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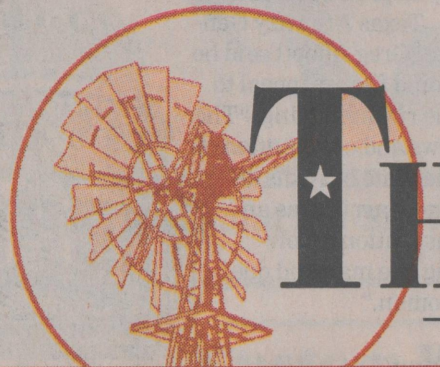
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## Judge rules YFZ evidence admissible at trial

**Evidence of prior bad acts to be considered on case-by-case basis during penalty phase**

District Judge Barbara Walther ended months of speculation Friday when she ruled that evidence seized during the April 2008 raid on the YFZ Ranch may be used in a series of criminal trials pending against a dozen defendants.

First among those will be Raymond Merrill Jessop, 38, who is slated to stand trial for sexual assault of a minor, beginning October 26 here in Eldorado. He is also charged with a single count of bigamy and will face trial on that charge at a later date.

The judge's long-awaited ruling came at the end of a pre-trial hearing in her Tom Green County courtroom. During the hearing, prosecution and defense attorneys had argued over precisely which evidence and testimony should be allowed before the jury in Jessop's upcoming trial.

During the same hearing, Raymond Merrill Jessop formally answered the sexual assault charge with a not guilty plea.

Judge Walther's ruling concerning the legality of the YFZ search was held until the end of the hearing when she called both legal teams into her chambers to give them the news.

Defense attorneys had argued last May that the raid on the YFZ Ranch was prompted by a hoax telephone call from a Colorado woman and that the subsequent search was illegal.

A woman named Rozita Swinton is now widely believed to have placed several hoax calls during which she claimed to be an abused minor girl at the YFZ Ranch who had been forced into a polygamous marriage with a man named Dale Evans Barlow.

Ms. Swinton reportedly has a history of placing hoax calls and is currently under investigation in connection with her role in the YFZ raid.

YFZ lawyers argued in May that Texas Ranger Brooks Long and Sheriff David Doran knew, or should have known, that the calls leading to the

raid were faked and that the alleged perpetrator was not even on the property.

But, the judge on Friday disagreed, saying that the defense had produced no evidence that Ranger Long intentionally withheld information or recklessly misrepresented information in a probable cause affidavit he filed with the court in support of the initial warrant.

"...Ranger Long believed at the time he sought Warrant M-08-001-S that the caller was a real victim of domestic and sexual assault that as a result of his belief he sought the search warrant as a means of further investigation of these allegations," Judge Walther's ruling stated.

"The Court finds that Ranger Long had probable cause at the time he sought Warrant M-08-001-S to believe that crimes, including sexual assault of a child, had occurred and were occurring on the YFZ Ranch premises," the judge continued.

Judge Walther's ruling went on to say that there is no credible evidence that Ranger Long:

- 1) included any deliberate falsehood in his affidavit;
- 2) had any information that the caller was not in fact a victim of ongoing sexual abuse at the YFZ Ranch;
- 3) acted in reckless disregard for the truth in preparing his affidavit;

4) or, misrepresented the purpose of his requesting authorization to search the YFZ Ranch.

Judge Walther's ruling then addressed a phone call Sheriff David Doran received while lawmen were at the YFZ Ranch gate attempting to gain entry to the property.

"The Court finds that before the Search and Arrest Warrant was executed Sheriff David Doran received a cell phone communication from someone claiming to be Dale Evans Barlow. Sheriff Doran instructed the caller to contact the law enforcement where he was located within thirty minutes of said phone call. Notification of such contact within that time frame, if any, was never received by Sheriff Doran."

"The Court finds no credible evidence that the officers executing the Arrest and Search Warrant M-08-001-S knew that or should have known that Dale Evans Barlow was not on the ranch at the time of the search."

The judge's ruling continued by saying that a second search warrant was obtained after authorities entered the YFZ Ranch and "came into contact in plain view with evidence of additional criminal activity above and beyond what was alleged...including evidence of multiple

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Court Bailiff Phil Race, Chief Deputy George Arispe, and County Clerk Peggy Williams, discussed last Friday how to position parts of a mobile courtroom being set up in the Memorial Building as they referred to photos of the equipment when it was set up in the Tom Green County Courthouse. Schleicher County will host the first of a series of trials involving YFZ Ranch defendants. Jury selection is slated for Monday, October 26, 2009.

## 0 Negative blood needed

submitted by Linda Grace  
United Blood Services

The call is out for O Negative blood donors. Our supply of O Negative blood type is VERY low and there is an URGENT NEED for O Negative blood type donors.

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Donate at the United Blood Services donation center at 2020 W. Beauregard in San Angelo. Hours of operation are: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 12pm - 6pm; Wednesday and Friday 8am - 2pm; and Saturday 9am - 1pm.

All donors will be entered into the drawing to win a \$500 Visa Gift Card when they donate at United Blood

Services at 2020 W. Beauregard or at any United Blood Services Mobile Blood Drive by October 31st. Make it a double - donate 2 pints of blood - get 2 entries. Donate platelets, get 2 entries.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, go to www.blood-hero.com or call us at 325-223-7500 or toll free at 1-800-756-0024.

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United Blood Services has been this area's non-profit community blood provider since 1953, and serves patients in 10 hospitals in 11 counties. The United Blood Services network is one of the nation's oldest and largest non-profit blood service organizations, and is a founding member of America's Blood Centers and the AABB.

## SCMC Health Fair 2009 relocates to Civic Center

Schleicher County Medical Center's annual Health Fair 2009 will be held on Tuesday October 13, 2009 from 7am - 4pm at the Schleicher County Civic Center. The Health Fair is normally held at the Memorial Building, but currently the Memorial Building is set up as the 51st District Courtroom.

Flu Shots will be available for \$20, Pneumonia Vaccines will be \$40.

There will be free Lipid Panel, Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar checks and Breast Cancer Awareness

Information.

There will also be booths to "Ask Your Provider A Question," learn about Full Body Bone Density Machine, Texas Health Step Information and Advance Directive Information.

There will also be drawing for door prize, cowboy stew and coffee available. Sponsored by Schleicher County Medical Center Hospital and Family Clinic.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited. Come join us!

## YFZ changes name again, renews tax exemption request

Documents were filed last week in the Schleicher County Clerk's office which reveal the creation of a new trust, this one named Texas Stake of Zion, and the transfer of ownership of the YFZ Ranch into that trust.

A similar trust, named Texan Heritage Trust, was created on December 31, 2008, when the assets of YFZ Land, L.L.C., commonly known as the YFZ Ranch, were transferred into that trust.

Interestingly, the document creating the Texas Stake of Zion trust, also appear to have been signed on December 31, 2008. Trustees for the new trust are James Jerry Jessop, Isaac S. Jeffs and Keith W. Dutson, Sr. They are the same men listed as trustees of Texan Heritage Trust.

A request by Texan Heritage for a religious tax exemption on the YFZ Temple and the large white stone annex just east of the Temple was denied recently by Schleicher County Appraisal District chief appraiser Jani Mitchell. A new request was filed last week by Ellen Grace Young under the name of Texas Stake of Zion. She is reportedly married to Frederick Merrill Jessop.

At first glance, it appears the request was filed too late for consideration this year.

Jani Mitchell says she has turned the matter over to the appraisal district's attorney, Sandy Griffin with the law firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott in Austin.



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The Mighty Eagle Band performed their district marching show "Caliente!" at the San Angelo Band Festival on Saturday October 3. The performance was at 2:40 p.m. at Angelo Stadium under the direction of Band Director Jerry Barker. The band received three Division "1" ratings. A practice festival will be held Saturday Oct. 10 in Abilene, Wylie High School Stadium on Saturday, October 10. The Mighty Eagle Band is slated to march at about 2:00 p.m. It will be the band's final tune-up before the district marching contest in Brady on Saturday, October 17.



# H1N1 "swine" flu vaccine to arrive at trickle, not flood

AUSTIN -- Be patient, the Department of State Health Services urged Texans on Sept. 30, because the supply of H1N1 "swine" flu vaccine over the next few weeks will be low.

