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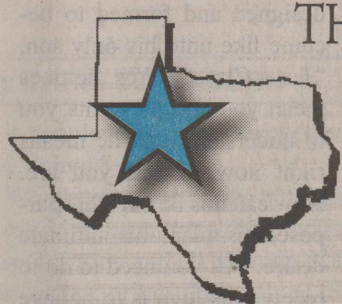


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Rockin' Grill to open April 13 in Knox City



After nine and a half months of construction on the 100 year old building, The Rockin' Grill is ready for the grand opening, set to happen on April 13th, 2010.

(photos by Tamara Smart)

Century old building brought back to life for new restaurant

By Tamara Smart

Take a century old building that has been vacant for at a long time, add a dream, a "do-anything attitude", subtract the nay-saying crowd, and nine months later you have the Rockin' Grill, set to open next Tuesday, April 13th.

Nine and a half months ago, when the local oil field work was at a virtual standstill, with a 6 month pregnant wife, Jason Smart started scouring the town for a building, initially to set up a work out gym to train for MMA and martial arts style fighting. When he came upon Karen & David Stiewert's building, at 122 North Central, which had sat vacant on the north side of the Fitness for Life gym, Jason saw something other than a dilapidated building.

He saw the more than the potential for a restaurant. He saw potential for a different kind of dining establishment than had ever been seen in Knox before. And the idea for the Rockin' Grill was born.

Karen and Jason got together and embarked on something that many people said was impossible. Opening a restaurant had been something that Jason and his wife, Tamara, had discussed on many occasions that they would like to

do together. Jason had been a cook at the old "Branding Iron" restaurant in Rochester, Had competed (and won) in several cook-offs across the great state of Texas, catered car shows and has done a lot of free-lance cooking for people who had knowledge of his amazing culinary skill. Tamara had waited tables in numerous establishments throughout the United States (including at a beach café in Malibu, California for several years, at Perini's in Abilene). Karen Stiewert, who owns,

operates, and is the FNP-C at the Knox Family Wellness Clinic in Knox City, had long wished for healthier options in town. She also had always wanted to own a restaurant, and once the idea was presented to her, there was no stopping either party.

Yet, it was not a matter of just buying some tables and chairs and some kitchen equipment; the building that the pair foresaw as the future Rockin' Grill was over a century old and a bee colony had moved in and somehow

converted the back wall into a hive that could probably break some records... EVERYTHING NEEDED FIXING!

At every turn in the building process, it seemed a new set of queries arose. Yet, without a second glance, and with little to no time for frustration the project moved forward. Jason learned about sewers, and the first rattle out of the box, built the bathrooms and redid the plumbing, which required some playing in 100 year-old fecal

matter, tearing up floors to lay pipes under and lots of quick hands-on learning.

The old tile ceiling was torn down, which had been long ruined by the elements and disrepair and all the building needed renovations and repair.

As a tribute to his ex-opera singer wife, Jason once asked her if she would ever get back on stage if he built her one... of course, the sarcastic answer came, "yeah, you build a stage, and I'll

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Runoff to have four polling locations

Knox County voters in the Republican Primary Runoff April 13 will have four voting sites, one for each commissioner's precinct.

There will be only one contest on the ballot -- deciding the Republican nominee for Supreme Court Justice Place 3.

Rick Green and Debra

Lehrmann received the most votes out of six candidates.

Early voting is April 5-9 at the Knox County Courthouse.

Only those who voted in the Republican Primary or who did not vote in the Primary Election will be eligible to vote in the Runoff.

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The 2010 E. Hobbs Memorial Person of The Year Recipient, JoAnn Albus stands with her award as she is flanked by family. (Photo by Tamara Smart)

JoAnn Albus Person of the Year

By Tamara Smart

On Tuesday, April 6th, the Knox City Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual banquet at the Wooden Nickel. The event was extremely well attended by

members of the Chamber; residents of the great city of Knox, as well as many youths in the community were present as well. "The Swindlers" provided an array of musical

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There's nothing like a wet winter followed by a good calving season to make ranchers feel better. Couple this with higher overall cattle prices and there may just never be another bad day in the ranching country. If that were only true. Ranchers know that growing conditions and prices come and go and to make steady progress takes planning and analysis. The best time to determine how a ranch is performing is during these times. Areas of weaknesses can be identified and addressed such that as the price or grazing situation changes, these areas will already be improved. For commercial ranchers to prosper during all conditions, it is imperative that they know how their operation is performing from both a production and financial standpoint.

To assist ranchers in determining these numbers as well as other performance measures, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is offering four Beef Co-calf Standardized Performance Analysis (SPA) Workshops. The dates, times, and locations are:

April 20, 2010, 8:30 a.m. at the Young County Arena in Graham, TX;

May 5, 2010, 8:30 a.m. at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center near Vernon, TX;

May 20, 2010, 8:30 a.m. at the Nolan County AgriLife Extension Office in Sweetwater, TX;

June 8, 2010, 8:30 a.m. at the Brown County AgriLife Extension Office in Brownwood, TX

These are working workshops where the ranchers will be assisted in completing their own analysis. SPA provides ranchers an opportunity to analyze their ranch operation

Search for Mrs. Knox County announced

Applications are now being accepted for the title of 2010 "Mrs. Knox County". Mrs. "Knox County" will have the honor of representing her county at the 2010 Mrs. Texas Pageant to be held at the Historic Palace Theater, in Corsicana Texas, June 10-12, 2010. The woman chosen as "Mrs. Knox County" will become an ambassador from Knox county, and receive an official title and sash!

The woman chosen as Mrs. Texas will receive a prize package valued at over \$20,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the "2010" Mrs. America Pageant in Tucson,

from both a production and financial side. SPA facilitates the comparison of an operation's performance between years, producers, production regions, and production systems. Completed ranch data will be compared to summary data from over 200 herds in Texas. SPA is intended to be used as an annual tool by the cow-calf producer.

