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 Information about your changing telephone service from Paul Johnson, Manager, Community Relations

Expense cutting saves millions
 If you're like me, you've probably been hearing a lot lately about expense and budget cutting on the national and state levels. Southwest Bell Telephone is also cutting expenses. These cuts saved the company millions in 1984. Just like on the national and state levels, we know financial health begins by holding down expenses. We're doing that by ensuring every dollar we do spend provides maximum benefit.
The buck stops here
 Here's how we're tightening our belt in Texas:
 • reducing our work force — by not hiring behind retirements and other losses. On an annual basis this is saving us more than \$50 million.
 • mechanizing jobs and procedures — where there are potential savings and efficiencies.
 • holding the line on overtime — we've cut these expenses by 33 percent since 1983 for a savings in Texas of \$25 million.
 • renegotiating contracts — with outside office equipment suppliers. Compared to previous contracts, we're spending \$5 million a year less on office supplies and machinery.
 • reducing customer telephone-line reports — our statewide effort is paying off. Total trouble reports are down 86,000 a month compared to last year. Saving, in report processing costs, exceed \$45 million a year.
 On top of all these measures and others, we'll take up the spending belt a few more notches in the coming months. Our major operating departments in Texas have already committed to doing their jobs in 1985 with a zero budget increase. That means they'll have to absorb the traditional expenses — inflation and growth.
Additional mileage from the network
 Beyond expense measures, we recognize there's also an important revenue side of running a well-managed, self-sufficient business.
 We're continuing to look for new sources of revenue outside of the "rate arena." And we're also constantly seeking opportunities to get additional mileage from the telephone network investment already in place.
 It takes months, and sometimes years, to bring a new service on line, successfully market it, and then realize a revenue stream. But the best thing we ever did for us was to advise us to get an electric heat pump when we had to replace our central air conditioning unit. Now that was neighborhood buying that heat pump was one of the smartest moves we ever made.
 Until George told me better, I always assumed that a heat pump was just a heating system. Well, it's that, of course — but it's also an air conditioner that does a great job of cooling and dehumidifying our home every summer.
 So what we have now is this neat all-in-one system that keeps the house comfortable all year round — and does it efficiently, too, so that we save money on utility bills.

