

James E. "Bud" Smith PMC Celebrates 45 Years of Successful Plant Technology

Story by Randy Henry Weatherford, Texas

This year our nation celebrated the UDSA Natural Conservation Resource (NRCS) Service's 75th anniversary and other conservation achievements, including 45 years of successful plant science technology at the James E. "Bud" Smith (JEBS) Plant Materials Center (PMC) in Knox City, Texas.

A public open house and NRCS field day took place on June 8th and 9th at the JEBS PMC, where the public was invited to tour the newly constructed service center and updated plant materials facility, along with NRCS personnel and its partners attending facility tours and plant materials training relative to conservation planning.

"We are very proud to dedicate the new plant materials center facilities and laboratory that highlights

conservation research and technology development," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist in Texas. "The information developed here provides a valuable insight on the role and purpose of the plant materials program while strengthening the conservation technical assistance our employees provide to Texas landowners."

The mission of the JEBS PMC is to collect, evaluate, select, release, and develop technology forplant materials. The plant materials program emphasizes the use of native plants as a way to address conservation issues and restore native ecosystems. Plus, the program follows a process for the release of materials with federal and state agencies, as well as other conservation partners.

"The new service center, research equipment, and laboratory enables us to



Conservation Cadillacs

Wagons with dozens of visitors and NRCS personnel that attended the JEBS PMC 45th anniversary on June 8-9 in Knox City, Texas, were pulled by new and old conservation cadillacs (tractors) showing them the facility and various plant species grown there. The tour encompassed the new plant materials center facilities and laboratory, as well as a field tour where all the attendees had presentations delivered by NRCS personnel at field stations on the site.

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Mobile dental van coming soon to Knox City

Courtesy Photos

PUBLIC NOTICE

Art Stall and Frame Shop **Celebrates 34 years of Business**

in Knox City, or who have She started the Art Stall 34

By Tamara Smart will celebrate it's 34th year Most people who in live of business in Knox City. even just made their way years ago with her sister,



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The Knox County Hospital District is excited to inform you that we have a Mobile Dental Van coming to our area. The Mobile Dental Van, provided by the Community Healthcare Center in Wichita Falls, Texas will be in attendance at the Knox County Hospital on Friday, July 16, 2010 from 9:30 A.M to 1:30 P.M. Services will be provided to children ages 1 to 17. Patients will be seen on a first come first serve basis.

Treatment on the Mobile Dental Van will be low cost to families who qualify according to their household income. Please bring household proof of income for the past 30 days such as payroll check stub or bank statement. Medicaid, CHIP's



insurance, and private dental insurance will also be accepted.

Treatment provided on the Mobile Dental Van will include exam, x-rays, fillings, extractions, root canals, stainless steel crowns and sealants. Sealants a plastic are

coating that is placed on healthy permanent teeth to help prevent cavities. Need for treatment other than those listed can be arranged. Please bring your children and look for the big blue bus. For more information, please contact Jo Ann Albus at 940.658.3926.

LOOKING AHEAD

EDICAL SU

Knox City Football the youth of Knox. From Camp will take place July 7, 8 and 9; 9:00 AM-12:00 invited to the basement PM. Camp will be held at the football field for kids of the church to engage grades 1st thru incoming in arts, crafts, story time 9th graders- \$25 per child. Registration will be on the more about God's Love. in downtown Munday on morning of July 7th in the weightroom at the field on Thursday for the older vendors for their 2010 house at 8:30 AM

The Knox City First Baptist will host an all Monette Vincent at 657summer long program for 3141.

It's almost Watermelon 10 am until noon, children Festival time again! Mark from 1st to 6th grade are your calendars for the last weekend in July.

Munday Freedom Fest and life lessons to learn will take place ALL DAY The basement will reopen July 3rd. They still need kids, Jr. High through Freedom Festival Fair-High School. For more call (940)422-4540 for information, call Jerry or more information.

through Knox City, have heard the sound. Perhaps this sound should be the official welcome bell of those tourists and those who need daily pick-me-ups. The sound is Romaine Stubb's infectious laugh, which can be heard on a daily basis at the Art Stall and Frame Shop in downtown Knox City.

Romaine has something to share her cheery laugh about too. This Sunday, her shop

Dessie Egenbacher, after one of their brothers (a Lubbock realtor) proposed the idea. Originally, the Art Stall was in the location that the Minimall currently occupies. Yet, when Romaine's late husband, Jack, retired and came to work with his wife and sister-in-law, the Art Stall moved to its current location (just up the strip), because according to Romaine, **Continued on Page 10**



These Knox City youngsters have competed in Baylor County's Horse Club for the past two years. Jaedon, 8, and Ryder, 5, are the children of Quentin and Roni Gass. Jaedon won Reserve Champion in the 8 and under division. Riley Paige, 5, and Carson, 7, are the children of Riley and Stephanie Carver. Carson won Grand Champion in the 8 and under division. They participate in the poles, barrels, stakes, and flags. These are all timed events. The children received trophy buckles for their success in their individual events.

Pictured left to right, Jaedon Gass, Ryder Gass, Riley Paige Carver, and Carson Carver (Photo by Stephanie Carver)

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Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. • Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m. FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien

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> a.m. **No Sunday Evening Service**

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Letters to the Editor Policy Letters should be no more than 200 words and can be mailed to the Knox County News 110 N Central Ave, Knox City, TX 79529. Please include your street mailing address (no P.O. boxes), daytime phone number and full name with signature. Our e-mail address is kcnews@valornet.com

<u>LETTIERS TO THE EDITIOR</u>

I was glad to hear about the Knox City Thunders! They did have a great season. However, my son was on that team and I was told that 5 players on the team were not given notice of the tournament in Haskell on the weekend of June 10 - 12th with my son being one of them. It was a great disappointment to our family to read about it in the paper this week and seeing our little boy with a broken heart when he saw the picture and medals that the other boys received. The coaches were all great with

the boys and i loved having my son on that team but the boys were also promised a pizza party for their hard team but the party never happened. I feel that it is the coach's fault for not making sure that every player was told about the games and had the wrong person the wrong a chance to play and get the question! We should be same medals. This letter is to all coachers to be better coaches in the future and spouse? Can God trust me not have anything like this with my children? Can God happen again.

Kristie Silvas Decker

Truscott News

By Clara Brown

The past week was mostly windy, day and hot. Last Friday afternoon some grey clouds passed over and the wind felt like it was coming off rain to the south. The spent last week visiting temperature on China Creek

along fine. They see Kay, who lives near Vernon, often and in the last few weeks has been visited by her other two children, Lee and Nancy. Bill Brown of Whiteface

his parents, jack and Clara

God's Promises **By Jim Reid, Pastor** which is based and founded

O'Brien Baptist Church

How many times do we wonder if we can trust God? Circumstances and consequences enter into our lives and we question trusting God? Peril and poverty are world wide and we ask, "Can we trust God?"

