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HAYS COUNTY...

Sheriff mum about death after standoff

Fatality not reported until day after Friday's shooting

By **DALTON SWEAT**
Staff Reporter

The Hays County Sheriffs Department is not releasing additional information about the cause of death of Kevin Ray Rodriguez, 20, of Buda on Friday evening.

"It is an ongoing investigation," Sergeant Phil Taylor said when explaining why further information would not be released.

Rodriguez died inside a home on the 800 block of Crest Circle Drive. The incident is being investigated as a burglary.

At the scene on Friday evening, authorities did not

disclose that a body was found, but a press release sent out by the county Saturday afternoon said Rodriguez had suffered a gunshot wound and was pronounced dead by Precinct 1-2 Justice of the Peace Margie Hernandez.

Authorities responded to the house for a call of a burglary in progress.

The homeowner told police he heard people inside of his house, and there was a bicycle outside they did not recognize. The press release said that the owner did "fire a weapon in the residence," but did not indicate if he shot Rodriguez.

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ROLLIN', ROLLIN', ROLLING...



Photo by **Troy Barboza**

Members of the Greater Randolph Area Trailriders Association made their annual trek through downtown San Marcos Monday morning en route to the San Antonio Stockshow and Rodeo, which runs Feb. 6-23 at the AT&T Center in San Antonio.

CITY COUNCIL...

Passing ordinance on agenda

By **DALTON SWEAT**
Staff Reporter

The San Marcos City Council will meet to discuss a proposed, new ordinance and the possible use of eminent domain among other agenda items in tonight's 5:30 p.m. meeting.

The new ordinance would create a safe passing distance for cars requiring at least three feet of space between a car and a vulnerable road user like a bicyclist. It also would amend the city's code to make parking in a bike lane a violation.

"This standard safe passing distance will help protect vulnerable road users and will be a valuable tool for educational programs and safety awareness campaigns," information provided by the city said.

"However, exceptions to the standard passing distance will be allowed to accommodate the reasonable flow of traffic."

Currently, parking in a bike lane is legal, but if passed, the ordinance would make it a

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SMCISD...

SMHS Speech and Debate team sweeps district meet

From Staff Reports

The San Marcos High School Speech and Debate team swept all three top spots at the UIL District 25-5A Cross Examination Debate Tournament this past weekend, with the top two teams now qualified for the CX Debate State Championship in March.

Senior Sierra Rowe and sopho-

more Max Murdoch were the district champions and move on to state after posting an undefeated record for the tournament.

With just one loss all day, sophomores Caroline Soechting and Nathasja Evans took second place to also qualify for state.

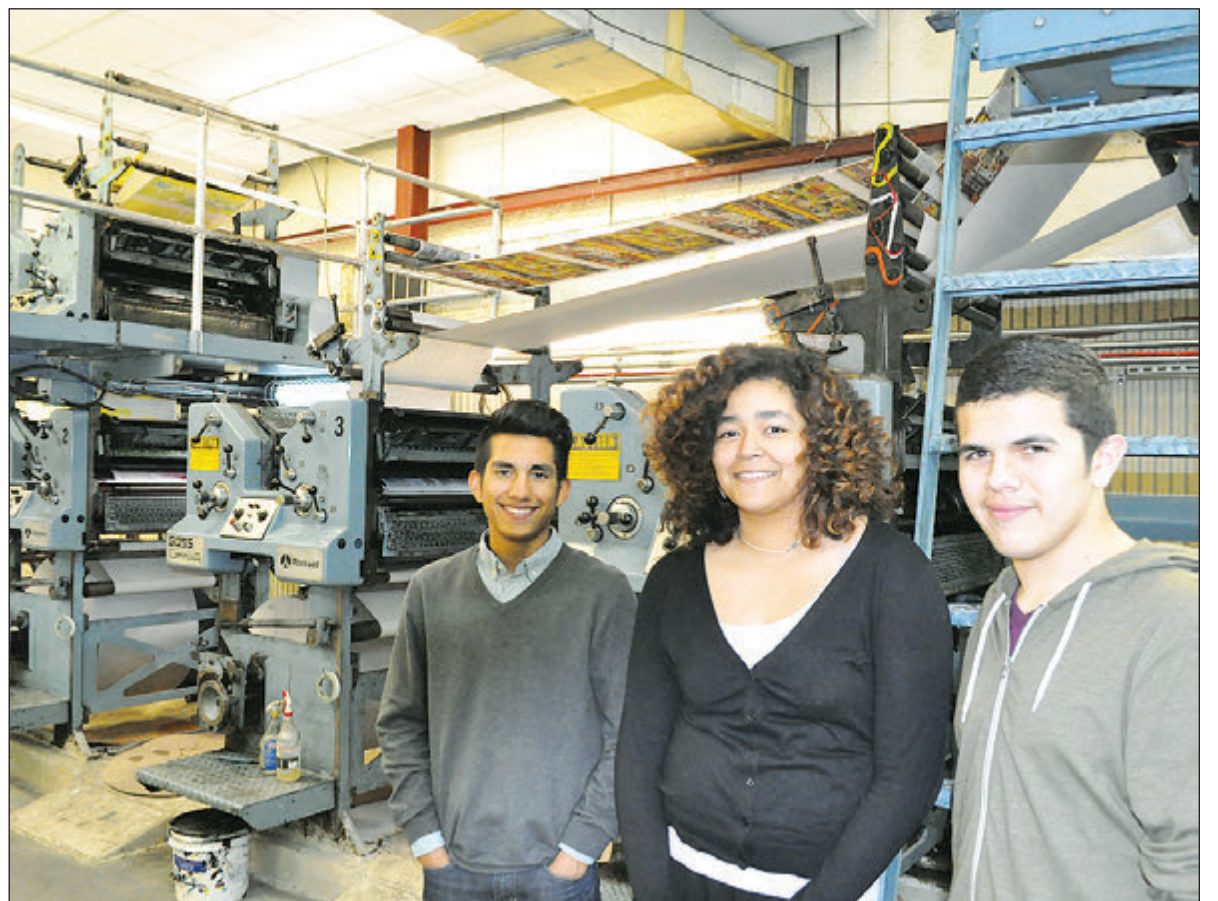
The freshman team of Jared

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SMCISD Photo

The San Marcos Speech and Debate team won all three top spots in last weekend's District 25-5A Cross Examination Debate Tournament. Pictured from left are Alexis Dickson, Jared Longoria, Nathasja Evans, Caroline Soechting, Sierra Rowe and Max Murdoch.



Daily Record photo by **Randy Stevens**

Job Shadowing Day for SMHS students

San Marcos High School held its first annual Job Shadowing Day Monday, allowing a number of students to watch and observe different businesses and occupations throughout the community. Taking part in the event at the *Daily Record* were SMHS juniors (from left) Isaiah Zavala, Adrianna Evans and Troy Barboza.



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