These are intensive workshops with the intent being ranchers completing the analysis for the 2009 calf crop. Registered participants will be sent forms to organize data before the conference. Confidentiality of the producer's data will be maintained. Individual conferences will be held with producers. Each ranch will be provided an assistant and a computer. It is important to register early so you can be advised on how to organize your data for the SPA analysis.

The registration fee is \$50.00 per ranch and includes software, educational materials, lunch and refreshments. Interested persons can obtain additional information or register by contacting Stan Bevers, Extension Economist at Vernon at 940-552-9941, ext. 231, Bill Thompson, Extension Economist at San Angelo at 325-653-4576, or the Extension Office at 940-459-2651 for registration forms and brochures.

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AZ. The reigning "2009" Mrs. Texas is Melissa Pocza of Melissa, Texas. Melissa is an "on the go" Mom to her son, Zoltan Michael III "Trae". Along with being a mom and a wife to Zoltan Jr. "Zoli", she is also an account executive and real estate agent. As Mrs. Texas, Melissa speaks on the importance of balancing work and family. Contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness, and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or experience needed!!) Married women living in Knox County interested in applying should call or e-mail for more information: Mrs. Texas - 785-539-5727 tracy-crist@msn.com

For Hi-Resolution photos: tracy-crist@msn.com

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church

There are many standards that are placed in our lives that we must live within and under or sometimes even above. These standards set the bar, step on the scale, time our efforts. Some examples might be measurements, speed, weight, distance, education and many more. What about love? Would you speak of a standard of love? Can love be measured, weighted, or clocked? Of course not, but yet sometimes there are those who might try.

Can we imagine a love greater than our own? Do we tell others, "I love you more than you love me? Soon these can become fighting words or may be stimulated by pride or conceit. Even as hard as we may try in all sincerity our love is conditional. We can have many conditions such as; if, when, how, only, why, because, then, now and more. If we are so accustomed unto a conditional love, then how can we begin to understand an unconditional love? A love that doesn't qualify, question, doubt, show partiality, demand or refuse trust.

There is One who can love

this way. He can love with even more wonderful attributes that are everlasting. God offers this love openly and freely, even without being loved back! Why would he make this offer? Because you are wonderfully made, designed and formed to become like unto his only son, "Jesus Christ". Yes, he does mean you and he wants you to understand that he means right now just as you are. How can this be? It's his purpose, his plan, his ultimate desire. All you need to do to receive his love is to believe and let him live in your life.

If you need evidence that this can be true, just ask someone who knows him. Listen to their experiences, their knowledge of him. Now listen to his son, Jesus:

John 17:22 "The glory which you have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;

John 17:23 I in them and you in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

May you experience the love of God in every way every day.

Private applicator training

For those of you wanting to receive a Private Applicators License, there is another chance to get one. With a Private Applicators License you are able to purchase and use state limited use or restricted use chemicals either for farm or garden uses.

The Swisher County Extension office will be hosting a training that will take place on Tuesday, May 4th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 310 at the Swisher County Extension Office located at 310 W. Broadway in Tulia, TX. Following the training TDA Representatives Nathan Carr and Levon Harman will conduct the test.

There will be no cost for the training, but once certified, a \$60.00 fee will need to be sent in to receive your license.

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Obituary

Mrs. Pearce H. Manning, 58, of Knox City, passed away Tuesday in a Wichita Falls hospital. Funeral services will be 2 pm, Thursday, April 1, at the First Baptist Church in Knox City with Rev. Gayle Baucum officiating. Burial will follow in O'Brien Cemetery under the direction of Mansell Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Manning was born on October 3, 1951 in Hamlin, to the late Prentice and Juanita Holland. She graduated from school at Sillsbee High School. She married James Manning in 1972 in Knox City. The love of her life was her five granddaughters and she attended every activity they were part of.

Mrs. Manning was a member of the Foursquare Church.

Survivors include her husband James, of the home; a son Cody Manning and wife Brandi of Knox City; a daughter Christie Greenwood and husband Eric of Holiday; two brothers Butch Holland of Houston and John Holland of Hamlin and five grandchildren Shailee, Abby, Ainsley, Cyndie Manning and Camryn Greenwood.

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Named for the historic FW&D Engine 501, The 501 is always exactly 501 words and dashes long, whatever the topic. Welch, a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time mostly between Abilene and the family farm north of Vernon.

It's been clothesline weather lately - perfect days to hang out the laundry and watch it dry in a hurry. But, alas, we don't have a clothesline.

I lie. We do have a clothesline of sorts at the farm. I strung it between trees at the right height for me to walk under. It strikes my husband along about eye level.

Back before it lost its woven white sheathing, you could see it. Now it's down to the black nylon inner core strands. Hazardous.

Clotheslines are a first line of defense on the home front. Who's going to attempt a mid-afternoon break-in if sheets, towels and socks are billowing in the breeze? At night you can hope the empty line will snag burglars before they get across the backyard. For such purposes, it's best to have one like my daddy strung up for my mother - small steel cable. Not that we ever knowingly snagged any intruders.

Speaking of snagging things, a barbed-wire fence makes a good clothesline, no clothespins required. If there's a book on how to be a redneck cowboy, that advice would be in the chapter on laundry. But I don't think there's such a thing as a redneck cowboy. Real cowboys use as much starch in their fancy shirts - maybe more - than their black-tie counterparts in New York City. Cowboys also like sharp creases in their jeans.

Back to regular clotheslines. They also have snagging power. If you want to sell a house, think twice before you uproot the old clothesline. You might even need to install one and

make it look like it's been there since 1950. It's the nostalgia factor, of course. It's how my friend sold her mother's house. A house-shopping couple saw the clothesline. It hooked them immediately. Never mind whether a washer and dryer would be part of the deal. The clothesline had reeled them in.

