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## Wet Roadway Blamed For Sunday Fatality

Sunday evening, on IH 20 milepost 310, Kristie M. Campbell, 28, of Abilene was killed in a two-vehicle traffic collision. The collision occurred in Callahan County, two miles east of Baird. Campbell was driving a 1996 Chevrolet Lumina and lost control of her east bound vehicle during a rain shower.

Campbell's Chevrolet Lumina went into a broadside skid and traveled across the center-dividing strip into the westbound lane of traffic. Campbell's vehicle was struck in the drivers' side door by an eighteen-wheel truck traveling west to California. Campbell's

vehicle was knocked back across the center dividing strip and came to rest near the eastbound traffic lane.

Annie Mae Carroll of Tennessee drove the 1990 eighteen-wheel Peterbuilt truck. Carroll was transported to Hendrick Hospital by Clyde EMS Ambulance.

Justice of the Peace Don Burns of Baird pronounced her dead at the scene.

The body was taken to Parker Funeral Home in Baird.

The collision occurred about 7:30 p.m. and is under investigation. Road and weather conditions were rainy and wet.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper David Mays assisted by Trooper David Parkhill and Trooper Tim Bundick investigated the wreck.

## Upcoming Events For Baird School

Picture day will be Monday, September 13.

Open House will be Tuesday, September 21, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

There will also be an MFT meeting in the Cafetorium Tuesday, September 21, from 6:45 to 7:00 p.m.

## Holland To File For Re-Election For Precinct 3

Callahan County Precinct 3 Commissioner Tommy Holland announces that he will be filing for re-election in December of 1999. Holland's and Precinct 1 Commissioner Harold Hicks terms will end in December 2000.

## Ticket Sales To Benefit Graduates

Tickets benefiting the Baird Project Graduation 2000 are now on sale. The winner will receive their choice of either a brand new 2000 Dodge Ram Truck or \$15,000 cash.

You may purchase your ticket by contacting the parents of a 2000 graduation senior or call 915/854-1165 or 915/854-1236 for information.

## Field Day Promotes Agriculture, Natural Resources To Youth

On Monday, August 30th, local fifth graders were given the opportunity to learn the value of agriculture in the county through an Agriculture & Natural Resources Field Day. Fifth graders from Baird, Cross Plains and Eula took part in this years Field Day held at the home of Miller and Marian Scott.

The Ag and Natural Resources Field Day is sponsored by the Callahan County Extension Executive Board, Callahan County Farm Bureau and the Wichita Falls Production Credit Association. Thanks goes to Wes-T-Go Convenience Store of Baird for their donation of ice for the days activities.

The Field Day was designed to teach Callahan County 5th graders the importance of some of the agricultural products produced in Callahan County and how important agriculture is to the economy of the county. The goal of the Field Day was to give kids a chance to see how they



Linda and Ross Darnell stand in front of future beauty shop.

## Beauty Shop To Open Downtown

Good things are happening at 130 Market Street in Baird. The

building, which was Vernon Weeks barber-shop since 1946, was purchased in August by Linda and Ross Darnell, and it is being remodeled. A new front and windows have been installed and it is receiving some insulation. An attractive interior should be accomplished in time for a new business to open in it by the first of

November.

The new business is a yet to be named beauty shop which will be operated by Linda Darnell. She will work with men's and children's hair in addition to the ladies' hair needs.

Ross and his father Frankie are remodeling the building. The Darnells have a son Nickalos and a daughter Nichole.

## 18 Wheel Truck Driver Responds To Comment

An anonymous writer tells truckers' side of story in reference to recent comments here in a column on "18-wheelers zooming by."

The writer says "To whoever wrote about the 18 wheelers zooming by, etc.,...I drive an 18 wheeler for a living and the amazing thing is now that I con (now) drive the same speed as 4 wheelers, they are still passing me like I'm standing still.

That split speed limit caused more accidents than any speeding truck. Next time drive a mile in my shoes before you make accusations."

(Response here: No accusation; just the belief that most truckers, not all, thank goodness, do not abide by the posted speed limits, and that those speeders are not stopped as often as are speeding passenger vehicles).

## Bears Open Season With A Big 33-6 Win

By Coleman Vestal  
The Baird Bears started the 1999 season with a huge victory over the Roscoe Plowboys. The Bears finally ended their losing streak against the Plowboys with a 33-6 spanking last Friday night. Despite a rainy night and first game jitters, the Bears came

out on top.  
The Bear defense held tough, allowing only 1 touchdown and 12 first downs. Baird stood strong allowing 147 rushing yards on 54 carries, and 57 yards passing on 16 attempts. The Bear defense was anchored by Mike Rudder with 16 tackles (Continued Inside)

By Mo Gonzales  
The Baird Bears opened up the season in the midst of a rain-storm, but that didn't keep them from stopping the Plowboys in their tracks. The Bears turned over the ball on fumbles the first three times they touched the ball, and gave Roscoe good field position in Baird territory. Heads up play by the Baird defense only yielded on 6 points on the turnovers. The Plowboy offense was stopped by the Baird defensive squad, consisting of Jr. Gomez, Jason Gomez, Bucky Rivera, Clay Smith, Robert Mendez, Logan Russell, Lee Harle, Todd Vestal, Curtis Lehew, Coleman Vestal and middle linebacker Mike Rudder, who accounted for 16 solo tackles for the night.

