercial cooking, he needs the Internet to find work.

"Not everybody has a computer," said Holt, who said even some unemployment benefits require online applications.

Libraries as most Americans know them today are the product of Industrial Age philanthropy. Over a three-decade period that ended in 1919, steel baron Andrew Carnegie donated more than \$40 million to build nearly 1,700 libraries in communities across the country, according to the National Park Service.

Almost all public libraries rely on city and county governments to pay for staff, material and maintenance. Some communities have decided it's an expense they no longer can afford.

Fifteen systems have been turned over completely to a private library company, a practice that is opposed by the American Library Association.

In California, the state Legislature is considering a bill to restrict the privatization of public libraries, in part by forcing contractors to show that the change would save money.

The bill was introduced by a Democratic lawmaker from Santa Barbara after he received complaints about declining service and higher fees at libraries in his district that were being operated by a for-profit company.

The company, Library Systems and Services LLC of Germantown, Md., insists it offers communities a good deal by streamlining staffing and offering greater purchasing power for books and other material. Spokeswoman Mia Pezzanite said the company opposes the California legislation.

"We believe it takes away from a city's ability to make choices for their communities," she said, adding that governments retain ownership of the buildings and material.

The bill won narrow approval earlier this month in the state Assembly and is awaiting debate in the Senate.

Outsourcing certain library functions is a more common approach. Some libraries invite for-profit test preparation companies to give basic courses or ask community college professors to lecture on their areas of expertise. Some library systems also are adding revenue by giving patrons the option to pay for new releases or flexible return dates.

A library in Shrewsbury, Mass., even sells sponsorships to keep the library open on Sundays. Businesses

that donate \$500 get a sign in the lobby highlighting their sponsorship.

A library system in Hayward, Calif., has started a Netflix-like borrowing model in which customers who don't like traditional due dates can keep books or DVDs as long as they like (for \$2.99 to \$8.99 a month) and simply pick up another when they return the item.

In Oakland, Calif., where city officials are considering budget cuts that could close 14 of 18 branches, librarians have started "story time flash mobs," during which librarians will bullhorns read aloud in public areas to whip up opposition to the cuts.

"I don't understand how someone could not be galvanized by someone saying they're going to close libraries," Oakland librarian Amy Martini said.

In Denver, library staffers are using Twitter to promote community events and are talking up libraries' value as a job-placement center. The city is considering cutting about \$2.5 million from the library system's budget next year, forcing about half the branches to close.

"People think the library is dead because of the Internet, but the exact opposite is true. This is where people come to find jobs, to learn how to use computers, to get material for their e-readers," said Diane Lapiere, director of community relations for Denver Public Libraries.

Librarians say that is especially true in a recession because libraries in many towns offer the only free computer and Internet access. In Cincinnati, marketing and programming director Amy Banister said her 40-branch system has been overwhelmed by job-seekers even as budget cuts have reduced hours 10 percent.

The websites for hundreds of public library systems now include online calculators that allow patrons to enter the number of books, DVDs and other materials they use as a way to see how much money the library saves them.

Librarians concede that it's not always easy to demonstrate their value. In Aurora, a Denver suburb that closed nearly half its branches last year, library director Patti Bateman said she doesn't blame local officials who cut her budget. Libraries simply need to show they're essential, she said.

"There are so many difficult choices to make," Bateman said. "You can't say, 'Gee, let's cut police.' You need fire protection. You need the roads. You need clean water. But you need libraries, too."