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Obituaries

Sarah Sosa Torres
 Sarah Sosa Torres, 69, of Eagle Lake, died on Thursday, January 3 at the M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Prayer services were held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 5 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral was conducted at noon on Sunday, January 6 from the Vine of the Lord Church with Rev. Paul Aguilar, officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery. She was born on August 24, 1925 in Vanderbil, a daughter of Louis and Juanita Carranza. She was an Eagle Lake resident most of her life and was a member of the Vine of the Lord Church of Eagle Lake.
 Survivors include her widow, Rudy Torres of Eagle Lake; father, Louis Carranza of Simonton; four daughters, Alice Castillo of Eagle Lake, Diane Valdez of Baytown, Vivian Guerra and Linda Kay Sosa, both of Eagle Lake; eight sons, Julian and Billy Sosa, both of Houston, and Larry, Alvin, David and Charles Sosa, all of Eagle Lake; and Herman and Fidel Perez, both of California. A sister, Celia Fernandez, a brother, Roy Carranza of Houston; seventeen grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.
Slack Ivey Hamm
 Slack Ivey Hamm, 94, of Wharton and formerly of Eagle Lake, died Monday, January 7, in a Beaumont hospital following a brief illness. Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, January 10, in the chapel of the Wharton Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.
 Mr. Hamm was born April 14, 1890, in Wood County, Texas, a son of the late Zachariah Melton and Jane Creech Hamm. He moved from Wood to Colorado County in his early youth and moved to New Mexico as a homesteader in 1914. There he worked as a blacksmith by trade, and hauled freight by wagon and burro until 1918.
 He was married on Nov. 5, 1912, in Wharton County to the former Ada Jackson Courtney who preceded him in death on June 16, 1964. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Nov. 1962.
 He returned to Eagle Lake in 1918 and established the Hamm Sundry Dairy in 1922, and operated the business until 1938. At one time, there were eight Hamm children in the Eagle Lake School system. He also worked as a salesman for the Wykins Co. of Tennessee for 41 years, retiring in 1974.
 Survivors include daughters and sons in law, Maudie and Marvin Graham of Sweeney, Cyler Webb, Gladys Ledbetter and Miriam, "Sissy" Pavlovich, two brothers, Daniel and Howard; three daughters, Caroline Brown of Hallettsville, Ola Lee Emory of Corpus Christi and Barbara Bolard of San Antonio; two sons, Charles and Henry of Eagle Lake and eight grandchildren. Pallbearers were Alton and Vernon Brown, Lester and Kevin Wyatt, L.W. Fuller Jr. and Charles Kalybe. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Phyllis Rompf Tyler
 Phyllis Rompf Tyler, 63, of Altair, died on January 1, 1985 at her residence in the Bernardo area. The funeral was conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 4 from the Hennicke Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Huth officiating. Burial was in Old Fellows Rest Cemetery. She was born on February 28, 1922 in Houston, a daughter of Jack and Lorena Dupree Rompf. She was Postmaster in Altair for the U.S. Postal Department and had lived for 10 years in the Bernardo area.
 Survivors include a daughter, Maureen Laikar of Victoria, a son, Clifton Tyler of Columbus, three brothers, John Rompf and Ralph Rompf, both of Fredericksburg, and Barclay Rompf of Houston; three grandchildren, and numerous relatives and a host of friends.
 Pallbearers were Jim Wies, Louis Schorlemmer, Mike Mangum, Bill Blair, Jimmy Adkins, Mike Cheatham. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.
Addie Jo Taylor
 Mrs. Addie Jo Taylor, 80, of Eagle Lake, who with her late husband were former owners of The Eagle Lake Headlight, died on Thursday, January 3, at her home here. The funeral was conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 8, from the First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake with Rev. Mike Barron and Rev. E.E. Muller officiating. Burial was in Masonic Cemetery in Eagle Lake.
 She was born on November 27, 1904 in Greenville, Tennessee, a daughter of William Edward and Callie Addie Byrd Johnson. Her mother died just days after birth of Addie so she was reared by the Henry Brooks family until the age of 5, when her father remarried. She came to Eagle Lake six years ago as a young lady to live with Mrs. Frank Stephens and Mrs. Mrs. Hayes Stephens and was lovingly devoted to the family. She married Dan Stafford Taylor on April 7, 1939 in Eagle Lake at the Hayes Stephens home.
 She was preceded in death by her husband on April 25, 1966.
 Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Beverly Taylor of Eagle Lake; three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Harold and Mrs. Mary Masters, both of Greenville, Tennessee; Mrs. Gertrude Malone Kingston, Tennessee; grandchildren, Stephen and Tess Taylor, both of Lake Jackson; nieces, Harold, Frances, Hazel, Austin as well as numerous other nieces and nephews and a host of loved ones.
 Pallbearers were Earl Rodgers, Larry Rodgers, Ernest Rodgers, Lloyd Spalinger, Robert Samuel Martin, Ted Brunner.
 Memorial to the First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake.
 Sympathy is extended to the family.

