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Electrical restructuring deadline for Texas passes

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

The deadline has passed for the end of Texas House Bill 1692, which was written by Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, in June of 2001 that exempted Xcel Energy from electric restructuring until at least Jan. 1, 2007.

The 1999 Texas Legislature required restructuring of the electrical market in Texas to allow customers to choose their electric company, but the bill recognized that certain areas of Texas were better able to restructure in a timely manner than others.

Legislators realized that the Panhandle was one of the areas that would have difficulty restructuring so House Bill 1692 was passed to allow more time for Xcel and other companies to pursue options.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) is the system operator for most of Texas. They control the flow of electricity on the transmission and distribution infrastructure. It is their responsibility to ensure that each area of the system is getting adequate power.

According to Eric Woomey, director for regional governmental affairs at Xcel Energy in Austin, there are a

few areas in Texas that are not served by ERCOT. They are the Panhandle, the El Paso region, far Northeast Texas and far Southeast Texas. These regions are served by four different utilities operating in four different control regions and some are by different system operators.

Wes Reeves, Xcel Energy Senior Foundation Representative in Amarillo, said that one reason for these areas not being part of ERCOT is the geographic isolation. The Panhandle has limited transmission infrastructure in this area and in order to allow another energy company to compete with Xcel, a huge

investment would have to be made to import more power plants, lines and poles. This endeavor would be so expensive that the new company would not be able to competitively compete with Xcel.

"Our goal is to keep prices down for our customers," Reeves said. "We want to do whatever is best for our customers and right now we can keep costs down by being the only energy provider in this area. Another company coming in would have to build all new equipment at a huge

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Chisum gets session off with HB1

AUSTIN — The House of Representatives Appropriations Committee's newly appointed Chairman Warren Chisum, R - Pampa, introduced the Appropriations bill (HB 1) Thursday. House Bill 1 is the only bill the Legislature is required to pass before the end of the 80th Legislative Session.

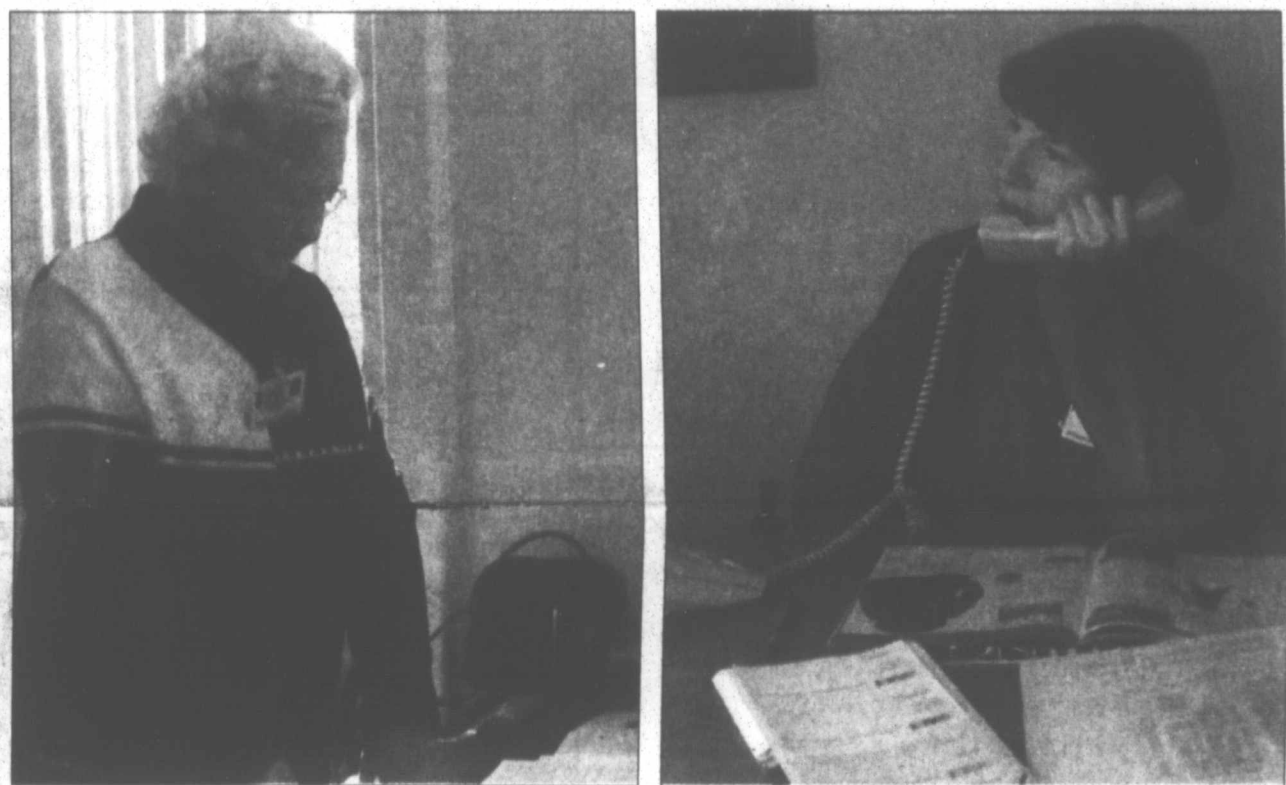
"This budget is the product of fiscal responsibility and the increased efficiency of state government," Chisum said. "While having this extra money will help us meet certain goals, it is important for us to continue to spend the taxpayers' money wisely. I look forward to working with Vice-Chairman Guillen and the other committee members to bring a bill to the House floor."

House bill 1 totals \$147.6 billion, with \$70.1 billion in general revenue. This is an increase of \$5.2 billion or 3.7 percent when compared to 2006-07. This growth is less than 1.9 percent per year, far below the anticipated population growth plus inflation.

Public education funding will increase by \$2.0 billion in general revenue to fund enrollment growth, enrichment, teacher pay raises, the high school allotment and teacher incentive programs. When the cost of property tax relief is taken into consideration, an additional \$14.2 billion will be added to public education appropriations, making this area by far the largest function in the state budget.

Higher education will increase by approximately \$600 million in general revenue to provide for enrollment growth, tuition revenue bond debt service, health care cost increases for Higher Education Group Insurance, start up funding for the El Paso Medical School, operating costs

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Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH
Ardell Sirmans, left, and Natalie Reeve have both been volunteering at BSA Hospice for nearly 20 years. Sirmans usually does office work and filing for the nurses. Reeve is currently answering the phone in the office two mornings a week.

Hospice volunteer training set

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

BSA Hospice is offering a free volunteer training and community education class beginning Tuesday through March 1. This class is for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer or someone who would just like to learn more about "The Hospice Approach to Living With Dying."

Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator for BSA Hospice, said they are always in need of additional volunteers. People can volunteer on a regular basis at a set day and time or they can just donate their time and talents when

they are not busy.

"People are needed for a wide variety of duties," McCracken said. "Our volunteers can go to the patient's home and sit with them while a family member gets out and does errands or can read to the patient or help them write letters. Some volunteers prefer to help in other ways by working in our office doing filing for nurses, preparing patient packets or typing information into the computer database."

McCracken said some people just like to volunteer at their annual golf scramble or like to bake items to take to patients and nurs-

es.

BSA Hospice currently has 76 active volunteers. McCracken said that may sound like plenty of people, but they cover a 10-county service area.

"We like to have people from all different communities since our area not only includes Pampa, but also Dumas, Canadian, Borger, Wheeler and Clarendon."

She said that a regulation states that 5 percent of the hours worked by hospice employees has to be from volunteers. So, for every 100 hours of work done by paid

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Possible flu pandemic has city officials concerned

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Ken Hall is worried about where to put 2,000 to 6,000 dead bodies.

State officials estimate that between 2,683 and 6,260 people in Pampa could die if there were a pandemic influenza outbreak. They estimate that as many as 207,000 people in the U.S. could die in such an outbreak and another 700,000 would have to be hospitalized.

Hall, Pampa and Gray County

emergency coordinator, said more than 9,000 people might have to be hospitalized in such an outbreak in Pampa.

In December, Hall said, he and City Manager John Horst went to a Texas Department of Health Services Class concerning pandemic influenza.

"I don't know why the state and feds are pushing for people to train and plan for pandemic influenza,"

Hall said. "I don't know if they see something coming our way."