## Baird To Host Yellowhammers Friday, 8p.m.

The Baird Bears riding a 33-6 win over Roscoe last week will host the Rotan Yellowhammers who demoralized Ralls last week 27-0.

Here's the way the two team stack up:

**BAIRD BEARS**  
School colors: Red & White

Last year's record: 8-4 (4-1)

Head coach: Kelly West

Head coaching record: 17-7

Years at school: 2

Record at school: 17-7

Assistant coaches: Tony Koch, Ryan Lewis, Rob Londerholm

Last district championship: 1997

Last playoff appearance: 1998

Returning lettermen: Logan Russell, 5-10, 165, WR-CB, Sr.; Lee Harle, 6-0, 170, QB-FS, Sr; Justin Rivera, 6-1, 180, TB-SS, Sr; Robert Mendez, 5-9, 150, LB, Sr; Curtis Lehew, 5-10, 160, TB-LB, Jr.; Clay Smith, 5-9, 175, DE, Jr.; Ty Wilson, 5-10, 185, G, Sr; Dustin Watson, 6-0, 215, T, Sr; Junior Gomez, 5-8, 150, DT, Sr; Brandon Frankens, 5-10, 160, G, Jr; Coleman Vestal, 6-

0, 220, G-LB, Jr; Jonathan Parr, 6-1, 205, T, Jr; Jason Gomez, 5-10, 270, DT, Sr; J.J. Carrillo, 5-10, 220, C, Sr.; Kyle Hogue, 6-0, 180, TE, Sr; Jeremy Gonzales, 5-11, 170, WR, Sr.

Top new players: Bucky Rivera, 5-9, 175, DE, Jr; Ronnie Rivers 5-11, 190, TE, Jr; Todd Vestal, 5-8, 140, QB-CB, Soph.

Returning all-district players: Jason Gomez, DT (first team); Harle, QB (first team); Carrillo, C (first team); Rivera, RB (second team); C. Vestal OL (second team); Parr, OL (second team); Russell, DB (second team); Wilson, G (second team); Junior Gomez, DL (second team); Robert Mendez, DB (second team)

Returning all-area player: Russell, DB

Team strengths: Experience and quickness

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**ROTAN YELLOWHAMMERS**  
School colors: Orange & White

Last year's record: 7-3 (2-3)

Head coach: Bob (Continued Inside)

Those 6 points were the beginning of the end for Roscoe, as the Bears came back with 33 unanswered points. Good blocking by the offensive line, anchored by center J.J. Carrillo, guards Ty Wilson and Coleman Vestal, tackles Jonathan Parr and Dustin Watson, and tight end Kyle Hogue, was key. Receivers Jeremy Gonzales and Logan Russell, and running backs Jack Pruet and Justin Rivera did a great job of hitting the holes. Quarterback Lee Harle, the general of the offense, commanded the attack.

The Roscoe Plowboys scored first to take a 0-6 (Continued Inside)

## Notice

Outstanding Citizen Award deadline for submitting nomination is Friday, September 10th.



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In Baird, 8:00 PM**

**Thurs., Sept. 9  
Baird JV  
vs.  
Rotan  
In Rotan, 6:30 PM**

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## ON THE ROAD

With Wonder Woman & Tumbleweed

We had to take a load of drills, saws and other carpentry tools to a Lowe's Department Store in Dover, Delaware. The trailer was picked up in North Carolina.

To get to Delaware on Highway 50, you cross Chesapeake Bay, over a high, enormous bridge. This was around 2 a.m. A driver came on the CB with, "I hate this bridge, it's gonna fall someday. There are too many trucks and cars that go over it, and I know it's gonna fall, and I'm gonna be on it."

Another driver tried to calm the first driver's fears and told him, "If you fall just hit your air brakes and you'll be fine."

Did you know that air brakes have to have air to keep the tires rolling? If a truck loses air pressure then the brakes close up and the tires stop rolling. It's shut down! Also, if a truck has Jake Brakes, these are not brakes at all. The Jake Brakes retard the motor's timing, which causes exhaust pressure that makes the motor slow down and this makes the truck slow down. This is used a lot by drivers in the mountains. A lot of cities do not allow trucks to use engine retarders of Jake Brakes because they are really loud.

We did not get to go back over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge when we left Delaware. They sent

us north through Pennsylvania. The countryside is beautiful in this part of the U.S.

