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FFA Convention brings attention to Tech, boosts local economy

By **CAITLAN OSBORN**
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The 83rd annual Future Farmers of America Convention was hosted at Texas Tech this week, beginning Monday and ending Friday.

The event, Cindy Harper, associate director of marketing and booking for the United Spirit Arena, said, is part of a three-year contract between the FFA and Lubbock, which ends this year.

"This is the last year of that agreement," Harper said. "However, we're really hoping that they'll continue to come back because it's a wonderful event for Lubbock. I believe it's the largest convention to ever come to Lubbock and it's really been able to boost Texas Tech's (presence) as well

as provide a boost to Lubbock's economy."

Amy Zientek, director of sales for the Lubbock Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the FFA Convention was also hosted in Lubbock in 2005 and 2008, as per the agreement. She also said there are over 10,000 people attending the convention, the largest number the city has seen from the FFA.

Tom Maynard, executive director of the Texas FFA, said while Lubbock is probably the smallest city the convention has been hosted in, the attendance numbers for this FFA convention is in the top five.

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Grand Opening



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

KENT MOORE, IS the owner of Leonard's, a grocery store built for college students, located on 9th and X. The store officially opened Wednesday.

New grocery store caters to college students

By **KASSIDY KETRON**
STAFF WRITER

There are approximately 5,000 students within a six-block radius, not including the Texas Tech dorms, of the new, independently owned grocery store, Leonard's.

Justin Martinez, the assistant store di-

rector, said this is the reason Leonard's, a grocery store targeted to college students, was built.

The new grocery store opened its doors for the first time Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Kent Moore, the owner of Leonard's, said the growth around Tech campus attracted him to the site where the store

was built.

"I saw the development over here by campus and all the student growth here in such a concentrated area," Moore said. "It looked like a niche store that catered just to the college kids would make a lot of sense, be a lot of fun. So we found the land, bought the land and here we are today."

What makes the store unique, he said, is the sizes and variety in frozen foods and snacks, drinks and grilling meats.

Anything most college students would buy when they go to the grocery store is what they are trying to focus on, he said.

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STUDENTS FROM AROUND the state tour Tech campus at the FFA Convention. The event will bring at least \$4 million to the Lubbock economy.

HSC releases app

By **CAITLAN OSBORN**
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The Tech Health Sciences Center officially unveiled an app for smart phones yesterday at 3 p.m., to help women during and after pregnancy.

The application, TTHSC president Tedd Mitchell said, is a part of the Health Sciences Center's InfantRisk Center and will give health care professionals convenient access to up-to-date information about medications and their safety during pregnancy and breast-feeding.

The app was developed by associate dean of research at the TTUHSC School of Medicine, Dr. Thomas Hale, who said he has spent the past 25 years developing a database of information on over 20,000 medications that could effect women during pregnancy and breast-feeding.

"It's for mothers who want information about going through pregnancy and drugs and breast-feeding, who can call (their doctors) and get information about the transfer of drugs into breast milk or the risks of drug use during pregnancy," Hale, also executive director of the InfantRisk Center, said. "Basically they can use this app and research

the drug that they are interested in and the information will instantly download from Texas Tech."

According to a press release by the HSC, features of the app include, "Reliable safety ratings and other information on more than 20,000 drugs, syndromes and other products, search capabilities that allow users to enter product name and/or sort by category to obtain product safety information and indicate if that product is safe for use, major lists of appropriate drugs for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers for various conditions (headache, nausea, allergies), easily-accessible recalled product information with push notification ability, notifications of drug alerts, and special hot topics in this field."

"About 4.2 million mothers in America are pregnant every year," Hale said, "and they all have questions about drugs and pregnancy. And about 75 to 77 percent belong to breast-feeding during that and virtually all of them will take some medication while they're breast-feeding, who all have questions about the safety of those products while they're breast-feeding."

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Summer reading program to bring author to campus in fall

By **KASSIDY KETRON**
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Students participating in the Summer Reading Program will have the opportunity to meet the author, Michael Pollan, of the book chosen for the program, "In Defense of Food," next fall.

