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The Second Amendment Part 2

Guns Kill People

Thursday, February 8, 2013

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Reserve

Champion in Ft.

Sonora Exhibitor Wins

By Ben D. Taylor The human species is a di-

make something up. Ancient aren't the problem? Greeks explained hurricanes

verse and wide spread crea- is no different. In the face of cent past, the men committure. With the exception of recent tragedies, it's easy to ting those killings were anyour basic physical form, there blame guns. If guns are the thing but ordinary. is little else that is common problem then we can fix it by Through decades of hardened among all of us, with the ex- simply removing all the guns. communist rule the Russian ception of our shared need to This is the easy answer that government has in fact all but have an answer to everything. many people choose to be- removed guns from the hands If something comes up that lieve. They believe it because of ordinary citizens. Accordwe can't explain or simply it makes them feel safe by hav- ing to the Harvard study, "in don't know the answer to, we ing a plan, but what if guns the 1960's and early 1970's,

as the wrath of the Gods while sense-"more guns equal more generally exceeded those the Mayans saw famine as death", but according to a of gun-ridden America...by something similar. Even to- study published in the Harvard the early 1990's the Russian day when people look up at the Journal of Law and Public Pol- rate was three times higher night sky and see something icy, "the more guns equal more than United States. Between they don't understand, it be-death mantra seems plausible 1998-2004 Russian murder comes a UFO. The problem IF murders mostly involve or- rates were nearly four times with those kinds of answers is dinary people who kill because higher than American rates... that they aren't always true; they have access to a firearm homicide results suggest that they are only the answers we when they get angry". When evaluating the mass murders

The question of gun control that have occurred in our re-

Kill People

the gun-less Soviet Union's In theory it makes perfect murder rates paralleled or

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Guns = Murder?

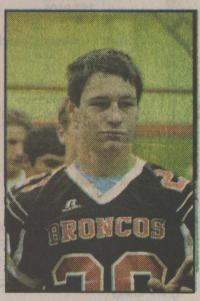
Jason Alaman Academic All-State Honerable Mention; Academic All-District; All District First Team Defensive End



Blake Esparza Academic All-District



Damon Evans Academic All-State Honerable Mention; Academic All-District; All District First Team Defensive Tackle; All District Second Team Offense (Running Back); All West Texas Defensive Lineman, Co-MVP; All West-Texas Super Team Defensive Lineman, 2A All-State Defensive Team (selected by TAPSE); FCA All-Star Festival Selection



Owen Friess Academic All-District

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Sonora Alumni Scholarship Sells Burgers for Graduates

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want to be true.

Nathan Jarratt Academic All-District



Scott Martinez Academic All District



Michael Sanchez Academic All-State Honorable Mention; Academic All District; All District Second Team Offensive Lineman



Hagen Kennedy Academic All-District; All

District First Team Offense

(Receiver); All District First

Team Defense (Outside

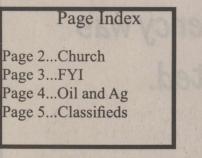
Linebacker); All West-Texas

Wide Receiver, Will play for

Sam Powers Academic All-State Honorable Mentino; Academic All-District; All-District Second Team Defensive Tackle, All-West Texas Defensive Lineman, Co-MVP; All-West Texas Super Team Running Back



Kade Wimberley Academic All-State Honerable Mention; Academic All-District; All District First Team Offense (Thight End); All District Second Team Kicker, All-West Texas Tight End; All West Texas Super Team Tight End; FCA All Star Festival Selection; Angelo State University Football Scholarship Recipient



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Darien Lopez District Offensive MVP; All West Texas Running Back, All West Texasd Super Team **Running Back**



Lino Villanueva Academic All-State Honorable Mention, Academic All-District; All-District First Team Defensive Lineman



Alonzo Hernandez Academic All-State Honerable Mention; Academic All-District

Sophomores and Juniors on Page 4

Senior Center Activities

Thurs. November 29 - Happy Birthday Richard Palmer

Fri. November 30 - Run errands

Mon. December 3 -

Tues. December 4 -Wed. December 5 -

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. November 29 - Smothered steak, Mashed potato,

Mix greens, Roll, Peach shortcake, milk November 30 - Chicken Fajitas, Spanish rice, Pinto

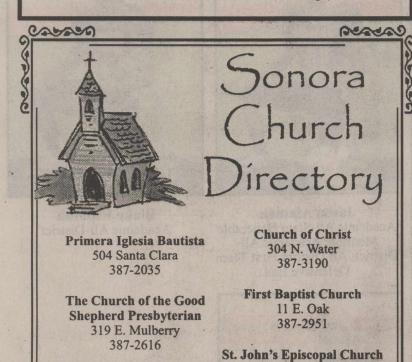
beans, Flour tortilla, Fruit cocktail, milk

December 3

Tues. December 4 -

Wed. December 5 -

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



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Thank You

The Family of Lalo Gonzales would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to this community during this difficult time. The outpouring of support as demonstrated through prayers, hugs, food, pastries and recalled memories has been a great comfort to our family.