We debate removing "In work and dedication to the God We Trust", from our coins and bills, because this nation would argue "Can We Trust God?"

> I believe we're asking asking, "Can God trust us"? Can God trust me with my trust me with my job and Thank you, career? Can God trust me with my Church? Can God trust me with my thoughts, my words, and my actions? I mean we could go on and on about God trusting us.

> > But that really is the question. If I say that I love God and believe that He loves me, can we; do we; trust each other? Every personal relationship of love is a covenant relationship. A covenant relationship is one

upon trust one to another. God began the relationship between you and Him with trust! Believing trust, speaking trust and trust in action and works. The truth of the relationship is, "Can God trust me?" Can He believe what I tell him? Can He see the truth in what I do?

Can He see me sharing His truth and trust with others? God does trust you with His gospel message.

I Thessalonians 2: 4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which tries our hearts.

I Timothy 1: 11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

God wants to trust us completely. He gave us such great blessings and challenges to be trusted with His gospel. He wants us to share His gospel message with the world. Tell God today that He can trust you to share His gospel (the Good News of Jesus Christ).

I pray that you experience the love of God in every way



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ON THE

EDGE OF

COMMON

SENSE

by Baxter Black,

DVM

Sly replied, "Simple. We

have learned from years of

experience that it is not the

abuse and mistreatment that

has furthered our financial

and prosecutorial success, it

is the 'illusion' of abuse and

Reporter: "But the lizard

Sly: "Kids don't know that.

Reporter: You've sure done

Sly: "Careful. That joke

is illegal under the Animal

Reporter: "What's next?"

We've eliminated personal

ownership, dog and cat shows,

the Iditarod, greyhound racing,

bird or Frisbee retrievers,

purebred raising, training for

livestock work, security, drug

sniffing, helping the blind, the

old, the disabled, the selling

of any kind of animal for

any purpose (Animal Slavery

Act). Only alternative oral or

topical all-natural treatments

are allowed on animals

but no physical or medical

restraint is permitted during

administration. No house

breaking, either. No ear, tail,

or claw trimming, and no

neutering. Reproduction is a

"It is our conviction that

companion animals, as such,

should be as free as a mustang,

as a bird, as a rodent...as a

fire ant. Look how well rats

and roaches have done since

the elimination of pesticides,

insecticides and genetically

modified foods! Ours is not

to question why, ours is but to

the High School). Cash only,

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natural act.

"Off the record?

animals.

a good job of pulling the wool

over their eyes, so to speak."

They grow up to be adults that

mistreatment!'

isn't real."

OFF THE RECORD

don't know that."

Defamation Act."

Sly:

Companion

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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.

ground.

It's the first summer crop for this farm since watermelons in the '90s. The whole ambitious experiment is reminding me of a trip to the moon, not that I've ever been.

What's guar?

If you're asking, you're not alone. My husband asked too.

But first, the moon.

Neil Armstrong's declaration famous expresses how I feel: "... one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." For good measure, add "The Eagle has landed." It's all about adventure and accomplishment.

Not that my husband and I actually planted the guar. One of our custom farmers did. We have two.

A custom farmer is a guy who knows what he's doing, has all the right equipment and can't quite get to your field exactly when you need him. Everybody else needs him too. And breakdowns happen. So, we gave two inches of rain time to evaporate and make us wonder if the wonder crop will ever sprout now that it's been planted.

It still beats farming.

Then last night we got rain! It woke me and put a prayer on my lips. "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" Half asleep, I kept saying the words, as if my incantation could keep the drops coming.

real

This morning the ground was damp. On various hard surfaces, little puddles of water reflected the morning sun. Nice

I had parked our wheelbarrow in an open space to use it as a rain

It's done. Guar is in the leaned it against a tree so it wouldn't catch water. Oh well.

> Yes, they do make regular rain gauges. Too easy. Too perfunctory. When you use a wheelbarrow, you get to dip your finger in the water. Sloping surfaces must be considered. By the time you've made all necessary adjustments to get a reading, you're feeling smug. And nobody's ever around to challenge your findings. My kind of math. Not that it really matters

> whether I know exactly how much it rained last night Time will tell whether it was a guar-sprouter.

As for guar, it's pronounced either gwahr, per the dictionary, or gahr. the farmer way. Farmers probably say it that way because it's easier than pursing the lips to make the sissy "gw" sound Besides, gahr sounds like a big no-nonsense ugly bottom-feeding fish - not a bad connotation for a crop you'd like to think is tough enough to survive a West Texas drought.

When my husband asked me what it was we were planting (he's been busy being an architect), I showed him the Heinz steak sauce label. Guar is an ingredient. It's also in drilling mud, ice cream, salad dressing and cosmetics.

Guar is supposed to grow well in sandy loam in hot droughty conditions. Our farm and India.

Guar's chief nemesis is the alfalfa midge, when alfalfa grows nearby. Our neighbor grows alfalfa.

And guess when midges are most active? When the moon is full.

Neil Armstrong might have something to say about



1 APR 2038 HEADLINE: X-HSUS FILES SUIT AGAINST GEICO FOR LIZARD ABUSE!

Attorneys (AgP) for the Extreme Humane Society of the United Suers (X-HSUS) have filed suit in the San Francisco Court of Steals, Deals, Repeals and Conceals against Geico (Government Engineered Insurance Conspirators) for Mistreatment, Mental Anguish and Misrepresentation of Reptiles. Conjugal charges involve Impersonation of the British (a protected aboriginal group in western European Socialist Republic) and using humor for frivolous purposes.

"It's been a long time coming," said Slyd'Sieverson, executive director of the X-HSUS. "After we protected the horses, eliminated factory farming, outlawed fishing, interspecies cow milking, aquariums, zoos, circuses, the study of Marine Biology, farming salmon, shrimping, crabbing, lobstering, and hunting of any kind, reptile protection was the next logical choice."

AccordingtotheDepartment of Social Intervention, the current generation is only vaguely aware that America once had an abundance of food at modest prices. There were no long lines around the block, no waiting for hours to buy the legally approved organic staples of wheat, beets and leafy spurge. As shortages began, government produce vendors were allowed to count weevils, nematodes and fecal contamination from wild livestock toward the protein content on the label.

When asked about the

Just Jeff July 1st Camping Trip

column, this week I am going to fill in everyone on the actual camping part of our voyage to the great north. To set the stage; imagine living on a pile of rocks, with a little top soil, surrounded by trees, trees and a few more trees. From our campsite you could see the Canadian shoreline 1/4 mile away. The amazing thing about being on the U.S. border was no Border Patrol, no drug cartels or even illegal immigrants. If I was ever to decide to work as border patrol agent, that would be the ideal location to get stationed.

