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Telephone service remains good after breakup

Telephone service levels in Texas have remained good following the AT&T breakup and customer confusion is not rampant, according to Southwestern Bell.

"Our customer service representatives are getting a lot of questions, but overall, things are going very well," said Paul Johnson, manager of community relations for Southwestern Bell.

A phone company survey of conditions around the state indicates cable and line installation and repair, as well as switched services and operator services, are functioning at top levels. After a busy day on Jan. 3, business office volumes began to drop back to near normal during the rest of the week.

"We handled a heavy number of calls to our business office on Tuesday, our first business day after the breakup," said Johnson. "It's not unusual for a heavy load after a holiday, but the shrewdness certainly added to the count."

Johnson said the length of the customer contacts is longer than before the breakup, but not as long as anticipated. "This shows that the customers absorbed the media coverage the breakup received and that our representatives are doing a good job explaining our new operations."

The telephone company also attributed much of the success for a smooth transition to a shake-down period begun months ago to prepare employees for their new work routines and responsibilities. The company ran many operations on a "simulated" basis beginning last fall in preparation for the breakup.

According to Johnson, some customers don't seem to realize that Southwestern Bell will still be offering most all of the services it provided before the breakup. "We still have short-haul long distance calls, we still are responsible for the basic service and we even have a subsidiary which will sell residence and business advanced mobile telephone service and business and residence telephone equipment."

Based on customer queries to service workers, Southwestern Bell provides these answers to the most commonly asked questions concerning the divestiture:

Q. Do I have to buy a phone? A. No. If you're leasing a phone from Southwestern Bell, that phone is now owned by

WCJC offers home decorating course

Home decorating is a new course Continuing Education is offering at Wharton County Junior College.

Pat Baker of Bay City is the instructor for the course. Baker is the owner of a decorating shop in Wharton and Bay City.

This course will cover floor plans, color and style, furniture, and materials to use in your home decorating.

The class will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 beginning February 7th for six meetings.

Tuition for this course is \$14.40. To register for this class come to WCJC on Wednesday, January 18 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in room 102 of the Administration building.

For more information contact the Continuing Education office at 532-4560.

On the court

By: Rachelle Hunt

It's time once again to put two varsity Raider players in the spotlight. This week we would like to introduce James (Minnie) Williamson and James Amos.

Minnie is a 6'11" junior who plays the position of forward. He is the son of Mrs. Ada Joyce Williamson of Sheridan. Minnie is a pressed. "We've come a long way since the beginning of the season. We've got high goals for Austin but we can only do that if we continue to play as a team." You can find Minnie hustling down the court wearing jersey number forty-four.

James Amos is a 5'7" senior guard. He dribbles in for two wearing jersey number twenty-four. James is just trying to do his best, taking one game at a time, week by week. For winning district and more. As it stands now the Raiders are up front in the race for district. They would really appreciate support from the fans. Keep up the good work, guys!

Student council holds meeting

By: Lisa Corman

Student Council reporter Lisa Corman reports that on January 12, the Student Council held a business meeting during third period in the meeting room. President Coby Shorter, III called the meeting to order.

The main item of business on the agenda was the "Academic Achievement" program. This activity will be sponsored by the Student Council and the purpose of the banquet is to honor outstanding members of the high school campus.

Academic awards and scholarships also will be awarded to outstanding students at Rice High School. Students will only be able to attend if they receive invitations for outstanding accomplishments.

The Student Council wants to recognize the active and outstanding students on the campus and honor them for their achievements. The meeting was adjourned.

Soil Conservation News

Two conservation programs were presented to four classes of students at Columbus Elementary School as a kick off to the Golorado SWCD Poster and Essay contest.

Conservation assistance was provided to Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Biebert who are ready to begin work on reclaiming a badly eroding gully area on their place South of Weimar. The work will be done through the RC&D program.

Conservation assistance was provided to Theo. Schultz of Frelsburg. Theo. plans to plant some areas of cropland to grass in the near future.

Hospital News

Patients (January 16)

Eagle Lake: Eddie Nehavits, Ciprana de Luna, Willie Mae Brown and Baby Girl, Bessie Birdwell, Audrey Hemphill, Gary Grasshoff, Mabel Vasquez and Baby Girl, Esequiel Hernandez, Guadalupe Hernandez, William Thomas, Lawrence Bonnich, from Alletton; Reynolds Beane; from Lissie Winnie Wiese; from Sheridan; Debbie Trude; from Humble; James McClain; from Houston; John Harvey; from Egypt; S. E. Henderson; from Nada; Robert Leopold; from Dime Box; Frank Malenak.