The Summer Reading Program paired up with the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series to choose the book, and through the series Pollan will come and speak at 7 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Allen Theater.

Jo Moore, administrator for the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series, said she contacted Amy Murphy, director of the Center for Campus Life, about a collaboration because, as a part of the series, Pollan had already been asked to come.

"The excitement, to me," she said, "about partnering, is having the author actually open our series and have that kind of exposure for the students to where they can read an author's book and then actually

go hear him speak and have the opportunity to meet him."

Since the speaker is the author of the Summer Reading Program book that was selected, Moore said she expects more students in attendance.

Pollan is a "cutting edge thinker" and the series' goal is to present students with alternative viewpoints and expose them to a different way of thinking, Moore said.

"They'll have the opportunity to have their book signed after the presentation and actually visit with him one-to-one," she said. "There will also be some sort of informal Q-and-A that we're putting together that will take place that day, so students would have another opportunity in a more informal setting to meet and visit with him."

Murphy said to choose a book for the program, the Summer Reading Program Committee begins meeting in the fall prior to the summer the book will be read.

The process, she said, begins by brainstorming and doing research. From there the committee narrows

down the selection further by reading the books and getting students feedback.

"It just starts by brainstorming and discussing if have the goals of the program changed at all," she said. "Are there specific goals we want to meet this year. For example, in an election year maybe there's an intent to try and focus on trying to encourage students to vote, or are there any certain themes that you would want the book to encompass."

In the past, she said, the committee has chosen a diverse set of books, anything from fiction and non-fiction to autobiographies.

What makes this year's book, "In Defense of Food," different is that its topic is current in terms of the "food related cultural phenomenon," Murphy said.

"I think it also really weaves across a number of academic disciplines," she said. "Everything from agriculture to nutrition, and health to government policy, to the environment and hunger, and so, in that regard, it can be incorporated into a

number of courses and activities, so those are some of the differences."

As a member of the committee, Marjean Purinton said, they try to choose a book for the following summer that can be used in various disciplines and discussions so faculty members can integrate the book into their classes.

Purinton, associate dean of the Honor's College and professor of English, said there is an Honor's College book club, and some of the student members of the book club volunteer to work on a discussion guide over the summer for the book chosen for the program.

"I think (the discussion guide) helps both students and faculty to think about ways that the book could be integrated in a course, or that it could be discussed in the context of multiple disciplines," Purinton said.

This will be the second year the Honor's College will have done the discussion guide, which is expected to be ready by August, she said.

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"The advantage of coming to Lubbock is that Lubbock is really all about agriculture," he said. "When agriculture students come here they really have an opportunity to see some critical things that relate to agriculture, and even some aspects like wind energy that are unique to Lubbock. And that's also an advantage

of moving this convention around the state. Some people might not come to west Texas without the FFA here."

He does not know if the FFA will renew its contract with Lubbock, Maynard said, but there is a date open, so the possibility is there.

The convention is expected to produce at least \$4 million in revenue for the Lubbock economy, Harper said.

"It's impacting Lubbock very positively," she said, "because we have the

boost to the restaurants and dining out, as well as shopping. Retail is really getting a big boost. So that's quite a bit of spending that is happening in Lubbock, especially when you're looking at all week long."

The convention is also a great way for potential students to see the many different things Tech has to offer, Harper said. Not only does the convention have events, speakers and concerts at the arena, she said, but FFA students are

also being housed at the residence halls, using the Robert H. E. Walt Student Recreation Center and dining facilities and taking tours of the agricultural building.

"We certainly think it's a wonderful recruitment opportunity for these great students," she said. "FFA encourages leadership and instills wonderful leadership skills in their students and it's really great to see the potential candidates and it's a really exciting opportunity to show off our amenities. Not just the buildings that they've been in, but they've been going to the rec center and seeing the rest

of campus and reaching out to them, so hopefully the campus has become a very effective recruitment tool as well."

Some of these students have never had the opportunity to see Tech campus before, Zientek said, and it is a great chance for them to see what the university has to offer.