The power of clotheslines is no doubt based on time-softened adult memories of mother-child relationships around a clothesline. Picture the mom with clothespins in her mouth and a child playing at her feet as regular-size non-fitted sheets blow in a spring breeze. Throw in a mischievous little dog running around the laundry basket or nipping at the sheets.

So what will today's generation remember? Seeing mom throw big wads of damp clothing plus one little sheet of fabric softener into a dryer? Or maybe watching mom peel yukky lint off the filter? Those images don't tug heartstrings. I am, however, reminded of my late friend John.

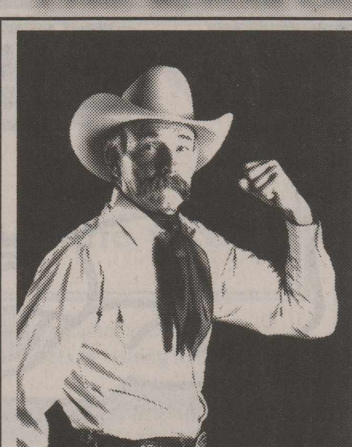
"My dryer quit working," he said.

"When's the last time you cleaned the filter?" I asked.

He looked at me blankly and said, "Filter?"

Inherited from his mother, it was his first dryer, and he didn't know it had a filter. If you think you've seen a lot of lint on a dryer filter, you haven't.

Therefore, maybe there is something to be said for the mother-child lint filter-cleaning experience. And if you don't have a clothesline, it's all you've got anyway.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

KATRINA'S GOOD SPORTS

In the fall of 2008, before the election, as the recession crashed down around us I gave up on politics. It appeared that no one on either side, on Wall Street, in Detroit or in the media had a clue. It was like listening to a basket of turkeys expounding upon the Big Bang Theory. In the place of politics I became a sports fan. Previously PRCA rodeo was the only sport I followed on a regular basis. By last summer I was engrossed with major league baseball and watched the Yankees win the World Series. Then in the fall, college football captured my attention. They climaxed with the Soup Bowl, the Broccoli Bowl, the Emesis Basin, the Tangerine Tureen, the Gravy Boat, the Copenhagen Cuspidor, and Rudy's Auto & Salvage Bowl. That was on Saturdays. We went to the National Finals Rodeo in December and watched Trevor Brazile, our version of Peyton Manning, earn his place in history.

Sunday afternoons I could cloud my mind with professional football. I rooted for the Arizona Cardinals out of geographical sympathy, but they were beaten by the eventual Super Bowl winners. Brett Favre of Minnesota carried the ball for us 'older guys' (over forty), like Allen Bach, Bobby Mote, and Billy Etbauer do in rodeo.

I missed most of the NFL playoff games because I was on the road but I did catch the Super Bowl...in its entirety, commercials and all! It looked like Larry the Cable Guy had taken over the ad agencies and written their copy! They were funny but they did make you cringe sometimes.

It was interesting to see the press play up the New Orleans Saints. Winning the Super Bowl would be proof that they had risen from the devastation of Katrina and would result in the subsequent healing of the city. The players were carrying the hopes and hearts of America with them. To the media's relief, the New Orleans Saints came through...decisively. I was rooting for them. I am a sucker for Rudy movies, like the Hoosiers, the Anaheim Ducks, and David and Goliath. Ones where the underdog wins. The Saints, who had one of the worst defensive records in the League, would go up against the best multiple MVP quarterback in the world! How could they possibly win?

But they did. Just like in the fairy tales, the Sheriff of Nottingham, Darth Vader and Katrina were vanquished! The headlines read: "NEW ORLEANS WINS FOR THE MASSES!" "We just believed in ourselves, and we knew that we had the entire city and maybe the entire country behind us," said the Saints quarterback.

But I am reminded of the 2001 World Series, two months after 9/11. New York City had become a huge wound on our country. The New York Yankees took on the mantle of Avenger. The media became their cheerleaders.

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KNOX COUNTY AGING SERVICES MENUS FOR APRIL 12TH TO APRIL 16TH

Monday April 12th Beef Tacos/Cheese Salad Whole Kernel Corn Cobbler	Sweet Peas Salad Hot Rolls Cookies
Tuesday April 13th Baked Chicken Macaroni & Cheese Carrot/Raisin Salad Biscuit Cookies	Friday April 16th Sub Sandwiches Chips Pickled Beets Dessert
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FFA News

By Joe Nelson

The Knox City FFA members would like to say thank you to all of you who supported them in the Knox County Livestock show. Your efforts allow our chapter to continue competing, and provide them a positive role in the strong development of the youth of our community.

The Knox City FFA judging teams are busy preparing for Area Contests that will be held at Tarleton on April 7th. Our members will be competing in Dairy Foods, Dairy Cattle, and Horse and Livestock Competitions.

Horse and Livestock

individuals have competed at the Weatherford College, San Angelo Stock Show Contest and the TALETON Invitational where Dairy Foods and Dairy Cattle joined them.

Those who have competed so far are:

Zach Shaver, Jarek Wilde, Bandy Moeller (Livestock) Austin Valimont, Skyler Eades, Riley Rodriguez, Makayla Harrington (Horse) Landon Lynn (Dairy Cattle) Josh Schnable, Mike Welborn, Toni Brown (Dairy Foods)

Knox County News will report on the Area Contest winners next week.

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To: **UNKNOWN FATHER**, Respondent, and Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Petitioner's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 12th of MAY, 2010 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 50th District Court of Knox County, at the Courthouse in Benjamin, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on MARCH 31, 2010 in this case, numbered 9255 on the docket of said court, and styled IN THE INTEREST OF: KENSEY BENSON CHILD.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: UNKNOWN FATHER are Plaintiffs and are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF CITATION BY POSTING FOR UNKNOWN FATHER as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Benjamin, Texas, on MARCH 31, 2010.