Vera Ondrias Malcik
 Church and was preceded in death by her husband; Louis Malcik Jr.
 Survivors include a son, Charles Malcik of Wharton; three brothers, Paul Ondrias of Victoria, Ernie Ondrias of Wharton and Jim Ondrias of Wharton; a sister, Marie Duka of Eagle Lake; and numerous nieces and nephews.
 Pallbearers were Ernie Ondrias Jr., David Ondrias, Louis Ondrias, Clinton Duka, Darrell Ondrias and Ronnie Ondrias.
 Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of their loved one.
Mrs. Vera White Cambre
 Mrs. Vera White Cambre, 73, of Eagle Lake, died on Friday, January 4 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.
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Chester Douglas Webb
 Chester Douglas Webb, 68, of Hallettsville, died on Wednesday, January 2 at 11:15 p.m. at the Stevens Convalescent Center in Hallettsville. Services were conducted at the Kubena Funeral Home on Friday, January 4 with Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating.
 He was born on July 28, 1915 in Douglas, Arizona, a son of Chester Howard and Effie Cyler Webb. The family later moved to Sinton where he farmed and then to Hallettsville. He was a member of the Church of Christ and a veteran of WW II. He married Ruth Fitch, presently of Sheridan, on July 20, 1944 and was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Linda Sue, a grand daughter, Karen Sue Emory, and a great grandson, James Alton Myrick.
 Survivors include four sisters, Pearl McMahon, Edith Gregory, Gladys Ledbetter and Miriam, "Sissy" Pavlovich; two brothers, Daniel and Howard; three daughters, Caroline Brown of Hallettsville, Ola Lee Emory of Corpus Christi and Barbara Bolard of San Antonio; two sons, Charles and Henry of Eagle Lake and eight grandchildren. Pallbearers were Alton and Vernon Brown, Lester and Kevin Wyatt, L.W. Fuller Jr. and Charles Kalybe. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Herron
 Mrs. Lillie Mae Herron, 91, a resident of the Heritage House in Eagle Lake, died on December 28 at 6:30 a.m. The funeral was conducted at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 30 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating. Burial was in Lehrer Memorial Cemetery in Garwood.
 She was born on July 22, 1893 in Rains County, a daughter of William Lewis and Christine Ivey. A resident of Altair, Mrs. Dorothy Walker of Rosenberg and Mrs. Ruby Henry of Vidler; five brothers, Groby Tyler and Walter Tyler, both of Altair, Willie Tyler of LaMarque, Victor Tyler of Richmond and Marvin Tyler of Nade, plus numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.
 Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. On Eastland of Altair, Mrs. Dorothy Walker of Rosenberg and Mrs. Ruby Henry of Vidler; five brothers, Groby Tyler and Walter Tyler, both of Altair, Willie Tyler of LaMarque, Victor Tyler of Richmond and Marvin Tyler of Nade, plus numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Clifton Louis Tyler
 Clifton Louis Tyler, 73, of Woodside, New York, died on January 5 at the Elmhurst Hospital in Woodside, New York. Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 10 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Cheatham Cemetery in Shighdan.
 He was born on April 1, 1911 near Altair, a son of Louis and Addie Phippen Tyler. He was a former resident of Houston and had been in New York for the past twenty years. He retired from Macy's Department Store in New York after 32 years of service. He was a veteran of World War II.
 Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. On Eastland of Altair, Mrs. Dorothy Walker of Rosenberg and Mrs. Ruby Henry of Vidler; five brothers, Groby Tyler and Walter Tyler, both of Altair, Willie Tyler of LaMarque, Victor Tyler of Richmond and Marvin Tyler of Nade, plus numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Middle School receives accreditation
 The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, through its Commission on Elementary Schools, has awarded continuing accreditation to Eagle Lake Middle School by action taken during the Association's 98th annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, December 9-12.
 Through accreditation, school staff and faculty members will benefit by knowing that conditions for teaching in accredited schools meet certain minimum standards and that efforts are continuously made to improve these conditions. Regional standards require adequate facilities and facilities and their effective use.
 Officials are assured of accountability and of value for their dollars through the process of standard setting and regular reevaluation of SACs member institutions. Communities with accredited schools can be confident that their institutions compare favorably with others in the region. Accredited schools are a "plus" for those who are interested in relocating their families and businesses.
 Founded in 1895, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is one of six regional accrediting bodies in the United States. More than 11,000 member public and private universities, colleges, junior colleges, occupational institutions, secondary schools, middle schools, and elementary schools enroll approximately five million students.
Appraisal district to be in Garwood January 16
 The Colorado County Central Appraisal District, will be at Hopkins Rice Office in Garwood on Wednesday, January 16 to collect taxes on school, county and water district and to assess 1985 taxes.

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Garwood & Nada Community News

By Mrs. J.F. Struka
 Mrs. Henrietta Krenke had Christmas dinner at her home in Nada. She served turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Her guests were Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Drapala's guests for Christmas was her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Drapala and family from Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Conner and Mrs. Guy Conner's home had Christmas decorations on the outside with a bow and red streamers on light fixtures and a Christmas decoration on the front door. The inside had arrangements of poinsettias on two tables. Those helping Mrs. Conner serve the Christmas dinner was her daughter Linda and her granddaughter Lea. The guests were as follows: Major Chris Shaw and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hurts of Clute visited Mrs. Laura Littleton on Friday, December 28. Mrs. Ella Struka accompanied Dana Struka to Houston to spend the Christmas holidays with the John Struka family. Dana and Misty Martin brought her home on Thursday evening. Mrs. R.A. Shoop was hostess for a Christmas gift exchange and a 6 p.m. dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kutach and children, Joshua and Jeanette of New Gulf, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Novak of Wharton, Timmy and Parrah last week. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seale and guests, Bryan and Kyle were guests of Mrs. R.B. Shaw last Sunday. Mrs. Vera Shoop was at a family get together at Mr. and Mrs. George Koenig's home. Their children also were there. Major Chris Shaw and his wife, Captain Deborah Shaw was visiting his mother, Mrs. Guy Conner and husband, and other relatives and friends.
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