Your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten and is greatly appreciated. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and

Nations' Cattle Numbers are Dropping

production and strong beef

exports. But even though

consumers are eating less

slowly as a result of high

growth with regards to the

"We'll see slow demand

growth as we slowly grow

tail beef prices.

general economy.

COLLEGE STATION - a possible record high corn U.S. cattle numbers con- crop if we get the rain in the tinue to shrink and Texas Midwest." is no exception as the Lone Star State has experienced a demand for beef will be 22 percent decline over the an area of interest, Anderpast three years, according son said. Per capita beef to a Texas A&M AgriLife consumption is declining, Extension Service livestock mostly due to declining beef specialist.

"Continued drought in 2012 took another year's toll on the nation's cow- beef, on average, they have herd, according to the latest been paying record high re-U.S. Department of Agriculture inventory report," As a consequence, demand said Dr. David Anderson. has the potential to grow "USDA reported that the U.S. had the smallest cattle beef prices and overall slow herd since 1952. The 89.3 million cattle in the U.S. on Jan. 1 was 1.4 million fewer than last year."

Drought caused the Texas incomes," he said. "In the herd to shrink again, An- meantime, beef will face derson said, as the state has tough competition from the fewest cattle since the pork and poultry supplies." 1950s.

"Just over 4 million beef cows were reported in Texas on Jan. 1," he said. "Texas has lost over 1 million beef cows in the last three years, representing a 22 percent decline in cow numbers. Ranchers across the U.S. and Texas reported that they held more young females, or heifers, to begin to replace the cows lost. Nationwide, 2 percent more heifers were kept compared to the year before."

In Texas, heifer retention was up approximately 9 percent, he said. Calf prices have been at levels to encourage keeping more heifers, yet those expansion efforts have been difficult due to dry or drought conditions both nationally and in Texas, Anderson said.

"But, even though more heifers were kept, they were not enough to offset the number of cows lost," Anderson said. "Most of Texas continues to be in drought and the current drought stretches from South Texas to North Dakota. When we start thinking about rebuilding we have to have our pastures and range in recovery."

Overall, it's the smallest cattle herd in the U.S. in 60 years, Anderson said.

"Where are we headed in 2013? I think again we will contend with tighter supplies of cattle, high feed costs, but hopefully, drought recovery to go with

Anderson said to expect tight supplies of calves and for prices to remain high for 2013.

"I think that will be due to tighter supplies of cattle and the potential is there for



"Happy Birthday" Apa

Few are blessed to have a Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Great Great Grandfather Celebrating 100 years- "A Century Old".

The Castilleja family are proud to celebrate with honor the Birthday of Benjamin Castilleja. He has been a great asset to the Community by serving many Sutton and surrounding communities as "El Capitan" for goat and sheep sheering industry. At the age of 83 he retired from his trade, still stayed active enjoying his hobby of making jewlery and belt buckles.

In 2002 he was awarded with the Pioneer of the Year Plaque from the Friends of Historic Main Street Program.

With Gods Will we invite the public:

February 12-Thanksgiving Mass at 5:00 p.m. at the residence at 108 South 2nd Street.

February 13- "His Birthday" all day-come and go. Refreshments will be served.

West Texas Gas wants to apologize to our customers in Sonora for the loss of natural gas supply that occurred on the afternoon of January 23rd while performing a required pipeline replacement project.

We would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding while we worked to restore services.

Your cooperation with our employees during this emergency was greatly appreciated.

West Texas Gas, Inc.

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killings".