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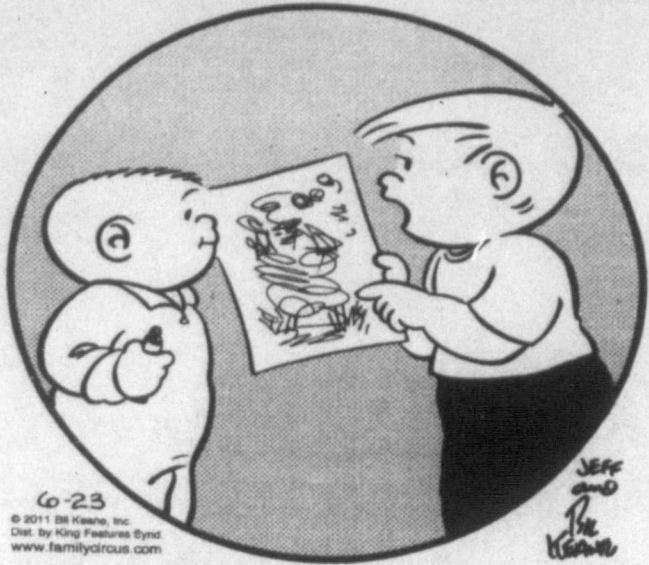
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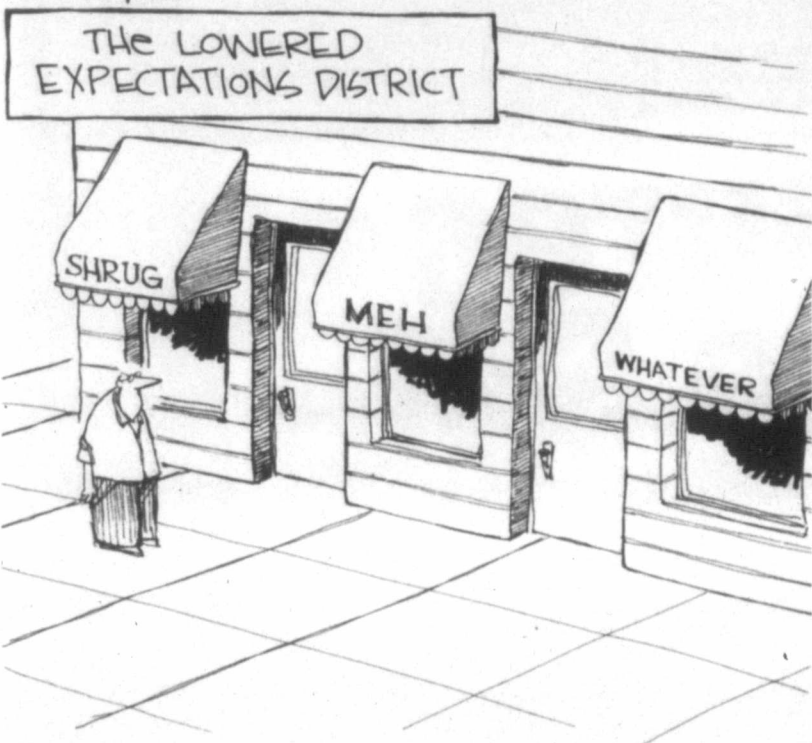
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, June 24, 2011:

This year, you see life differently. You will take the lead in your community and immediate circle. Your professional status could become more significant. You might want to rethink your obligations. Your instincts serve you in the above-mentioned areas. You seem to be sensitive to others' needs. You key in to situations. Use this skill to the max. If you are single, you meet people through your commitments. Unfortunately, it appears you might gravitate toward someone who is emotionally unavailable, who is not there for you. Use care. If you are attached, the two of you become quite visible as a couple. You also gain through a lot of meaningful downtime together. Take weekends alone together. ARIES pushes you into the limelight.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Be aware of the confusion you walked into. What someone says might not be clear and causes more confusion than you might like. In any case, express your caring despite mixed messages. All will land ultimately. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Take your time, especially if you have a situation to deal with or a mixed message. What you know is that you know nothing. Evaluate what is needed, and be clear about how you feel. Be careful with your spending. You could be going overboard. Tonight: Vanish while you still can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Listen to what is happening with a friend. You might have a decision to make, but, in a sense, it has already been made. You will want to follow your heart. Confusion around a financial matter could be difficult. Tonight: You are the party!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might not be able to clear out what a boss demands, no matter what. You can pull it apart and look at the situation in many different ways. Your instincts serve you well. Don't assume someone is tromping on your feelings. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ No one can sit on your creativity, yet some issue might create unusual