As a sequel to last week's

Because there were nine of us campers, we had three 5-man tents. I do not know who figured this was a 5-man tent. Snow White's little buddies would have been cramped up in this casa. I shared a tent with "Torpedo Steele" and my 12-year-old son, Payne; the three of us equals at least 8 on the dwarf scale

The first night in camp after a 15-mile paddle we all went to bed at dark; we were some whipped puppies. Sometime late in the night, I was awakened by the sound of a wolf howling no more than 10 feet from the tent (at least that is how close it sounded). It was the most eerie sound I have ever heard in the wild. I sat straight up and looked over at Torpedo who was looking at me. His exact words: " You think he would eat a fat guy?"

The fishing was okay, nothing great but the scenery was awesome. We had a deer thatwouldcomevisitourcamp daily. We could get within 5 yards of her; there where bald eagles, chipmunks, and many other critters. The only inconvenience was having to bear proof our food stash. We would take one of our canoes and cover up our food packs and then stack all of our pots and pans on top.

When 9 men get together,

there is going to be some mischief. Dusty, who was a little nervous about our campsite, was afraid of a visit from a bear. All day us other 8 campers built up a "bear visit" for Dusty. Dusty had a pistol in his tent, so we had Brandon unload it... not just for prank's purposes; but I figured for Steele's safety, too. He looks more like a bear than anyone else within 100 miles. A little after bedtime "Torpedo" snuck out of our tent and it was " ShowTime"

The funny thing was watching Coach (a.k.a. "Torpedo Steele) walk barefoot to pick up all the pots and pans. He looked like a cartoon bear walking through a briar patch. Imagine 400 lbs. on tender feet stepping on sharp rocks. It was "ouch, oh ouch, ouch oh ouch". He has the feet of someone who wears shoes to bed.

After he gave me the pots I started "Operation Bear". I started slinging the steel plates and banging on the pots and pans. Dusty's tent went into full blown "bear attack mode". Dusty grabbed his pistol and frantically looked for a light. Zach and Brandon laugh hysterically in their sleeping bags. About the time Dusty got his tent opened and realized he had been had, his exact words were: "If a bear gets in that tent over there the only way I am helping is if Payne is screaming, those other two @#\$#!% can be bear poop before I will help."

The trip was full of excitement and lots of entertainment. Like most trips we all were ready to be home. It was a 5-hour paddle back to a dock, where a man would pick us up. We came so close to ending the trip with a priceless memory. Torpedo and Dusty where pulling up the rear, when Torpedo dropped his paddle, and decides he needed to reach in the water and pick

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gauge, but my husband had that. Or not

Thanks for Reading The Knox County News!

would actually agree to hear their case, because it is well known that the lizard in the commercial is not real.

do or die! "Someday, in a perfect likelihood that the court world, the only species in cages will be EVIL HUMANS!"

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501 SE 3rd St .: Large brick home located on corner lot. CH/AC, 2 or 3 BR, 2 ba. Detached garage, fenced yard.

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904 Central Ave: 3Br, 1.5Ba brick home.CH/AC, bonus room, large kitchen, storm shelter.

Grand Central Avenue O'Brien: 1800+/- sq.ft brick home. CH/ AC, 2 living areas, 4 BR, 3 Ba, large carport, fenced yard, cellar, great closets!

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Thursday, July 1, 2010

The Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies In CONGRESS, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. -- That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, -- That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. -Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain [George III] is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the consent of our legislatures. He has affected to render the Military independent He has affected to render the Military independent

of and superior to the Civil power. He has combined with others to subject us to

a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the

world: For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united

and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

The signers of the Declaration represented the new states as follows:

New Hampshire: Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, Matthew Thornton

Massachusetts: John Hancock, Samual Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Elbridge Gerry Rhode Island: Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery Connecticut: Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott New York: William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis, Lewis Morris New Jersey: Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, Abraham Clark

Pennsylvania: Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson, George Ross

Delaware:Caesar Rodney, George Read, Thomas McKean

Maryland: Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton

Virginia: George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Francis Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton North Carolina: William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, John Penn

South Carolina: Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., Arthur Middleton

Georgia: Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton

(SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JULY 3RD)

The 2010 Freedom Fest in Munday Saturday, July 3rd •Parade at 10 a.m. featuring honored area veterans. They will be escorted by the Green Knights from Sheppard AFB and the Patriot Guard from Abilene both motorcycle clubs).

Local boy scouts, bicyclists and classic cars are also expected in the annual parade.

•Festivities at the Munday City Park following the parade (watermelon eating contest, cake walk, peanut push, plus many other booths at the Freedom Fest Fair)

City pool in Munday open from noon until 5 p.m. free of charge
8 p.m. Dan Greene Band performing at the park for night of dancing under the stars. \$5 entrance fee.

Lands

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance. States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved;



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United States, in Order to form a more perfect insure domestic Tranquílíty, províde for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our



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MVP- Aaron Skyles of Haskell received most valuable player award at the Quad County Baseball tournament held Jun 10-12 in Munday. Skyles plays for the Haskell Dragons and is the son of Donny Skyles of Haskell.

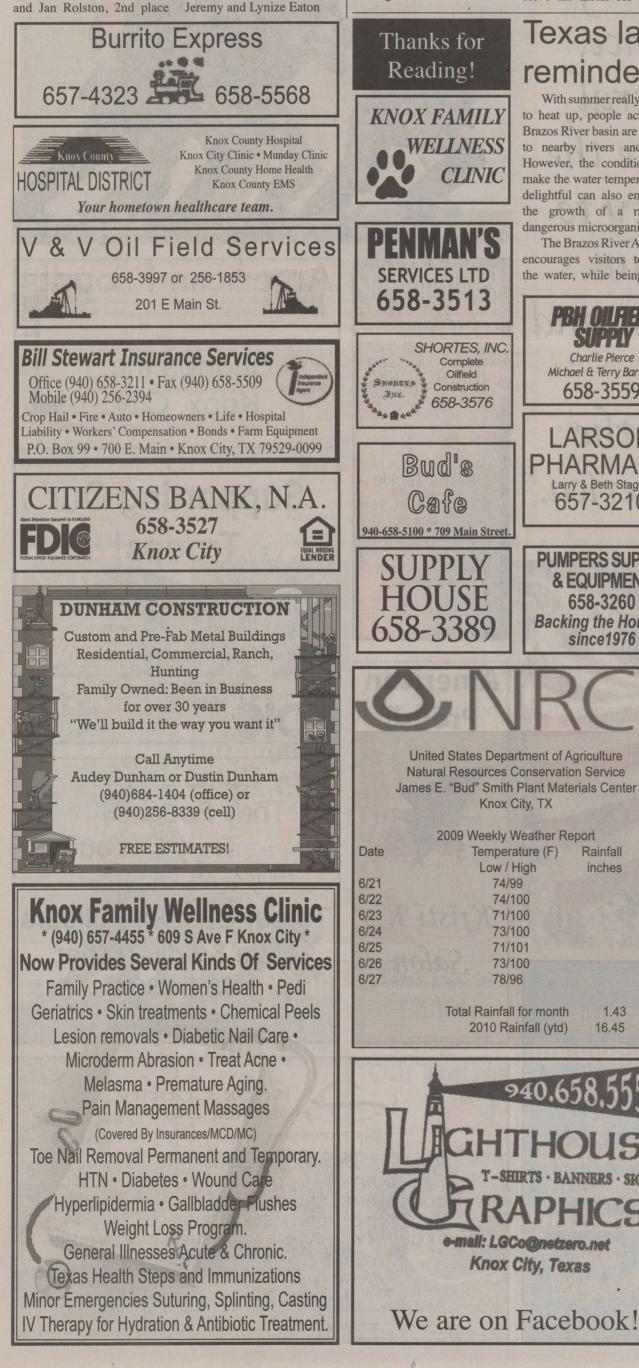
Results of Knox City Guy and Doll Golf Tournament