"We've been told that we'll have about 15 million doses for Texas after all is said and done, but it won't be available all at once," said Dr. David Lakey, state health commissioner. "The vaccine will trickle in week to week, especially at first. It's a fluid situation driven primarily by how much vaccine the manufacturers produce each week."

Some 3.4 million doses of the vaccine had been projected for Texas by mid-October, but the latest estimates are that no more than 1.7 million doses will be available by then.

## Comptroller comments on study

A study by the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia

shows Hispanic households contributed more than \$171 billion to the Texas economy in 2008.

The study also shows Texas Hispanics' annual buying power is expected to grow to nearly \$252 billion by 2013 -- a 47 percent increase in five years.

"We expect to see significant growth in Hispanic-owned businesses," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

Figures compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau show that Texas was home to 8.9 million Hispanics in 2008, 37 percent of the state's population. And, in the 2008 Hispanic Business 500, the Top 20 Hispanic businesses in Texas produced revenues of nearly \$4 billion and employed 14,617 people.

Combs said Hispanic companies can benefit from state certification as Historically Underutilized Businesses.

HUB certification, plus registration on the state's Centralized Master Bidders

List, can help businesses win contracts with state agencies which are required to make a good faith effort to purchase goods and services from minority- and woman-owned businesses.

"The nation is currently observing Hispanic Heritage Month, which celebrates the rich history and culture of Hispanic people," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Here in Texas, Hispanic Heritage Month is also a time to reflect on the enormous contribution Hispanic families and Hispanic-owned businesses make to our economy."

## Program's food list improves

A policy switch took effect Oct. 1 that makes it possible for WIC program participants to receive a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, whole grain products and baby foods in an effort to reduce obesity and encourage breast feeding.

WIC is the federal Special

Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children.

"The purpose is to provide healthier, more diverse food choices," state health commissioner Lakey said Sept. 28. "The new foods give participants more nutritional variety and value, less fat and more fiber."

Food choices before the policy change included milk, infant formula, cheese, cereals, dried beans, canned tuna, peanut butter, canned or frozen concentrate fruit juice and fresh or canned carrots.

All Texas participants will be transitioned to the new food choices by January.

## AG to appeal same-sex case

A Dallas state district judge on Oct. 1 ruled that two men who were married in another state could get a divorce in Texas, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The legal argument behind the ruling is that the Texas law and state constitution

banning same-sex marriage violate the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said he would file an appeal to the ruling, saying, "The laws and constitution of the State of Texas define marriage as an institution involving one man and one woman."

## Long-imprisoned man is pardoned

Gov. Perry on Sept. 30 granted a pardon for innocence to James Lee Woodard after DNA testing proved he did not sexually assault or murder Beverly Ann

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

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# The cost of complacency

by David Nace

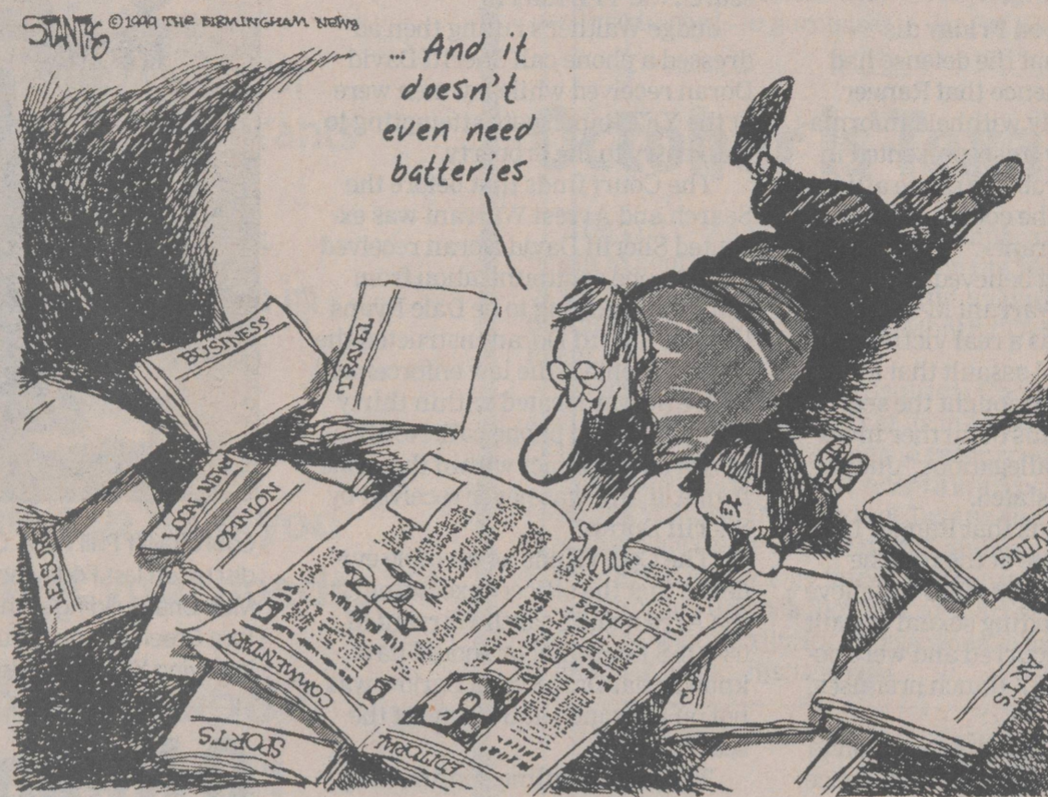
Despite the lofty words of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, the reality is those that pay for government have very little say in it.

Because politicians have come to expect the complacent behavior from taxpaying public, those that pay for the cost of government have found that their tax contribution has very little influence on how a legislator will vote compared to much smaller campaign contributions. Campaign contributions are the reason that misguided legislation can be enacted that will be devastating to large segments of the population, but beneficial to a small but politically well connected group.

The enactment of the 16th amendment establishing a National Income Tax and subsequent employer withholding provisions effectively changed the government from one that serves the taxpayers, to one that serves the campaign contributors. In many cases, the contributor is also the recipient of taxpayer dollars insuring that its funding stream continues. In some cases, such as Amtrak and Fannie Mae, the campaign contributors are actually a governmental related entity that wants to continue subsidies for money losing behavior (Amtrak) or exemption from regulatory controls (Fannie Mae). In other cases, the campaign contributions are from industries that want taxpayer money to subsidize its poor performance or judgment (General Motors, Chrysler and large banks).

For the first time in many years, taxpayers took to the streets on April 15th to demonstrate their opposition to politicians passing stimulus bills they didn't read. In California, taxpayer of both parties continued their opposition by voting down propositions that would greatly increase taxes. On September 12th over a half million taxpayers demonstrated in Washington DC against legislation that will enrich campaign contributors at the expense of the taxpayer.

Unless taxpayers continue to demonstrate that their complacency is no longer guaranteed, government will continue to serve the interests of campaign contributors not the taxpayers.



# Grandparents and Free Speech...

Many folks live 50 years or longer without exercising first amendment rights, but when "grandparenting" comes along, they catch up fast.

If vocal chords had muscles, they'd be ripped, as they say, by the ongoing blather old-timers trumpet about their grandchildren. They do so without discrimination, typically yapping away to anyone who'll listen to minute descriptions of intelligence, strength, agility, courage, and all-around comeliness embodied in specific grandchildren-theirs....

The masses are typically polite, despite having heard such bragging many times before. They smile and nod, hopeful that their response will suggest sincere interest in the discourse. In the recesses of their brains, however, they're plotting a hasty exit.

Who has not faked a laugh when asked by a grandpa or grandma if they'd like to see pictures of their "pride and joy?"

Never mind that such braggarts-and we are many-have pulled this "bit" off literally hundreds of times. Mechanically, we reach for our wallets with gusto, ready to litter life's highway with laughs about photographs of our "Pride" (furniture polish) and "Joy" (dishwasher detergent). Our "victims," for the "umpteenth time," go along, really wishing we'd go away. But we don't. Instead, we follow the joke with a bundle of grandkids' photos, each with a tiring narrative that induces hair-hurting....

Before going too far down this trail, it should be pointed out that life has a way of "balancing out."

Many times what we consider cute, clever or cunning by grandkids, their parents hold opposite views--like ugly, clumsy or stupid. Average the extremes, and a more balanced view of kiddos' capers emerges.

Somewhere between our evaluation of grandkids and where their parents believe them to be is a true assessment of where they really are....