concern. Clearing the air becomes close to impossible at the moment. All you can do is express your feelings and detach. Remember, this, too, will pass. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Work as a team, even if you question another party's ideas. You'll move in a new direction with the help of someone else. A boss or someone you seek to impress really appreciates your attitude and abilities. Tonight: Go with the flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Defer to others. Listen to what they are saying, knowing that you, too, might need limits. Though you might feel confused by a professional situation, you know how to handle that special person. Tonight: Make it easy. Go with an offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ If you hit a snafu, acknowledge what is happening more openly. Touch base with a friend. Pitch in and give of your time willingly. All's well that ends well. You might think someone has gone too far. Tonight: Know that anything is possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Your spontaneity could get you in trouble if you're not careful. Someone who is significant and important in your life could have an issue with a child or someone else you sometimes demonstrate affection for. Tonight: Play the weekend in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Move through a domestic issue and enlist a partner's support. You might be surprised by everything that is going on behind the scenes when you start discussing an issue. Your feelings could change quickly. Tonight: Do something special for a family member.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Remain nurturing, despite someone's attitude. By all means, take the high road. Listen to what is being shared; you could be quite touched by another person. A child or, if you are single, a new friend could be quite intriguing. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Remain sensitive to what someone offers. This person is sincere, though there might be a hidden risk — at least that might be your fear. Move forward with directness and understanding. Know what you could lose! Tonight: Out and about.

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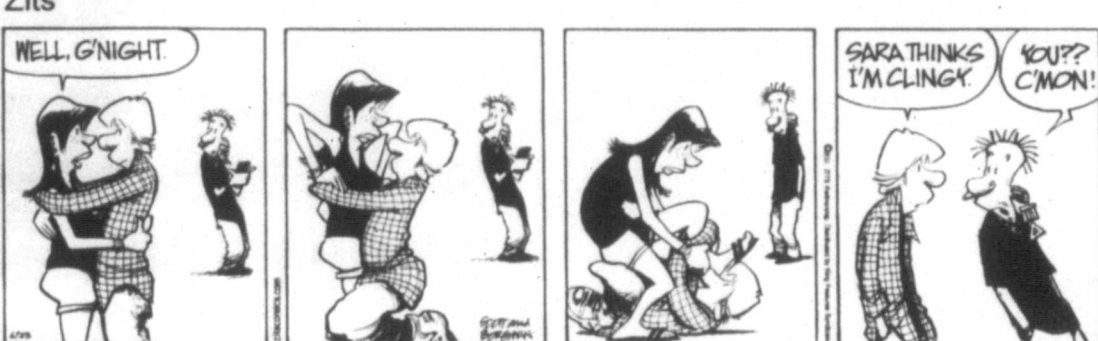
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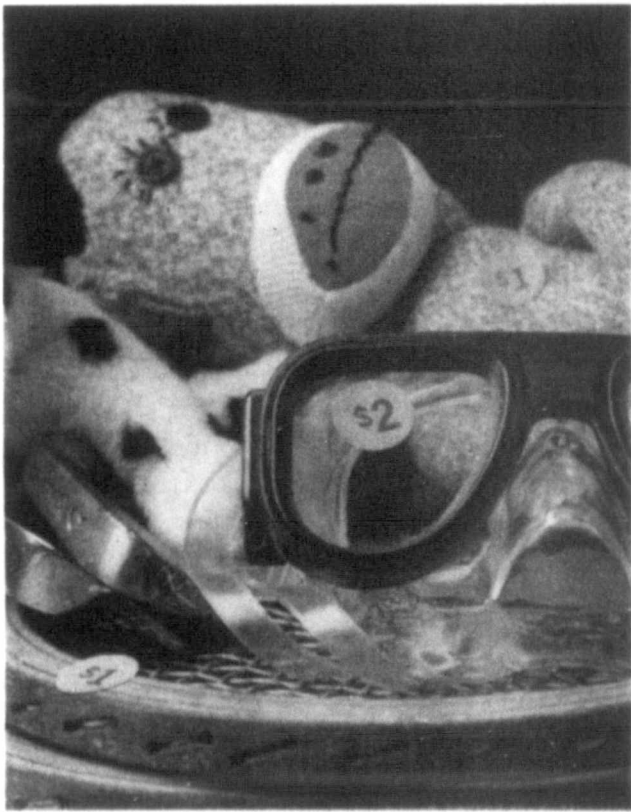


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**Come away with a lot more
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**1532 N. Dwight
Sat. 8 am - ?**

Boy's 3T-4T, name brand girl's 10-14, adult clothing, cradle, baby items, Little Tyke items, shoes. Too much to mention.