Championship 1st place Brian and Cathye Williams, 2nd place Gary Crawford and Angela Herrick, 3rd place Tommy and Shannon Mangis.

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flight: Charlie and Betty Starnes, 3rd place Ray Rios and Trish Shaver,

2nd flight: 1st place Jack and Cassie Sheedy, 2nd place Robert Aris Mendez 1st flight: 1st place Homer and Stacia Cook, 3rd place



Knox County youth attend ten county camp

Logan Groves, Brogan White, Brylee White and Kathryn Cude, Knox County 4-H members, attended Ten County Camp at Roaring Springs on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. They were part of a group of approximately 130 youthfromKnox,King,Cottle, Motley, Briscoe, Hall, Foard, Dickens, Kent and Stonewall counties attending the all-day event. The youth participated in different workshops to learn about cancer/tobacco prevention, wildlife, archery, communication skills, team building, and geology. In the afternoon everyone went swimming at the Roaring Springs Ranch. The water was plenty cool coming directly from the natural springs and was a welcome relief to the hot June day. After enjoying an evening meal, the youth participated in a dance workshop and different contests held at the **Roaring Springs Community** Center.

Reeves and Mitchell Ham, who had some experience with the camp as participants in the past, got the opportunity to broaden their horizons as well. The three Knox county youth are currently



Back: Brittany Coop, Sarah Reeves, Logan Groves, Mitchell Ham Front: Brogan White, Kathryn Cude, Brylee White

community involvement participants. and development, youth They assisted with the camp to rest up for next year. by helping to prepare and

interns in Knox County youth and adults at the camp, through the Knox County assisted with the various Visioning Committee and workshops, and helped out Texas AgriLIFE Extension at the dance by serving Brittany Coop, Sarah Service and are involved in as chaperones and dance exploring different careers, instructors for the younger

> The day concluded around engagement and leadership 9:00 PM with everyone as part of their internships. heading back to their counties

Educational programs serving as summer student serve the meals for the 160 of the Texas AgriLIFE

Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension Office.

Texas lake and river swimmers reminded of potential health risks

to nearby rivers and lakes. However, the conditions that dangerous microorganism.

The Brazos River Authority encourages visitors to enjoy the water, while being aware



With summer really starting of health risks associated to heat up, people across the with swimming in or around Brazos River basin are heading stagnant or slow-moving water.

Primary amebic make the water temperature so meningoencephalitis (PAM), delightful can also encourage which is most common during the growth of a rare but the summer, is a rare disease caused by naegleria fowleri, an amoeba found in almost all untreated, fresh surface water and in soil. The amoeba thrives in low levels of fresh water that is warmer than 80 degrees and stagnant or slowmoving. The PAM infection occurs when water containing the organism is forced into the nasal passages - usually recommends that people avoid

from diving or jumping into

There have been no known PAM cases in Texas yet this year and there were none last year, according to state health officials. However, nine have been reported in the state since 2000, the most recent one in 2008

To prevent infection, it is recommended that those taking part in warm, fresh water-related activities use nose clips or hold their noses shut while jumping into water. With the amoeba often found in soil, it is best to avoid stirring up underwater sediment. The Texas Department of Health stagnant or polluted water and



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BENJAMIN NEWS By Gladene Green

Been a pretty nice day today (Mon). Showery & much cooler than the past several days. Just wish for a lot more rain. The grass is burning up & the poor cotton- (dry land, especially) looks so thirsty- Just a little rain would give such a boost to everything.

Sure not much news again this week. Good to report our ill friends are doing pretty well- Johnnie Williams has some good days but is hanging in there & glad to hear from friends when they cal or drop by.

Jane Gideon got a good report from her test last week-Still has some blood pressure problems but is getting that regulated so should begin to feel better soon.

Mike Young, son of Dutch & Imagean, had a stroke recently & at first it was thought no real side effects from it, but now we have learned it left him with a lot of vision problems, plus another problem or two-Mike needs our prayers as he's having kind of a rough time right now.

Here 'N There

The Conner family had their annual reunion on Sat. at the Benjamin Ex-Student Bldg. Like all families, the crowd is getting smaller each year due to the fact that everyone is getting older & not able to travel & of course, some have passed on since the

last gathering. But there was a pretty good representation from several families. Folks from Weatherford, Lubbock, Jacksboro, Huntsville, Poolville, Houston, Ft. Worth & Benjamin were among those in attendance. Lots of good food, plenty of visiting & an auction in the afternoon furnished a good meal, fellowship & fun for everyone If all goes as planned, they all agreed to meet again the same time

next year. On Sat, my daughter, Diane Evans, granddaughter, Ashlee & Ashlee's friend, Shelly Watson all of Childress spent the day with me- my other daughter, Debbie Moorhouse, joined us for lunch & in the afternoon we visited with Debbie and Mike. A good day- incidentally it was my birthday.

Linda & Charles Griffith & Kemp & Becky Jones & family were in Sweetwater during the weekend for a softballtournamentinvolving the Jones's daughter, Brooke who, with 2 of her teammates from Knox City, made the traveling softball team. Linda said they played five games during the week & tho they didn't win on the score board, they learned a lot which will help them as they continue playing throughout the summer. Most of the other girls are from Anson-Hamlin area

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Knox County Celebrates Lindsey Beaty's graduation

Attending the graduation daughter of the late E.D. exercises for Lindsey Beaty at Gunter High School were Dennis, Charlotte, and Adam Welch of Gilliland; Steve, Julie, Taylor and Linda Oustad and Leann Harlan of Munday, along with many other family and friends. Lindsey is the daughter of Tracy and Becky Beaty of Tioga. Tracy began his teaching career in Benjamin in 1980 and Becky is the

and Mary Welch of Gilliland. Among the many gifts received by Lindsey was a necklace and earring set that her grandmother, Janice Posey Dunnam had received from her mother and father when she graduated from O'Brien in 1947. Lindsey has one brother,

Trevor, who is a student at A&M College at College Station.