He said that he and other city and county officials are working on a plan to set up dispensing points for medicine and vaccinations.

"We'll see how we can apply that to other situations, also," Hall told the Pampa City Commission Tuesday afternoon.




He said that if there were a pandemic influenza outbreak by an

unidentified virus, it could spread around the globe in a few weeks.

"It could be a new virus," Hall said. "Something that we've never seen before. If we had an influenza outbreak like that, it could take four to six months to come up with a vaccine because they cannot stop something that they don't know anything about."

He said it could be catastrophic. See FLU, Page 3

NEXT DAY FORECAST

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| Mostly sunny | Mostly sunny | Partly cloudy |

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 31. Wind chill values between -2 and 8. South-southeast wind around 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 15. Wind chill values between 5 and 10. South wind around 10 mph becoming north-northwest.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21. South-southeast wind around 5 mph.
Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 42. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BUNTON, Mary Jane Carsey — 11 a.m., Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, Odessa.
MULLINAX, Melba Styles — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Wood Memorial Park, Startex, S.C.
MURPHY, Richard G. — Celebration of life services, 11 a.m., Schooler Funeral Home Brentwood Chapel, Amarillo.
RICHARDSON, Imogene — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Mary Jane Carsey Bunton, 78

Mary Jane Carsey Bunton, 78, formerly of Odessa, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, in Austin, Texas.
 Mary Jane was born Sept. 19, 1928, in Houston, Texas, to Robert Coulson Carsey and Cathryne Reed Carsey. The family moved to Greenville, Texas, and later Houston. She attended the University of Texas in Austin where she received her Bachelor of Arts in 1947 and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi.
 Mary Jane married Lucius

Desha Bunton III on June 18, 1947, and lived in Uvalde and Marfa before moving to Odessa in 1960.
 In Odessa, she was a member of First Baptist Church, the Junior League and the Contemporary Study Club. She loved playing bridge, cooking, going to horse races in Ruidoso, N.M., and growing roses.
 She is survived by son, Lucius D. Bunton IV and wife Lynn of Austin; daughter, Cathryne (Cay) Warner and husband Mark of

Pampa; four grandchildren, Emily and Desha Bunton of Austin, Rebekah Warner of Dallas, and Mary Alice Warner of College Station; sister, Jeanne Cummins of Austin; brother, Robert Carsey of Dallas; and several nieces and nephews.
 The family would like to thank the staff of Grace House of Lake Travis for their loving care.
 The family suggests memorials to the Judge Lucius D. Bunton Scholarship of the Permian

Basin Area Foundation, 550 West Texas, Suite 1260, Midland, TX 79701, or any Alzheimer's association.
 Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Curtis Brewer of First Baptist Church of Odessa officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home of Odessa.

Imogene Richardson, 83

Imogene Richardson, 83, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, in Pampa.
 Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Terry Stegall, of Grace Fellowship Church in

Borger, officiating.
 Interment will be in "The Garden of Good Shepherd" at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.
 Mrs. Richardson was born Feb. 9, 1923, at Dublin,

Texas. She moved to Borger in 1926 and to Pampa for two years ago. She was a bookkeeper/secretary for Richardson Amusement.
 Mrs. Richardson was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Borger. She was preceded in death

by her husband, Clark Richardson in 1986.
 Survivors include two sons, Mike Richardson of Pampa, and Jody Richardson of Ft. Meyers, Fla.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
 Ten traffic stops were made.

A retaliation by threat was reported in the 2400 block of Charles.
 An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.
 Motorist assistance was provided at the intersection of Gordon and Barnes.
 Escort service was provided in the 100 block of West 30th.
 Calls concerning animals were reported in the 1000 block of West McCullough, the 100 block of North Summer, the 1300 block of North Russell, and at five undisclosed locations.
 Harassment was reported in the 100 block of West Albert.

reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.
 A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of East Browning.
 Telephone harassment was reported in the 700 block of East Locust.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of East Brown.
 An alarm was reported in the 2000 block of North Hobart.

Thursday, Feb. 1
 9:37 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 2700 block of Aspen on an odor investigation.
 4:15 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of Evergreen on a CO check.
 4:29 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart on a lift assistance.
 6:13 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 300 block of Warren on a medical assistance.

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 Warrant service was attempted at one location which resulted in an arrest.
 A welfare check was made in the 1900 block of Lynn.
 Criminal mischief was

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Thursday, Feb. 1
 Thomas Randall Townsend, 52, of Borger was arrested by Pampa Police Department for four capias pro fines and violation of probation for burglary.

Fire

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

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance made the following calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 1
 10:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Huff. No transport.
 6:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to an undisclosed location and transported a patient.
 9:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Aspen. No transport.

Stocks

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| Corn | 7.13 |
| Soybeans | 6.03 |

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| Cabot Corp | 45.47 | +0.25 |
| Celanese | 26.26 | -0.22 |
| Cabot Oil Gas | 64.82 | -0.47 |
| Coca Cola | 48.10 | NC |
| VLO | 55.60 | -0.43 |
| HAL | 29.58 | -0.04 |
| TRI | 43.28 | +0.07 |
| KML | 105.88 | +0.07 |
| XCEL | 23.44 | -0.02 |
| Anadarko | 43.41 | -0.51 |
| XOM | 74.55 | -0.53 |
| Nat'l Oilwell | 59.90 | -0.20 |
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| Williams | 27.15 | -0.13 |
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| Atmos | 31.47 | -0.08 |
| Pioneer Nat | 40.98 | -0.22 |
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cost and that would not allow them to beat our low prices."

He said that is the main reason that Chisum and other legislators passed the bill to allow them not to be deregulated, to protect the customers.

The Amarillo and Lubbock service area has one of the lowest electric costs in Texas, according to Xcel. Based on reports for November 2006, Xcel

Energy and Southwestern Public Service Co. charge \$83.89 per 1,000 kilowatt hours. This is the second lowest price in this state. The Texarkana area was the lowest with \$66.72 and the Abilene area was the highest with \$162.93 per 1,000 kilowatt hours. Most of the areas were higher than the United States average of \$109.40.

"Since we have some of the lowest rates in the state, we feel that our customers would probably just like to leave things the way they are currently," Reeves said. "But, in the future if we see that it will benefit our cus-

tomers, we will be happy to compete with another company."

If conditions merit, Xcel Energy could restructure since the bill deadline has passed.

"Restructuring would involve filing with the Public Utility Commission, an extensive public hearing and review process, meeting certain milestones related to the sufficiency of the power grid as well as other factors," Woomer said.

Reeves said Xcel is under no obligation to restructure at this time and there is no legislation that would compel them to restructure.

5th grade teacher disciplined for showing R-rated movie in class

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — An elementary school teacher has been disciplined after showing fifth-graders a 10-minute segment of an R-rated movie during a lesson on slavery.

On Jan. 25, Larue Washington showed her Ridgela Hills Elementary class parts of "Amistad" depicting slaves en route to the Americas, including a scene in which a character was stabbed, officials said.

Washington failed to follow school board policy requiring commercial movies to be reviewed and preapproved by the school principal.

The policy also prohibits showing any portions of an R-rated movie, and the principal would not have approved the film, said district spokeswoman Barbara Griffith. Letters were sent to parents this week explaining what happened, Griffith said.

"Amistad," released in 1997 and starring Morgan Freeman and Anthony Hopkins, portrays the physical and emotional horror of slaves' passage by ship in the 1800s.

Washington, who has taught for 27 years, declined to comment.

Larry Shaw, executive director of the United Educators Association, defended Washington, saying she was trying to give students a sense of what life was like on a slave ship. He said it's not uncommon for teachers to forget to submit movie clips for approval because they assume they are not showing a whole movie for entertainment.

But Fort Worth schools Superintendent Melody Johnson said it is a "broad overgeneralization" to assume all teachers commonly ignore or forget policies.

ing information into the computer and now works two mornings a week answering the phone in the office.

"I became aware of hospice care when a friend at church was dying and wanted to be at her home instead of in the hospital," Reeve said. "I enjoy doing this to help out the people and their families who are going through a difficult time."

Ardelle Sirmans has been a volunteer for 19 years. She said she was tired of sitting in the house all day and decided to volunteer to get out and be around other people.