**1425 N. Dwight
Fri. 7 am - 1 pm**

2 Family Sale
Highchair, kid's clothes, toys, TV, cookstove, lots more!

**2008 Mary Ellen
Fri. 8 am - 3 pm
Sat. 9 am - Noon**

Treadmill, desk, electric stove, & stuff.

705. N. Lowry St.

Kitchenware - including stainless steel cooking set, Sunbeam mixer, etc. Tools, clothing, Xmas lites & decorations, 10' Zodiac 310s inflatable boat w/4hp Mer. motor and trailer, life jackets, lights, anchors, etc.

**510 Roberta
Fri. & Sat. 8 am**

Electric tools, Miller welder, slitter and tables. No Checks.

**Garage Sale
1218 S. Hobart
Sat. Only
8 am - ?**

**Garage Sale
1129 Crane Rd.
Sat. 8 am - ?**

Elephant collection, kitchen items, books, computer and monitor, home decor, seasonal decorations, nails, screws, nuts and bolts, and much, much more.

**Garage Sale
1709 Duncan
Sat. 8 am**

Teen clothes, furniture, misc.

**905 S. Schneider
Sat. 9 am - 4 pm**

Women's plus size clothes - 75¢, men's clothes - 75¢ (excluding jeans), knickknacks, DVD's, Playstation 2 games, old games, & too much to list.

**1721 Aspen
(Backyard- enter thru
North gate)
Sat. Only 8 am**

3 oak tables - 1 coffee & 2 end tables, 1 bookcase, 1 wooden swivel desk chair - oak, books, videos, fishing items, boat towable - airplane shape tube, household.

**Huge Sale - 2119 Lea
Thurs & Fri. 8 am - ? Sat. ?
Cash Only**

Clean out- shed, garage, attic & house! 20+ years of stuff; - scrapbooking & stamping up supplies, baseball memorabilia, computer items, Indian items, swimming & lake stuff. Things for all ages, even slot machine.

**3 Family Sale
1300 Christine
Sat. Only
8 am - 3 pm**

Clothes, baby items, misc.

**Moving Sale
2139 Dogwood
Sat. & Sun.
8 am - ?**

**813 N. Dwight
Fri. & Sat. 8 am - ?**

Furniture, golf equipment, lots of men's/boy's clothes, kitchen items, & Pampered Chef items.

**1800 Fir
Sat.
8:30 am - 2 pm**

**3 Family
Moving Sale
2421 Duncan
Fri. & Sat. 9 am**

Weight machine, furniture, girl's clothes, newborn - 2T. Lots more!

**2705 Navajo
Fri. & Sat.
8 am - ?**

Clothes, home fixtures, cabinets, stove & more!

**Garage Sale
1620 Grape
Sat. Only
7 am - ?**

Strollers, kid's clothes, toys, home decor.

**2 Family Sale
2231 Beech
Sat. 7:30 am - 2 pm**

Miscellaneous!

**2206 Chestnut
Fri. & Sat. 8 am - 2 pm**

Architectural salvage, baby clothes & items, dirt bike, mattresses, kitchen table, toilet, swimming pool, double stroller, maternity clothes, fabric, sewing supplies.

Sports

Ericson to continue baseball career with McMurry

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Last season, Garrett Ericson was one of the leading receivers on the football team, the second leading scorer in basketball and an ace pitcher in baseball. When it came down to deciding which sport Ericson was going to play in college, he picked the sport that he thought was most likely to succeed.

"I had a couple offers to play football and basketball," Ericson said. "I really didn't feel that I had the best chance to succeed in those two sports. I thought pitchers are what some schools need a lot of."