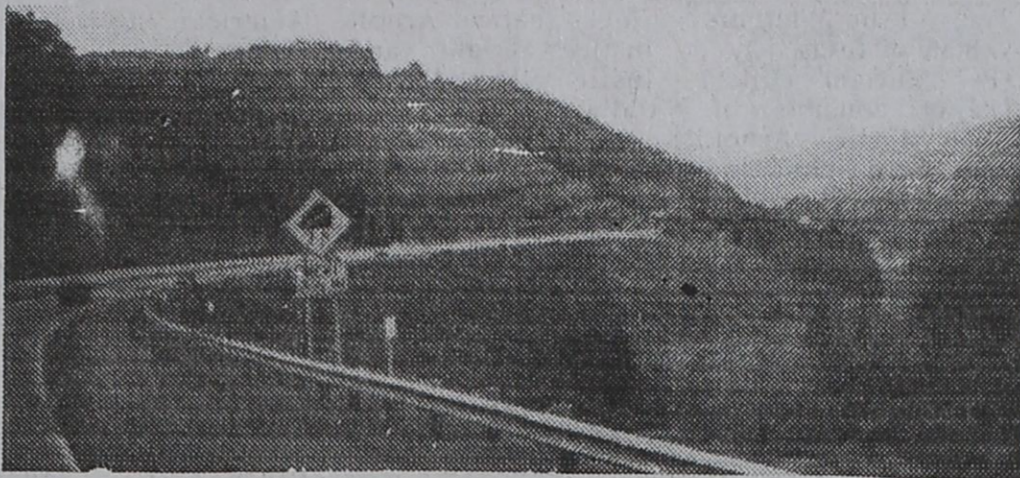
One time the route solution sent us through Columbus, Ohio. The traffic seemed really heavy and when we came to an exit that went to the Amphitheater, all four exits, north, south, east and west, were blocked with cars. One way was blocked for miles. That night at the truck stop, on the 10 p.m. news, a reporter was talking about the record setting crowd that came to heart country western star Shania Twain in a concert. This was where the cars were going.

During this trip we stopped at a truck stop in Troy, Illinois, for lunch. Coming back, we walked by a truck and saw a duffel bag

someone had set down between the tractor and the trailer on a truck. I was good to be a good Samaritan, so I knocked on the door and a man opened the side vent and asked what I wanted. I told he had left a bag outside and he said no he didn't. I told him to look out the door and he said I had the wrong truck. I said the bag would be where he left it and went back to our truck. Herrel was laughing at me because I was made because the guy wouldn't let me help him out. Oh well.

Speaking of finding something lost. About 7 or 8 weeks ago we had stopped in Joplin, Missouri, at a Petro Truck Stop to take a shower, and I left my glasses in the shower. I did not notice I had left them until we were almost in Texas. I called them 3 times to make sure they still had them and finally we came back through Joplin. I have plans to keep a better eye on my glasses.

Dispatchers sent Herrel to Wichita Falls to pick up a very heavy load of fiber-



CHESAPEAKE RIVER BRIDGE -- The 'old' bridge going over the Chesapeake River in Delaware. The road goes into Pennsylvania.

glass reinforcements going to Vancouver, Washington. As we get close to Amarillo, a message comes over the Qualcomm (Truck

computer) that said there was no damage at the USXpress terminal in Oklahoma City from the tornado.

We were listening to

tapes so we did not hear any news. After the message came in I turned on the TV and we heard about the devastation Oklahoma City went through. Bless their hearts.

Then we called family members to let them know we did not go close to Oklahoma City and to see if they were all right. Heavy storms were in the Texas Big Country area.

We also called relatives who live in Oklahoma City, but the tornado missed their homes. These are the times when you wish you were close at home.

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## Seeds From The Planter

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

"Train up a child in the way he should go" Proverbs 22:6.

I read an interesting thing in a recent Sunday School lesson, it said, "Love without discipline leads to indulgence and lawlessness, discipline without love leads to bitterness and hate, but love with discipline reflects the true nature of our Heavenly Father."

I am fully convinced that this is true in our society today. I see the criminal records coming in each day and my heart aches for the individuals and their parents. I believe it is time, maybe past time, that we in our county wake up to the needs of the children for the seed of discipline combined with love. Yes, I do



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know how busy everyone is, I am also searching for time to do some things that are very important to me. We need to get our priorities straight and we need to sew seeds every day and every where of love and discipline so that in the near future our county will have a lighter load of the expense to the pocketbook and to the heart because of the actions of those we love.

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## Guest Slot

(ED. NOTE: Cousin Hugh O'Brien of Comanche County has been on a letter writer jag again, and he's shared most of them with us. He's concerned (as apparently most of us should be) about the 'giveaway' of the Panama Canal. He's written the high and the mighty, but apparently hasn't got a lot of reassuring feed back. Perhaps we should all join in his efforts. The following are edited versions of his many letters -- to an from.)



doubt that the Congress has either. I found one item and I quote "The Clinton Administration expressed concern about the transparency in which a Hong Kong company was awarded the concession" (for the two ports of Cristobal and Balboa on each end of the Canal.) Only a "concern" but no hint of action about a Communist take over of properties long considered "OURS" in our own hemisphere. For 'transparency' use 'bribery' 'concern' 'Apathy'.

Honorable Charles W. Stenholm,  
Thanks for your letter just received in response to my concern over Red Chinese take over of Panama Canal. I appreciate the Congressional Research Service 'Brief' of 16 pages you sent me concerning Panama -- U.S. Relations, (updated 6/23/99).  
What with cheap cows, extremely dry weather, 5 daughters, 5 sons-in-laws laws, grand kids, and Lucille, I have not read this report as studiously as I should, but I

time can be conducive to paranoia (in which one comes to believe that everybody is "out to get you", but in this case I feel my fears are real; that America faces the greatest peril in this history of our Nation. You have long heard the allegation of "The Ostrich hiding its head in the sand?" Not true of that much maligned bird. Only people hide their head from unpleasant truths, or look the other way. A Hong Kong Corporation? Why not acknowledge an adjunct of the Red Chinese Government, already in place to not only take over the canal, but all the military bases we are vacating, a modern "Trojan Horse" in our own hemisphere.