The FFA has been grateful to Lubbock and Tech for all they have provided for the convention this week, Maynard said, and glad they were able to do something for the city in return.

"We need it to be good for our teach-

ers and members," he said, "but we're glad that it's good for Lubbock, and it's great for Lubbock that they want to have us here. They do a lot of things for us and Lubbock is a very welcoming city."

Lubbock was very excited to work with the FFA, Zientek said, and hopes they will return to the area if the opportunity arises.

"The FFA Convention is really a great leadership event," she said, "and Lubbock and Texas Tech is just so glad to be able to host the FFA Convention."

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There are many adverse effects of not being accurately informed about breast-feeding and medications.

"For one, if you take medications while you are pregnant then you could damage your infant or you could have untold complications with the birth," he said. "Also, if you are breast-feeding, then that drug could transfer and make the infant sick."

"And while that rarely occurs, what this does is give the mother a more relaxed feeling about using these medications. We have a lot of data and a lot of information on these drugs, so we can tell pretty accurately whether or not these drugs are really

dangerous to them while they are pregnant or while they are breast-feeding."

However, Mitchell said, the new release is only phase one of the app. While the current application for healthcare officials costs \$29.95, there will be another app created for pregnant women themselves, which will be free of charge.

"Unfortunately, a lot of women don't seek prenatal counseling," Mitchell said. "One of the things about this is that there is informative information that is available to them. And on certain medications it asks them to discuss it with their physicians, so in that perspective it would encourage them to get help with their pregnancy."

Women who are at the market, for example, Mitchell said, can scan a bar code of a medication and see if it is safe to use during breast-feeding.

"It can help reassure women that they have a source available to them that can help improve the health of either their unborn baby or the baby they are breast-feeding," he said. "And it is a resource that can make women more confident that she can take care of her baby during pregnancy or breast-feeding."

One of the reasons the HSC developed the app, Hale said, is so the center's information could be available worldwide.

"Part of the interest in this app is that the university is trying to expand its horizons to other areas around the world and around the country," he said. "This app is basically the first app released by the Health Sciences Center and that will help expand our vision around the world. It's an exciting time."

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"Plus, we've got good grab-and-go sandwiches and salads, coffee and smoothies if they're in a hurry and on their way to class," he said.

Caitlin Cohoon, a senior marketing major from Austin, said the store is convenient for her because she lives in the Centre at Overton Park.

"(I like) just the convenience and

that it's a nice alternative to, like, Walmart," she said.

Martinez said if Leonard's is successful in Lubbock there are hopes to build more of the stores in other college cities.

"We've thrown out Norman, Oklahoma," he said, "and then all the Big 12 schools, Norman, Waco, College Station; the idea is if we succeed here we definitely want to build other locations of Leonard's near other colleges and universities."

Angel Barcenas, a freshman architecture major from Houston, is one of

Leonard's student employees.

The store's willingness to work around his class schedule is what he liked about the job, he said.

"Whenever fall semester starts," he said, "it's going to be extremely helpful having them know your schedule, having them know your classes, and then they'll work with you."

Leonard's is on 9th and X, across from campus, and is open Sunday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m., and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.

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Reading ←
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"We think that by having the Honor's College book club members do the discussion guide," she said, "they can really come at it from a students point of view instead of it just being a faculty point of

view, or looking at ways that faculty might read and discuss the book."

Purinton said she hopes students can take a heightened awareness from the book of the complexities of what food goes through before it reaches consumers, what people are putting into their bodies and how it's affecting their bodies.

She said she believes having

good writing available for students to read has its advantages in the development of young minds, and Pollan, she said, is a "fine writer."

"I've become a fan, and I've continued to read his work, and to learn more about him and his investment in the food industry," she said. "So, we want to get students hooked on reading critically and thinking critically about issues affecting us in this world, and to understand that, that's part of the educational process as much as going to class is."