ATTEST: Annette Offutt, District Clerk
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By: Lisa Cypert, Deputy
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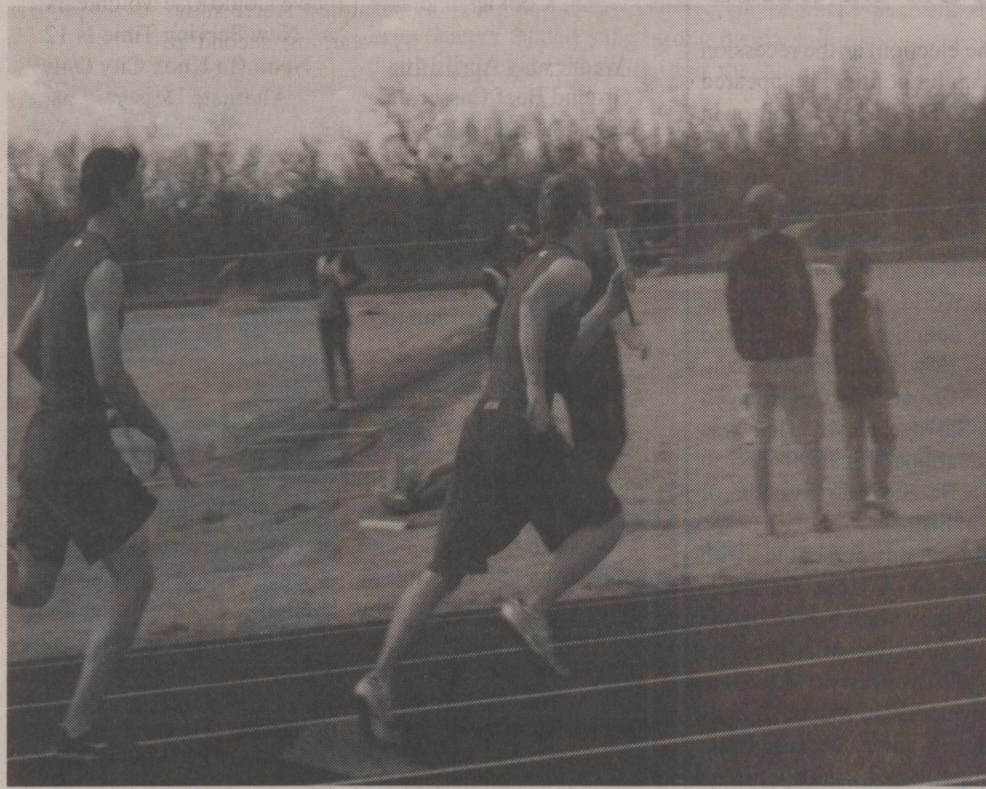
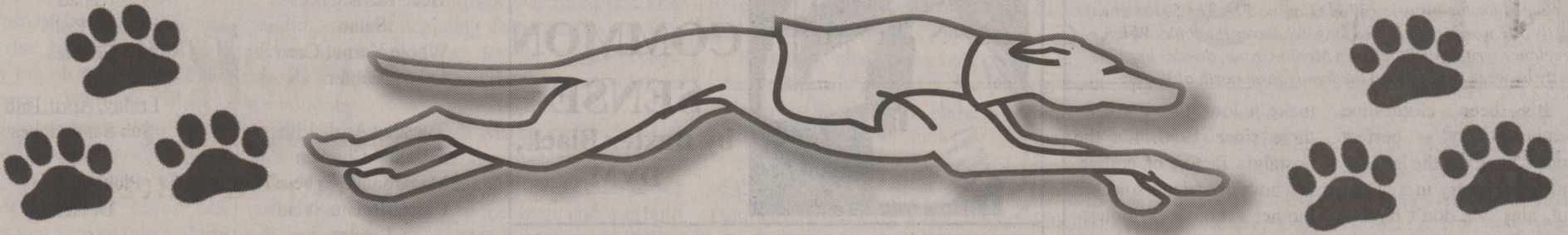


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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

What a beautiful week end we had this past Sat. and Sunday. Temps were very pleasant and of course we had our usual wind but not as bad as we have known so really cant complain. Lots of visiting took place and folks awakened today tired but ready to began another work week.

Very good to report that Jonnie Williams continues to have good days. Was able to go to church on Sunday and that made her very happy. Until she got sick she never missed attending Sunday morning services. Others who have been on the ailing list are doing much better and that's always good news.

Sunday Service

The Easter sunrise services was most impressive and well attended. Held on the east side of the Methodist church it was a beautiful morning for it. The weather was perfect, no wind and not too cold. Just perfect conditions. The Church of Christ was in charge of the service with representatives from each local church participating. Tracy Cartwright welcomed those in attendance. Tim Trimble gave the invocation, Tony Burson and Lucas Cartwright read the scriptures, Pan Duke led the singing, Greg Steele, Church of Christ minister brought the message and Troy Culpepper gave the benediction. A pot luck breakfast followed in the fellowship hall. A wonderful start to a full day's activities.

After church and lunch it was time to get ready for the annual egg hunt in the park. The BVFD sponsor this event each year and kids and adults, also come from lots of different places to get in on the fun. The ride from the fire station to the park is always "looked forward" to by all the kids (some of the mammas and grandmas had to accompany their little ones) And as soon as the work "GO" was heard the hunt was on. Eggs everywhere were soon scooped up and the prizes collected from the prize "finds" - It was a fun afternoon and a good chance to visit with folks we don't see often.

The fire Dept. does a great job with this event and everyone benefits from it. We thank them all for making this event such fun!

Here and There

The beautiful weather and Easter weekend found lots of visiting going on in the area. I have lots of it and am sure I have missed some.