I raise the question "which would be less costly in loss of American lives: (1) If NOW we invoked the Monroe Doctrine, revoked the illegal lease agreements of the Hutchinson/Whampoa/Hong Kong/Red Chinese Corporation and forcibly ejected them, or (2) wait until Red China has the time to set up all needed facilities, has her intercontinental missiles that we have helped her build all in place and aimed at American cities?

Charlie, I do feel you share my concern, but just what can you do as a member of the House? What can our

Governor do? Refer me to my two Senators, to whom I had already called and written. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson in her answer seemed to think there was little need for concern, but she "was monitoring the situation to protect the interest of Americans" I have not heard to Senator Gramm, but I can imagine he is helping Senator Hutchinson "monitor the situation."

What can Mr. Clinton do? What will he do? I suspect absolutely nothing. After all, Red China is his favorite trading partner, (and I guess ours too, since the House extended them the M.E.N. accord).

But after all, he owes them too much' maybe he even feels he owes them the Canal? And too, I imagine this will be a gala occasion, the crowning achievements of his presidency when, if as scheduled on December 31, this year, he has the keys to our canal to the President of Panama, (who I feel sure, will hand them to Red China.)  
Meanwhile, a good rain would help.  
Best wishes to you and Cindy,  
Hugh M. (and Lucille) O'Brien  
Hugh M. (and Lucille) O'Brien  
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\*\*\*  
To The Honorable

George W. Bush,  
Actually, I had already contacted our two Texas Republican Senators, but I am not real certain that either of their secretaries either knew just where or what the Panama Canal was, or even cared. (Actually, if the urgency of my message ever reached the ears of our two Senators, I suspect it might be something like this: Some old kook down in Comanche is concerned about the erosion from a ditch running through his place and wants you to do something about it.) Taking no chances, I had already followed up with a letter to each Senator, also to Charlie Stenholm just in case he might be interested in what I think is going on.

The only response at this time has been from Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson, which I translate as feeling there is no reason to be concerned at this time, but she assure me she will continue "to monitor this situation closely to assure American interests continue to be protected." (Which makes me wonder if my Senator might be thinking I was talking about a ditch in my peanut field.)

Briefly, I am very concerned about the Treaty (even the legality thereof) that President Carter signed with the

President/dictator? of Panama in 1976. Mr. Carter was quoted at the time, that while he knew the majority of the American people were opposed to the treaty (GIVEAWAY) that he knew what was in our best interest. So far, since that date, all American Presidents, Republican and Democrat have agreed with him, save one, a fellow by the name of Reagan, who said, "It is ours, we bought it, we paid for it, we built it, and we are going to keep it."

Whose Canal is it? Ours? Panama's? All I now is the American Taxpayer invested some \$79,000,000 in 1904 dollars buying the right of way for the Ditch, and have since spent some \$32,000,000,000 (billions, that is) of taxpayers money in building the Canal, claimed a the time as the "eighth wonder of the world", together with some 14 military installations, and now according to the "terms" of the Treaty on the 31st day of December this year, at 12 noon, Mr. Clinton is scheduled to give the keys to the President of Panama. (Mr. Bush, I wonder if you have been invited?)

Regardless of who owns the canal, we built it, not Panama, there have been some momentous changes in recent years, since your Dad was president. While our attention was distracted by the goings on in Washington, like Chinagate, and the alleged sale of the White House with all its fixtures to the Red Chinese, the same interests were very busy spending "bucketfuls of money" buying access to the two ports on each end of the Canal, Balboa and Cristobal, and now a Red Chinese firm called Hutchinson/Whampoa are already in place, ready, willing and able to take over. Now

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Pour chocolate and sweetened condensed milk in a bowl; stir until smooth. Pour into crust. Press pecans evenly onto chocolate in crust. Refrigerate 10 minutes.  
Pour milk into large bowl. Add pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until smooth. (Mixture will be thick.) Spread 1-1/2 cups of the pudding over the chocolate in crust. Immediately stir 1/2 of the whipped topping into remaining pudding. Spread over pudding in crust. Top with remaining whipped topping.  
Refrigerate three hours or until set. Garnish if desired. Makes 8 servings.

Looking for fun, amusing ideas for a child's birthday party? The following pie recipes serve as the entertainment and treats all in one!

Day At The Zoo Pie-Soften 1 1/2 pints of any flavor ice cream and spread into Ready Crust pie crust. Sprinkle with 1/3 cup crushed chocolate graham crackers or cookies to make "dirt." Arrange animal crackers on pie and make "fences" with chocolate covered pretzels. Freeze 4 hours. Cut pie into slices and have children decorate with desired toppings and sauces.

Flower Pot Pie-Soften 1 1/2 pints of any flavor ice cream and spread into Ready Crust pie crust. Shake 1/3 cup flaked coconut and 1 to 2 drops green food coloring in a covered jar until coconut is tinted green; sprinkle over ice cream to make "grass." Freeze 4 hours. At serving time, press lollipop "flowers" and spearmint gumdrop "leaves" into ice cream. Cut pie into slices and have children decorate with desired toppings and sauces.

The life span of insects ranges from a few days or hours for adult mayflies to 50 years or more for some queen termites. Most insects live less than one year.

In 1930, Vannevar Bush, and American electrical engineer, built the first reliable analog computer.