Moore said to attend the lecture tickets can be picked up at the Texas Tech Select-A-Seat location, the info booth in front of the Allen Theater. Students get in free, and for faculty, staff and the general public it is \$15.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

1 It's covered in silk

5 British bakery

10 Mass measure

14 Head start?

15 "Breaking Bad" actor

16 Result of getting too far behind, briefly

17 Extends, with "to"

18 Serious alarm

19 Skip and jump

20 Gnome held against his will?

23 Runner on snow

25 Drink in a yard

26 Math ratios

27 Meteorologist's view?

32 Fair of "Scary Movie" films et al.

33 They may shrink if they aren't fed

34 Visit

35 Pasty

37 Light touches

41 Unrivaled

42 Debonair neckwear

43 Team equipment manager's snafu?

48 "12 Angry Men" director

49 "No thanks, I just ..."

50 Stop up

51 Stamps with rules?

56 Jackson 5 brother

57 Coffeehouse order

58 Tony relative

61 Doesn't waste

62 Take in, maybe

63 Short evening?

64 Benchmarks:

Abbr.

65 Lowly workers

66 Some graffiti signatures (which were used to form this puzzle's four longest answers)

DOWN

1 Operation Neptune Spear org.

2 Curious

3 Arcturus, for one

4 Galileo's patron

5 It might be Western or English

6 Professional pursuit

7 Israeli ambassador to the U.S. Michael

8 First matchmaker?

9 Prefix with morph

10 Part of e.g.

11 Put back up

12 Zenith

13 Acts gloomily

21 Sounds from stands

22 Grounded big birds?

23 Booty

24 Game with 80 balls

28 "The ... of Steve"; 2000 comedy

29 Bugs

30 Beauty antecedent?

31 Reims rejection

35 Tribulation

36 "takers?"

37 Eureka hrs.

38 Dean's domain

39 Draped attire

40 A sniffer has a short one

41 Piedmont wine region

42 Two-dimensional analogue of volume

43 Legal scholar

44 Frustrated the director, perhaps

45 Seconc

46 Expedite

47 Furry frolickers

48 "... go then, you and I"; Eliot

52 Show support

53 Whiten

54 Comics dog

55 Mannerly man

59 Short session?

60 Word said with a fist pump

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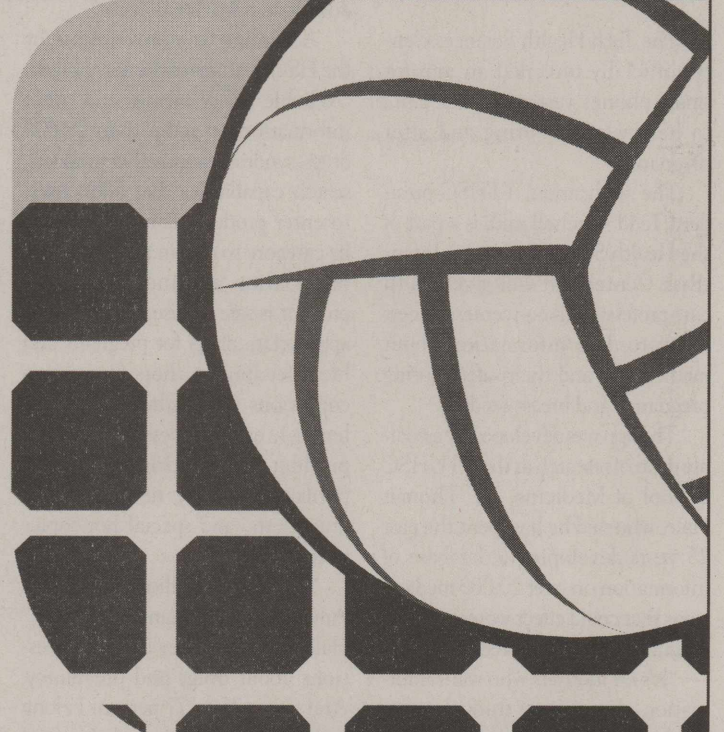
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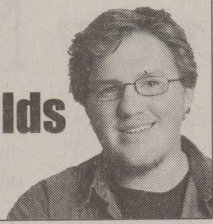
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Perry's prayer event embarrassing

On e issue that has been covered a lot recently by the Texas media is controversy over Governor Rick Perry's initiation and endorsement of "The Response," a day long, Christian prayer and fasting event scheduled to be held at Reliant Stadium in Houston on Aug. 6.