"I prefer to work around the office and do paperwork and filing for the nurses instead of going into the patient's home. It is very rewarding."

McCracken said that all

of the volunteers can decide what type of duties they would prefer to do and they are able to say "no" when called if they are busy doing other things.

There are not many requirements for becoming a volunteer.

"Along with attending the volunteer training, they have to sign a volunteer agreement, have a yearly TB test and we have to run a background check on them," McCracken said.

The volunteer training consists of eight classes from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday through March 1 and is free of charge. The classes will be held at the BSA facility at 800 N. Sumner. For more information or to register for the class, contact Janet McCracken at 665-6677.

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employees, there has to be 5 hours documented of volunteer work.

According to McCracken's records for 2005, they had 1,884 hours of work donated by volunteers which was worth \$32,394, if the volunteers had been paid for their work.

Natalie Reeve has been volunteering since 1989. She said she took the training class and wanted to learn more about death and dying and how to help those going through this time. She has done everything from sitting with patients, sending out cards, doing follow-up bereavement calls, typ-

people were killed. Law enforcement and fire services were essentially shut down.

He said hospitals could be overwhelmed in an outbreak. People from outlying areas that have no hospitals would come to Pampa.

The transportation industry could be shut down. That raises the questions of how communities would get food and medicine.

Employees would stay home from work, either to avoid catching the flu or because they already have it.

In the case of a worldwide outbreak, Hall said Pampa couldn't rely on outside help.

"We'll have to take care of ourselves," Hall said.

An estimated 15 to 35 percent of people infected with the influenza could die.

"We could have 2,000 to 6,000 people who won't live through this," Hall said. "What are we going to do with 2,000 deaths? We don't have any place to put them."

He said the state health officials suggested start digging trenches and mark them so at some future time, the community could come back and start dealing with individuals.

Unfortunately, he said, that's something that has to be planned for.

Flu

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"Influenza is transmissible from person to person," Hall said.

In the 1990s, there were an estimated 36,000 deaths nationwide due to seasonal flu outbreaks and more than 200,000 people hospitalized.

People over 65, people with chronic diseases, infants and pregnant women are most at risk to flu.

In the pandemic influenza outbreak of 1918, Hall said about a half million

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Rangel School of Pharmacy, and a statutorily required increase to the Higher Education Fund.

"Education and human services are at good starting points in this budget," Guillen said. "I look forward to working hard this session so that Texas' programs are adequately funded and running in the most

efficient way possible."

Health and human services will increase by approximately \$1.7 billion in general revenue to fund anticipated caseload growth associated with Medicaid, CHIP, foster care, adoption subsidies, and child and adult protective services reform.

House Bill 1 also provides funding for bond debt service to cover current obligations across all state agencies, projected correctional population increases, and increased funding for

the Attorney General as a result of decreased federal child support revenue.

A separate Property Tax Relief bill (HB 2) will include a \$14.2 billion appropriation to the Texas Education Agency. This appropriation will consist of \$8.1 billion from the Property Tax Relief Fund and \$6.1 billion from general revenue.† This bill reflects the cost of providing \$0.50 of property tax relief (\$1.50 to \$1.00) for the 2008-09 biennium.

Troopers seize 186 lbs. of pot

A New Mexico man was arrested Thursday on Interstate 40 near Amarillo after marijuana was found in his vehicle following a traffic stop.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers stopped a 1998 Lincoln traveling eastbound on I-40 near Amarillo at 1:30 p.m. Thursday for a traffic violation. Troopers found 186 pounds of marijuana in several duffel bags in the trunk. The marijuana is estimated to be worth \$78,306.

Felipe A. Aguilar, 20, of Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested and booked into the Potter County Detention Center.

This load is believed to have originated in Albuquerque and was headed for Wichita, Kansas.

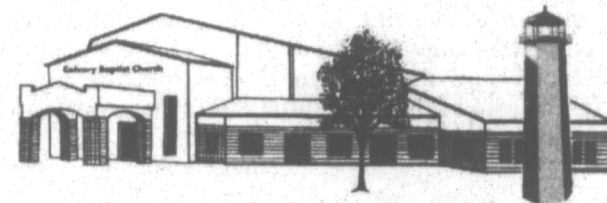
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Viewpoints

Now it's Shawn Hornbeck's parents abusing him

I haven't any real idea of what Shawn Hornbeck was forced to endure during his four-and-a-half years as a captive of an obviously deranged child abuser, but I know exactly what he's going through now at the hands of his parents.

During those years, you have to assume that he was probably sexually abused by Michael Devlin, who reportedly had child porn material on his computer. Tragically, having escaped captivity and abuse he is now being abused by his parents.

Shawn's parents have been dragging the boy from TV show to TV show, from interview to interview to interview. Four-and-a-half years this kid was held cap-

tive — probably more mentally than physically — and now that he's finally safe and home with his parents, he's once again a captive, this time to the public's insatiable thirst for details of his ordeal, and to his parents' determination to satisfy that thirst.

Without showing any reluctance to exposing Shawn to the red-hot glare of publicity, Shawn's parents couldn't wait to put him on view on the Oprah Winfrey show less than a week after his release.

I don't care how warm and fuzzy Oprah Winfrey is, but when his parents allow themselves to be asked by the hostess if they think he was abused, while he is sit-

ting there helpless to avoid having such intimate details about him aired before millions of viewers, they agree that he was.

In my opinion, what they are doing is tantamount to child abuse, taking him from show to show and making him captive

to the media. They seem to be wallowing in their fame gained not by their own actions, but exploiting their son's ordeal.

The other day the New York Post put their finger on the matter when they wrote

"Shame on boy's folks and Oprah."

Think about it. If you were a parent whose son had been stolen from you, taken away for four-and-a-half years, and after you learned that the abductor who stole your life and ripped your heart out was into child porn and probably had his way with your son, would you have your boy go on Oprah Winfrey?

It wouldn't surprise me if they next drag Shawn to Jerry Springer's show.

I find it shocking that Shawn's parents said that

while they haven't asked him about what happened to him because it would be too painful, they nonetheless have no problem with putting him on public display.

This really is a form of child abuse. If what I believe happened to Shawn did indeed happen to him, I hope and pray that he will survive all this, but if he doesn't you could put as much blame on his parents as on his abductor.

This is what I was getting at in my book "On the Outside Looking In" when it was just going to come out in 1987 or the first part of 1988 and I wrote that I hoped the national media would not get a set of the nude pictures my abuser took of me before I

could tell my side of the story.

I was terrified that if they got to it before I had a chance to tell you my whole story suicide might well have been an option.

I know from personal experience the mental torture any victim of sexual abuse is forced to endure. To have that experience paraded before the public is another form of abuse, made more painful when it is the parents who inflict it on their child.

Say a prayer for Shawn Hornbeck.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Michael Reagan

Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2007. There are 332 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 2, 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

On this date:

In 1536, the Argentine city of Buenos Aires was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican War, was signed.

'The great temptation is to have an alibi.'

— George Abbott
American theatrical producer (1887-1995)

In 1876, the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs was formed in New York.

In 1882, Irish poet and novelist James Joyce was born near Dublin.

In 1897, fire destroyed the Pennsylvania state capitol in Harrisburg. (A new statehouse was dedicated on the same site nine years later.)

In 1948, President Truman sent to Congress a 10-point civil rights program calling for measures against lynching, poll taxes and job discrimination.

In 1961, the hijackers of the Portuguese ocean liner the Santa Maria allowed the passengers and crew to disembark in Brazil, 11 days after seizing the ship.

In 1987, the White House announced the resignation of CIA director William Casey, who was hospitalized and had undergone brain surgery.

In 1996, dancer, actor and choreographer Gene Kelly died at his Beverly Hills, Calif., home; he was 83.

Ten years ago: Authorities in Vallejo, Calif., recovered 500 pounds of stolen dynamite and arrested two men in bombings that destroyed three bank teller machines and blasted a crater into the side of a courthouse wall. (Six men wound up receiving long prison terms for their roles in the case.)

Five years ago: Inside the World Economic Forum in New York, foreign economic leaders criticized the United States for protectionist policies while outside, thousands of protesters demonstrated against global capitalism. Jim Kelly of the Buffalo Bills and Pittsburgh Steelers star John Stallworth were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The NHL World All-Stars rallied to defeat North America 8-to-5.