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# TNRCC Gets \$36 Million More To Enforce New Regulations

AN EARLIER state representative here often referred to it as "that monster in Austin," and many labeled TNRCC with the same derision as is applied to the "infernal revenue. But today the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (still a mouthful of name) is apparently being looked upon with perhaps less fear and loathing than in the past. In a nutshell, it is the agency charged with making sure that there's clean air to breathe and pure water to drink. A large part of its job is to make sure Texans comply with federally-mandated rules and regulations. In size, it is a monster -- the last legislature gave TNRCC more money and more responsibility, but did not approve any more above the 3,027 employee positions. The state budget gave TNRCC about \$36 million above its basic funding (?) and handed it some new jobs. There was a time when just about everybody looked on TNRCC with horror (and some still do), and there was even municipal talk of "catching, containing and treating" even all the rain water that ran into the storm sewers. That was a scary thought for all -- and we might be moving closer to that today. \$2.3 million of the new funds is for "pollutant discharge elimination

system stormwater permitting." This is one of the three new projects. It's labeled "implementing the Phase II Stormwater Program based on the Environmental Protection Agency's new rules, which impose new stormwater requirements for cities of from 10,000 to 100,000 residents. The other two new projects are: making sure that Texas' streams, lakes and estuaries are clean enough to meet their water quality standards, and creating a central registry for identification of all facilities and sites regulated by the TNRCC.

Another \$36 million was authorized "to settle litigation with Tejas Testing, the company selected in 1993 to run the state's vehicle emissions testing program in nonattainment areas." That program was canceled by the Legislature.

The other "new money" projects for TNRCC include Total Maximum Daily Loads Program, \$8 million; Air quality standards, \$8.8 million; water quality improvement: water availability modeling project, \$3.1; central registry and database consolidation, \$7; national estuary program, \$5 million; and near-nonattainment area grants, \$1.5 million.

Now TNRCC will triple emissions fees every year for grandfathered facility in excess of 4,000 tons a year,

if rules aren't met. The new electric deregulation provisions gives TNRCC certain leverage in dealing with permitting generating facilities.

On stormwater: TNRCC can issue permits for discharges, eliminates the 500,000 gallon daily cap for facilities that can be covered by general permits and flexibility in public notices. HB 801 requires the agency to establish rules and procedures for public participation in certain permitting decisions, notices and hearings. HB 2615 and 2816 tightens the screws on fuel storage tank compliance. Collection of the fee was extended from August 2001 to February, 2002.

HB2954 abolishes the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority and transfers the powers, duties, appropriations and property to the TNRCC.

"We will always be challenged to meet the ever-increasing responsibilities put before us. However, I believe that with improvements in our processes, we can successfully meet our obligations with the funding we have been appropriated." --Jeff Saitas, TNRCC executive director.

Robert J. Huston is chairman and R.B. Marquez and John M. Baker are commissioners of TNRCC.

It was the late E. E. McAllister, a true conservationist of this area, is often quoted as having said: "The only people concerned with conservation are people who breath good air, drink clean water and eat good food."

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# Americans Get 'The Cholesterol Low Down'

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), if population and health trends remain the same, in ten years, 51 percent of American adults over age 20 will have total blood-cholesterol levels of 200 mg/dl or higher. This will put them at greater risk for heart disease.

To address this healthcare problem, a "Cholesterol Summit" made up of AHA experts on heart disease recently issued a call to action urging American adults and healthcare professionals to focus their efforts on lowering Americans' cholesterol levels and taking steps to bring levels to a healthy goal. The Cholesterol Summit was chaired by Martha Hill, R.N., Ph.D., immediate past president of the AHA.

"We have launched an intense national education campaign to increase awareness of high cholesterol and bring the numbers down," said Dr. Hill.

The campaign, The Cholesterol Low Down, was formed when the AHA teamed up with Parke-Davis and Pfizer, leaders in cholesterol lowering. It is based on the Summit experts' two-pronged call to action. Adults are urged to know their cholesterol numbers, know their cholesterol goal and take immediate action to get to the goal determined by their healthcare professional. Healthcare professionals are urged to use patient visits to assess patients' knowledge of high cholesterol levels and

screen all patients age 20 and older at least every five years. They are also urged to set cholesterol goals with patients and develop a plan that incorporates diet, exercise and drug therapy, as appropriate.

Working with The Cholesterol Low Down and helping to issue the Summit's call to action is television talk show host Regis Philbin, who himself had high cholesterol and is a coronary heart disease survivor. "I didn't know enough about cholesterol to ask the right questions," said Philbin, who now checks his cholesterol regularly on his program "Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee," as an example to others.

Producer/choreographer/actress Debbie Allen is also working with The Cholesterol Low Down and will attend local events during the seven city tour.

Upcoming tour stops include the following major cities: Boston, New Orleans, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis and New York. Participants will receive free cholesterol screenings, cholesterol literature and counseling, as well as contest prizes and give-aways.

The Cholesterol Low Down also offers free cholesterol information brochures which are available through the AHA's toll-free number, 1-800-AHA-USA1, Monday through Saturday from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. MST.

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# GTE To Sell Some Texas Telephone Properties

GTE has agreed to sell more than 300,000 customer access lines in parts of Texas to dba Communications, LLC, a closely-held new entrant in the telecommunications industry. Financial terms were not disclosed.

dba Communications was formed by the private equity firms of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe (WCAS), Vestar Capital Partners, and Citicorp Venture Capital in partnership with several prominent Hispanic-American investors with long-standing ties to the business community and governmental institutions in the Southwest.