Jakob Reynolds



Perry's endorsement of a public event organized by known bigots, though not surprising, is nonetheless despicable.

Ibrahim Hooper, a spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said, "I don't think any elected official should be associated with a group that holds extremists or hate filled views targeting any religious or ethnic minority."

Many groups have criticized Perry's endorsement of the prayer rally for violating the constitutional separation of church and state.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation, an organization made up mostly of atheists and agnostics, has even filed a federal lawsuit against the governor on those grounds.

However, I don't think the event is unconstitutional.

After all, it is not being paid for by taxpayer dollars, instead being provided free of charge to the public by the American Family Association.

The one thing about the event that really bothers me is that it's strictly Christian nature. The FAQ page on thereponseusa.com clearly states, "The Response is a non-denominational, apolitical Christian prayer meeting and has adopted the American Family Association statement of faith."

If Perry really wanted a national

day of prayer, he would have made the event a prayer rally for followers of all faiths instead of concentrating specifically on Christians.

Eric Bearse, the chief spokesperson for the event, stated in an interview with the Texas Tribune that people of all faiths are invited to come to the event.

However, Tim Wildmon, president of the AFA, said followers of other religions are "free to have their own events," and insisted that the AFA does not hate anyone, and that non-Christians will face eternal damnation.

One final interesting aspect of this event is its proximity to the straw poll in Iowa at which Perry is supposed to announce his Judge declares mistrial in Clemens case

final decision on his own presidential candidacy.

However, both he and event organizers have denied any relation between the rally and any political motivations Perry may have.

As a Christian, government officials calling for Americans to pray for our nation is not particularly offensive.

However, when they team up with known bigots to organize (officially and unofficially) religiously exclusionary events, that's when I start to question their true motivations.

If our governor wants me to pray for anything, I'll pray for educators in Texas as they face the crisis that he and our legislators have created for them.

God knows they need it.

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Cellphones help in fight against police brutality

By **ZAC SMITH**
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On Jan. 1, 2009, Officer Johannes Mehserle shot to death Oscar Grant, a 22-year-old black man, as Grant lay defenseless at Mehserle's feet. Now, less than three years later, Mehserle walks free.

The incident occurred in Oakland, Calif., when police responded to reports of a disturbance on a Bay

Area Rapid Transit train. Police removed several people, including Grant, from the train and forcibly subdued them. Onlookers used mobile phones and digital cameras to record what happened next.

An officer knelt on Grant's neck, pinning Grant on the stomach, and told Grant he was under arrest, according to videos filmed by onlookers. Mehserle then drew his gun and fired directly into Grant's back.

"You shot me! I got a four-year-old daughter!" Grant said.

Afterward, officers hurried to confiscate witnesses' mobile phones and cameras. However, several videos of the incident later appeared on YouTube.

Mehserle was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and given the minimum sentence of two years with double credit for time already served, according to a report by the BBC News. He was released on parole June 13.

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Netflix price hike is too costly for college students

By **CHASEN DOERR**
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Much like former New York governor candidate Jimmy McMillan said in a debate last October about the cost of rent, Netflix customers are now saying the price of streaming is too damn high.

Subscribers to Netflix's DVD-by-mail and Web-streaming service received an infuriating email on Tuesday informing them that the price of their services would increase by 60 percent.

Netflix's current cost for having one

DVD out at a time with Web-streaming is \$9.99 a month. Starting now for new customers, and September 1 for existing customers, the price will be \$15.99. Those wanting to have the DVD-by-mail or Web streaming separately can get the individual services for \$7.99 each.

What angered me and other Netflix customers is there's no value being added to the services to coincide with the price hike. While Netflix's Web-streaming library has expanded over the years, it still lacks a huge portion of popular movie and television titles available to stream.