Contributing reasons could

be more Texas drivers on the

road, more traffic, and more

miles of road TxDOT is

responsible for maintaining.

Also, the research shows

cigarette butts are the culprit,

making up 43 percent of

Texas litter. So the volume

of litter is down because

there are fewer pieces of big

cigarette butts are toxic, ugly,

them out their car windows.

Don't Mess with Texas

Visible Litter Study (every

four years) to analyze the

types and quantity of litter

on Texas roads and a Litter

Attitudes and Behaviors

Study (every two years) to

gauge which Texans are

littering and why. Using those

campaign is working?

How did they count all that trash

roads?

FAQ For Research Results **June 2010**

Researchers calculated 1.1 billion pieces of litter accumulated on Texas roads in 2009. How did they count all that trash?

TxDOT hired NuStats, a research company, to develop the most effective way to estimate the projected number of pieces of litter on Texas roads. NuStats reviewed the number of pieces and types of litter on 163 segments of road, each 1,000 feet long. They first cleaned up those stretches of roadway. Then they let litter accumulate for four to six weeks. They collected the new litter, saved it, counted it, categorized and recorded

Why bother counting the litter instead of just cleaning it up?

Texas spent \$47 million in 2009 to pick up litter from Texas roads. There just is not enough money to clean it all up, so the key is prevention. The information TxDOT learns from the research allows us to strategically target its Don't Mess with Texas litter prevention message.

To what do you attribute the drop in food-related litter on Texas roads?

Don't Mess with Texas has focused on fast food litter for a decade with campaign tactics like printing the logo on 2 million fast food cups and creating 3-D billboards reading "It's Take-Out, Not Toss-Out."

USDA Rural Development 2010 is \$45.1 million. Of this, is seeking applications to \$36.2 million will be available support the development for loans, \$7.6 million will and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises. Funding is

Why is there an overall increase in litter on Texas Fund and grants to fund

strives to improve the overall quality of rural communities," State Director. "By providing loans and grants to start-up businesses through the new Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, we can assist with the development litter on the roads. However, of local, rural businesses. These businesses will in turn and are not biodegradable so benefit the community by Texans have to stop throwing creating job opportunities and providing needed goods and

Loansranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 with fixed TxDOT commissions a interest rates will be made available to microlenders for startup and growing microenterprises. Grants will be available for microlenders and microenterprise development organizations (MDOs) that provide technical assistance and numbers, TxDOT can figure training to microentrepreneurs out if campaign tactics are who have received or are working and what changes seeking a microloan under need to be made - and the this program. Technical campaign is working. Litter assistance grants will not in Texas has decreased by exceed \$130,000 and will be 11 percent since 2001, and made based on a percentage 82 percent of Texans know of the outstanding microloans what Don't Mess with Texas owed to the microlender

To eligible for this program,

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USDA announces new microentrepreneur assistance program

now available through USDA Rural Development's Rural assistance-only grants. Microentrepreneur Assistance be eligible for a RMAP loan, Program (RMAP), which is a microentrepreneur must authorized by the2008 Farm be located in a rural area, Bill. This program has been employ less that 10 full time established to fund, finance employees and is seeking and facilitate microenterprise \$50,000 or less in business developments through loans capital and/or in need of to the microlender to establish business based a Rural Microloan Revolving technical assistance.

"USDARural Development is available in the June 3 said Paco Valentin, USDA gov/2010/pdf/2010-13380. Rural Development Texas pdf. How do you know if the services to rural residents."

means. Even with those under this program.

results, more work needs to a MDO must be a non-profit What are you doing about entity, a federally recognized the cigarette butt problem? Indian tribe or a public The Don't Mess with Texas institution of higher education. campaign will continue to Additionally, the MDO must focus on all litter in hopes of have legal authority and continuing the overall drop responsibility and must be citizens of the United Sates and its territories. Applications will be accepted throughout the year and awarded on a quarterly basis. For fiscal year 2010, applications must be received by July 16, 2010. The total

TEXAS, June 22, 2010- amount available in fiscal year be available for microlender technical assistance grants, and \$1.3 million will be available technical for To technical assistance and training.

More information on how to apply for funding Federal Register, page 31413, http://edocket.access.gpo.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of 6,100 employees located in the nation's capital and 500 state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$138 billion in loans and loan guarantees.



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Obteniendo anteojos o oyuda con los dientes?

Comprando ropa escolar o necesidades para sus hijos?

Pagano una noticia de expulsion o desconector?

Determinando metas a realizar autosufieciencia de energía o triunfar probreza?

Esta Viejo o tiene inhabilitación, probando a vivir en unos ingresos fijados?

Si contesta sí a uno de las preguntas y vive en los condados de Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall o Throckmorton, es possible usted puede elegible para ayuda del Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. El Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) y los fondos del Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) están usado por ASBDC, INC. para suministar services a las familias con ingresos bajos. Hay un proceso de applicatión a determiner elegibilidad para ayuda. Llame usted ASBDC, INC. para mas información o si tiene preguntas.

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trail "in the rear"/ Then it

was off the Llano Estacado

moving through today's

Cottle, Foard and Hardeman

counties, crossing Red River

not at Doan's, but nearby on

It was this reader's first time

to see this Comanche journey

describes as more than a

vague "off the Caprock and

How many times have you

crossed those three counties

(four including Wilbarger at

if the medicine mounds were

part of the landmarks for

those Comanche's? Don't you

wish that territory could have

it's paved roads and country

signs that "Comanche's

Passed here", so we could

look at the Red Hills and

feel the history touching us

in counties, which still have

quiet places, seemingly at the

end of nowhere.

on to the reservation" trip.

down Pease River,

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JEFF

it up. Their canoe tipped over all the way to the water, then at the last moment, they both moved to the other side of the canoe- righting it and saving themselves.

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That would have been awesome for them to tip over the canoe 5 minutes from shore- imagine Coach trying to get back in? Dusty looked like Don Knotts when he got to shore. He was walking around shaking, telling me about the close call. Have you ever seen a man smoke 3 cigarettes at one time? Through the smoke, Duty said: "I will never ride with Steele in a canoe again."