One year ago: House Republicans elected John Boehner of Ohio as their new majority leader to replace the indicted Tom DeLay. Tornadoes tore through New Orleans neighborhoods that had been hit hard by Hurricane Katrina five months earlier.



Truth might explode myths that fuel fears

There is a rule about human behavior that was best expressed by an economics professor to a night class at a junior college.

He said, "If you're going to pay me \$50,000 a year to solve a problem, I'm damned sure not going to solve it." And thus lose a good job. Remember, too, when he used the number "\$50,000," he was living in a trailer on a schoolteacher's salary, before inflation reduced the value of the dollar to about 25 cents. That amount seemed like a fortune to that brilliant and gifted man, while today morons easily make six-figure salaries just by flapping their jaws into a microphone.

I was reminded of this by the discovery of two kidnapped boys in the apartment of a 41-year-old man in the Midwest. One of the boys, Ben Ownby, 13, had

been missing for only four days. The other, Shawn Hornbeck, 15, had been missing nearly four and a half years. The 41-year-old man, Michael Devlin, who is accused of abducting the boys, had no criminal record and worked full time at a pizza joint, which means he was absent from the boys for long stretches every workday.

If the truth is allowed to come out, this case might explode one of the myths that fuel the hysteria over child abuse and pedophilia. Some years ago, this new hysteria hit the press, and a number of individuals and organizations got into the business of "solving the problem" of missing and

abused children.

Once people go into the business of solving a problem, you can be damned sure the problem won't be solved. It will, in fact, be exaggerated. The truth is that the majority of child sexual abuse is done by parents or other family members. The number of children abducted by sexual predators is thankfully very small. Most "missing" children are runaways or involved in child-custody disputes. The number of child prostitutes and the extent of child pornography have been greatly exaggerated.

It is an undeniable fact that the older boy, Shawn Hornbeck, was living volun-

tarily with Devlin. Neighbors assumed he was Devlin's son. He had friends and had been picked up by police for violating a curfew and given a ride home. Obviously, the boy had plenty of opportunity to escape, if that had been his desire.

It's interesting that the Hornbeck boy has offered no real explanation, and what he has said publicly hasn't made any sense. One of the founding myths of the hysteria about child abuse is that the child is always the helpless victim. The fact is that in some cases, as apparently in this one, the child is a willing participant. As for the claim that Hornbeck was intimidated into staying, it is unlikely that such intimidation would last four years.

We have to remember that the definition of "child" is an

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Charley Reese

Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Jan. 13
Victoria Advocate on funding for state parks:

Earlier last year, Gov. Rick Perry's spokeswoman talked about selling off state parks to help trim the budget. That angered park supporters both inside and outside of the Texas Legislature.

Later in the year, when inadequate funding for the state parks system became a major issue in the gubernatorial campaign, Perry got religion on parks, pledging to boost the amount of money the Texas Legislature invests in them.

Now, it's hard to know which side of

his mouth he's talking out of.

On the one hand, Perry told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, "We need to spend more money on our parks."

On the other hand, the governor said in that same interview, "How much can we appropriately spend on them?"

The best way to answer that is to ask how much the parks need for basics such as deferred maintenance, replacement vehicles and equipment, restoration of reduced staff and operational hours, repair or replacement of collapsed water and wastewater systems and reopening of closed facilities.

Then there are special needs such as securing adequate funding for the Texas State Railroad Park and the continued operation of the historic railroad between Palestine and Rusk.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs just projected that the state will have "\$14.3 billion in new money to spend in the coming two years," The Associated Press reported.

While the Grover Norquist crowd — the Perry allies who want to shrink state government until it is small enough to toss into the bathtub and drown — want to "give the surplus back to taxpayers," some of this new funding should be used in ways to free up money from the sporting goods sales tax to boost funding for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

State parks may not be at the very top of the list of funding priorities for the 80th Texas Legislature. The ever-

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Praise & Worship

A Weekly Series Highlighting Pampa's Churches



Church of the Nazarene

Church name: Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, 669-3144.

Minister: Pastor Jimmie Cole.

Services: Sunday — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 6 p.m. Evening Power Hour; Wednesday — 7 p.m. activities for children, youth and adults.

Activities: Missions education service at 6 p.m. on fourth Sunday and birthday and anniversary celebration, summer camps and vacation bible school, Easter breakfast, Good Friday service, other special seasonal events also.

Members: 62.

Denomination: International Church of the Nazarene.

How long here: Since 1930.

Goals: Our goal is to increase in Bible comprehension, spiritual maturity, attendance, finances and new converts on a regular basis.

Other activities: Providing Christmas to several children and teens in our community as well as several widows without family in the area.

Main goal: We aim to be a lighthouse in a world of darkness by lifting up the name of Jesus Christ and His love through praise and worship, prayer, bible study and friendship evangelism.

Church message: We are a holiness church who shares the gospel of Christ. We believe the local church is God's method for outreach and nurture to help us all "Reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13)

Responsible parties: Pastor Jimmie Cole.

Information: We are a Bible based Christian church from the Wesleyan tradition which means we believe the Holy Spirit fills our hearts and transforms our lives to be Christlike in motives and actions. God cleanses us and equips and empowers us to live our lives in a way that would please God and bring glory and honor to Him. We would invite you to visit us and, if you do not have a home church, consider making us your church home. Jesus loves you and so do we. May God's best be yours today. Our district superintendent will be in Pampa this Sunday to lead the installation service at our church.

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Religion

Churches are using Super Bowl Sunday to reach new people

By **MATT SEDENSKY**
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Football's faithful will file into house parties, bars and, of course, Dolphin Stadium on Super Bowl Sunday to observe their holiest of holy days. But they'll also turn out in force at churches across the country, which are tapping the popularity of sports in hopes of saving souls.

'It's a way of reaching out into our community in a very informal, low-key way where we show people we're regular Joes like they are without the pressure of church.'

— Pastor Luis Acosta

Organizers of church-sponsored Super Bowl gatherings see the events as a departure from the formality of organized religion — the type of events that could make someone who doesn't typically attend services feel more at home.

"It's a way of reaching out into our community in a very informal, low-key way where we show people we're regular Joes like they are without the pressure of church," said Pastor Luis Acosta of Pines Baptist Church, a Southern Baptist congregation north of Miami in Pembroke Pines.

Pines Baptist has been holding Super Bowl events for a few years and expects about 300 people, mostly men, at its flag football game and watch party this year. The church drew about 250 people to a block party Jan. 13 which featured NFL-themed games, former Dolphins players signing autographs and giveaways including a plasma television.

Acosta said the church doesn't take a heavy-handed

approach to nonbelievers who join in such events. There won't be so much as a prayer at the Super Bowl Sunday event. If a guest might invite him to a church social group meeting, then maybe a Bible study, then perhaps an actual service.

"We just follow God's lead," Acosta said.

Pastor Mike Pierce of the non-denominational Poplar Creek Church in the Chicago suburb of Bartlett, Ill., takes a similar approach. About 100 people will watch the game on the big screen in the sanctuary. Like other church events — including a carnival, a play and a pig roast — it's meant to simply create a friendly, fun environment, but not an overtly religious one.

"We don't turn everything into a spiritual event," Pierce said. "Good, clean fun is still spiritual."

Many pastors agree, simply trying to make their churches welcoming environments for new guests. Carrollwood Baptist Church in Tampa has been holding a Super Bowl gathering for more than 15 years and attendees have become so comfortable at the event that some bring recliners from home.

"I like it because it's very laid back," said Robert Smith, a 32-year-old Rockford, Ill., resident who has attended Super Bowl parties at Dominion Christian Center there. "There's no pressure."

Churches also are aware many people are unwilling to do anything other than watch the game on Super Bowl Sunday.

"We can offer a good event surrounding something the culture uses or we can just hold church and no one's going to come," said Jim Waters, an associate pastor and minister to students at First Baptist Church in Milton in the Florida Panhandle.

Like many other churches holding Super Bowl events,

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Time to serious-up

Three recent encounters have stirred up today's article. It is long past time for Christians to be "dedicated disciples of Jesus Christ" and not just members of some religious club with meetings from time to time. Why? Because only dedicated disciples of Jesus Christ will spend eternity with the Father. Everyone else will spend eternity in hell.