Ericson signed a letter of intent to pitch for McMurry University Wednesday in the Ready Room at the Pampa High School Athletic Office. The graduate said he was deciding between McMurry and Northwood, adding his decision was partly based on the stability of the program.

"I went down to (McMurry)," Ericson said. "I liked the campus and the coaches. My family lives close to Abilene, so that will be nice to have them there. One of the coaches that recruited me from Northwood got fired a week before I made my decision."

Ericson said he is looking forward to playing at the next level, hinting that he might play against one of his former teammates.

"Blake Sieck is at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene and we have them on our schedule next year," Ericson said. "That will be fun to play against him."

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said he is excited about Ericson getting to play at the next level.

"He has been a great player for us the last four years," Snelgrooes said. "Garrett has all the tools you look for. McMurry is very fortunate to have a young man like Garrett."

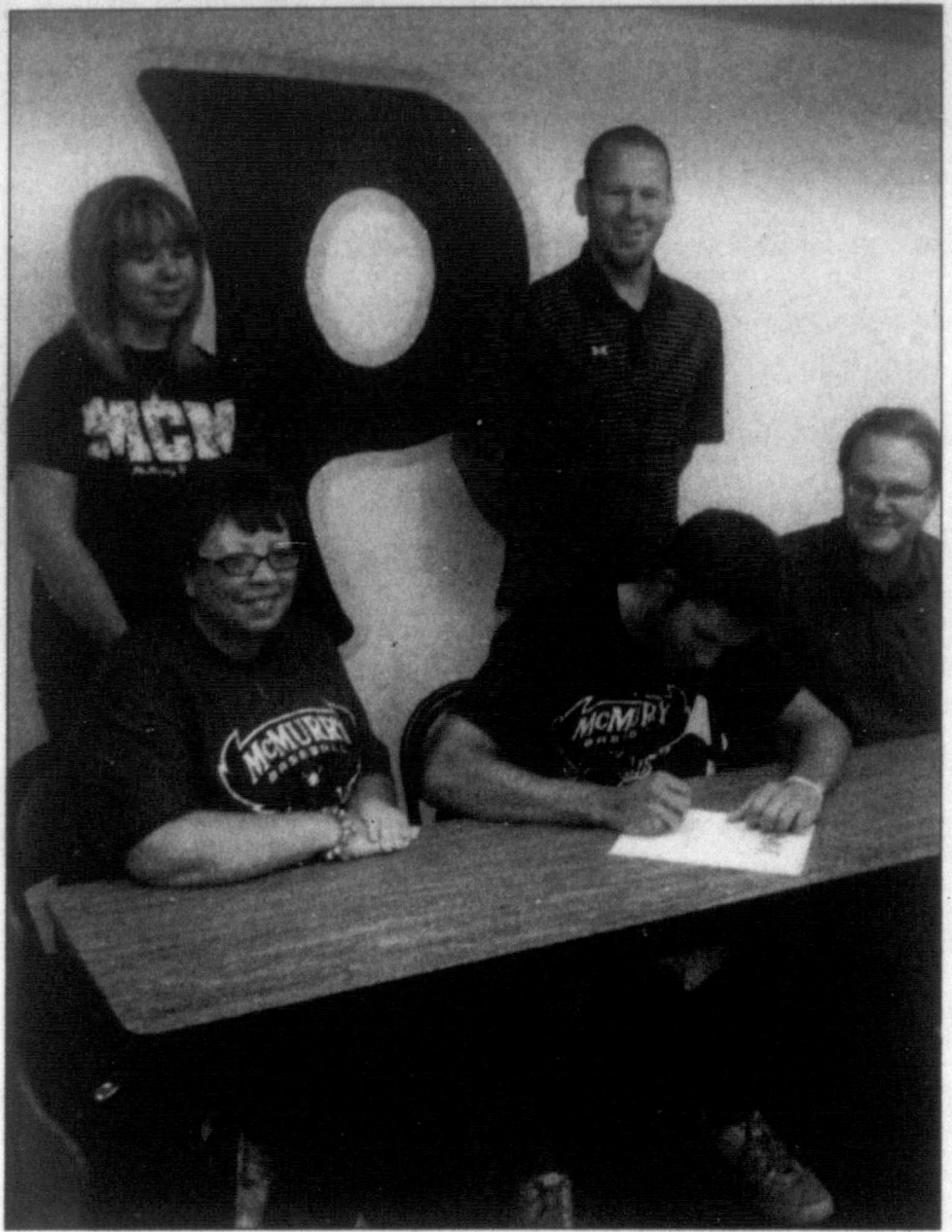
Ericson is the fourth Harvester to sign to play in college under Snelgrooes. Coach said that's what he enjoys that about his job.