Count me among those people who are easily amused by what kids

## The Idle American

by Dr. Don Newbury



It seems that every generation comes up with remarks never made before. Or, more likely, that we've forgotten along the way. So what if we get second, third and maybe even fourth chuckles from children's repeated shenanigans?

We treat jokes the same way, sometimes laughing hardest at old chestnuts that we can "mouth" right along with the teller. At a speaking engagement years ago, a fellow asked me if he could use some of my jokes. "You may if you don't mind telling third-hand jokes," I kidded.

Sometimes other relatives get involved. My brother Fred, as a second grader, made this pronouncement: "I come from a broken home...most of it I broke myself." (And he did...)

Art Linkletter made a fortune probing the minds of youngsters on his radio and TV shows. And TV's long-running America's Funniest Home Videos capitalizes on kids' capers to assure ongoing audience approval.

Linkletter would have had a field day with the second-grader who said he was often too tired to go "on-line" for computer games. His password

did him in: SupermanBatman-GoofyDonaldPorkyHueyDewey-Louie.

"I just wish my password didn't need at least eight characters," he moaned....

This may be hard to capture in print, but I'll try. The central figure is Shelli Balch. The scene is her home in China Spring, Texas, where as a second-grader, she faced her first challenge in multi-tasking. She was studying subtraction at about the same time she jotted down her first "call back" telephone number at home. (Note: Her teacher, from the "old school," called it "take away," as many of us remember subtraction instruction)...

Her parents, Jackie and Beverly Balch, remember it this way: Shelli wrote down a callback number: 836-4635.

Her mom, in the other room, asked Shelli to "call out" the number. Her daughter interrupted her "subtraction homework" to do so. She shouted back: "Mom, it is 836 (pause), 'take away' 4635."

Sounds logical to me. And allow a "shout out" to the Balches. Keep on re-telling this account to friends. It's worth repeating!...

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# The calf had MURDER branded on it

One of the most intriguing stories to come out of the Texas mountain country is one that took place more than a hundred years ago near Marathon. I visited with Carl Williams in Midland the other day and he has done some research on the story. Carl is

a former sheriff of Brewster County where the incident occurred and is writing a book about some of the lawmen, crimes and criminals of the Big Bend.

## Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

In the 1890's the Indians had pretty much left the Big Bend and ranchers had moved in along with an occasional outlaw or two. There were few lawmen in this vast country and many times disputes were settled with gunfire. Sometimes the shooting incidents went unreported.

The range was open then, no fences. Ranchers helped each other round up cattle. Once the herds were separated, the calves were identified and branded before they were sold.

This story took place in the Glass Mountains of Northeastern Brewster County during January of 1890. A rancher named Henry Harrison Powe owned a small herd and joined other ranchers in rounding up calves that were missed in the fall roundup. During these roundups, owners of large ranches sent representatives to make sure their calves didn't end up with someone else's brand.

Powe's young son R. M. Powe is the one who has given the most accurate account of what happened that day. He was helping with the roundup of several thousand cattle. His father selected a calf he thought was his and got it ready to brand. But a representative of one of the larger ranches, Finus Gilliland, thought it belonged to his employers, Dubois and Wentworth Ranches. The calf was moved back and forth while each man claimed ownership. Anger turned to rage and finally Powe went to a nearby horse and removed a gun from the saddlebag. He fired a shot at Gilliland, but missed. Gilliland fired back and shot Powe to death. He mounted his horse and fled the scene.

Young Powe rode to Alpine to report the shooting to Sheriff James B. Gillett. A search party was formed and riders began looking for Gilliland. The sheriff sent a description of Gilliland to area law enforcement officers. Just by chance one day in the Glass Mountains, Gilliland encountered a couple of Texas Rangers, Thalys T. Cook and James Putnam. A gunfight ensued and Gilliland was killed.

Carl Williams says at this point, legend gets mixed up with fact. Nobody wanted the calf. Neither of the two entities that claimed ownership would brand it. Someone branded the word MURDER on the side of the calf and it was set free to roam the range. Some say an apparition of the calf appears and disappears like the Marfa lights at bunk houses, bars, saloons or lonely spots where violence and murder have occurred. Some say the sheriff shot the calf to prevent further hard feelings and killings.

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# OBITUARIES

## Frank D. Blair



SAN ANGELO — Frank D. Blair 87, of San Angelo passed away on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, at his home in San Angelo, Texas. A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, at Eldorado Primitive Baptist Church officiated by Pastor Stephen Emmons.

Frank was born on Sept. 11, 1922, in Concho, Texas, to Frank and Ailie Blair. The third oldest of nine children, seven of which preceded him death, Virginia Griffin, Garland Blair, Betty Wiley, Bo Hunt, Brooks Blair, Bob Blair and Charles Blair. Frank was a very caring, loving man that lived his life as he desired. He believed that a man's word was his bond and a deal was done with a handshake. You could

always talk to him and receive wisdom without criticism, he loved and is loved by his family and will be in our memories forever.

A father, farmer and rancher, retiree from the City of San Angelo, he never stopped working until his health wouldn't allow him. He will be missed by all of those whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Blair of San Angelo; daughters Ann Pennington of Austin and Linda Locklear of San Angelo; sons Larry Blair and wife Ellen of College Station, Lance Blair of San Angelo and Tony Blair and wife Maggie of San Angelo; 12 grandchildren; Blair Pennington; Stacy Conley and husband Mark; Cody Blair; Josh Blair and wife Ashley; Elizabeth Roberts and husband Troy; Kelly Heyer; Krystal Smith and husband Joseph; Joshua Locklear; Zachary Pyle and wife Whitney; Devin, Seth, and Ashleigh Blair. Nine great-grandchildren; Shelby, Cole, & Savannah Conley; Caleb, Daniel & Ellison Blair; Payton & Jordyn Blair; and Jasmine Smith; as well as a sister Jean Peabody.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Adult Enrichment Center of San Angelo. 6146 Appaloosa Trail, San Angelo, TX 76901 Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home. 325-481-3131



Tabitha Lloyd and Chris Lipham

## Lloyd/Lipham to marry

Tabitha, daughter of Roy & Melissa Lloyd and Chris, son of Terri and the late J.L. Lipham are engaged to be married January 30th, 2010 in Abilene. Tabitha is a graduate of Eldorado High School and from there went on to Angelo State University graduating with a Bachelor's of Science Degree. Her continued studies took her to Texas Tech University where she received a

Master's of Science in Food Science. After receiving her Master's, Tabitha relocated to Fort Worth to pursue her career in Food Technology.

Chris was raised in Aspermont, here he graduated high school. He then went to Texas Tech University and obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Agriculture and Applied Economics. Upon completing his education, Chris returned to Aspermont to assist his father with the family highway construction business. Today, the couple resides in Aspermont where they work together to operate and manage Lipham Construction Co., Inc.

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## 'Triple L' to perform at Community Baptist Church on Sunday, October 11

Community Baptist Church will be hosting Triple L, a bluegrass band that comes to Eldorado from Portales, NM. The concert will begin at 6:00 pm on Sunday evening October 11. The admission is free, a love offering will be taken. After the concert there will be cookies and brownies served as you have a chance to meet the family.

This bluegrass band is a family that loves the music and plays with a high standard as their voices blend and harmonize as well as their picking.

They recently performed at the National Quartet Convention as a warm up band for the bigger performers. Their website [www.tripleband.com/products.html](http://www.tripleband.com/products.html) says the following about their objective when they perform.

"As a family it is our desire to share with you the gift of music that God has given us. We believe our music is for us to share with His people to encourage and lift them up. It is our desire to let these folks know they are important to the



COURTESY PHOTO

Len, Levi, Landon, Lance and Amy Miller of Portales, New Mexico comprise the bluegrass band known as Triple L. They will appear in concert Sunday night, October 11, 2009 at Community Baptist Church in Eldorado.

Kingdom of God and can be of service to the Kingdom in many different ways of their life. Everyone has a gift from God to share with others. It is our hope that through our music, and fellowship with folks we will let them know that following God is the only way to go through life. The roads of life are there, some are hard, some are easy

but they need to be taken by following God. If you accept Jesus Christ as your savior, you will enter the gates of Heaven. There is no other way to get to Heaven but through Him."

Come and enjoy an evening of fun, music, and fellowship. Community Baptist Church is located across from the Schleicher County courthouse.