States". The crime rate grew less murders). much faster than the English justice system could process violent crime in the U.S. the criminals, resulting in an but according to a study English policy of not inves- conducted by the Departtigating burglary and minor ment of Justice that rate assaults. "As of 2006, if the may not be as high as police catch a mugger, rob- most people might think. ber or burglar, the policy is to "Roughly 5,340,000 violent release them with a warning crimes were committed in rather than to arrest and pros- the United States in 2008. ecute them". A senior English These include simple/ag- JoAnn Jones. police official conducted a gravated assaults, robberstudy on English gun control ies, sexual assaults, rapes, for his thesis at the Cambridge and murders. Of these, nology, it found that" half a committed by offenders century of strict controls... visibly armed with a gun". has ended perversely, with Yes 8% is a high number a far greater use of [hand- but if you consider the reguns] in crime than ever be-sults of a 1994 study by the fore".

gun ownership is common other side of the argument there is a different trend of gun control, and that's evident. Norway, Finland, Germany, used guns to frighten away France and Denmark have intruders who are breakhigh rates of gun ownership ing into their homes about but have murder rates lower 498,000 times per year". than in countries where gun A Washington D.C. law in ownership is not common. 1976 prevented residents "For example, Luxem- from possessing handguns bourg, where handguns are and that all fire arms in pritotally banned and owner- vate homes to be unloaded ship of any kind of a gun is or disassembled. In 2008, minimal, had a murder rate the Supreme Court struck nine times higher than Ger- down that law as unconmany in 2002" (Harvard stitutional but in the years Journal of Law and Pub- it was in effect the murder lic Policy). Europe's mur- rate in Washington D.C. avder rate is higher than that eraged 73% higher than it of the United States', but was before the law was in has only 14% the civilian effect. A similar law was gun ownership of the U.S. enacted in Chicago in 1982 Conversely, the U.S. has to ban all handguns (except 7.33 times the civilian gun for those registered with the ownership of Europe, but a city government). Since lower murder rate.

gun ownership and violent handguns averaged 40% crime tend to reflect what higher than before the law. was seen in Europe, with the In a 2005 Chicago Murexception that the U.S. has der Analysis Report by the a lot more guns available Chicago Police Department to its citizens. Production it was found that, "96% of data from firearm manufac- the firearm murder victims turers indicates that there in Chicago were killed with are around 300 million fire- handguns". It's important arms owned by civilians to note that all these murin the United States as of der rates increased while a 2010. In 2005 a nationwide ban or severe control on fire Gallop poll found that 67% arms was in effect. of gun owners bought their Conversely there weapon to protect against some states that passed crime, 66% were for target right-to-carry laws. These shooting, and 41% were for laws allowed citizens to hunting. How does this re- carry concealed weapons late to a higher murder rate (after attaining the proper in the US? The answer is permits) on their person very poorly.

where guns are scarce other The United States is cur-right-to-carry law was en-been some terrible things weapons are substituted in rently experiencing its low- acted in 1987, and in that that our country has had to In the late 1990's, England ders per 100,000 people averaged 36% lower than These things were done by went so far as to ban all since before 1911 (The it was before the law took bad people. Some were kinds of handguns and many Federal Bureau of Investi- effect. Texas' right-to-car- sick, while others were just kinds of rifles. "Hundreds of gation). According to the ry laws became effective in evil. We all need to come thousands of guns were con- United Nations Office on 1996, and in that time the to realize that our world has law-abiding enough to turn 206 nations listed, the U.S. by 30%. them in," according to the ranks 103. The same dehad so increased that Eng- in those same countries. are looking for. There have sure evil will go away. land and Wales had Europe's They found that there was highest violent crime rate, far a negative correlation besurpassing even the United tween the two (more guns =

Guns do play a role in Centers for Disease Control All across Europe where and Prevention there is an-Countries like as a deterrent. "Americans

that ban the percentage The facts about U.S. of Chicago murders from

in public places. Florida's

est murder rate at 4.7 murtime the murder rate has face in the past few years. fiscated from those owners Drugs and Crime, of the murder rate has decreased evil in it. It doesn't matter if evil decides to use a rock.

It does make sense that fork, words, or even a gun. Harvard study, "The ban's in- partment in the UN looked more guns mean murders, Evil will have its way and effectiveness was such that by at the relationship between but sometimes the answer punishing the tool of an evil the year 2000 violent crime murders and gun ownership we find is not the answer we person or act does not en-

Sonora Alumni Scholarship Sells Burgers for Graduates

The Sonora Alumni Scholarship Committee is proud to announce that our Hamburger Lunch and Alumni Meeting produced \$845.00 for the scholarship fund.

That same weekend we received \$1200.00 in pledges. Currently we have collected \$900.00 of the \$1200.00 pledged.

The scholarship fund received a \$100. Pledge in honor of one of our Alumni - Jack Johnson. If anyone or any entity would like to contribute to a scholar-

ship for the 2013 Class, contact John Wade, Rex Ann Friess or Anita Hudson. Also, you can drop your check off at the Sonora Bank with

The scholarship fund is held by a "tax exempt arm" of the Sonora Bank.