Tina Siemens, Jakey and Tina, Ronnie Hale and Brylee entertained family and friends with a big lunch on Sunday. Lots of visiting took place and afternoon egg hunt was enjoyed by all the young ones. Visiting were Peter and Mary Weibe and Alex, Henry and Tina Baaman and children all of Seminole, Anthony Ainsworth and Tina Siemens, Carley and Gavin of Knox City, Margaret and Sal Silvas and Emily of San Angelo, Nathan and Nancy Beaver of Wichita Falls, and Mary and Ray Ham, Wesson, Nicholas and Paulina who live in Benjamin.

Bonne Howell and family who live in Nebraska were here for the week end with her parents, Roger and Betty Bohannon and other relatives and friends.

Weekend guest of Debbie Clower were her children, David of Texas Tech and Sara who is attending college in Waxahachie.

Visiting Wes and Erika Holmes, Jayden and Jaycee were Erika's mother Lexie Williamson of Stamford and Lexie's mother who lives in Lubbock.

Anthony and Jessica Lamb of Wichita Falls spent the weekend with his mother Deann Lamb and his grandparents. Dutch and Iamgean Young.

Cathy Tomlinson of Denton and Betty Parker and Sabra of Aspermont spent the weekend with their mother and grandmother, Gloria West and also visited other relatives and friends.

Visiting Mike and Debbie Moorhouse and Will were some of their children. Cody and Kyla Taylor, Lexee, Katee and Blaze of Amarillo. Beckie Keys, Dillon and Randi also of Amarillo. Jessica Moorhouse of Abilene and Nathan and Liz Herring and Taylor of Munday. On Saturday they were joined by Diane Evans and Ashlee of Childress. They were all at my house for lunch on Saturday and all except Diane and Ashlee stayed and attended church with me on Sunday and enjoyed the egg hunt.

Jan and Fred Carver has a houseful during the weekend and Jan said she hoped she didn't miss anyone when she was giving me the list of names. Enjoying a good time were Gary and Stacia Antilley, Callie Antilley and Ryder and Justin Laird all of Wingate, Cassie and Tyler Lyles and Cassie's friend, Danielle all of Seymour, Jacy Collins and Jara Fray, Talon and Lexie of Munday, Joy Lynn and Kip Pool of Lubbock, Dorothy Carver of Knox City, Mike and Tammy Lyles and Dick and Carol Dickson of Benjamin. Jan said Callie is having some good and some not so good days after the loss of her baby. Little Paisley Briann was still born in mid March and was buried in the Shep cemetery. Our Sympathy to Callie and her family.

Connie Porter who lives in Fayetteville, Arkansas is here for a few days visit with family and friends. Connie enjoys coming back to Benjamin re-visiting the area she knows so well.

Easter Sunday guest of Charles and Linda Griffith were their daughters. Amy Tyson and her family, Ricky and Lori LaShom and their granddaughter Devon Jones (student at Texas Tech) all of Lubbock and Kemp and Becky Jones and Family of Benjamin.

Hazel Stockton and Kim Moore are in Lubbock today for Hazel to have some dermatology work done.

Legal Notice

Open-House Style Public Meeting Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will host two series of open house-style public meetings for the development of the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035. This plan will establish a framework for addressing the challenges of our aging infrastructure, urban densification, and a growing population through 2035. The plan will also address the need for improvements to all modes of transportation including roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit, freight rail, passenger rail, airports, water ports, pipelines, and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

The purpose of this first series of meetings is to present an overview of the project and to solicit comments and input to aid in the development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings including exhibits and videos about the planning process. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments.

The open-house style public meeting in this area will be held on May 4, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm at:

Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District Office
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Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the State can be found at http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/default.htm or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-888-5-TX-PLAN (1-888-589-7526).

For those unable to attend the open house-style public meeting, written comments will be accepted on the project website at: http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/default.htm key word: transportation plan 2035, by email at: (TPP_txtranplan@dot.state.tx.us), or by mail at: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224 Houston, Texas, 77027.

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BENJAMIN SPORTS

Benjamin Freshman Advances to Regional's in Golf

By Tamara Smart

After completing the Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene with a final score of only +10, Benjamin Mustang freshman, Matthew Acree is now advancing to the Regional Golf tournament. Even with the howling wind in

his face, Matthew Acree show a 81 on a par 71 course, earning second place and only missing the top spot by 2 strokes.

Matthew has been playing golf for quite a while and will be sure to do well in regional competition.



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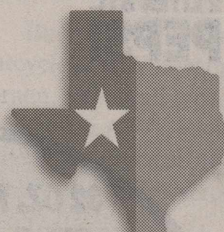
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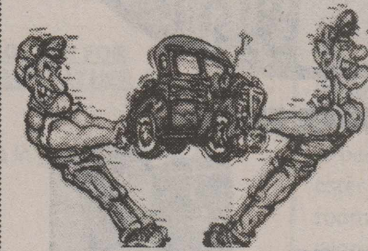
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the World Series would be the beginning of the healing. The ticker tape parade would show the world that New York City and America could not be put down. We would rise from the ashes! Ironically, Phoenix did rise. Not from New York City but on the wings of the Arizona Diamond Backs. Which, of course, you would have known if you subscribed to the Tucson Citizen. Otherwise, it is just a sad story that Yankee fans and the rest of the world try to forget. Thanks Indianapolis for being such good sports.

ing on it." Within a few weeks, Jason had a stage built on top of the kitchen area, for future concerts and live music, and possibly for his wife to refresh her vocal chords with Operatic tones from time to time. Joe Pepper, a local artisan was hired and after painting a mural depicting Tamara's favorite Jazz picture as the backdrop for the stage, became Jason's full time right hand for the construction of the building.