### Meals for Friends Menu



- MONDAY October 12th**  
Beef Stew, Sweet Peas, Crackers, Canned Peaches, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.
- TUESDAY October 13th**  
Baked Ham, Glazed Carrots, Summer Squash, Wheat Roll, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY October 14th**  
Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce, Mashed Potato, Corn, Wheat Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Sugar Cookie, Milk.
- THURSDAY October 15th**  
Chicken Fried Steak w/Cream Gravy, Mashed Potato, Mixed Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange, Milk.
- FRIDAY October 16th**  
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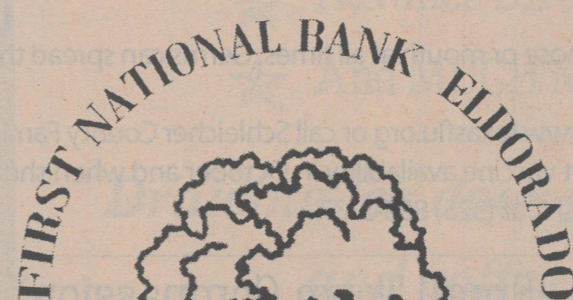
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by Linda Thistle

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## Eagles fall to district-leading Punchers

by Syllas Politte

The Eldorado Eagles traveled to Mason Friday to take on the Punchers in the second game of the district season. Mason showed everyone in attendance why they are the district favorite rolling out 389 yards on the ground on the way to their 48-20 victory.

It didn't take the Punchers long to get on the scoreboard in the first quarter after Zach Hudson scored his first of four touchdowns. Three minutes later Hudson would score touchdown number two giving the Punchers a 12-0 lead.

Eldorado rallied back in the second quarter after Garrett Lux hit Rudy Sanchez for a 32 yard touchdown pass and grab. After a successful kick from Ivany Sanchez, the Eagles trailed 12-7.

Hudson would score his third touchdown later in the second quarter. A little over a minute later the Punchers intercepted Dustin Ramos for a pick six and a 27-7 half-time lead.

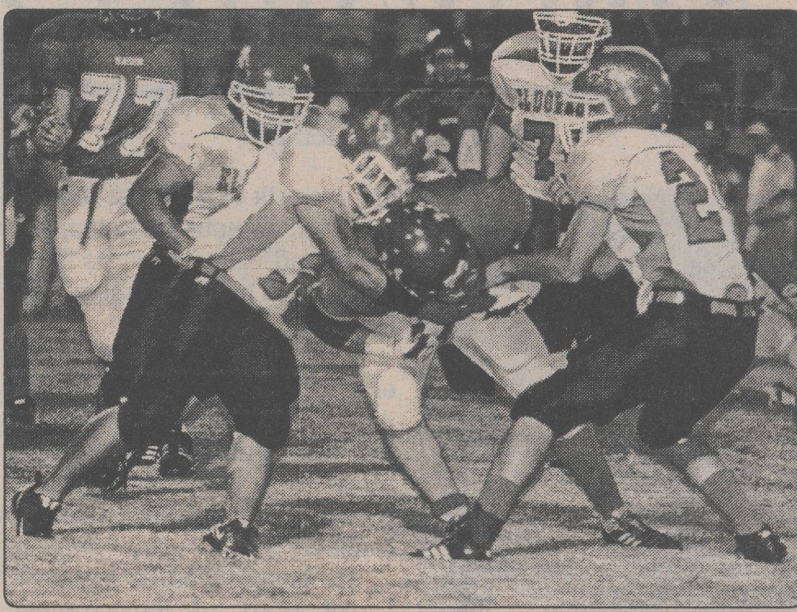
The Eldorado defense stepped up big in the third quarter keeping Mason out of the end zone the entire period. Lux however found pay dirt a nifty 45 yard punt return with 1:57 to go in the third.

The fourth quarter would see the scoreboard light up, but most of the scores were in favor of Mason. Puncher QB Justin Yonker punched in a touchdown from 2 yards out to give Mason a 34-13 lead.

Then things got interesting. On the ensuing kickoff, Wes Brown fielded the kick off on the five yard line. He started out toward the right side of the field, but found nowhere to go. Brown retreated 10 yards back, reversed his field and took off 95 yards for his second kickoff return of the season.

With the Eagles trailing by two scores they would kick off to Mason. Mason super sophomore David Mora would take a return of his own 85 yards to the house to extend the Puncher lead to 41-20.

Hudson scored his final



Ivany Sanchez and Nathan Jimenez teamed up Friday night to bring down this Mason ball carrier. The Eagles came out on the losing end of a 48-20 score.

touchdown with two minutes to go and seal the deal for Mason. The final score was 48-20.

Eldorado was plagued before and throughout the game with several injuries to key players. The Eagles fought hard, but the Mason ground game was too much to overcome.

The Punchers out rushed Eldorado 389-14 yards. The Eagles led in the passing game 98-59 yards.

Eldorado moves to 0-2 in district play as they welcome Menard tomorrow night at Eagle Stadium. Menard come into the game 0-1 having lost to the same Puncher team 48-21.

Menard's overall record is 4-1 and they have one of the best players in the area in running back John Zamora. Zamora was an All-West Texas preseason pick Yellowjackets.

Eldorado is in a must win situation Friday night to keep their playoff hopes alive. A win over Menard will not only keep the Eagles in the hunt for a playoff spot, but it will also give them some much needed momentum into the bye week.

The battle cry this week for the Eagles is "We are still in it." Many players have fought illness and injury, but if the Eagles can overcome the obstacles and put together a full game, it will be an interesting contest.

Every Eagle fan capable of making it to the stadium is encouraged to be there. If you are unable to make it, however, KLDE will be on the air starting at 7:15 p.m. with Mason Vaughan, Kerry Joy and Syllas Politte bringing you all the action.

## EMS Eagles play Mason to an 8-8 tie

The Eldorado Middle School Eagles played host Thursday to Mason and left the field after a hard fought 8-8 tie.

The first quarter saw Eldorado drive down to Mason's 1 yard line only to turn the ball over on a fumble.

Both teams attempted drives that only ended in back to back punts by both teams to close out the first half tied 0 to 0.

The start of the second half saw Tres Whitten squib kick to the left side of Mason's front line. One of the pursuing Eagles defenders landed on the ball to give the EMS squad good field position. Eldorado struck first blood a few plays later when quarterback, Bailey Espinosa, connected with tight end, Michael Bilbrey on a 30 yard touchdown pass. The two point conversion run was successful and Eldorado took an 8-0 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Eldorado exchanged possessions with Mason on two possessions. Eldorado attempted a punt with 1:40 remaining in the contest but Mason's pressure defense forced a turnover on downs. Mason attempted a last ditch effort from Eldorado's 40 yard line.

Mason subsequently scored on a sweep play around the right side and used the same play for a two point conversion run to tie the game 8-8.

Eldorado had one last chance effort to break the tie but fell short. The Eldorado Eagles tied with Mason and pushed their overall record to 2-1-1 on the season.

Coach Rubio was very pleased with the effort of the team. The team continues to improve weekly and is looking forward to playing four more district opponents this year. The EMS Eagles would like to thank Lee Jimenez for announcing the games and Rick Singleton for handling the scoreboard duties in the press box.

Today the EMS Eagles will travel to Menard for a scheduled 5:30pm kickoff. Come out and support your EMS Eagles on to VICTORY!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Irion County C-Country results

The Eldorado Eagle Varsity Teams Cross Country Teams ran at the Irion County Cross Country Meet on Saturday, October 3, 2009 along Spring Creek in Mertzon.

Varsity Boys results: 29. Jorge Medrano, 20:01; 36. Zack Brame, 20:31; 40. Will Barker, 21:29; 43. Domingo Garcia, 21:31; 46. Ricardo Franco, 21:47; 49. Hagen Porras, 22:29; 65. Javier Hernandez, 28:30.

Varsity Girls results: 34. Abby Fuentes, 14:50; 44. Laura Garcia, 15:15; 45. Miranda Arispe, 15:17; 66. Jessica Pasillas, 16:08; 105. Kaitlyn

## IC Jr. High C-Country results

Junior High Irion Cross Country Meet was held Saturday, October 3, 2009 at Spring Creek in Mertzon.

7th Grade Girls results: 18. Alexis Garcia, 15:53; 23. Melissa Hernandez, 16:48; 33. Arden Mertz, 17:51; 38. Brittney McCulloch, 18:26; 46. Whitney Perez, 20:19.