This is exciting and could end up being the best scholarship University Institute of Crimia about 436,000 or 8% were available for our 2013 graduating Broncos.

Piano Lessons

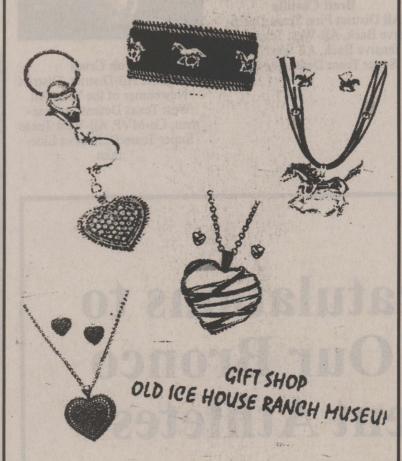
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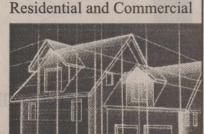
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Month of February Tips

AgriLIFE EXTENSION

By Pascual Hernandez.

According to the ground only very lightly the first hog, we may not have much year. winter left. Our average last frost date is typically the transplanting established last of March . But, with February well underway, that should be done while some folks may be taking a they are still dormant. peek toward spring and the upcoming growing season. You can prune trees and evare a few thoughts.

Planting:

You can plant cool season vegetables, in relation to average last freeze date: onions(6-8weeks broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, brussels spouts (4 weeks prior) and spinach, chard (2-4 weeks prior). That means you can start "warming up" to the idea of preparing a garden bed.

You still have time to fin-repeat applications. ish planting pecan and fruit For additional information trees. Just don't fertilize contact the Sutton County newly transplanted trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then

Sutton County Agricultural **Extension Agent**

If you're thinking about landscape shrubs and trees,

Pruning:

So, for you gardeners, here ergreen shrubs before new growth begins. Remember:

> pruned. Peach, apricot, and plum trees should be pruned prior), to a bowl shape. Pears and figs should be pruned little for prizes and \$107,445.00 in premiums. if at all.

Miscellaneous Choirs: lettuce, radishes, turnips, Apply pre-emergent weedkiller granules late in the month to prevent germination of crabgrass, and grass- youth is unwavering. burs. Read the label about

Extension Office.

Sonora Exhibitor Wins Reserve Champion in Ft. Worth



DO NOT TOP shade trees. FORT WORTH, TEXAS -Fruit trees should be BER from SONORA, EXHIBITED the RESERVE CHAM-PION EWE AT THE JUNIOR DORPER BREEDING SHEEP SHOW at the 2013 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on JANUARY 28. The 2013 Show is proud to be hosting nearly 10,000 junior exhibitors from across Texas, competing

> Since 1896, the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo has remained a prominent figure in the livestock industry. The nation's oldest livestock show will see a record of over 25,000 head of world-class livestock roll through "Cowtown" between January 18 - February 9. While the show is continually looking ahead, the focus on the livestock industry and our

> "One of the Show's main priorities is our commitment to the livestock industry and the agriculture leaders of tomorrow," said Bradford S. Barnes, President and General Manager of the Fort Worth Stock Show. "Junior exhibitors learn many valuable life lessons during their years of showing livestock, which will serve them well throughout their lives. Our Show ensures a progressive future for agriculture by assisting in the development and education of 4-H and FFA students.'

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The Sweetest Hearts



Jacob Gonzales and Holly Sparks we choosen as the Sweetest Hearts from the Sonora Middle School student body on Thursday, January 31, 2013. The dance was held in the middle school cafeteria with music provided by Jody Luttrell and Ben Taylor. The theme for the dance was Candyland chosen by the SMS Student Council members. Refreshments were served and the middle school students had a great time in their finest attire! Great memories by all who attended the dance.

Juniors and Sophmores



Cody Barber Academic All-District

STATE CHAMPIONS



Chance Campbell Academic All-District; All-District First Team Defensive Back; All-District Second Team Offense (Running Back); All-West Texas Free Safety; All-West Texas Super Team Utility Player; 2A All-State Defensive Team (Selected by The Old Coach)



Lionel DeLeon Academic All-District; All District First Team Offensive Lineman



Will Dutton Academic All-District; All District Utility Team



Ricky Martinez All-District Second Team De-



Brett Castillo All District First Team Defensive Back, All-West Texas Defensive Back, All West Texas Super Team Defensive Back