The transaction includes 197 of GTE's local telephone exchanges and 307,180 access lines (YE'98) in Texas. In Texas, 401 GTE employees will become employees of dba Communications at the closing of the sale. Among the Texas communities served by GTE that are part of the transaction: Andrews, Brownfield, Dumas, Levelland, Perryton, and Pecos in West Texas; and Crockett, Fairfield, and Texarkana in East Texas. In addition, dba Communications will acquire 91,904 customer

access lines (YE'98) in New Mexico.

Upon closing, dba Communications will be among the 20 largest local exchange companies in the United States, as measured by access lines.

This is the most recent agreement in GTE's previously announced initiative to sell approximately 1.6 million telephone lines in the United States. To date, GTE has agreements to sell more than 1.3 million access lines in 10 states.

"We are very pleased with this transaction. It represents another significant milestone in our wireline property repositioning process and a major step toward increased ownership diversity in the telecommunications industry," said John Appel, president-GTE Network Services. "Equally important, the agreement includes provisions for the fair and equitable treatment of the affected GTE employees in Texas and New Mexico."

It was also announced that Anne K. Bingaman, formerly a member of the senior management team at LCI International (now Qwest Communications) and former U.S. Assistant Attor-

ney General for Antitrust, will serve as Chief Executive Officer of dba Communications.

"dba is excited about the opportunity to serve our new communities in Texas and New Mexico," Bingaman said. "We are confident that with the dedicated team of local employees already in place, dba will continue to offer quality voice and data communications services and become a valuable partner in the communities we serve."

Thomas E. McInerney, a general partner at Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe, said: "dba represents the latest in a series of large transactions sponsored by WCAS in the telecommunications industry. The formation of dba Communications to acquire these properties from GTE reflects the belief that the local access market in rural communities provides a unique investment opportunity. dba Communications will focus on providing outstanding local customer service and providing additional services and features to its customers to allow them to benefit from the continued evolution of communications technology, including Internet access and high-speed data access."

Federico Pena, senior advisor to Vestar Capital Partners and former Secretary of Transportation and Energy in the Clinton Administration, said:

"We and the Hispanic investors appreciate the opportunity GTE has provided to encourage minority entry into the rural telecommunications market and we look forward to delivering quality service to the communities we will be serving in Texas."

Since May, GTE has reached agreements to sell:

\*186,839 GTE customer access lines in Arizona, California, and Minnesota to Citizens Utilities

\*20,564 access lines in Alaska to the Alaska Telephone Exchange Acquisition Corporation (ATEAC), a consortium of four Alaska-based companies

\*280,422 access lines in Iowa to Iowa Network Services, Inc.

\*116,149 access lines in Missouri to Spectra Communications Group, LLC

\*213,651 access lines in Arkansas and 64,798 access lines in Wisconsin to CenturyTel, Inc.

\*61,612 access lines in Wisconsin to Telephone USA of Wisconsin, LLC

\*GTE Government Systems, except for the Information Systems Division, to General Dynamics, and

\*GTE Airfone to Oak Hill Capital Partners

Proceeds from the sale of GTE wireline properties, as well as GTE Airfone and GTE Government Systems will be used for investment in other strategic initiatives, including GTE's recent purchase of Ameritech wireless

properties in Illinois and Missouri.

The deals do not affect GTE's offering of wireless, long distance and Internet services to customers in Texas. Current directory publishing agreements will continue at least until December 31, 2001. In addition, current rates will remain in effect, but may be subject to review by state and federal agencies after the closing of the transaction.

Approval of the sale is required by the Texas regulatory commission, the Federal Communications Commission, and the U.S. Department of Justice. The closing of the sales and transfer of GTE operations to dba Communications are expected to be complete by mid-year 2000. Post closing, GTE will still own and operate wireline properties serving more than 1.65 million access lines in Texas.

Bank financing for the transaction will be provided by Bank of America, Chase, CIBC World Markets and Lehman Brothers.

About GTE With 1998 revenues

of more than \$25 billion, GTE is a leading telecommunications provider with one of the industry's broadest arrays of products and services. In the United States, GTE provides local service in 28 states and wireless service in 17 states, as well as nationwide long-distance, directory, and internet working services ranging from dial-up Internet access for residential and small-business consumers to Web-based applications for Fortune 500 companies. Outside the United States, the company serves customers on five continents. Additional information about GTE can be obtained at <http://www.gte.com>

About dba Communications, LLC

dba Communications, LLC, is a closely-held new entrant in the telecommunications industry formed to acquire the local access lines being sold by GTE.

dba Communications is currently based in Washington D.C., but plan to announce a new Headquarters in the

Southwest Region of the country.

dba Communications was formed by Welsh, Carson, Anderson, & Stowe (WCAS), a leading private equity investor in telecommunications with over \$8 billion in capital, in partnership with a prominent group of Hispanic-American investors whose roots are in the Southwest—specifically in New Mexico, Texas, Colorado and Arizona. In addition to WCAS, Vestar Capital Partners and Citicorp Venture Capital are significant investors in dba Communications.

Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe is a private equity investment firm founded in 1979. WCAS currently

manages over \$8 billion in private equity capital and focuses on investing in the information technology, telecommunications, and healthcare industries. Vestar Capital Partners is a private equity investment firm founded in 1988. Vestar has completed 30 investments with an aggregate transaction value of approximately \$7 billion. Citicorp Venture Capital, founded in 1969, manages an investment portfolio that includes over 150 companies with aggregate annual revenues exceeding \$35 billion.