8th Grade Girls: 18. Valeria Ortiz, 14:53; 40. Lupe Pasillas, 16:12; 55. Adriana Rios, 16:58; 63. Megal Real, 19:23; 65. Lisa Olivares, 19:25; Madison Albin, 20:12; 86. Ysenia Ramirez.

7th Grade Boys results: 4. Cody McCormack, 13:28; 13. Garet Swinford, 14:32; 17. Adrian Martinez, 14:50; 27. Jacob Mettlen, 17:06.

8th Grade Boys results: 13. Juan Aranda, 14:16; 23. Roger Gehrels, 16:48; 31. Trey Martinez and 32. Jose Romo.

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The best medicine in preventing the flu virus is good old-fashioned health precautions people should be practicing everyday. Washing your hands, avoiding others who are sick and other simple health tasks can certainly aid in the prevention against this potentially fatal virus. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 2009 for the SCMC HEALTH FAIR ROUND-UP.** Flu vaccines, other FREE testing and health information will be made available to our community.

Here are a few easy ways you can prevent the spread of flu and H1N1:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
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- Shield others from your coughs and sneezes by using a tissue. Be sure to throw used tissues away in a trash can to contain germs.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose or mouth at all times. Germs can spread this way.

For more information about H1N1, visit [www.texasflu.org](http://www.texasflu.org) or call Schleicher County Family Clinic at (325) 853-3137. To learn more about vaccine availability in October and when shots will be scheduled, contact your doctor or SCFC at (325) 853-3137.

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# NOTICE: Income tax extension deadline is October 15 for more than one million Texans

DALLAS — The Oct. 15 deadline is fast approaching for just over one million Texans who requested a six-month extension to file their 2008 tax returns.

In most cases, Oct. 15 is the last day taxpayers may timely file their 2008 federal tax returns. The IRS expects to receive as many as 10 million tax returns nationwide from taxpayers who used Form 4868 to request a six-month extension to file their returns. Some taxpayers, for example, may have requested a filing extension to claim the first-time homebuyer credit for a home purchase that closed after the April 15 deadline. Some taxpayers can wait until after Oct. 15 to file. This includes those serving in Iraq, Afghanistan or other combat zone localities and people affected by recent natural disasters.

"The extension deadline is usually the last day to take advantage of IRS e-file or the Free File program for the tax year,"

said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "E-file is the fastest, easiest way to file your taxes, plus, it does the math for you, so there's less chance of making a mistake."

Sanford stressed that first-time homebuyers who purchased a home in 2009 may be able to receive a credit of up to \$8,000 for home purchases that closed since the beginning of the year. First-time homebuyers who purchased a home in 2008 may be able to receive a credit of up to \$7,500. The 2008 credit must be repaid over 15 years. The credit is claimed on Form 5405, available for download at IRS.gov.

This year's extension deadline is shared by another important initiative. Oct. 15 is also the deadline for special voluntary disclosures by taxpayers with assets in previously undisclosed offshore financial accounts. Under the special provisions issued in March, taxpayers with these

accounts originally had until Sept. 23 to come forward. Those taxpayers who do not voluntarily disclose their accounts by Oct. 15 face harsh civil penalties, where applicable, and possible criminal prosecution.

Tax professionals or individuals who want to initiate a voluntary disclosure should call their local IRS Criminal Investigation office. Individuals or their representatives may either contact the nearest Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, stating their wish to make a voluntary disclosure, or provide a letter outlining information needed to assist the IRS in determining their acceptance into the voluntary disclosure program.

See the Voluntary Disclosure page on IRS.gov for more details.

Taxpayers with questions on the offshore issue may also call the IRS Voluntary Disclosure Hotline (215-516-4777) or visit www.irs.gov.

## Hutchison trumpets Senate passage of bill to create ASU International Studies Center

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) announced Tuesday that the full Senate has approved the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill. The measure includes \$3 million that Senator Hutchison secured for the Center for International Studies at Angelo State University in San Angelo. The bill will now be reconciled with the House version of the bill.

"The Center for International

Studies is an important resource for our national security efforts," Senator Hutchison said. "These funds will be used to train students in languages and cultures that will be critical to our country's foreign policy and intelligence capabilities in the future."

Angelo State University's Center for International Studies educates cross culturally competent students capable of

understanding and influencing outcomes in support of American national security objectives. The Center for International Studies directly benefits Goodfellow Air Force Base and Air University by providing an educational degree completion for faculty as well as research opportunities on existing and emerging Air Force language, culture and intelligence requirements.

## Kerrville's Museum of Western Art exhibits Charles M. Russell: Master of Western Art traveling show

KERRVILLE — The Museum of Western Art is opening its newest exhibition, Charles M. Russell: Master of Western Art. This is a traveling show organized by the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, Montana. It examines Russell's life as a painter, sculptor, illustrator, writer, and friend using objects from the Russell Museum's permanent collection.

Charles M. Russell: Master of Western Art includes eight sections that showcase Charlie Russell's life and artworks using numerous framed photographs, bronze sculptures, framed prints, illustrated calendars, illustrated books, and a framed illustrated letter and newspaper clipping.

These eight sections of the traveling show emphasize the following: the general biography

of Russell's life, his career and evolution as a painter, his hobby of sculpture becoming a professional career, the business of reproductions of his artwork, Russell's illustration work for articles in periodicals and books, Russell's own career as an author, his natural ability to make and keep lifelong friends, including movie stars, authors, and politicians, and finally a

look at Russell's abiding affection for his horses.

Charles M. Russell: Master of Western Art will be on exhibition at The Museum of Western Art from October 8, 2009 – January 2, 2010. This show will travel across the country and be shown at numerous museums to give a more in-depth and personal look at the famous cowboy artist's life and art.

## Sheep and Goat Validation slated October 11th & 12th



### County Agent's Update

by Cody Bundick

The validation of sheep and goats for major livestock shows will be October 11th from 8pm to 6pm at the Schleicher County Civic Center, then again October

12th from 5pm to 6:30pm. All sheep and goats that will be entered in major livestock shows need to be validated at this time. Also, this year we will be validating every animal that will be entered in the Schleicher County Livestock Show. We are doing this to get an accurate count of animals that will be at the show. So every sheep and goat that will be shown at the county show needs to be validated at this time. It will be \$7.00 per tag.

## Triple L Band Community Baptist Church

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10th Mario Garza, Angie McGregor, Dorothy Dacy, Donna Hanusch, Maria Hernan, Patti Riley, Lauren Sims, Maria Hernandez

11th Becky Moore, Brittani Romero, Steven Pina, Bessie Jones, Ty Williams, Kimberly Scott Thomas, Jack Griffin, Catlyn Ward, Nathan Mungia

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## Capital Highlights

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Jones in 1980.

Woodward was sentenced to prison in 1981. He was released in April 2008 after serving more than 27 years.

### Budget board OKs hiring of 250

The Legislative Budget Board on Oct. 3 decided to allow the state Health and Human Services Commission to hire 250 more workers at an annual cost of \$11 million to process food stamp applications.

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**Abilene State Park commemorates 75 years**  
**Park near Buffalo Gap reschedules anniversary celebration for Oct. 24**

**BUFFALO GAP** — Abilene State Park, a park known to generations for its big, rustic rock swimming pool, its famous RV camping loop circle, and its large pecan and oak trees, has rescheduled its 75th Anniversary celebration for Saturday, Oct. 24.

This will mark the second attempt by park staff to commemorate the event, as the first try was cancelled because of rain back in May. The day's activities will run from noon till 4 p.m., followed by a stargazing party led by the Big Country Astronomy Club that night.

The Abilene High School Eagle marching band-considered one of the oldest marching band programs in Texas-will kickoff the opening ceremony, just as the Abilene High band did back in 1934 during the park's original grand opening. A tribute to companies of the Civilian Conservation Corps, part of the famed New Deal program instituted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt during the 1930s, and which helped build numerous parks nationwide including Abilene State Park, will also be made during the ceremony. Local dignitaries and community leaders will also be on hand to speak about the importance of the state park to Abilene and the Big Country region.

"I think the significance of this park is

that it has always been a gathering place for citizens of this area, and for visitors to enjoy," said Okie Okerstrom, who is in her 17th year as park superintendent. "Maintaining this public land and resource and keeping it accessible emphasizes the importance of its history and preserving it for future generations. The Comanche people camped here; pioneer settlers settled here. The buffalo hunters were here... The park has always been a popular gathering spot."