Encounter #1. I thank one of my church friends for sending me a video of a 10-year-old boy being baptized. It shows a preacher waiting on a young man to enter the baptistery. About that time, the boy jumps from the top step and does a "cannonball" into the water and then proudly smiles to the whole church.

I don't know who I was angrier with — the boy for disgracing the significance of the occasion or the church audience for bursting out in laughter as if that complete absence of respect was funny. Christians had better become more familiar with the Jesus of the Gospels and how he interacted with His followers. He was full of tenderness for the lost, but He was hard as nails on His disciples.

Encounter #2. I recently

had the wonderful opportunity to present the gospel to a young woman who had not only been attending our church,

but had also been the focus of about a year of prayer from her mother and our church. I asked her if she was saved. She said no. I asked her if she had ever been saved. She said yes. I asked her when that time was when she surrendered to Christ. She said she hadn't ever done that.

Thinking that I had just confused her with my wording, I asked, "No, I mean when you were convicted of your sin by the Holy Spirit, repented of your sins, asked Jesus to be the Lord of your life and began living differently the very next day."

She said she didn't know what I was talking about. She was simply asked if she believed in Jesus by a preacher and when she said, yes, the preacher told her to read "the sinner's prayer" and then she was saved.

Belief that is a stranger to repentance *does not save*. Belief that has never

met conviction of sin does not save. Belief that is not full of surrender to Christ does not save. Belief that

does not lead to baptism does not save. Belief that does not result in the living

of a different life beginning "the very next day" does not save.

Christians better quit worrying about the number of "decisions" we get and spend some time making sure that those lost souls really get saved. Why? Because Jesus does. One of the hardest things to answer for when we stand before God will center on how many people we told that they were saved, who really were not. What will our excuse be? It had better be that we saw the error of our way and repented and began helping lost people unconditionally surrender to Jesus. That will be easy to answer for.

Encounter #3. Nathan Hopson and I were recently sharing our disappointment and frustration with Christians who thought that once they reached retirement age they could just

travel and visit and spend their remaining years in full-time rest and relaxation.

How much rest and relaxation do our soldiers get in Iraq and Afghanistan? Not much! Know why? Because it is a war zone! Well, when are Christians going to wake up to the fact that we live in a "war zone" right here in America.

What kind of war? A spiritual one with the stakes being the eternal salvation or damnation of souls. How dare we Christians lollygag around like we are on some kind of a permanent vacation! How dare that be our goal.

So what am I asking? Christians, as long as you breathe, live by these three proclamations:

#1 - May I die in the harness!

#2 - May I be running for God when the sand runs out!

#3 - Life shouldn't be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather, to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly shouting, "Wow! What a ride! Thank You, Lord!"
God bless.



Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian

Pride often heralds the demise of power

In the Bible, we read a very interesting story of a very successful king, one who conquered nations and provinces until his kingdom was very great in the world. Nebuchadnezzar was king over the Babylonian Empire, established by his father many years before.

This young king was destined to be one of the greatest kings. He conquered kingdoms and provinces including the capture of the Hebrews among whom was Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Nebuchadnezzar began to dream about his greatness. In the first dream, a great image of a person stood before him with a head of gold, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet of iron and clay.

The message greatly disturbed the king. He forgot what he dreamed, but he knew it was a message for him. All the wise men of his kingdom could not tell the king what he dreamed. It was God's message, and God's man, Daniel, would have to tell the king what he had dreamed.

According to Daniel, the head of gold seen in the dream represented Nebuchadnezzar.

After interpreting the dream for the king, the king set Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon at Daniel's request. Daniel himself sat in the king's court. Everyone was made to worship the king, to bow and worship his image. When the four Hebrews failed to do so, the king flew into a rage and

demanded the four be put into a fiery furnace.

The men who carried Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to the furnace were overcome and died from the heat, but the four Hebrews walked in the furnace without being destroyed by the heat or the flames.

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They felt the presence of a fourth man, not the presence of fire.

The king, too, saw the fourth man in the furnace. He witnessed the miracle for himself. He ruled that no one in his province speak a word against the God of the Hebrew men.

Nebuchadnezzar, remembering that he was the head of gold in the dream, went about making his kingdom greater. Then he had another disturbing dream. As before, he called for all the wise men. In the dream, he saw a great tree that was cut down. A band of iron and brass was placed around the stump.

Daniel said the tree was the king, and that he would be cut down because he had not given God any credit for his accomplishments, for his kingdom. He said the king would eat grass for seven years like the beasts of the field before being allowed back to his throne.

Trinity to host Workplace Seminar

Trinity Fellowship Church of Pampa will host a Workplace Seminar with Dr. John Kelly and Tom Bruno from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 10 at the church.

Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 665-3255.

Dr. Kelly has a background in economics and is an advocate of the transference of wealth movement. In 2006, he called together a group of business leaders to establish "International Christian

God's people not only achieve spiritual wealth, but also fulfill God's covenant to be wealth generators in order to become wealth distributors."

Kelly is founder and CEO of LEAD and has traveled worldwide to train spiritual leaders.

Bruno has been an attorney and counsel to numerous churches and ministries for more than 22 years.

"He is an expert in the legal principles dealing with corporate and financial structure, compliance, contracts, due diligence, strategic planning as well as government, media, and political relations," the press release said.



Dr. Kelly

Church briefs

AMARILLO — St. Francis Knights of Columbus will sponsor an all you can eat fish fry from 6-8 p.m. March 20 in St. Francis Catholic Church Hall, east of IBP on Highway 60. Children under 6 eat for free. Adults are \$8 and children between the ages of 12 and 7 are \$4. For more information, call (806) 335-1872.

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
This hymn is the most popular wedding hymn in Japan, and 23 million people in Japan sing this song every year. It was written by Irishman Joseph Scriven in 1855, which was the same year that Commodore Matthew Perry commanded the expedition that established United States relations with Japan. Scriven was to be married one day, but his fiancée drowned the day before the wedding. He moved to Port Hope, Canada, devoting his life to the needy and working for others for no pay, and he became known as the "Good Samaritan of Port Hope." He wrote this hymn as a poem to his mother in Ireland when she was on her deathbed.
Ref: Colin Nicholson

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter, "Tiffany," quit school at 16 because she didn't like her teachers, and "all the kids did drugs." She got a job as a maid, then quit. She got the job back and was fired. She went to work in a restaurant. It lasted three days -- you get the picture. Tiffany has lived with various pregnant girlfriends on their child support money until the inevitable squabble occurs and she's kicked out. She has tried cigarettes, alcohol and various drugs -- and is currently "dating" a prisoner who is on work release and with whom she plans to live with when he's released from jail. She's 19; he's 32. He has been in prison or jail twice, the last time for nine years. He has two illegitimate children in New York, so we assume he's unmarried. Tiffany wants us to welcome him into the family with open arms, even though she won't tell us his name or why he went to jail the first or second time. She refuses to listen to anyone. Should we give up on her and disinherit her, or keep trying to persuade her out of this ridiculous relationship? -- **LOVING GRANDPARENTS IN IDAHO**

DEAR LOVING GRANDPARENTS: You have my sympathy. Not only does Tiffany appear to be intellectually challenged, it appears she has never outgrown the rebellious stage. Are you sure you can't ascertain the identity of the new boyfriend, because I am sure the authorities would like to know that he has been "dating" while on work release, since it's not what the program is intended for. As for what to do about your granddaughter: Some people need to learn their life lessons the hard way, and Tiffany appears to fall into that category. However, rather than disinheriting her, consult an attorney who specializes

in wills and trusts to see how some money could be put aside to be doled out in the future, should she mature sufficiently to want to complete her education.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 15-year-old girl who is confused. My family moved to Montana six years ago, and a couple of years after we moved here my father had an affair. My parents split up for a while, then got back together. Then Dad became an alcoholic and tried to hurt my sister. That's when Mom kicked him out for good. Not long after that, he found a girlfriend. At Christmas he got very drunk and tried to hurt the girlfriend. Thanks to my sister's amazingly brave actions, she managed to save the girlfriend. Dad and this woman are still together, and he still drinks. He is very hard-headed. He thinks my sister is a "rebel" who tries to make him angry. Actually she's a nice person who has thoughts and opinions of her own. Every time I go to my dad's, I have to act like a different person so he doesn't do what he did last Christmas. I do not have the guts to do what my sister did. Is it wrong to agree with my father to keep him happy? Should I disagree if I think he's wrong? -- **CONFUSED IN MONTANA**