It doesn't make sense to charge such a premium price for a service that just isn't there yet.

Netflix's timing is also off. The country is still coming out of a recession and people are still worried about their future. The price hike will play significantly into some people's monthly budgets. To be honest, a Web-streaming service that offers "Hangin' With Hung" a documentary about American Idol wash-up William Hung as one of its top selections, doesn't warrant the extra cash from struggling college students.

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Return could salvage Favre's legacy

With the lock-out taking up the majority of news, people are letting one yearly news item stew on the back-burner: is Brett Favre really retired?

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been alive. Favre is football. Some of my earliest memories are of Favre in the Packers gold and green.

This is a perfect time for Favre to

My hope is that we haven't seen the last of old No. 4.

Favre could make an easy and low-key comeback right when the lockout ends. Free agency would start and then Favre could hold himself a nice little press conference in Mississippi at a local high school and say he is back.

All joking aside, I would love to see Brett Favre for one last season. Favre has played professional football almost as long as many people reading this have

change the image he has come to be associated with. The wavering and indecision could all be gone. He could announce his return quietly and wait for the calls to come in from teams.

Don't think they won't call either. There are a number of teams off the top of my head that could use Favre's help.

The first on that list is the team he most recently played for, the Minnesota Vikings. The Vikings surprised everyone when they selected Christian Ponder with

the 12th pick in the draft. Ponder is an untested rookie, and the Vikings aren't getting younger on defense. Favre gives the team a chance to win now and mentor a young quarterback. Plus, he knows the playbook.

The Titans are close to Minnesota, but their defense hasn't been as good. The AFC South is the Colts and everyone else. Favre could mentor first round pick Jake Locker and give the team a chance to win now. The Titans could have larger reservations though, as they have hit rebuilding mode.

The NFC West could easily be a landing place. Favre would instantly be the best quarterback in the division if he landed there. The team that added him would be favorites. The division is marred by poor quarterback play.

The Cardinals have one of the most talented wide receivers in the game, Larry Fitzgerald, and no one can get him the ball. Derek Anderson, Max Hall and John Skelton all had a shot to impress the Cardinals — each failed miserably.

The 49ers should certainly take a look at Favre. New coach Jim Harbaugh has talent on offense, but the quarterback play has kept this team down. Frank Gore is a good running back. Vernon Davis and Michael Crabtree have never had a reliable quarterback throwing them passes.

There are reservations to adding Favre. He played scared and sporadic at times last year. He was injured and didn't seem to really recover. He butted heads with the coach. He had a publicity nightmare off the field last year.

All these things could be put behind him. One has to assume the scandals are all out of the bag and the body is healthy. There is a new coach and with a shortened training camp, Favre's experience may come in handy.

Any team taking the risk needs to let Favre know it is a one-year deal, no matter what happens. This could be the last go around for the old gunslinger. Favre could return and silence the critics. A successful season could erase the memories of a hobbled and broken man. A bad season couldn't hurt Favre's reputation anymore.

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Brady, P. Manning, Brees: It's time to reach a new NFL deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Calling the players' offer "fair for both sides," star quarterbacks Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees — plaintiffs in an antitrust suit against the NFL — said Wednesday "it is time" to wrap up negotiations on a deal to end the league's lockout.

At the bargaining table, though, it wasn't that easy.

On the day Brady, Manning and Brees spoke as a group publicly for the first time, players and owners spent nearly 11 hours meeting at a Manhattan law office.

About two hours after players' association chief DeMaurice Smith left, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell walked out with Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and the league's lead negotiator Jeff Pash at 10 p.m.

Other owners including Pittsburgh's Art Rooney and Carolina's Jerry Richardson departed around then, too.

Negotiations were scheduled to resume Thursday morning. With each passing day, the need to strike a bargain and end the first NFL work stoppage since 1987 becomes greater.

Deadlines are coming up next week

to get training camps and the preseason started on time. Although it seems the sides have agreed on the basic elements of how to split more than \$9 billion in annual revenues, among the key sticking points recently have been how to structure a new rookie salary system and what free agency will look like.