Other activities scheduled for Saturday afternoon include birding and nature hikes, live musical and dancing entertainment from groups such as the Order of the Arrow Indian dancers, plus a Kid Fish in Buffalo Wallow and other hands-on activities for children and adults. Storytellers also will share stories of Indians and early settlers of the area.

In addition, there will be a classic car show and food vendors on site selling snack and fast food items. The park is waiving its customary \$4 per-person adult entrance fee (kids ages 12 and younger are always free) all weekend long.

Over the years, Abilene State Park has become a symbol of both an unchanged landscape for traditional family fun, as well as one of how parks can adapt to the

changing needs of their customers' recreational interests. The park's CCC-built swimming pool, scenic pecan groves and RV camping loop remain popular attractions that bring groups of people back year after year.

The park's recent history, however, also includes some notable changes. Four years ago, the park expanded by roughly 1,000 acres with the addition of Lake Abilene to its original 529 acres. The lake acreage, which includes restrooms and a security fence, adds a new fishing and boating dimension to the park visitor experience. Abilene State Park also boasts the only Yurt tent sites in the state park system. A Yurt is a large, canvas tent structure with a floor and furnishings, giving campers yet another option of overnight accommodations.

Abilene State Park continues to represent a significant economic contribution to the Taylor County area, generating more than \$1 million in sales to the local economy, having roughly a \$560,000 impact on personal income, and adding more than \$5,000 in sales tax each year.

For more information about Abilene State Park, the 75th anniversary celebration, contact Abilene State Park at (325) 572-3204.

**Judge allows use of YFZ evidence during upcoming trials**

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instances of bigamy and sexual assault of additional children."

"The Court finds that in support of the probable cause affidavit for Warrant M-08-002-S Ranger Long included statements made by Department workers that several individuals had identified themselves as being minors, that they were spiritually married to men that were adults, that these men were spiritually married to other women and that they had given birth to children as a result of these spiritual marriages."

In a partial victory for the defense, Judge Walther ruled that all 12 of the YFZ defendants have standing to contest the validity of the search warrants, something the state had argued against since not all of them owned or controlled property at the ranch.

Still, the judge ruled for the prosecution on almost everything else.

She concluded her ruling by directly tackling the sticky question of religious freedom.

"The Court concludes that for the state to interfere with an individual's right to freely

exercise his religion and thus by governmental action burden that individual's religious practice, the state must be subjected to the rigid standard of strict scrutiny and the state must demonstrate a compelling governmental interest. The Court concludes that the State's action in protecting minors and enforcing the penal laws of this state complies with these requirements."

Early on during last Friday's hearing, Judge Walther

was informed that the two sides have not discussed a plea agreement.

Deputy Attorney General Eric Nichols then noted that the prosecution has amended its indictment of Raymond Merrill Jessop, reducing the charge from a 1st to a 2nd degree felony, because the statute that allows for the enhanced charge was not in place at the time of the alleged crime.

Judge Walther noted and allowed the amendment.

The two sides agreed that the upcoming trial will likely take "eight or nine days with breaks." They then set about hashing out the do's and don'ts for the trial.

Among other topics debated was defense attorney Mark Stevens' request that the prosecution be prohibited from mentioning FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs during the trial. Stevens argued that Jeffs is not on trial and has no connection to the case.

Neither did he think that the prosecutors should be allowed to bring up the fact that defendant Raymond Merrill Jessop is accused of bigamy or that he is alleged to have nine wives.

Stevens also wants there to be no mention of Jessop's legal marriage to Mary J. Musser, with whom he is said to have fathered children.

For his part, Deputy Attorney General Eric Nichols disagreed and told Judge Walther that bigamy and other marriages are a part of the state's case.

Nichols also said he planned to invoke the name of Warren Jeffs, but only in the penalty phase of the trial, if and when a guilty verdict is returned.

With that, the judge denied Stevens motion to completely prohibit the mention of bigamy and/or other marriages. She did say, however, that she will rule on evidence and references as they come up during the trial.

Among other things Stevens doesn't want mentioned are what he called "miscellaneous, irrelevant and prejudicial evidence" such as a cyanide poisoning document and guns seized during the search on the ranch, furniture in the temple and birthing rooms.

The prosecution noted that cyanide and guns weren't on the evidence list and once again, the judge said she would rule on evidence as it is presented at trial.

Stevens also asked for rap sheets on any witnesses called to testify against his client, to which Eric Nichols agreed.

The judge then gave both sides a deadline of October 14, 2009 for presenting her with any plea bargain agreement.

Barring any last minute deal, the case of the State of Texas v. Raymond Merrill Jessop is set to get underway on Monday, October 26, 2009 in the Schleicher County Memorial Building where a mobile courtroom has been set up. (See related photo on Page 1)

The judge's bench, jury box, witness stand and court reporter's stand were removed from the Tom Green County Courthouse, transported to Schleicher County, and set up in the Memorial building last Friday.



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Attorneys (L-R) Mark Stevens, Gerald Goldstein and Richard Wright were followed out of the Tom Green County Courthouse last Friday by YFZ defendants Merrill Jessop and Wendell Nielson.

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**Weekly Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

- Scarlett's surname
- Azalea or spirea
- Coin- (candy machines, e.g.)
- Quinn of "Crusoe"
- Tibet's capital
- Handle clumsily
- Lamebrain
- "Able was I..."
- Filled with resolve
- Like a 17-Across
- Right on the map
- Words before "Go!"
- Fancy neckwear
- Journalist Greeley
- Turns bad
- Hell of a guy?
- Dhabi
- Hamburg's river
- Like a first name
- Clearance sale caveat
- Critic Louise Huxtable
- Calvin of fashion
- Really go for
- Brand X
- Makes improvements to
- Ohio city named for a mathematician
- "What's up that?"
- Recoils from fright
- Some short plays
- Harbor craft

**DOWN**

- Squirrels' homes
- Charades gesture, e.g.
- Together, musically
- Tour de France, for one
- Short socks
- Iditarod lineup
- LBJ's VP
- "Norma" (Sally Field movie)
- World Baseball Classic team
- Buyer's mistake
- Prime time for hunters
- Analyze grammatically
- Like dessert wines
- Places to graze
- "The list goes on," briefly
- Barbara Walters talk show
- Cheshire cat's expression
- On the briny
- Auctioneer's cry
- Hard-to-get smoke, in the US
- Smelter input
- Place to use Easy-Off
- Per (by the day)
- Rhea or emu
- Plays for a sap
- Tickled pink
- Sidewalk stand quaff
- Stuffed deli snacks
- Massachusetts college or its town
- Soccer stadium cheer
- Periodic table fig.
- Lauder of cosmetics
- "Star Trek" lieutenant
- Hawkeye State native
- Pasty-faced
- Short shot on the links
- Pitchfork prong
- Risked a ticket
- Party time, maybe
- Slowing, in mus.
- Ear: Prefix

**Sandwich Board**

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Day Acton poses with the with 1st place team from the Bird Ranch at the conclusion of the Marty Acton Memorial Ranch Rodeo on September 26th. Team members include Colby Frizzell, Kipp Harrell, Jimmy Halfman, Will Foster.