"That's the most exciting part of this job," Snelgrooes said.

Ericson said he was told that there is a good chance he could pitch in his freshman season.

"I was kind of excited," Ericson said. "(McMurry head coach John Byington) asked me what my velocity was. I told I was between 84 and 86. He told me their average starter is between 82 and 84. He said I have to work like everyone else but liked what he saw, and said I have a good chance to play as a freshman."

In his senior season, Ericson finished 4-4, helping the Harvesters to a bi-district berth. Ericson earned a first team All-District selection and pitched in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game.



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Garrett Ericson (front center) signs his letter of intent to McMurry University as parents Bob (right) and Cesali (left), sister Courtney (back left) and Pampa head baseball coach Kaleb Snelgrooes look on. Ericson said there is a good chance he can play in his freshman season.

On the hill with Ericson

- Ericson went 3-1 in district only giving up 11 runs.
- Pitched a complete game victory against River Road March 22. The victory surpassed Pampa's win total from 2010.
- Struck out 10 against Dalhart April 12.
- Won an extra-inning game against Perryton April 19 that helped Pampa within a victory of tying for the district lead.
- Became the first Harvester to pitch in a playoff game in four years.

NFL LOCKOUT

NFL owners, players talks continue in Boston

NFL owners and players met in the Boston area Wednesday in the latest attempt to work out a new collective bargaining agreement, a person with knowledge of the talks told The Associated Press.

Commissioner Roger Goodell and members of his labor committee resumed negotiations with players' association chief DeMaurice Smith and several players on Wednesday. A day earlier, NFL owners were briefed on recent progress about a new CBA.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the negotiations are confidential.

One NFL player told the AP that the NFLPA told him progress is being made "but there's still maybe two weeks to go"

before a settlement is likely. The player also spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak for the players association.

The main topic of discussion is the breakdown of total revenues. One person told the AP on Tuesday that the players' share would approach the 50 percent the NFLPA has said it has received throughout the last decade. But the expense credits — about \$1 billion last year — that the league takes off the top would disappear.

Also, there would no longer be "designated revenues" from which the players would share, the person said. Instead, the players would share from the entire pie, which they project will grow significantly over the course of

the new CBA, which is expected to run anywhere from six to 10 years. So if they are taking 48 percent or more of a much higher revenue stream — without the initial NFL deduction for operating expenses — the players still would receive far more money than they got under the previous agreement.

A salary floor keeping teams within 90 percent of the cap also would be included. The players have been concerned that some teams whose revenue streams don't match up with the richer clubs would try to hold down salary spending, but the proposal would require the full salary cap spending to be in cash.

Both sides remained optimistic about reaching an agreement after own-

ers were briefed on many details of a new CBA, and they did not carry their Chicago meeting into a second day.

"There's a lot of work to be done," Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay said at those meetings. "It can be done, it's something we have to keep working at. Every day closer hopefully, that's the goal."

The owners' lockout of the players began March 12. Training camps are scheduled to open in late July, and the Baltimore Ravens on Wednesday became the first team to change its preseason plans. The Ravens will train at their facility near Baltimore rather than at McDaniel College in Winchester, Md.

The owners spent five hours Tuesday listening to

updates on various CBA issues. Afterward, the league's chief negotiator Jeff Pash said "we're eager to accelerate the pace of the negotiations."

Goodell said ownership is "united and determined to reach an agreement and have a full 2011 season. The ownership has a better understanding of the framework (of a new CBA)."

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