Area GTE Texas Exchange Being Sold To dba Communications, LLC: Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains.

### Scoring Summary

Clyde	12	0	6	7	25
Stamford	7	7	6	0	20

### Scoring Summary

C. Cody Brown 2 run (kick failed)		
S. Eric Snow 41 run (Dwayne Rodriguez kick)		
C. Grady Watts 4 yard pass to Michael Cooley (pass failed)		
S. Derek Alambar 13 pass to Nathan Navert (Rodriguez kick)		

C-Travis Canada 13 blocked punt return touch down (run failed)		
C. Watts 44 yard pass to John Kniffen (run failed)		

	Clyde	Stamford
First Downs	15	13
Rushes-yards	37-115	41-13-101
Passing-yards	12-21-129	7-13-101
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Firearms: Winchester model 73 .38-40 rifle; Remington model 24 .22LR rifle; FIE single shot .410 shotgun and .25 ACP pistol.  
Collectibles all sorts: early 1900's salesman sample iron bed; 1 qt. Dandy butterchurn; 1908 Parrish "Peirots Sorename" print; 1926 Fox print; old toy horse on wheels (possible Steiff); porcelain advertising screen door push; complete set 1813 French risque cards in original folder (16 pcs); Fiesta coin glass; (12+ pcs) American Posters; extra small trunk; (2) matching Roseville #897-8 vases; Awater Kent radio w/speaker; antique wooden doll trunk; tin churn; blue over iron granite tea kettle; flow blue bowl; Roseville white rose vase; 3 tier Beechnut store display; (2) blue swirl granite pudding pans; child's advertising trunk; Hull vase; silhouette pictures; handpainted Leffon bedside lamp; Beatties album; china base oil lamp; nested dawl Tea bowls; stereographic viewer; fishing tackle including flyrod & reel combos; Penn reels and lures; P.F. lantern; Chain bank; McCoy including clown cookie jar; pro-war German coo-coo clock; Haisey cream & sugar set with tray; Inanco 1963 rhinestone head vase; children's books including 1932 Raggedy Ann; 1936 Royal Doulton Bunnykins plate & cup; unsigned Fox "Dawn" print; blue Fiesta platter; stoneware bedwarmer; leather horseshoeing carrier; 1920's 6 pc. Dresser set; Victorian valentine; collection leather buttons; Cracker Jack toys; we received a partial estate that has a large variety of small collectibles, old photographs, paper goods, linens, whatnots, doodads; salt & pepper sets and occupied Japan items; quilts; quilt squares; embroidery; large selection of estate costume jewelry; 1920's Parrish type candy box & powder jar; early Sunshine cookie pal; handpainted Bristol vase; Coors milk jar; Jem electric churn; several old Santa Anna pharmacy items including pill board & sack closer; Victorian hand mirror; primitive child's twig rocker; Dalt shoes; meerschaum pipe set; stoneware sail crock; Stangl vase; Winchester paper shotgun case; Marx battleground set and much, much more.  
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MOST OF the schools throughout this region wisely (we think) chose to abide by the law (court decision) and not have a public prayer at the opening of football games. A moment of silence during which all could meditate in their own way, based on their own belief was substituted. Most also suggested that we all join together and let the powers that be know how we feel about the rulings that affect us all in one way or another.  
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YOU GET inspired (or transfixed) when you read local newspapers from other small towns. For example, from one, we read that "Texas Sacred Assembly" is calling on Texans to their knees at 10 a.m. on Sept. 18 on the south steps of the State Capitol. The prayers will focus on "Redemptive Gifts God has for Texas"-- a bridge between Hispanic and Anglo, generosity, leadership, humility, etc. Then prayers will be asking forgiveness for "strongholds that have long kept Texans bound"-- The Lone Star State (?), The Republic of Texas (?), "Remember the Alamo" cry for vengeance at the Battle of San Jacinto (?), the last Indian massacre at Palo Duro Canyon, racism, pride, superiority, greed, violence and independence, the supreme court decision that affected the nation in prayer and abortion, the assassination of President Kennedy(?), the Jasper murder of James Byrd. Does Texas have collective guilt for all these? Don't know promoters.  
 FROM CLYDE we read that needed projects there were prioritized as follows: new high school, improve looks of I-20, repair streets, condemn property/enforce action, attract business to fill empty buildings, develop city park, remodel post office, buy new pumper fire truck, more paved streets, support local merchants, communication improvements, improve water lines, established neighborhood watch programs, annex property N. I-20, drug prevention, recruit manufacturing, nice motel, develop zoning and building codes, improve infrastructure, extend sewer system N. of I-20, more good paying jobs and take advantage of local resources.