In a statement released to The Associated Press via the NFL Players Association, New England's Brady, Indianapolis' Manning and New Orleans' Brees said: "We believe the overall proposal made by the players is fair for both sides and it is time to get this deal done."

Judge declares mistrial in Clemens case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The judge declared a mistrial Thursday in baseball star Roger Clemens' perjury trial after prosecutors showed jurors evidence the judge had ruled out of bounds.

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton said the prosecutors had made a grave mistake. And he said Clemens could not be assured a fair trial after jurors were shown evidence against the court's orders in the second day of testimony.

Walton scheduled a Sept. 2 hearing to determine whether to hold a new trial. He told jurors he was sorry to have

wasted their time and spent so much taxpayer money, only to call off the case.

"There are rules that we play by and those rules are designed to make sure both sides receive a fair trial," Walton told the jury, saying such ground rules are critically important when a person's liberty is at stake.

"If this man got convicted, he would go to jail," Walton said.

He said that because prosecutors broke his rules, "the ability with Mr. Clemens with this jury to get a fair trial with this jury would be very difficult if

not impossible."

Prosecutors suggested the problem could be fixed with an instruction to the jury to disregard the evidence, but Walton seemed skeptical. He said he could never know what impact the evidence would have during the jury's deliberations "when we've got a man's liberty at interest."

"I don't see how I un-ring the bell," he said.

Defense attorney Rusty Hardin patted an unsmiling Clemens on the back as the judge announced his decision. Clemens did not speak to reporters as he left the courtroom and made a telephone call in a private corner of the hallway.

Clemens and his lawyers remain under a court gag order and they declined to comment as they left the courthouse. Clemens hugged a couple of court workers, shook hands with the security guards and signed autographs and a couple of baseballs for fans.

"I'm not going to say anything," Clemens said, sounding frustrated at the mass of reporters and camera crews. He and his legal team ducked into a nearby restaurant to escape the horde of news people.

Walton interrupted the prosecution's playing of a video from Clemens' 2008 testimony before Congress and had the jury removed from the courtroom. Clemens is accused of lying during that testimony when he said he never used performance-enhancing drugs during his 24-season career in the Major Leagues.

One of the chief pieces of evidence against Clemens is testimony from his former teammate and close friend, Andy Pettitte, who says Clemens told him in 1999 or 2000 that he used human growth hormone. Clemens has said that Pettitte misheard him. Pettitte also says he told his wife, Laura, about the conversation the same day it happened.

Prosecutors had wanted to call Laura Pettitte as a witness to back up her husband's account, but Walton had said he wasn't inclined to have her testify since she didn't speak directly to Clemens.

Walton was angered that in the video prosecutors showed the jury, Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., referred to Pettitte's conversation with his wife.

"I think that a first-year law student would know that you can't bolster the credibility of one witness with clearly inadmissible evidence," Walton said.

He said it was the second time that prosecutors had gone against his orders — the other being an incident that happened during opening arguments Wednesday when assistant U.S. attorney Steven Durham said that Pettitte and two other of Clemens' New York teammates, Chuck Knoblauch and Mike Stanton, had used human growth hormone.

Walton said in pre-trial hearings that such testimony could lead jurors to consider Clemens guilty by association. Clemens' defense attorney objected when Durham made the statement and Walton told jurors to disregard Durham's comments about other players.

There was no objection from Clemens' team during the Laura Pettitte reference, but the judge stopped the proceedings, called attorneys up to the bench and spoke to them privately for several minutes. Hardin pointed out during that time, the video remained frozen on the screen in front of jurors with a transcript of what was being said on the bottom.

Cummings had been quoting from Laura Pettitte's affidavit to the committee. "I, Laura Pettitte, do depose and state, in 1999 or 2000, Andy told me had a conversation with Roger Clemens in which Roger admitted to him using human growth hormones," the text on the screen read.

The judge eventually told the jurors to leave while he discussed the issue with attorneys in open court.

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