A few things I learned on the trip: (1) never, never have beans as a meal when you live in a tent. Trust me on this one. (2) Outdoor toilets are not mosquito free. (3) Dusty's shoes could be used a chemical' weapon. (4) Steele's shoes could be used as a nuclear weapon. I always wondered how people who stink don't mind the smell. Well, after being around 9 men who did not bathe for 5 days, I understand. We did not smell- not one of us. I did notice my wife threw away that set of clothes when we got home. I guess it must have had a little odor... or maybe she was sad that we where home, because tears where involved.

gone our wives went to the hill country; who had a better Wine tasting, nice deal? hotel, shopping, showers, good meals? I would not trade the time I spent with my friends and kids, but If I had to go again tomorrow,

come! A little history question afternoon. this week, what where we thinking? The Indians hunted and fished, while their squaws cooked, cleaned the game, the tent, chopped and gathered wood, filled the water, and did all the work. Boy, I sure Indian Territory. After four am glad we changed all of that.

look out San Marcos, here I

On a completely different note, my Knox City resident of the week Danny Reece, Danny serves on the City Council, volunteers many hours at the Pink Ladies. Danny is retired from Hunt Oil, is very active at the Baptist Church and helps maintain the grounds. Thank you, Danny, for all you do.

On Sunday take a moment and remember about 1776 and all the sacrifices that were given so we have the rights that we have today. We take advantage every day of the things that those men fought for. Think of our troops and all of our patriots.

God Bless

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The whole time we where early in the morning and helped him feed it. They are not sure about Grandpa's retirement, but neither is grandpa.

> Ruby and San Juan Moya though their six-month old blue heeler was gone for good when it disappeared last Staurday night, but it was back home again Sunday

> I was poking around in Texas history last week in a book, which included Quanah Parker's 1877 efforts to persuade more Comanche to go to the reservation in days of talk, Quanah and the Comanche's made a run across the Llano Estacado between a group of buffalo hunters seeking to steal back horses from the Indians and Capt. Nolan's Troop A, which was dying of thirst.

They kept away from the hunters and crossed Nolan's

Alzheimer's **Caregiver Support Group**

Alzheimer's Association- North Central Texas Chapter is hosting a monthly Caregiver Support Group at Texhoma Christian Care Center. The group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the North Building Conference Rm. Texhoma Christian Care Center is located at 300 Loop 11, Wichita Falls, TX.

The Support Group is FREE and open to caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Our Support Groups are a safe haven of understanding, companionship and encouragement for those who are often lost in the maze of this complicated, mysterious disease

We offer monthly gatherings where members share experiences, knowledge and provide emotional support as well as coping skills in matters relating to caregiving. The groups also provide a forum for learning, with education topics discussed concerning dementia related issues.

For further information, please call our Alzheimer's Association- North Central Texas Chapter at 940-767-8800 or 1-800-272-3900.

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Have a safe and fun **Fourth of July!**

USDA invites applications for energy audits

2010 - USDA Rural Development announces it is seeking applications from eligible intermediaries to help rural small businesses and agricultural producers reduce energy costs and consumption. Funding is provided to conduct energy audits and provide renewable energy development assistance.

"We're pleased to offer Doan's)? Don't you wonder this program to those who want to save money and conserve energy, but are unable to do so without financial assistance," said Paco Valentin, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development. "As we continue to find ways to make America more energy independent, the projects this program supports will become more and more important."

> USDA Rural Development has made available \$2.4 million for fiscal year 2010 for energy audits. The funds are provided through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) and authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the Farm Bill).

The Farm Bill allows agricultural producers or rural small business to recover up to three-quarters of the cost of an energy audit. Audit funds are not provided directly to an eligible producer but are allocated instead to an intermediary. The intermediary provides funds to the audit

TEMPLE, TX June 24, recipient. Eligible intermediaries for energy audit grants include state, tribal, or local government entities; landgrant colleges and universities and other institutions of higher education, including 1994 Land Grant Colleges (Tribal Colleges), 1890 Land Grant Colleges and Historically Black Universities; rural electric cooperatives; and public power entities.

> Rural Development is accepting applications for this program until July 26, 2010. For more information on how to apply, please see the May 27, 2010 Federal Register. To learn more about USDA's REAP and other renewable energy programs, please visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_ ReapEaReda.html.

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OPINION



The backbone of rural America

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

The small businesses in your community are the backbone of your community

We have local people taking on the risk to get in business, stay in business and employee people and it's a tough job.

Most people in this country work for someone. Certainly nothing wrong with that. Hard-working people trying to put food on the table is one of the ingredients which made this country great.

However, it is the small business owner who takes on the responsibility of keeping the doors open.

I was asked a question the other day: "How many of your employees loose sleep over your company?"

My answer was very few, maybe two or three.

Does that mean employees don't care? Of course not. It means that owning your own business brings with it a set of headaches and pains which go largely unnoticed by the majority of the labor force.

In the news and in Hollywood, owning your own business is glamorous. Shoot, if you watch the news, it's almost evil to own your own business. Don't you know all business owners drive Bentley's and Mercedes and make \$1 million a year?

Truth is, most small business owners I know struggle just like everyone else. The hard-working small business

person works their tail off trying to justify being in business in the first place.

They pour their blood, sweat and tears into their businesses and try to hire the most honest, dependable people they can. If they get their hands on a self-starter who has a strong work ethic and follows instruction well, they try their hardest to hang on to them. Unfortunately for the owner, as has been my experience, someone with those qualities is often lost to a better provider.

In society today, owners of small businesses face competition on so many levels. In many ways, we even have to compete with our own employees for the company's time. It may be an email, phone call or text, but it is still a case of an owner paying for time allocated to someone else or the World Wide Web.

Take a guess at what happens when you remind someone of the fact that while on the clock, their time is company time? You hurt their feelings.

In parts of the country, people are beginning to realize the importance of a job. Here in our neck of the woods, we've felt some effects of the economic problems, but nothing like those in California, the Rust Belt and Northeast. When jobs get scarce, workers who know how to work effectively rise up the food chain or at the very least, tend to stay employed.

The small business person, the entrepreneurs, those chasing the American Dream, they are out there in your

community slugging it out day in and day out. They incur the risk and they incur the stress with the hope that their idea might just work.

I encourage you to support these men and women. If you can find it local, get it local. If you blow these businesses off and decide you'll go ahead and get that particular product next time you're in Amarillo, Lubbock, Wichita Falls or Oklahoma City, then you've just done damage to a store and the infrastructure of your town.

It's the local business making sure the booster club has money. It's the small business sponsoring our youth in their endeavors. It's the small business which is giving your troubled family member a second chance at life.

Small business accounts for so much when it comes to local support in hopes that their good will is returned by customers. It's not too much to ask that local residents at least give these business owners a chance at earning your business.

Flowers, gifts, insurance, used cars, groceries, paint ... whatever the need may be, keep the thought of your local businesses in your head. The truth is, you need these small businesses to thrive and they will compete for your dollar.

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Is the Welfare State a Ponzi Scheme?

By HOWARD RICH

Ponzi schemes rely on people falling for promises that are literally too good to be true — but the outcomes are never really in doubt for the perpetrators of these scams, are they?

First they are playing with money that does not belong to them — which means they cannot lose. Also, when the scams finally unravel, the perpetrators have invariably moved on to their next group of unsuspecting victims — where the fleecing begins anew.