DEAR CONFUSED: Considering the fact that your father can become violent, you should do whatever is necessary to protect yourself. What I cannot understand is why your mother would allow you to go to your father's for unsupervised visits, considering the fact that he is so unstable. If the reason has to do with child custody and the terms of their divorce, this should be discussed with her lawyer. Enough is enough.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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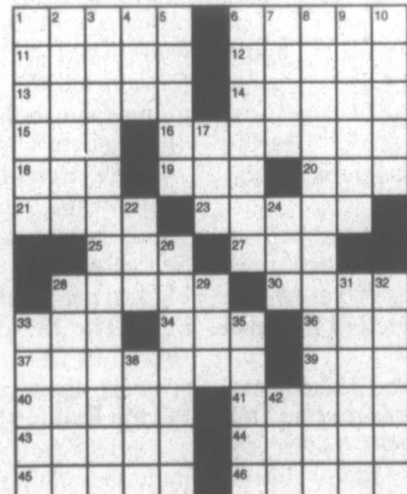
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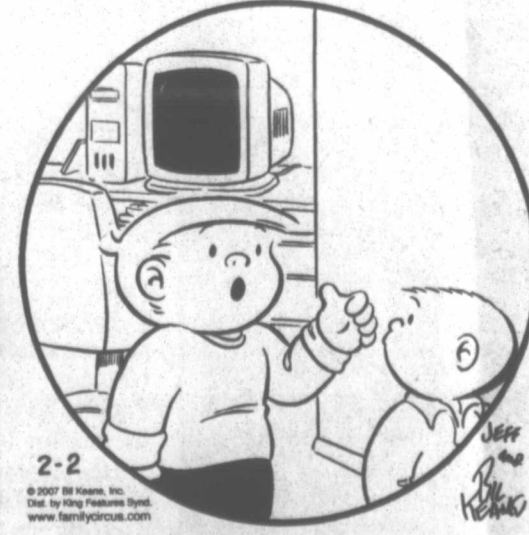
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The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Flo & Friends



Sports Day

Harvesters take on Hereford, recognize seniors tonight

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

As a tradition set aside for Friday game mornings, the varsity boys make their way to Briarwood church to enjoy a hearty breakfast prepared for them.

This morning, the varsity girls joined them as they ate together with family, friends and coaches and watched a slideshow projection with highlights from the season.

Both teams enjoyed one another's company as they shared a complete breakfast as tonight's gametime draws nearer.

Their second time to meet in less than three weeks, The Pampa Harvesters will play Hereford tonight at McNeely Field House in Pampa.

Last time they met, the Lady Harvesters defeated Hereford 50-42, as Britteni Rice surpassed the scoring record set by Nikki Ryan.

The boys suffered a close 71-65 loss to the Whitefaces after having taken the lead at halftime.

Tonight's varsity games against Hereford will not only be another night of intense basketball action, but a night to recognize the players that have poured their hearts and souls into the program for four years.

Tonight is Senior Night for the Pampa Harvesters as the fans and community will be introduced to the 10

young men and women that have played a valuable role in the basketball program throughout their high school career.

Kenzie Clendennen, McKensie East, Holly Owens, Britteni Rice, Tamara Trevathan and Kelsie Wyatt have been a part of Pampa basketball for years now, and as graduation is rapidly drawing nearer, so is the final chapter of their times as Lady Harvesters.

Of the boys, Tyler Hall, Trent Harris, Bradley Johnson and Andrew Winton have all been heavily engaged in basketball throughout their childhood, as well as during their four years at Pampa High School.

"Basketball is my life," Harris said, "I've been playing since I was just a 4th grader."

Harris, who plans on attending Frank Phillips College next year, will miss being a Pampa Harvester, but will value all of the good and bad memories that he's made over the years.

"I remember when I was on the JV team, and we lost to Palo Duro by just 2 points. It was tough, but I saw the team grow and learn from it," Harris recalled.

Of all things about being a Harvester, Bradley Johnson will miss the atmosphere, the Riot, and the crowd.

"I love playing basketball,



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

The Pampa Harvester seniors, as they gathered this morning at Briarwood Church for breakfast. Pictured here are (L-R): McKensie East, Britteni Rice, Trent Harris, Andrew Winton, Bradley Johnson, Tamara Trevathan, Kelsie Wyatt and Tyler Hall.

being with my friends out there on the court. It's a lot of fun," Johnson said.

Johnson will attend Howard Payne University this fall where he plans to continue being active in competitive sports.

A big fan of competitive sports, Andrew Winton said that's what he enjoys most about playing basketball for Pampa.

"I love going out there and playing," Winton said, "It's just a rush for me to get out there and compete in front of everyone."

After graduating in May, Winton wants to attend Clemson University in the fall.

Tyler Hall is not sure where he will be going to school next fall, but wherever he goes, he plans to keep

doing what he does best - basketball.

"It's just what I love to do," Hall said, "I've been doing it since I was little, and I'll keep doing it as long as I'm able to."

More often than not the leading scorer for the Pampa Harvesters, Hall is a valuable asset to the team that will undoubtedly be missed next year, as will all of this

year's seniors.

The senior boys will be recognized at halftime of the Lady Harvesters game, which will begin at 6 p.m. tonight at McNeely, followed by the boys game at 7:30, during which the senior girls will be recognized at halftime.

The JV boys will play at 6 p.m. at MPAC followed by the JV girls at 7:30.

Brett Favre to return for his 17th season

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Brett Favre will return for his 17th NFL season, undeterred by his injuries and hoping to lead the Green Bay Packers back to the playoffs.

"I am so excited about coming back," the 37-year-old quarterback said today on the Web site of the Sun Herald in Biloxi, Miss. "We have a good nucleus of young players. We were 8-8 last year, and that's encouraging."

Packers general manager Ted Thompson confirmed Favre had told the team he plans to return.

"The Packers are excited by his decision and look forward to a successful 2007 campaign," Thompson said in a statement.

The team scheduled a 4 p.m. EST news conference Friday.

"My offensive line looks good, the defense played good down the stretch," Favre told the Biloxi newspaper. "I'm excited about playing for a talented young football team."

The news came as a surprise to Packers CEO Bob Harlan.

"I hadn't heard it, and I hadn't seen the Biloxi paper — not that I read the Biloxi paper every day," Harlan told The Associated Press today.

Favre last left the field in an emotional scene in Chicago after leading the Packers to a victory to finish the season 8-8.

He has started 257 consecutive games including the playoffs, an NFL record for quarterbacks. Favre broke Dan Marino's record for career completions (4,967) in 2006 and is closing in on Marino's marks for career touchdown passes (420) and yards passing (61,361).

As he has done in the past several offseasons, Favre returned to his home in Mississippi after the season to deliberate about his future. Last year, Favre waited until late April to tell the team he was returning.

Favre complained about

ragging injuries and the drudgery of practice toward the end of last season, then choked back tears as he talked about missing the game and missing his teammates in a television interview immediately after the regular-season finale in Chicago — leading many to believe he intended to retire.

Apparently, he couldn't resist one more chance to try to lead the Packers back to the playoffs after the Packers won their final four games and were in playoff contention until the final weekend of the regular season.

Favre has led the Packers to 10 postseason appearances, six division titles, three NFC Championship games, two Super Bowls and one championship following the 1996 season.

