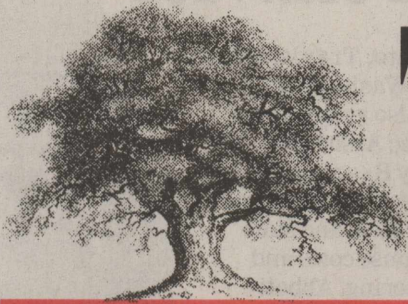


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## Broncos Host 7 on 7 Qualifying Tourney as Teams Battle for Berth in State Showdown

Skiping summer vacation, sacrificing nothing, the Sonora Broncos hosted the 7 on 7 football State Qualifying Tournament on Friday, June 17th, at Bronco Stadium.

The Broncos, already a qualifier in the state tourney, are joined by Brady and Sweetwater in the upcoming 7 on 7 State Tourney in July.

7 on 7 is not sponsored or governed by the UIL, according to Coach David Sine.

Sine said playing 7 on 7 benefits athletes by allowing them the opportunity to work on pass coverage as well as improve timing in the passing game.

As well, he said it is a fun way for athletes to stay in shape during the summer.

Sine said athletes who take advantage of the Strength and Speed Clinic as well as 7 on 7 are better prepared for the upcoming football season as well as playing all sports.

Players and coaches volunteer to compete on teams for the benefit of recreational sport, conditioning and further training.

For the most part the positions played in 7 on 7 are the same as the positions played during the season, according to Sine.

Additionally, some offensive and defensive linemen who participate in 7 on 7 to increase footwork helping them play an up-tempo style of offense.

"Our spread offense benefits a great deal from 7 on 7 and our student athletes use 7 on 7 for extra conditioning during the summer. Our staff fully supports 7 on 7 and that's why we make an effort to play from 7th to 12th

grade every summer," Coach Sine said.

Participating in this summer staple allows athletes the opportunity to continue their off season practice, as well as, improve their gridiron related skills making them more than ready for the regular fall football

season.

Also, for some, it was an opportunity to get noticed by college recruiters.

Sixteen Texas teams took the field contending for a top spot and the chance to compete in the State Tourney. Participating teams included Sonora Red,

Sweetwater, Pecos, Seminole, Irion County, Ballinger, Alpine and Crane. Also, Brady, Grape Creek, Fredericksburg, Iraan, Ozona, Sonora Black, McCamey and Van Horn came to compete.

Teams paired up on 45 yard fields, less than the standard football field length of 160-feet,

to compete in 30 the minute games.

Since Ozona failed to show, Sonora divided its players to accommodate the fields, giving everyone, the opportunity to participate.

Sonora's incoming freshman, JV players, competed against McCamey. The JV team over ran McCamey winning the match.

Brian VanWinkle, Junior Varsity Quarterback, said he enjoys 7 on 7 because of the opportunity to be with his friends and play football.

As well, he said it is good way for all of the players to keep up their playing skills.

"It lets us know our positions better, VanWinkle said. "It helps us prepare for the season."

All of the games were monitored by a team of coaches, each focused on particular plays, players and respective positions on the field.

Adhering to the 'four second' rule, players worked up a sweat running shorter pass routes and cross routes, refining run plays that parallel plays which will be run during their regular football season.

Efrain Martinez said playing 7 on 7 is hard work the games may even be more difficult than regular season games.

"It's hard work," Martinez said. "It's a lot of running, conditioning and a lot of rushing."

Overall, 7 on 7 is not about the win - instead it's about the opportunity to play the game and socialize.

"It's just a brotherhood with teammates," Brian VanWinkle said.



Daniel Gonzales intercepts the ball during Friday's game between Sonora JV and McCamey on June 17th. Sixteen area teams competed for the opportunity to advance to the upcoming 7 on 7 State Tournament in July.

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Coach Tommy VanWinkle talks strategy with his players during a game between Sonora JV and McCamey on June 17th, at Bronco Stadium.