Sound familiar? It should. This is the modus operandi of governments all over the world in our current era of Keynesian excess — an era in which new taxes, fees and fines must be continually created and levied in order to pay for promises made in previous years. Of course these government promises are never actually "paid for," the IOUs just keep mounting as the burden of repayment is extended further down the line to future generations of taxpayers. Greece, which has prompted a \$144 billion bailout from the European Union and International Monetary Fund. This EU/IMF bailout — part of a larger \$1 trillion "rescue" plan for the Euro — is nothing but a massive Ponzi scheme, as the leaders of fiscally reckless nations are basically saddling their debt onto the shoulders of their more responsible neighbors.

Not surprisingly, the root cause of the crisis that is threatening to bring down the global economy lies in the unsustainable expansion of the welfare state — which should be a lesson for American politicians of both parties.

First, let's look at what's happening in Greece.

"Greek governments have spent years buying social peace and votes with public spending, generous pensions, tax breaks, EU money and jobs for life, directed to an array of rent-seeking interest groups," The Economist noted last month. "This sort of social contract, lubricated by endemic corruption and lax law-enforcement, has evolved to suit a country emerging from a vile civil war and years of dictatorship in which consensus was painfully absent." for years to hide its growing debt problem from the rest of the world, paying hundreds of millions of Euros to various financial institutions in an effort to conceal the extent of its profligate borrowing.

Greece is now implementing several socalled "austerity" measures as a pre-condition of receiving the rest of Europe's bailout benevolence. But what sounds "austere" to the Greeks is still quite excessive when compared to the government largesse being doled out elsewhere on the continent. In fact, at its heart Greek "austerity" amounts to little more than tinkering around the edges of the nation's overextended entitlement culture, and in typical Ponzi fashion this political path of least resistance includes several new tax hikes that will only exacerbate the fundamental problem.

Meanwhile, even more frightening is the likelihood that the financial woes in Greece presage a broader European solvency crisis Spain's welfare state includes a socialist labor system that makes it nearly impossible to fire workers for any reason. And like Greece, its habit of dispensing unsustainable taxpayer-funded largesse has been propped up for years by government denials and deception. Most recently, Spanish Prime Minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero chose to deal with the brewing fiscal crisis by ignoring it and delaying long-overdue reforms in an effort to maintain his political positioning. It's the Ponzi mentality all over again.

Eventually, though, the scammers will run out of people to scam — and Spain could very well represent the last great heist. Spain represents 10 percent of the euro zone banking system and 16 percent of all net euro-zone loans, meaning that its collapse could very well bring the entire global house of cards tumbling down.

Such an outcome would clearly have di-

Crisis compels the scammers to grow even bolder in their efforts to fleece the taxpayers. In fact, these "too good to be true" scams have only grown more expensive in response to the recent economic downturn.

Take the ongoing financial crisis in

Also, let's not forget that Greece sought

— one that will spread to other nations that are similarly drowning in the red ink of unsustainable government welfare. Spain, for example, is on the verge of having to tap into hundreds of billions of Euros tied to the EU/ IMF bailout, and even that may not be enough to stabilize its teetering economy. sastrous effects on the American economy, which makes the aggressive expansion of the welfare state here in the United States all the more unexplainable. Greece and Spain (as well as Portugal and Ireland) are clearly cautionary tales — not examples for America follow.

Extending Misery

By ROBERT ROMANO

Debate continues in the Senate over a controversial \$35.52 billion extension of unemployment welfare benefits as Senate Democrats continue to struggle to find the votes necessary to overcome a filibuster. Joining Republicans in defeating the measure last week were Senators Joe Lieberman and Ben Nelson, citing concerns that the combined legislation, which includes \$24 billion for Medicaid expansion, would add \$60 billion to the \$13 trillion national debt.

They want the bill to be paid for with offsetting reductions in other areas of the \$3.6 trillion federal budget. That's the least that can be done.

While everyone has compassion for those who, through no fault of their own, have been laid off because of the troubled economy, it is time to consider that perpetually extending welfare to the jobless by means of expanding the debt is the least compassionate option available to policy makers.

A recent study by Carmen M. Reinhart of the University of Maryland and Kenneth S. Rogoff of Harvard University found that "median growth rates for countries with public debt over 90 percent of GDP are roughly one percent lower than otherwise; average (mean) growth rates are several percent lower."

That's important because the 90 percent threshold of debt to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is exactly where the current U.S. national debt is. As noted the House Ways & Means Committee Republicans, "the Administration estimates the total debt for Fiscal Year 2010 will reach \$13.6 trillion, or 93.1 percent of Gross Domestic Product." By 2012, the International Monetary Fund reports the U.S. national debt will reach 100 percent of the GDP.

This means Congress is doing nothing to rein in the growth-choking, jobs-killing debt. Indeed, by 2020 the Office of Management and Budget reports that the debt will grow to over \$25 trillion.

Note that Rogoff and Reinhart are not just measuring the so-called "debt held by the public," which stands at \$8.559 trillion. That is the number often cited by members of Congress, economists, and even former Federal Reserve chairmen in offering a debt to GDP figure, which is only about 60 percent. No, the good economists are factoring the total debt, including "Intragovernmental Holdings" debt, money owed to the Medicare and Social Security trust funds, which stands at \$4.487 trillion.

So, the entire debt is the important number to calculate when considering its impact on the economy, and therefore on jobs. The Obama Administration's own economists, Christina Rohmer and Jared Bernstein, estimated a one percent increase in GDP would create 979,000 jobs.

Assuming the accuracy of the estimate, applying Rogoff and Reinhart's analysis to Rohmer and Bernstein's, a loss of 1 percent GDP because of the debt level would translate into the U.S. failing to generate approximately 1 million jobs every single year.

The data bears that out. Rogoff and Reinhart famously predicted that the \$826 billion stimulus would generate economic growth of 3.7 percent and create 3.675 million jobs. Instead, the economy actually shrank by 2.4 percent in 2009. And, in the past year, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the total number of employed Americans has dropped from 140.438 million to 139.420 million, a loss of about 1.018 million jobs.

With such obvious data to glean, one might assume that policy makers would find cause to correct course and actually reduce the debt.

Instead, the Keynesians have but one tool in their shed to respond to unemployment: borrowing and printing more money. This is analogous to bringing a hammer to fix a plumbing problem, and then wondering about all of the newly leaked water.

Ironically, as the Senate debates increasing the debt by another \$60 billion to "help" the unemployed, they appear to be actually choking off future job growth. Couple that with another \$100 billion in handouts to public employee unions to balance state and local government budgets, and in effect, by extending unemployment welfare, Congress is extending misery. Something to consider.

A Cheeky ObamaCare Discovery

By RICK MANNING

Your head is tilted back, you can hear the drill whirring, and that faintly sickening smell of enamel burning is coming from your mouth, as you try to accommodate a suction tube and the mirror wielding Shaquille O'Neil sized hands of your dentist.