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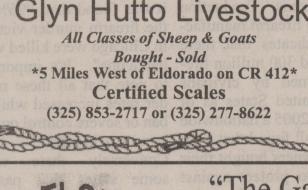
Elijah Cross Academic All-District, District Newcomer of the Year; All West Texas Defensive Lineman; Co-MVP, All-West Texas Super Team Defensive Line-



Michael Rollert Academic All-District, All District Second Team Offense (Quarterback)



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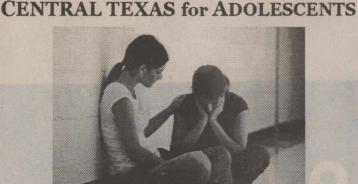
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"Whether you are a homeowner, business manager, disabled veteran or a taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax Chief Appraiser of the Sutton County Appraisal District. "You can contact us about property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-todate available information to

This includes information about the following programs.

Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans -The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100% exemption for 100% disabled veterans and their surviving spouses, beginning in 2009.

Property Tax Exemptions-Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax • exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units, firms that ship inventory out of Texas, and businesses that acquire pollution control property may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

Rendering Taxable Property - If a business owns tangible personal property • that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specific date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture For more information about

a notice of appraised value at publication also discusses the menu, and then press "1".

the option of taking a taxpayer's case to district court or entering into binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

Homestead Exemptions - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

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in the open market. Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older and Disabled Homeowners - Texans who are 65 years of age or older, or who are disabled as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at

the appraisal district. Notice of Availability of **Electronic Communication** - Chief appraisers of county appraisal districts and appraisal review boards my communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in

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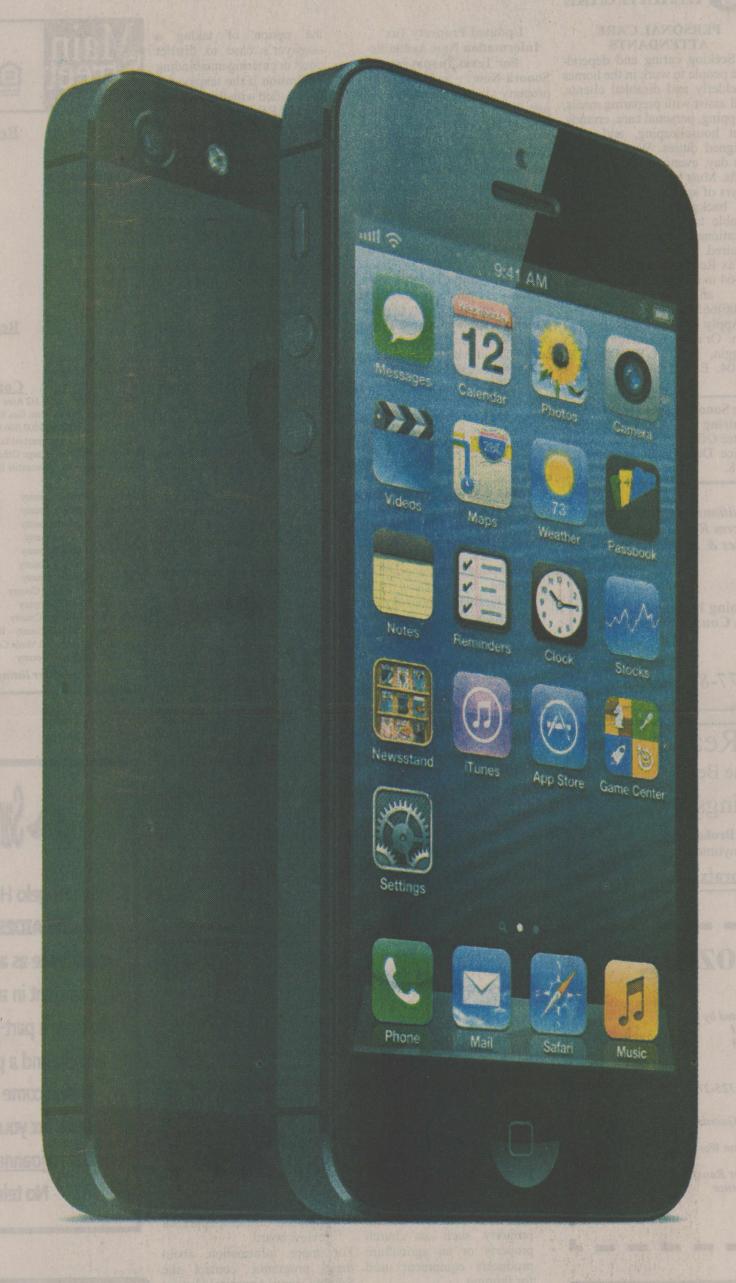
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