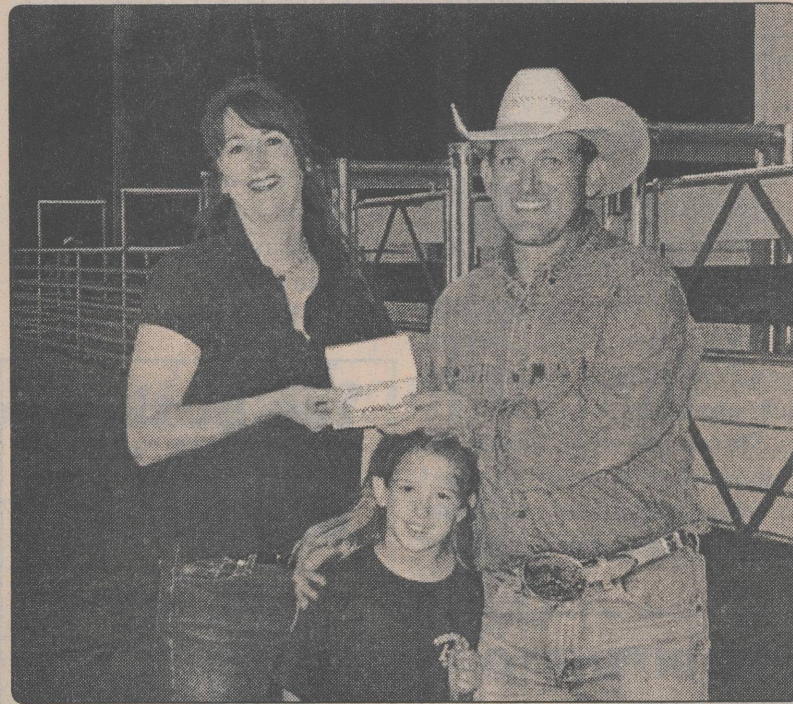
Day Acton poses with the with 2nd place team from the Powell-Rousselot Ranches at the conclusion of the Marty Acton Memorial Ranch Rodeo on September 26th. Team members include Gunter Pennington, Bill Renfroe, and Thomas Schenkel. Cree Wells was not present for the photo.



Day Acton poses with the with 3rd place team from the C Bar Cross Ranch at the conclusion of the Marty Acton Memorial Ranch Rodeo on September 26th. Team members include Wade Schovajsa, Dwayne Blair, James Babb and Mike Vick.



Day Acton presents the Top Hand buckle to Colby Frizzell of the Bird Ranch team at the conclusion of the Marty Acton Memorial Ranch Rodeo held here on September 26th.



Day Acton presents the Top Horse buckle to Ross Benson of the Tobosa Ranch team at the conclusion of the Marty Acton Memorial Ranch Rodeo held here on September 26th.

### 'Claws for a Cure' T-shirt sale for breast cancer awareness

The Eldorado High School cheerleaders are having a "Claws for a Cure" t-shirt sale to support breast cancer awareness. If you ordered a t-shirt they can be picked up starting on Monday, October 18, 2009, or on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at the High School Gym. We will be selling the extra shirts at that time also. The cheerleaders are also selling ribbons to commemorate those who have or had breast cancer or any other type of cancer. The ribbons will be sold throughout the month of October for \$1.00 (the ribbons will be displayed on the wall in the gym foyer.) The survivor/memorial ribbons can be purchased at Second

Hand Rose. The profits from this sale will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. This fund raiser/awareness activity was organized by senior cheerleader, Kadie Niblett. Kadie's passion for this charity arises from a family member's diagnosis of breast cancer and she has turned it into a major community fundraiser including a "Think Pink" Pep Rally on October 23rd prior to the Christoval football game where all fans are encouraged to wear their t-shirts and other breast cancer awareness paraphernalia. If you have any questions please call Debby Griffin @ 656-4154 or by e-mail at debby.griffin@scisd.net.

## Multi-county livestock program slated for October 29th in Ozona

OZONA — The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Crockett and Sutton counties will conduct a range, predator and livestock program from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Oct. 29 in Ozona's Crockett County Convention Center. Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered. "Producers tell us that their prime concerns remain predation, livestock health, and brush and weed control, so that's what this program is all about," said Chase McPhaul, AgriLife Extension agent in Crockett County. "Livestock losses to predators is a serious and growing problem throughout our area," he said. "Knowing what to look for and how to deal with the

problem in a timely manner is key to making a profit in the sheep and goat business here. That's why a large part of the afternoon portion of the program will be devoted to dealing with the topic." Speakers and their topics will include: • Dr. Floron "Buddy" Faries, AgriLife Extension program leader for veterinary medicine at College Station, will teach how to recognize and manage common livestock health problems including anthrax. • Alyson McDonald, AgriLife Extension range program specialist at Fort Stockton, will address the least-cost and most

effective methods for controlling prickly pear, juniper, mesquite and several noxious perennial weeds common to the region. • Saidor "Hoppy" Turman, Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service district supervisor at Fort Stockton, will speak on interpreting physical evidence of predation, predator biology, trapping techniques and the role of predator control in predator management. Registration is \$10 by Oct. 26 and \$15 thereafter. To pre-register and for more information, contact McPhaul at 325-392-2721, c-mcphaul@at.tamu.edu.

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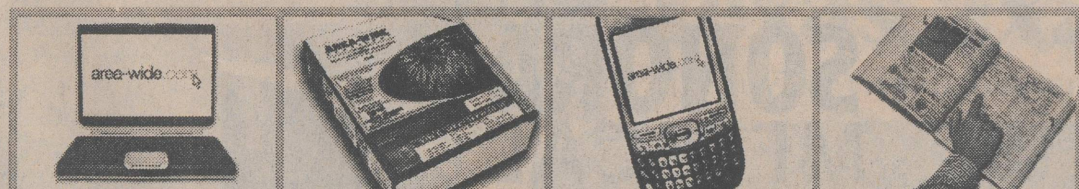
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# Three SA family members sentenced financial conspiracy

SAN ANGELO — Three members of a San Angelo family members were sentenced in federal court last week on charges that they attempted to skirt bank reporting laws.

Bobby Ray Hughes and Shirley K. Hughes, owners of Hughes Pipe and Supply in San Angelo, along with their two children, Jimmy Lee Hughes and Alma Faye Hallmark, were charged with conspiracy in a 42-count indictment last February.

Bobby Ray Hughes was sentenced to two years in federal prison and one-year supervised release on a charge of conspiracy to structure transactions to avoid reporting requirements. He will also have to pay \$40,000 in restitution.

The IRS Criminal Investigation Division in Dallas reportedly led the investigation into the Hughes family's financial activities.

Hughes' wife, Shirley K. Hughes, was sentenced to six months in prison and one-year supervised release for "misprision of

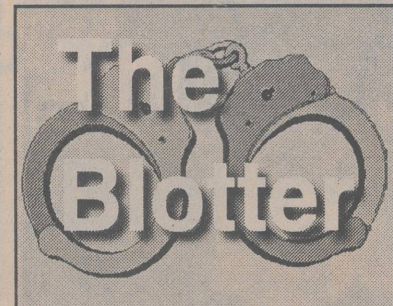
felony" legalese for failure to report a felony. Mrs. Hughes will also have to pay \$5,000 in restitution.

The couple's daughter, was sentenced under the same charge. She received three years probation and must pay \$5,000 in restitution.

The Hughes' son, Jimmy Hughes, has reportedly pled guilty in the conspiracy but has yet to be sentenced.

The four family members were accused of structuring personal and business transactions in such a way as to avoid bank reporting requirements.

Investigators said the family members converted checks they received into bank cashier's checks for smaller denominations and cashed the checks over a period of several days in order to avoid requirements that a bank report all transactions of \$3,000 or more.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### ARRESTS

**OCTOBER 1** • Rodriguez-Barrera, Ramon, male age 30. DOB 02/26/79. Offense; warrant /MTR Family Violence /non payment court cost. Still in custody.

**OCTOBER 3** • Moya, Alvaro H, male age 25. DOB 07/05/84. Offense DWI warrant Ector County & DWLI w/ previous. Still in custody.

**OCTOBER 4** • Martinez, Aubrey Racquelle, female age 17. DOB 05/01/92. Offense; burglary of habitation & giving false information to peace officer. Released on \$3,000. SR bond.

### INCIDENTS

**SEPTEMBER 29 - 6:30 PM** • Caller stated that they would be spotlighting for a deer census on their property until 11:00 pm.

**SEPTEMBER 30 - 7:00 AM** • Caller reported injured deer on E. Hwy 190.

**3:19 PM** • Caller reported trash in his yard from the neighbor.

**OCTOBER 1 - 1:46 AM** • Basic EMS transfer.

**7:48 AM** • Caller reported dead skunk. Officer responded.

**3:48 PM** • 911 call. EMS dispatched.

**6:20 PM** • Caller reported there would be spotlighting on their ranch, west of Eldorado south of 190.

**7:51 PM** • Complainant requested animal control. Loose dog attacking their dog. Animal control called twice with no response. Answering machine picked up on third call.

**8:08 PM** • Local grocery store caught on tape a female leaving the

store with unpaid for merchandise. Wrecker needed. Criminal trespass filed on suspect.