Well open up wider because a government-sized tooth fairy is getting ready to join the party.

That's right, Nancy Pelosi's award winning statement that, "We have to pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it," is coming back with a vengeance as analysis of the ObamaCare bill reveals that the federal government wants to know about every cavity that you have.

This cavity search can be found at Section 4102(d)(2) of the minty fresh health care law, which directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to "develop oral healthcare components that shall include tooth-level surveillance for inclusion in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey."

"Tooth-level surveillance"?

The law goes on to define this "tooth-level surveillance" as "a clinical examination where an examiner looks at each dental surface, on each tooth in the mouth."

To be fair, the regulations have not yet been written, so the extent of this oral intrusion is still unknown. While currently, the law appears to just expand and fund a nationwide oral health care sampling of Americans, it is easy to see how overzealous regulators could expand the reach of the law to require each American to subject themselves' to having each tooth in their mouth examined, chronicled and reported to the Feds.

But who knows, maybe future generations will be able to look up how many cavities that Aunt Mabel had in a special Bicuspid wing of the Library of Congress, or better yet view photos of her mouth right on line at Ancestry.com. After all, future generations deserve to know whom they should blame for that problematic family overbite.

On a serious note, taxpayers will be paying for Marv Albert loving government bureaucrats to be ensconced in their cubicles pouring over millions of bite marks and dental x-rays to determine the average dental health of Americans by every income category, age and ethnic group. All this effort and cost expended to produce government reports that will helpfully be made available to the fine people in the hygiene industrial complex, so they can develop, and most importantly market, that ever important ethno-centric toothpaste, mouthwash and pre-rinse.

It used to be fashionable to demand that the government stay out of the bedroom, perhaps now in this brave new world that catch-phrase should be updated to "keep the Feds out of our heads."

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provide more advanced technology and research so our customers can meet their different conservation needs," said Dr. Gary Rea, JEBS PMC manager in Knox City.

With the history of JEBS PMC dating back to 1935, it began as the Soil Erosion Service San Antonio Nursery, and in 1965 moved to Knox City. In 1967, the facility was named after James E. "Bud" Smith, who retired from the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1965, following 30 years as an agronomist, nursery manager, and plant materials specialist in Texas and Oklahoma.

"Many people have helped build the heritage of this plant material center to what it is today, from the start with the Soil Erosion Service years ago that focused on stopping soil erosion to developing new plant species with NRCS," said James Abbott, retired assistant state lead for programs with the SCS and NRCS.

Besides James Abbott, NRCS Texas several personnel delivered presentations at the twoday event, including Texas State Conservationist Don Gohmert; Ron Hilliard, NRCS state conservation in Oklahoma; Susan Baggett, NRCS state resource conservationist; Rob Ziehr, NRCS state plant materials specialist; Jeanna Childers, NRCS state forester; Russell Castro, NRCS state wildlife biologist; Alan Shadow,

PLANT TECHNOLOGY

East Texas PMC manager in Nacogdoches; John Lloyd-Reilley, E. Kiki de la Garza PMC manager in Kingsville; Dan Keesee, NRCS state soil conservationist; Kent Ferguson, NRCS state rangeland management specialist; Brandon Carr, JEBS PMC soil conservationist; Randy Kuehler, JEBS PMC biological soil technician; Willie Durham, NRCS state conservationagronomist; and Andy Spencer, NRCS zone conservation agronomist in Weatherford.

Other guest speakers included Chip Ruthven, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Jan Hatler, Texas Department of Agriculture; Mary Kay Hicks, Texas Forest Service; Sandra Offutt, Texas Smartscape Program; as well as Archie Abrameit and Mike Petersen, NRCS retirees.

Along with the many speakers addressing conservation issues, training sessions were available for the public and NRCS personnel to attend, including planning and preparing for wildfires, calibrating herbicide sprayers and grass drills, conservation tillage demonstrations, landscaping with native plants, design maintenance and of windbreaks, plant materials wildlife plantings, for grazing and management of wetlands, forage inventories and plant identification, seed collection and handling, and implement identification.



PMC Registration

NRCS Texas State Resource Conservationist Susan Baggett helped with the registration of both young and older visitors to the 45th anniversary of the James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center, which was held on June 8-9, 2010, in Knox City, Texas.



Alan Shadow

Presenting some of the numerous varieties of plant species grown at the JEBS PMC, Alan Shadow, East Texas PMC manager in Nacogdoches, Texas, shows visitors and NRCS personnel rows of Maximilian sunflower (not bloomed) while discussing uses of the forb as a forage for livestock and wildlife.





Joel Douglas

During one of the stops on the JEBS PMC facility tour, Joel Douglas, right, NRCS plant materials specialist at the Central Region National Technology Support Center in Fort Worth, Texas, discusses Alamo switchgrass topics for visitors and NRCS personnel at the JEBS PMC 45th anniversary held on June 8-9 in Knox City, Texas.



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Tillage Session

Mike Petersen, left with mustache, retired NRCS soil scientist and full-time precision tillage agronomist, presented a demonstration on how various conservation tillage implements work. NRCS Texas State Conservationist Don Gohmert, center, and Andy Spencer, right, NRCS zone agronomist in Weatherford, Texas, look on as Petersen discusses what a strip-till row has over other methods of conservation tillage.



"They hover as a cloud of witnesses above this Nation." - Henry Ward Beecher. We are thankful for all the heroes who have served this country well. **God Bless America!** Happy July 4th

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Abbott and Gohmert

James Abbott, left, retired assistant state lead for programs with SCS and NRCS, discussed the history of the JEBS PMC and how it was established with former PMC employees that helped make the center what it is today. Don Gohmert, right, NRCS state conservationist in Texas, welcomed visitors and NRCS personnel to the twoday event held on June 8-9 in Knox City, Texas.

ART STALL

"there is a building big Shop is just as eclectic as and a man."

Jack, who was a WWII veteran Marine surviving 2 theater, was responsible for all the framing that created the "Frame Shop"- now, after Jack's departure, Romaine continues to frame all sorts of artwork- putting special love and care into every piece.

The Art Stall is more than a Frame Shop though- The

enough for us two women Romaine herself- From Beanie Babies, to Baby Clothes, from humorous wall art to fancy wall art combat landings in the Pacific to religious wall art, from jewelry to greeting cards, The Art Stall provides a window shopper or just the random gift giver a plethora of selections in many things they may have never considered.

> This weekend to celebrate the 34 years of business,

the Art Stall and Frame shop will host a Sidewalk sale with many, many new goodies they have in the inventory (seeing as they just came back from market to restock). They Sidewalk Sale will take place Friday and Saturday, July 2nd and 3rd. Stop buy, wish them congratulations, listen to Romaine's melodious laugh (for sure she will be laughing), and but some early Christmas gifts.