The north wall, which was in awful disrepair, with cracks in the masonry, water ruined areas and rough edges was rebuilt. No easy task, as the wall is 64 feet long and 16 feet high, and was built and completed by only three men; Jason, Loren Shademan, and Freddy Garcia. Gayle Hicks & Ernie Banks lended song strong hands and made this dream become reality, and the building become a work of art.

Karen's face became a regular at Lowe's in Abilene, as she made weekly trips to get supplies, whether paint or drywall or tools. The parties involved (Karen and David Stiewert, and Jason and Tamara Smart) talked about the future non-stop-planning menus, thinking about applicants, looking over the Internet for necessities.

Karen has also spent countless hours perusing the Internet for necessities and even gone to pawn shops looking for wall décor.

Because the Rockin Grill is a Steakhouse that will be defined by their flavors of Mesquite wood cooking, Jason, Joe and David added a metal cook-shack on the west side of the building, then fur-

GRILL

nished it with a 8 foot Charbroiler, fryers, ovens, a huge vent-a-hood, and a walk-in fridge (all installed and brought to working condition by the three men as well). They literally have worked on this construction project around the clock; neither Jason nor David being strangers to 122 N. Central at 3:00 a.m. during this process

And now, nine and a half months later, after countless beads of sweat, the Rockin Grill will open in less than a week. Karen Stiewert is excited beyond words.

She says her idea "of specific characteristics of the Rockin Grill Steakhouse for Knox City & families of Knox City will be the great food, the atmosphere, a dining "experience", having the website that attracts people from other areas to come to Knox City, have the entertainment while dining, and eventually having private rooms for groups or families with all the perks of the Rockin' Grill."

Karen and David are the owner and operators of the Rockin Grill Steak House.

Jason, who now, after all the construction is done, has placed, received and put away the initial orders, finalized the menu, hired the staff; will serve as the General Manager and Head Chef of the Rockin' Grill. Jason, and all involved, are eager to see Knox City get a little bit of class, and have a place to get dressed up and feel like you are in Dallas or Houston or New York City, without ever leaving the county. He's also thrilled about the creation of this "Destination restaurant", which will bring people to Knox City to dine and increase tourism and knowledge of the pearl we have in

"nowhere" Texas.

This restaurant shows the rebirth of a place long forgotten, and soon will be part of the life of Knox City.

Jason also wants to let Knox know: "When people have come in to the building while it was being built, upon their comments of 'what a great job we've done', I've been quick to let them know that by no means it was just me that did it. It was people like Joe Pepper, Gayle Hicks, Loren Shademan, Jay Lawson, and most of all, the blessing sent to me and my family: the owners and operators of the Rockin Grill, who have selflessly poured their time, talent and money into this project & who have given me and my wife a chance to see a dream come to fruition: Mr. David & Mrs. Karen Stiewert.

This has been no easy task for any of us, but has definitely been enjoyable. I am eternally grateful for people like the Stiewert's. They don't make enough like them. I want Knox City to know how much I appreciate them and want to tell them: thank you."

The Rockin' Grill will serve a myriad of unique burgers and sandwiches, steaks grilled to perfection with special secret seasonings, slow cooked briskets, 6 different types of salads, seafood (including boiled shrimp by the pound), a kids menu and 3 decadent desserts.

They will be open Tues-Saturday from 10:30 a.m - 10:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 10:30 a.m until 3:00 p.m.

Catering and accommodations for groups and families will also be available.

CHAMBER

lished in the Letters to the Editor section of the Knox County News.

The KC medical personnel were honored because of their immense gift to Knox City in making it the Medical Mecca of the county.

Mark Tucker, Jr. High principal and Knox City Band Director was given the "Experience of a Lifetime" award. Mark has taken the band to earn the UIL Sweepstakes award now two years in a row, directed the KC Pride band all the way to State competition this year, and has helped the kids become amazing musicians, helping create and Experience of a lifetime for not only himself, but the youth who are lucky enough to be a part of his band.

The coveted E. Hobbs Memorial Citizen of the Year was then presented. This year, the award went to a person who is "hands on" spending time on various projects and willing to give herself to anything that could better the world around her. She was married at a Young age and had children, but when the opportunity for an education presented itself to this lady, she took the bull by the horns

and was off.

Joann Albus, 2010 recipient of the E. Hobbs Memorial Citizen of the Year Award, lives her life with a top priority to help others. She volunteers where ever she is needed; as an EMS, writing Grants to help the community and the local hospital, sits on the USDA committee, is a member of the Agrilife committee, is active with the Knox County Visioning Committee, Is a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board and has worked extensively with the Child Welfare Board.

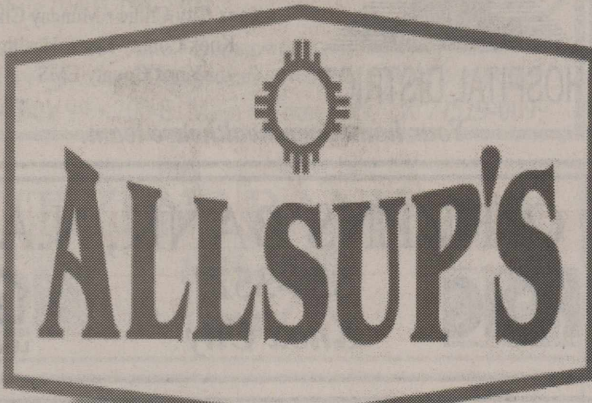
Joann once had a pilots license, can rive a tractor with the best of them, is a lay veterinarian, and is fluent in Spanish. According to the Marla Hawkins as she read off JoAnn's many qualifications for this award, "JoAnn is an expert at tough love."

According to JoAnn's husband, though, "She is a loving mother and grandmother."

Knox County News congratulates JoAnn and all the other honorees. May your example be an inspiration to those around you.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

Lack of good fathers hurts the country

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

A couple of generations of poor fatherhood has damaged the United States.