**OCTOBER 2 - 4:41 AM** • Security company stated an alarm had gone off on local business. Officer responded.

**7:50 AM** • Caller reported they would be spotlighting around FM 220 and 244.

**11:53 AM** • Caller reported an injured animal.

**3:29 PM** • Caller reported an unconscious male. EMS and Air Med. was dispatched.

**3:51 PM** • Caller reported reckless driver on N HWY 277. Officer responded and unable to locate.

**OCTOBER 3 - 6:03 AM** • 911 call reporting a fire of unknown origin or type near their home. Officer responded. Found BBQ pit being readied for the day.

**6:37 PM** • 911 called and hung up. Dispatcher called back to check on caller. Man answered the phone and said he was unaware of anything wrong, but would check and call back if necessary. Officer notified and two more calls came in and hung up. Finally different man from residence at 2420 CR 300, called and stated child was playing with phone.

**9:35 AM** • Caller reported loose livestock on CR 2129. Caller left message on owners phone.

**12:39 PM** • Caller requested EMS. EMS and officers responded and took patient to hospital.

**13:52 PM** • Caller requested EMS. EMS responded and proceeded to take individual to San Angelo. Driver followed ambulance.

**2:05 PM** • Caller reported disturbance. Officer responded.

**OCTOBER 4 - 3:11 AM** • Complainant reported several teenagers at the car wash throwing rocks and causing damage to the facility. Officer responded.

**3:48 AM** • Hospital requested EMS for transfer to San Angelo hospital.

**1:35 PM** • Caller informed S.O. a car had hit a deer and deer was still alive. Officer and game warden responded.

**1:37 PM** • Caller reported there would be a controlled burn.

**4:19 PM** • Caller reported there had been vandalism committed at their place of business. Officer responded.

**OCTOBER 5 - 1:46 AM** • Caller reported prowler on SW Main St. Officer responded and unable to locate.

**OCTOBER 6 - 8:44 AM** • Caller reported loose livestock on 2129. Officer responded. Caller reported loose livestock on CR 2129. Officer spoke to ranch owner.

**1:59 PM** • Caller reported minor accident at school. Officer responded.

Solution to Sudoku on Page 3

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Solution to Puzzle on Page 6

Sandwich Board

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## 51st District Court Report

51st District Court of Schleicher County met Monday, October 5, 2009 with the Honorable Barbara L. Walthers presiding. The following judgements were handed down.

Steven Ray Huntley of San Angelo pled guilty and received 7 years deferred adjudication; pay a \$1,500 fine and pay \$140 restitution. Huntley was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Marco Arispe Gauna of Eldorado waived speedy trial and to voluntary agree to participate in pretrial intervention program

for two years. Gauna was indicted on April 13, 2009 for one count of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child and one count of Indecency With A Child By Contact.

Michael Kevin Crofoot of Eldorado waived speedy trial in Judge Walther's San Angelo courtroom on September 28, 2009. Crofoot agreed to voluntary participate in pretrial intervention program for two years. Crofoot's indictment stated an offense Indecency With A Child By Contact.

## NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010165001

**APPLICATION.** City of Eldorado, P.O. Box 713, Eldorado, Texas 76936-0713, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010165001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0092274) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 385,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 5,000 feet northeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 277 and U.S. Highway 915 in Schleicher County, Texas 76936. The discharge route is from the plant site to an unnamed tributary of the South Concho River; thence South Concho River; thence to Middle Concho/South Concho River. TCEQ received this application on May 15, 2009. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Eldorado City Hall, 6 South Cottonwood Street, Eldorado, Texas.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

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Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html). If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from City of Eldorado at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Floyd Fay at 325-853-2691.

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## Sonora Medical Clinic adds nurse practitioner

Rebecca Sullivan, RN, MSN, FNP-BC, a board-certified family nurse practitioner with more than 24 years experience, joins the practice of Drs. Mark and Kristy Edwards at Sonora Medical Clinic. Sullivan holds a BSN from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and a MSN from Angelo State University. She received her post-graduate family nurse practitioner certification from Hardin-Simmons University.

Sullivan practiced in Eldorado prior to joining the Sonora Medical Clinic team and is a clinical supervisor in the nursing department at Angelo State University.

"Rebecca Sullivan and her considerable experience and set of skills is a valuable addition to Sonora Medical Clinic and reflects the commitment of the clinic and Hudspeth Memorial Hospital to provide the highest quality care to the people of Sonora and the surrounding area," according to Keith Butler, Hudspeth Memorial Hospital administrator.

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Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usara en la Elección de enmienda constitucional que se llevara a cabo el 3 de noviembre 2009 se probara el 14 de octubre, 2009 a las 10:00 de la mañana en Calle Cottonwood al Norte 1, Edificio Memorial del Condado de Schleicher, Oficina de Administrada de Elección, Eldorado, Texas para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

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## Ozona sex offender receives 30-years sentence

### Perez sentenced for Child Porn, Aggravated Sexual Assault, Indecency with a Child

OZONA — An Ozona man on Friday received a 30-year prison sentence after he was convicted on child pornography charges.

David Vargas Perez, 44, was found guilty on nine counts of child pornography possession and received the maximum 10-year prison sentence on each third-degree felony charge. Perez also received an additional 30-year sentence on two counts of aggravated sexual assault after a child victim came forward to law enforcement. Perez also received a 15-year sentence on

two counts of indecency with a child after another child victim made an outcry. The prison sentences will run concurrently. Upon release, Perez must register as a sex offender for life.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's Cyber Crimes Unit arrested Perez at his place of business in September 2007 after a Crockett County grand jury indicted him on child pornography possession charges. Assistant Attorney General Heather Youree prosecuted the case in conjunction with the Crockett County District Attorney's office.

The Cyber Crimes Unit began investigating Perez after the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce identified him as an individual who used credit cards to purchase



David Vargas Perez

access to off-shore child pornography Web sites. Cyber Crimes Unit investigators conducted a forensic analysis of Perez's computer equipment and discovered more than 800 child pornography images and video. At the time of the investigation,

Perez was employed at a cable company.

Attorney General Abbott has earned a national reputation for aggressively arresting and prosecuting child predators. Since 2003, the Cyber Crimes Unit has arrested 112 online predators seeking to assault young Texans. In addition to arrest roundups, Abbott also launched a series of town hall meetings statewide to educate parents and teenagers about the kind of criminal activity that goes on in connection with Internet diaries, chat rooms and social networking sites.

For more information, contact the Office of the Attorney General at (800) 252-8011 or visit the Attorney General's Web site at [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov).

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TAM serves to promote the historical significance of the state's archeological sites, increasing the public's appreciation of proper archeological practices and highlighting the importance of the contributions made by professional and avocational archeologists.

The THC cosponsors TAM in association with the Texas Archeological Society and the Council of Texas Archeologists. Both a print and electronic version of the colorful TAM Calendar of Events is available. To find out what events are planned in your area, request a free copy of the calendar by contacting the THC's Archeology Division at 512.463.6096 or visit [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) to download a copy.



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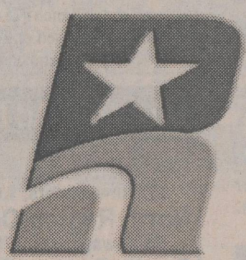
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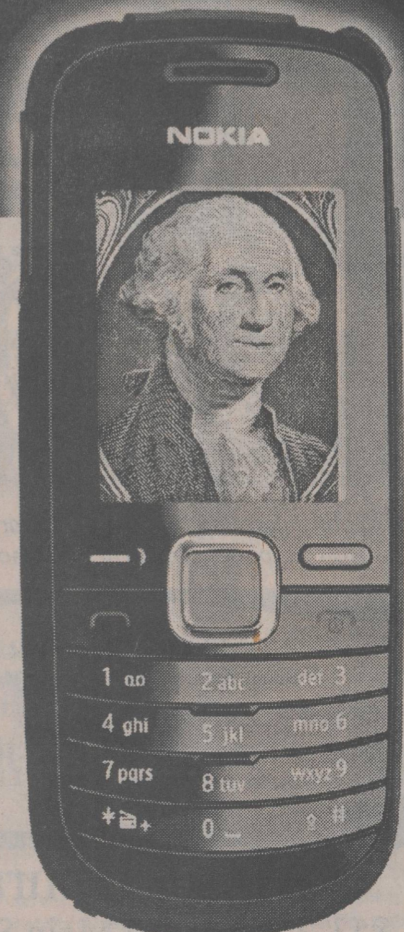
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