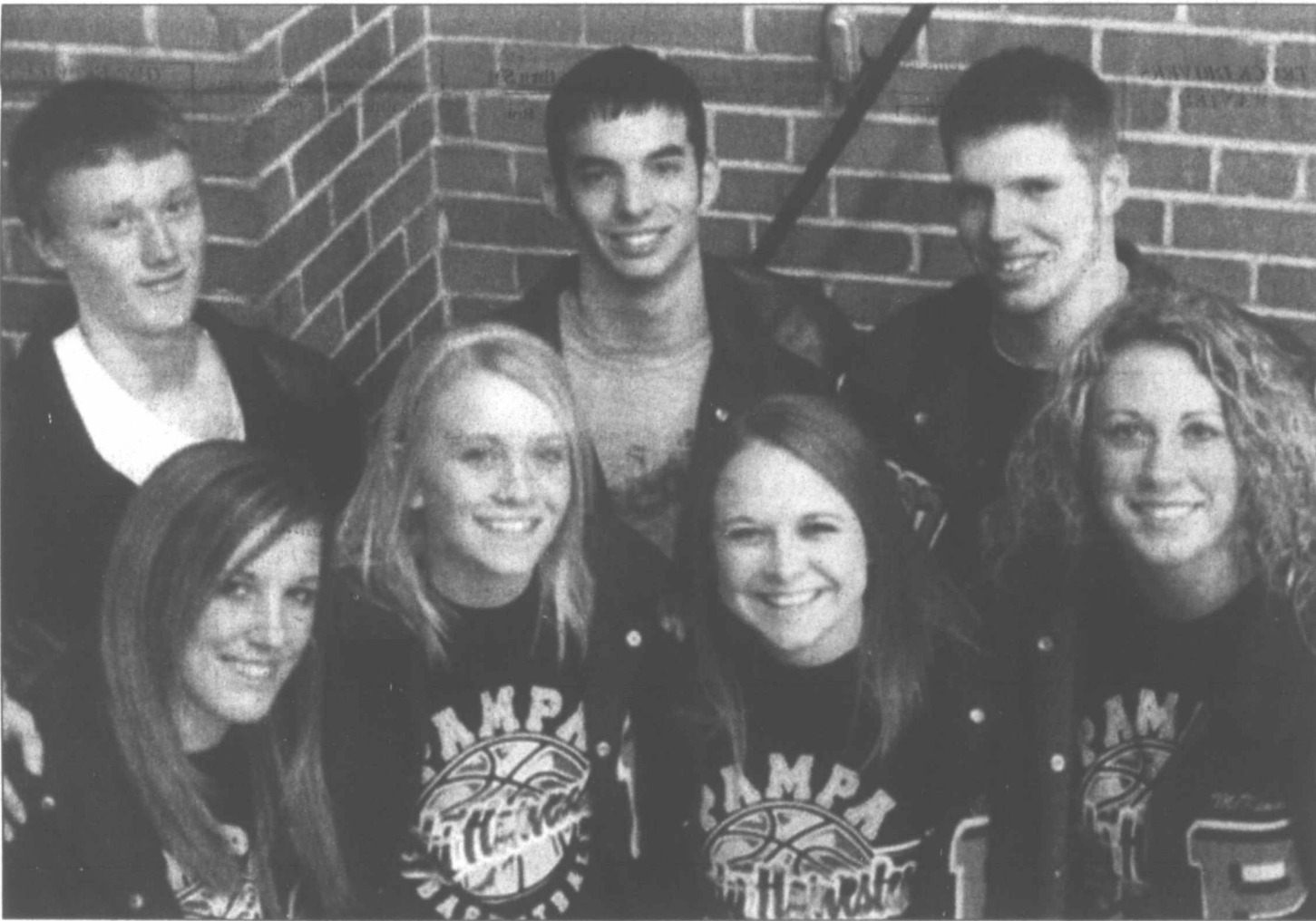
Favre was acquired in a trade by former Packers general manager Ron Wolf after one season as a backup in Atlanta in 1991. He completed his first NFL pass — to himself — on Sept. 13, 1992, catching a deflection and losing seven yards.

The following week, he replaced injured starter Don Majkowski in the third quarter and led the Packers to a come-from-behind 24-23 victory over Cincinnati.

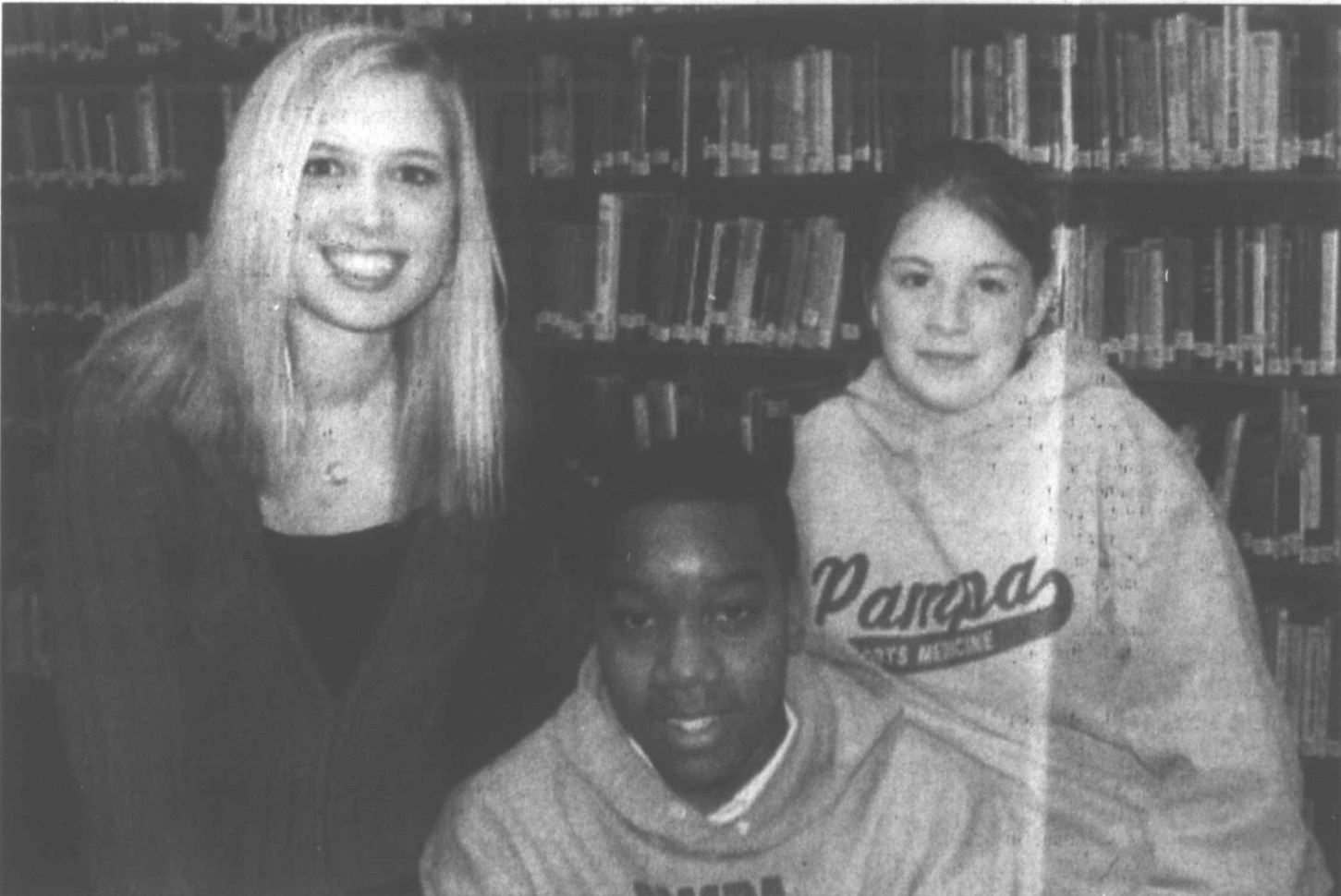
Favre started in place of Majkowski on Sept. 27, 1992, beginning the streak he often has called his biggest personal accomplishment. The 237-game regular-season streak is nearly six seasons ahead of the Colts' Peyton Manning at 144.

Favre's accomplishments include winning three league MVP awards — he shared 1997 honors with Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders — and throwing two touchdown passes in a 35-21 victory over the New England Patriots in the 1997 Super Bowl to give the Packers their first championship in 29 years. Earlier in that championship season, Favre spent time in the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kan., battling an addiction to painkillers.

Seniors



Back Row (L-R): Tyler Hall, Andrew Winton and Bradley Johnson
Front Row (L-R): Britteni Rice, Kelsie Wyatt, Tamara Trevathan and McKensie East



Pictured here are (L-R): Holly Owens, Trent Harris and Kenzie Clendennen

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007:

Focus on individuals, and you'll achieve many desires this year. Groups might prove to be a distraction, though you'll certainly enjoy your friends and get-togethers. You'll also gain through a partnership. You have many moneymaking ideas. Test them out first. Often, you don't see eye to eye with others about spending. Learn from differences. If you are single, you want to and will relate to someone quite closely. This person could already be a friend. Make sure a friendship is part of the glue. If you are attached, count on not agreeing on money. You might need to separate your finances in order to keep the peace! VIRGO points to intense and basic issues.