Whether it's one of our illustrious sperm donors running around impregnating young women or men too lazy to take responsibility and set a strong example, many of our societal ills can be attributed directly to the lack of male parenting.

Consider these facts:

According to figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau in November, 2009, there are approximately 13.7 million single parents in the United States responsible for rearing 21.8 million children (approximately 26% of children under 21 in the U.S. today).

Approximately 84 percent of custodial parents are mothers. Of those single moms, 45 percent are currently divorced or separated and 34.2 percent have never been married.

It is a pitiful existence when so many of our youth resort to harmful behavior trying to fill the void left by not having an active father.

We've gone so PC in this country, we've handcuffed ourselves as a society. Instead of demanding, "TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHILDREN!" - we've said, "That's okay buddy, we'll all jump in and help."

While I believe in generosity and helping whomever needs it, nothing can replace a real father. Nature has yet to provide humankind an adequate replacement for the father and I doubt it is in God's plans to do so.

I guess I'm old-fashioned or perhaps I'm simply wrong, but this is one societal stance I will not budge on. I'm crazy enough to think the good Lord intended men and women to work as a team in order to rear their offspring.

My wife was in Dallas a couple of weeks ago and within hours, she's calling me furious and victimized because her vehicle has a busted window and all of the contents of the car are now in the possession of a thief. National crime statistics tell us there's a good chance this thief came from a situation with little or no involvement from the father.

The rise of gangs, a growing prison population, a general lack of manners in everyday life ... there is a seemingly end-

less list of negatives which can be directly associated with "daddies" not fulfilling their role.

Thirty years ago and more, society frowned upon men who failed to do the basic and right thing ... rear their children.

Today, we tell young men, "good job" when they happen to make a child support payment.

In 2010, it's great to be a "pimp" and go from woman to woman spreading your DNA. However, you're weak if you are quiet and monogamous. It's simply the wrong mindset.

In our society, there should be pressures placed on those ignoring - or refusing - to make their children their top priority.

Personally, I have respect for those men who take on the responsibility and obligation of fatherhood. I have neither respect or time for those men who shun their duties.

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Other Views

Obama counters 'drill, baby, drill' with his own drilling plan

By TERESA ALBANO

Off an historic win on health care reform, President Barack Obama has decided to use the momentum to push forward his next Big Agenda item: energy and climate change.

Much to the chagrin of environmentalists, progressives and many politicians, he made his move with what's becoming his signature tactic -- a preemptive attempt to neutralize the opposition.

The opposition is still the ultra-right GOP, but now the Republicans' corporate sponsors, the oil, gas and energy conglomerates, enter stage right. Their mantra since the John McCain/Sarah Palin campaign has been "Drill, baby, drill."

President Obama announced his own plan to drill. This week he made known plans to open up the southern Atlantic coastline, the eastern Gulf of Mexico and Alaska's northern coast

to oil and gas exploration and drilling. The announcement met a firestorm of criticism.

"Drilling our coasts will do nothing to lower gas prices or create energy independence," Michael Brune of the Sierra Club said in a statement. "It will only jeopardize beaches, marine life, and coastal tourist economies, all so the oil industry can make a short-term profit."

Politicians from states worried about the impact on coastal economies that rely on fishing and tourism also took issue with the president's plan.

"It's fundamentally wrong as an energy policy when we can drive toward renewable energy sources," U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez, a long time opponent of offshore drilling, said. "I think it's an effort to bring Republicans on board with broader climate change legislation, and I think it's a dangerous plan," he added.

From the other side of the

aisle, Republicans also reacted with criticism, some more muted than others. Coming off their bruising defeat over health care, some in the GOP are cautious about being labeled the "Party of No." Yet, Rep. John Boehner summed up the GOP's position best. He said it didn't go far enough, and the biggest gas reserves, which are on the West Coast, should be opened up too.

The president anticipated the criticisms from both sides in his speech. To environmentalists, he emphasized the transition moment the country is in, and stressed that his strategy could move us "from an economy that runs on fossil fuels and foreign oil to one that relies more on homegrown fuels and clean energy."

Worried about an already weak U.S. economy and most important -- jobs -- Obama said, "The only way this transition will succeed is if it strengthens our economy

in the short term and long term. To fail to recognize this reality would be a mistake."

He also said drilling alone cannot solve the U.S. long-term energy challenges. "[W]ith less than 2 percent of oil reserves, but more than 20 percent of world consumption, drilling alone cannot come close to meeting our long-term energy needs," he said. "[F]or the sake of the planet and our energy independence, we need to begin the transition to cleaner fuels now."

Obama's attempts to thread the political needle infuriate many of the president's progressive allies, who see this as a threat to the ocean ecosystems. "We're appalled that the president is unleashing a wholesale assault on the oceans," said Jacqueline Savitz of Oceana, as reported in The New York Times.

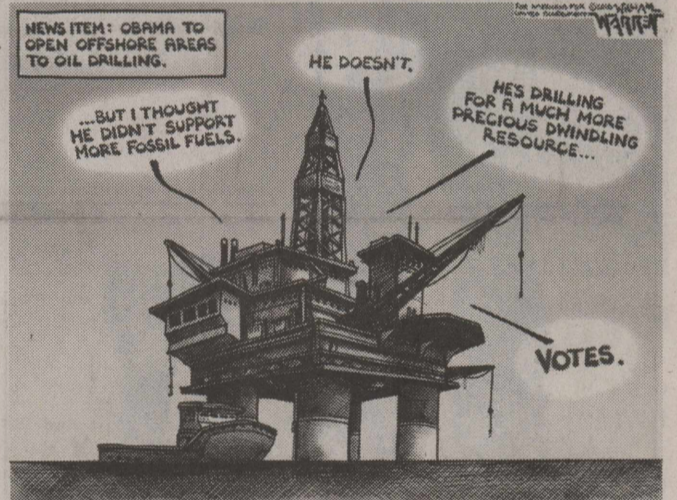
Doug O'Malley, of Environment New Jersey said the group was outraged. "It makes no sense to threaten

the east coast of America, including the Jersey Shore, with spills and other drilling disasters when we're about to unleash the real solutions to oil dependence -- cleaner cars, cleaner fuels and clean energy."