Christine Baumbach, Josefina Estrada, Bertha Tello, Thomas Anderson; from Sheridan; Mabel Franklin, James Botard; from Alletton; Rosendo Gozales, Jennie Walla; from Sealy; Sandra Torres; from El Campo; Juan Gonzalez; from Rosenberg; Arvis Bluntson, Minnie Hargrove; from Weimar; Jerry A. Hayek, Bradley Baruck; from Pasadena; Benita Schinck; from Harborth; Vicki Hernandez, Vicki Hernandez, Rachelle Hunt, Janice Hyek, Monica Lopez, Michael Sibley, and Temple Thomas; sophomores, Laura Appelt, Valerie Benge, Peter Canaris, Vicki Darden, Tina Grahamman, Teresa Havens, Mario Hernandez, Susan Katusa, Travis Rucker, and Beverly Llaneta Alvarado and Mary Young.

Congratulations to all these scholars.

Houston Livestock Show enters its 52nd season

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is an educational, scientific and charitable organization whose sole purpose is to benefit youth and support education. It is the largest donor of agricultural scholarships in the nation.

This year, 453 students are attending Texas colleges and universities representing a commitment of \$2.9 million.

Also, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has provided \$4.4 million endowments to 12 Texas colleges and universities for agricultural scholarships of their choice.

"The Livestock Show and Rodeo also provides additional monies strictly to be used for underwriting agricultural research."

The Houston Livestock Show is the world's largest livestock show. In 1983, there were 32,279 livestock entries.

Twenty-one outstanding entertainers will provide 16 rodeo performances from Wednesday, February 22 to Sunday, March 6. Colorado County night will be Tuesday, February 28. Roy Clark and Lee Greenwood will be the stars for that performance and a bus will be made available that will leave from the courthouse square.

Tickets for all of these performances will be available in Columbus on Saturday, February 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at Potter's Western Store on Hwy. 71. Anyone needing additional information please contact: Leslie and Dale Heinsohn, Henry and Pam Potter, Crockett Leyendecker, Henry Beken and Judge Lester Cranek.

Honor roll announced

By: Cheryl Ross

Rice High School is proud to announce the honor roll students for the third six weeks of the 1983-84 school year.

Those students who made the 3.0 GPA honor roll were: seniors, Julia Rosprin, Cheryl Ross, Coby Shorter, III, Shawn Simcik and Steven Spaniel; juniors, John Adkins, Bertie Garcia, John Harborth, Vicki Hernandez, Rachelle Hunt, Janice Hyek, Monica Lopez, Michael Sibley, and Temple Thomas; sophomores, Valerie Benge, Peter Canaris, Vicki Darden, Tina Grahamman, Teresa Havens, Mario Hernandez, Susan Katusa, Travis Rucker, and Beverly Llaneta Alvarado and Mary Young.

WCJC calendar of events

Thursday, January 21: 7:30 p.m., Pioneer Men's TJAC Basketball vs. San Jacinto College, Pioneer Gym; 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., "Assertiveness" workshop sponsored by Adult Disadvantaged Program, Ms. Hattie Hill, Texas Rehabilitation counselor, speaker, \$4 registration, WCJC Adult Education Building.

Tuesday, January 24: 6 p.m., Spring Bridal Fair and Fashion Show, sponsored by Alpha Zeta Tau Club, public invited, tickets \$5, Holiday Inn Motel, Bay City.

Friday, January 27: Last day to register for spring semester.

Who's Zat?

By: Debbie Wilson

Varoom, Varoom, want to play cars with me!" asks this little varoomer. This little darling looks as though he is wanting someone to play with him. This picture was passed around school for people to guess who this was, and many were confused. Several people who said it was Temple Thomas were thanked Dr. Rob Pavlu.

Art, hobby show in Shiner

The eighth annual Art and Hobby Show is brewing in Shiner, being staged for Saturday, February 26, at the spacious indoor American Legion Hall. The Shiner Rotary Club, who sponsors the show, is inviting everyone to participate in this year's exhibit featuring three categories: the Judged Art competition, the Commercial exhibits, and the Sewing and Handicraft competition. Deadline for entries is February 16.

Snacks and refreshments will be available throughout the day with breakfast beginning at 7 a.m., so make plans now to spend Sunday, February 28, viewing some of Texas' finest crafts.

For further information and entry forms write: Judge Art-Jack Cloutier, Box 398, Commercial-Dan Kaspar, Box 1028, and Sewing/Handicraft, Glenn Leist, Box 266, Shiner, Texas 77984.

W-2 forms should be received by February 1, 1984

Employees who have not received a W-2 Wage and Tax Statement, by February 1 should contact their employer to be sure they have the correct address. The Internal Revenue Service says. Even if an employee is unable to get a W-2 before the tax filing deadline, the return must be filed by April 16. (This year, April 15 falls on Sunday.) The IRS reminds taxpayers that they must have a W-2 from every employer they worked for during the year. If it is impossible to obtain a W-2 from an employer, the employee should either obtain a Form 4852,

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