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)
*** Emphasize what you can do as opposed to what you cannot. You might be a little taken aback by the options that head in your direction. Someone might play devil's advocate. Get into the sparring and don't take the fighting personally. Tonight: Find your most relaxing spot. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Your creativity surges whether you are making plans or mulling over an issue. Extremes punctuate plans and people. Get into the variety rather than miss the stability. Learn to count on yourself. A friend might not know as much as he or she thinks. Tonight: Ah — to be naughty and nice. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ No matter which way you turn, you appear to be in the crosswinds of a situation. Step boldly into the unknown, without support. Sometimes you have difficulty trusting yourself. Experiences like today might build confidence. Tonight: Some quiet time at home. CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** You speak your mind. Others might not listen. After hearing new information, you feel as if you have broken a barrier. Doors will open if you are ready to walk through them. Know that not everyone has to agree with you. Tonight: Hang out. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Recent expenses might have you sitting back on your haunches. You might not need to agree with everyone or everything, but right now you might be closing down. Creativity doesn't need to mean risk. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to run an outrageous cost. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Many might not agree with you. Fortunately, right now support isn't the issue — good choices are. Think in terms of greater risks without others cheering you on. You are your own person, no matter how you look at it. Tonight: Your magnetism speaks. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** How you deal with someone might have a lot to do with how you are feeling. Refuse to go on automatic. Make choices because you decide to head in a particular direction. Discussions can be animated as well as informative. Tonight: Add more mystery. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Aim for what you want. Friends, children and loved ones play into the happenings that surround you. Knowing when you have had enough might be

important. Don't get enmeshed in a situation where secrecy must occur. Tonight: Find the action. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Pressure seems inevitable with the whirlwind of people and ideas that surround you. Everyone comes from a different perspective, adding to the many options and ideas. Don't get stuck in a battle of wills. Tonight: A must appearance. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Visualize what others are saying. Walk in their shoes to get a complete grasp. You might be surprised by just how easy it is to reconcile what seems impossible with this approach. Cut judgments, at least for the day. Tonight: Get into a game of Scrabble or go to the movies. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Work with individuals rather than get caught up in problems or your perspective. You might be surprised how extending your hand can make a difference in the outcome of an important situation. Tonight: Dinner for two. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Others might challenge you inadvertently. You certainly have a lot to say about a situation. Pick and choose your words with care so you don't sound like a tape recorder. Think impact. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

BORN TODAY Artist Norman Rockwell (1894), actress Morgan Fairchild (1950), comedian Shelley Berman (1926)

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Funding

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growing funding needs for public education and human services, especially health insurance for low-income Texans, should have the highest claims on the projected surplus. Then public safety and transportation.

And as Joseph prudently did in the Old Testament, holding some of this anticipated bounty in reserve to meet pressing needs in leaner days in the future is also a high priority.

The state's failure to fund the park system adequately for many years — not just since Perry took office six years ago — gives it a strong claim to be at or very near the top of the second tier of pressing state needs.

“State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, filed legislation Wednesday that would return all money from a state sales tax on sporting goods to parks. The Legislature dedicated the sporting goods tax to that purpose in 1993 but in later years rerouted most of it to other purposes. Under Perry, the state's park budget has declined while the general budget had gone up,” the Star-Telegram reported.

According to then-Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn last year, the sporting goods sales tax produced an annual revenue of \$100.6 million.

In 1993, the Legislature capped the amount of this tax that could go to state parks. The capped amount would have been \$32 million of that \$100.6 million. Instead, the Legislature gave state parks

only \$20.6 million.

The Texas state parks system — 600,000 priceless acres that about 10 million people visit every year — receives less than 40 percent of its annual budget from the Legislature. Other states spend about 65 percent, on average, in tax money to support their parks systems.

“Texas ranks 49th among the 50 states in per capita spending on parks,” the Associated Press noted last year.

The correlation between the sales tax on sporting goods and state parks use is not perfect, but it nonetheless is a strong connection. Finding a better funding mechanism would be difficult to do. The key is to reduce the transfer from this funding source to general appropriations, where it is used for anything but state parks.

The critical question finally is how much more the state parks system needs to make up for years of inadequate funding and resulting neglect and then to function at an appropriate level.

It is important to remember, as Perry may not, that state parks contribute substantially to the economies of their host areas, particularly the ones in rural parts of the state. The underfunding of the parks system, with degradation of park facilities, can result in fewer visitors and fewer dollars pumped into those local economies.

If Perry listens to his allies in the Grover Norquist crowd, he's likely to get a much different answer than if he listens to the people who use and truly appreciate what once was — and again should be — the finest state parks system in the country.

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— The Associated Press

Reese

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arbitrary political decision made by adults. In the U.S., a person is a child until his or her 18th birthday, and therefore in many states sex with an adult before that age is illegal. But the so-called age of consent varies among the different countries of the world, and, regardless of politics, children become sexual beings with puberty. It might be better if all people were celibate until age 18, but anyone working with teenagers knows that it is not the case.

Child sexuality is not a simple matter

that should be dumped in the laps of the cops. I definitely disapprove of adults having sex with minors, and the older the adult, the more I disapprove. It's a little different when the boy is 18 and his girlfriend is 17. Absent the use of force in such cases, I don't think young lovers should be sent to prison for failure to resist temptation.

And what do you do about cases of voluntary relationships? One reason prosecutors have been slow to file charges against Devlin is, I'm sure, that they are trying to figure out a way to make Hornbeck appear to be a completely helpless victim, when obviously that was not the case.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Sunday

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the Milton congregation will screen “Power to Win,” a video featuring Christian NFL stars, during halftime.

Some churches are using the Super Bowl as an opportunity to reach the poor.

A number of Nashville churches will host the homeless, feeding them, washing their clothes, letting them watch the game on big-screen TVs and giving them a bed to sleep in on Super Bowl Sunday. And at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libertyville, Ill., members will gather donations to help fund the parish food pantry, another one for the larger community, and a school under construction for African orphans.

William Baker, a retired University of Maine professor who has written two books about sports and religion, says the interplay between the two dates back to

ancient times, and that in modern-day America, evangelical Christians make the most of the relationship. He calls sports part of the new “American trinity” — along with religion and patriotism.

“Any visitor from Mars on Super Sunday, whether he watches television or goes to the stadium in Miami,” Baker said, “would say these people believe, maybe in God, but for sure they believe in the American flag and in the flyover military display and in patriotism, but most surely they believe in sports.”

Baker said evangelicals had long rejected sports — for the gambling it often fueled, for it often being played on the Sabbath and for the general bacchanalia that it was associated with. But they eventually realized they shared athletes' win-or-lose take on the world (only one team steps off the field victorious, and only believers are rewarded after death) and wanted to take advantage of the immense reach of athletic competition.

“Sport becomes a kind of fish hook to catch the unbelievers,” he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF MCLEAN TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of McLean has recently completed Office of Rural Community Affairs Program activities under its 2004 TCDP Contract #724519. One public hearing will be held to allow citizens an opportunity to comment on the completed project activities, amount of funds spent and the amount of funds spent on activities that benefited low/moderate income persons. Specific information on the TCDP program will be available.

The public hearing will be held at the City Hall, Monday, February 5, 2007 at 5:00pm, to review the City's program performance including the actual use of the TCDP funds. The City encourages individual citizens and citizen's groups to make their views known at this public hearing and welcomes the full participation of its citizens in the close-out and completion of this TCDP contract. Written complaints and grievances regarding this TCDP Contract and project activities will be received until February 5, 2007 and will be responded to in writing within fifteen (15) working days. Citizen comments may be delivered to the City Hall at any time. Groups representative of persons of low and moderate income may request technical assistance in developing comments by contacting the person listed below.

A copy of the City's Project Completion Report and Certificate of Expenditures will be available for inspection at the City Hall after the hearing. Handicapped individuals who may have difficulty in attending this meeting should contact Toni Bohlar at the City Hall to arrange for assistance. Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de las audiencias publicas.

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