The Associated Press reports new drilling could "fill coffers" of cash-strapped states who get a share of the royalties. Exploratory drilling could start as early as this summer, AP reports, but the areas are years away from

seeing deep water platforms. The drilling is not expected to bring down high oil prices.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Land Management agreed to stop using a Bush-era provision that fast-tracked oil and gas development on federal lands that conservationists have said could harm a wide variety of lands, including parks, refuges, recreation areas, wetlands, flood plains or other ecological significant or critical areas.



Other Opinions

The United Nations vs. America, Chapter 3259

By ELAN JOURNO

The U.S. is not only a founding member of the U.N. but for a long time has been its largest financial backer. What are we getting for our money? An institution that makes a mockery of protecting rights around the world. Consider this report from veteran U.N. observer Anne Bayefsky, cataloguing just some of the recent perversities of the U.N.'s (notorious) Human Rights Council.

The Council, which meets in Geneva, is the personal playground of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. They hold the balance of power by controlling the Asian and African regional groups, which together form a majority at the Council. The Council's agenda is accordingly fixated on issues of priority to the Islamic bloc -- number one, delegitimizing Israel; number two, trumping free speech in the name of

Islam; and number three, avoiding any criticism of human rights violations in their own backyards. None of which has anything to do with protecting human rights.

Later, Bayefsky observes, "The Obama administration lost every time it called for the vote on a resolution at the Council session." But don't be misled into thinking that Obama's diplomats were all that energetic.

Having jumped on the Council bandwagon last year without insisting on any reform-minded preconditions, U.S. diplomats now sit there taking it on the chin and lending predictable and immutable Council routines undeserved legitimacy. This past session, the Council adopted five resolutions condemning Israel and fewer resolutions on the rest of the world combined: one each on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, North Korea, Burma/Myanmar, and Guinea.

The other 187 states on the planet got a free pass from

the Council, notwithstanding the pressing reality of Nigeria's butchered Christians, Saudi Arabia's gender apartheid, Egypt's systematic torture, China's iron fist, Sudan's genocide, and Russia's slain human-rights defenders.

Now, guess which regime is a candidate for membership in the U.N. Human Rights Council?

Here's a clue: since the regime's obviously rigged elections took place last June, it has gunned down protestors in the streets, rounded up dissidents, tortured many in prison, and executed them after show trials. (These things are in keeping with the regime's character, but they became more widely known after mass protests made international headlines). Yes: Iran. Given the U.N.'s kid-gloves treatment of Iran, its application for membership in the Council looks promising.

By continuing to support the United Nations, we lend it undeserved legitimacy that directly undermines our own political ideal of individual rights.

Health Care Reform: Endorsed by Obama Supporters?

By VICTOR MORAWSKI

Fallacies are mistakes in reasoning that occur so often and are so easily made that, over the years, logicians have sought to give them names for convenient reference. While teaching a recent unit on fallacies to my Logic students, I plucked from the Internet, summarized, and placed on a test an argument advanced by a blogger to counter the evidence from polls that Health Care Reform legislation was unpopular with the American people.

What the blogger said in essence was: "It is wrong to say that the majority of the American people no longer support the legislation for comprehensive health care reform now before Congress. A majority of the American people elected Barack Obama as President. Health care reform was part of his platform. So, a majority of the American people support comprehensive health care reform."

Now I would be happy to let this one go as a piece of shaky reasoning by an obscure liberal blogger that deserves little serious attention were it not for the fact that, just a few days ago, I heard the Rev. Al Sharpton use essentially the same argument on a national news broadcast. As acceptance of this

reasoning may be more widespread than I had previously realized, I think that it deserves to be addressed.

If the above argument seems alright, don't be misled. An additional characteristic of fallacies is that, while from a logical point of view they are leaky buckets that won't hold water, they are often quite persuasive psychologically. What goes wrong in the blogger's reasoning is that he is offering as reason to believe that a majority of Americans really do support ObamaCare a fact about the special circumstances of Obama supporters. In essence, it is argued that because they are his supporters, then they automatically supported the health care reform plan in his platform.

This simply just does not follow. If I am a Republican, it does not follow that, because of those special circumstances, one should conclude that I automatically support every plank in the Republican platform. Neither does it follow from the fact that a majority of Americans elected Barack Obama to office, that that same majority of Americans automatically supported his plan to reform health care -- even less does it do so now.

Additionally, it can be argued that of those Obama supporters who really did endorse his plan for comprehensive

health care reform, what they really in fact endorsed was a version of health care reform that did not include an individual mandate -- as that was the plan he ran on and what he stressed separated his health care reform proposal from that of his opponent, Hilary Clinton. We could view his election in the Democratic primary as being, at least in part, a rejection by even Democratic voters -- his base -- of the individual mandate in health care reform.

Gone now from Obama's speeches are any mention of how hard it will be for some Americans to live with the odorous burden of an individual health care insurance mandate -- points he made campaigning. We hear nothing of his argument that a person who is fined substantially for not being able to comply with an individual health insurance mandate will now be worse off than before -- that person will still have no health insurance and will now have to deal with the additional burden of paying the fine laid on them. Unlike the argument with which we began, this was a good argument Mr. President. What happened to it?

No matter where the cut-off point for subsidies is eventually stipulated to be, there will always be a group of Americans for which the above will be true.



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