It's amazing how many of these could apply to other towns' planning. Voters in one town gave the commission authority to annex several years back and still waiting for plan to be put into action.  
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 ONE WAG suggests that most gov-



AUSTIN -- The number of Texas students from the class of

1999 who took the SAT college entrance exam reached an all-time high of 104,144, an increase of 3,727 over 1998, the Texas Education Agency reported.  
 Fifty percent of the estimated 208,288 seniors in Texas public and private schools in 1999 took the SAT.  
 "We are pleased that the number of Texas students who take college-entrance exams is increasing," said Education Commissioner Mike Moses, who left office Sept. 3 to become vice deputy chancellor of Texas Tech University System in Lubbock.  
 Average scores posted by Texas students were similar to national results. The average verbal score

for Texas students held steady at 494 for the third year in a row, while nationally the verbal score remained stable at 505 for the fourth straight year. The average math score for Texas students fell from 501 in 1998 to 499 in 1999.  
 Moses said he was troubled by Texas' decline in the average math score. Nationally, math scores dropped one point from 512 in 1998 to 511 this year.  
 "I hope local district officials will study their own SAT scores and determine whether any action should be taken in their schools. I am pleased but not satisfied that the average verbal scores held steady despite the large increase in test takers," he said.  
 Texas seniors who reported that they ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating class scored an average 573 on the verbal section of the test and an average 588 on the math section, well above the national average on the exam.  
 The number of Texans who took the American College Testing (ACT) exam also rose from 64,064 in 1998 to 65,094 this year.

**Redistricting Changes Eyed**  
 In 2001, the Texas Senate will have to redraw the boundaries of state and federal legislative districts.  
 Based on projections by the Texas Legislative Council, the number of people in each Senate district will be 659,800; in each House district, 136,360; and in each congressional district, 639,200.  
 Over the last 10 years, Republican majority districts have grown faster than Democratic districts, the legislative council said, and 7 of the 10 fastest-growing Senate districts are Republican.  
 Texas' population is expected to swell to more than 20 million by the time the next U.S. Census is taken in April 2000. Redistricting will be based on the new census.  
**Protesters Sue Governor**  
 The environmental groups Texans United and Downwinders At Risk and three demonstrators have filed a lawsuit in Travis County against Gov. George W. Bush, the Department of Public Safety and the three DPS commissioners,

seeking judgments that would force the state to acknowledge the demonstrators' right to protest in front of the Governor's Mansion.  
 The protesters were arrested at the mansion four times last spring. In each case the Travis County District Attorney's Office dropped charges of blocking an entry way.  
**Welfare Caseloads Decrease**  
 The Texas Workforce Commission reported at the end of its fiscal year last week that welfare caseloads in Texas have fallen for 43 consecutive months.  
 Over 130,000 cases and 359,387 Texans moved off welfare rolls since the state Welfare to Work program was launched in September 1995.  
 The agency's employment services assisted more than 1.4 million people last year, and over 1 million applicants entered employment.  
 In 1999, the agency logged more than 660,000 initial claims for unemployment insurance.

ernment budgets are like the bacon you sometimes buy at supermarkets. There's a little meat on top and a lot of fat underneath. Another suggestion: "Don't balance the budget, tilt the country."  
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PRELIMINARY CENSUS WORK now under way in a number of areas towns in preparation for next year's major counting. It's hoped that the Census Bureau will not only be accurate but also deal serious FAIR about reporting results to the media in each town and not try to feed it all to metro areas first.  
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FROM THE trinket drawer: How many of you have little brass Baptist (or name your own denomination) Sunday School pins you treasure. How about the old B.Y.P.U. designation? We also have a Stenholm for Speaker button, and Ben Barnes for Governor button.

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 1. School org.  
 4. Compact, for one  
 8. Mary Baker \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Detroit gp.  
 13. Holy Roman Emperor (962-973)  
 14. Wrapped Indian gown  
 15. Links group: abbr.  
 16. TV songwriter Heiti  
 17. Trade  
 18. Gad about  
 20. A Clockwork \_\_\_\_\_  
 22. 1977 Time Man of the Year  
 24. Hector's home  
 25. Neglect  
 26. Actor Bogosian  
 27. What?  
 30. Emulated Griffith-Joyner  
 31. Beverage  
 32. \_\_\_\_\_ rule (generally) (2 wds.)  
 33. Chang's twin  
 34. House-painter's perch  
 35. Unit of weight  
 36. Arizona Indian  
 37. Emulates Gidget  
 38. Homework for an actor  
 41. Hair prefix  
 42. Long bath  
 43. Geid  
 45. \_\_\_\_\_ Valley, Idaho  
 48. Carry  
 49. Dancer Kaye  
 50. \_\_\_\_\_ roll (lucky) (2 wds.)  
 51. Box for fun  
 52. Word on many a single-malt Scotch label  
 53. To Have And Have \_\_\_\_\_

**DOWN**  
 1. Novice  
 2. Children's chasing game  
 3. Confering  
 4. 1939 Best Actor  
 5. Entry  
 6. Railroad depot: abbr.  
 7. Toddler's activity  
 8. Lamb product  
 9. Tony Orlando and \_\_\_\_\_  
 10. Type of bunt  
 11. Ek's cousin  
 19. Part of a stable meal  
 21. Tetter  
 22. Aching  
 23. \_\_\_\_\_ after his own heart" (Judges 13:14) (2 wds.)  
 24. Address Alvarado  
 26. Losing one's temper  
 27. Higgins portrayer  
 28. "Wild blue yonder" group: abbr.  
 29. Bad actors  
 31. Lemon candy  
 35. \_\_\_\_\_ up the works  
 36. Nature walker  
 37. Auto sights  
 38. JFK sights  
 39. Chicken cage  
 40. Pro  
 41. In this place  
 44. Inflation bellwether: abbr.  
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