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## Sutton County Rodeo a Community Tradition

Submitted by Julie Martin

In with the rising temperatures rides the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Sutton County Days, a four-decade tradition.

The forty-third annual Outlaw Pro Rodeo, produced by Andrews Pro Rodeo, kicks off on Thursday, June 23rd, with slack at 8:30 a.m. and the county team roping at 6:00 p.m.

The first rodeo performance is slated for Friday, June 24th, at 8:00 p.m. with local mutton bustin' and county team ropers competing alongside pro events.

Immediately following, the Electric Cowboys entertain with music during the annual Friday night dance, hosted by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

On Saturday, June 25th, a full day of festivities are planned, including a day in the park at Sutton County Days.

Events come to a close Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m., at the arena, with the crowning of the 2016 Miss Sutton County and the final round of county team roping and pro events.

Wrapping up the night, the Sutton County Days Association hosts a dance with music by Case Hardin.

Countless hours of labor in the heat and mud, under both the sun and arena lights, have made this community event a special tradition.

The time honored tradition of Sutton County Days began in 1972 from the work of the Sonora Junior Chamber of Commerce, or Jaycees which consisted of about 15 members.

The first year included Sutton County Days on the courthouse lawn and a street dance in front of the courthouse, according to Jim Garrett.

Cleaning up after the dance,

members pondered hosting a rodeo.

The following year was spent repairing and reforming the existing racetrack into a rodeo arena.

Volunteers and local contractors donated their time and resources making the dream a reality.

"The fun part was spending time together and seeing it happen," Garrett said.

The transformation of the arena and grounds spearheaded what the arena and park are today, according to the Garrett.

Tom Glasscock, the first stock contractor, implemented the first amateur Sutton County Days rodeo.

Around the turn of the decade, the rodeo was transformed into PRCA Outlaw Pro Rodeo with Bad Company Rodeo managing performances featuring pro rodeo athletes. Simultaneously, the organization transformed into the Sutton County Days Association.

Today, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce oversees Sutton County Days and the SCDA organizes the annual rodeo and Saturday night dance.

Also, Mutton Bustin' and county team roping are included in the annual local events. This year, all events are BYOB.

Surviving gas booms and busts, droughts, floods and generations of class reunions, this time honored tradition continues through the support and donations by local organizations including Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, Masonic Lodge and Downtown Lion's Club.

As well, individual volunteers, ticket sales and sponsors continue to uphold this annual celebration.

## The Dangers of Leaving Children Alone In or Around Hot Cars

Submitted by Jessica Stapper, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

The following article is provided by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Passenger Safety grant in College Station, TX provided by Bev Kellner Program Manager and TXDOT.

It is being published in Sonora, TX to remind parents about the dangers of leaving children in hot cars.

As we approach summer in Texas, children will be spending more time outdoors and the danger of children being left alone in and around cars increases.

When we think of children left alone in cars, our first thought is the danger of children dying in hot cars due to

heatstroke.

In addition to heat risks, there are other safety concerns with unsupervised children around cars, including back-overs, the risk of children releasing the gear shift or engaging electric windows, and even becoming trapped inside vehicles or trunks.

According to the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety, approximately 39 percent of back-over deaths occurred at home in the driveway, an apartment parking lot, or in a townhome complex.

Drivers in back-over and front-over deaths are often family members or family friends of the child.

Children are more at risk for heatstroke because a child's body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult's and heatstroke can occur at body temperatures above 104 degrees.

Even mild outside temperatures can pose a threat, but with Texas temperatures climbing into the upper 90s each day, the danger becomes even greater.

The problem is that temperatures in parked vehicles rise very quickly.

According to figures from San Francisco State University's Department of Geosciences, in just 10 minutes, the temperature inside of a vehicle can increase

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# Texas DPS Asks Citizens to Report Suspicious Behavior

AUSTIN — In the wake of the widely reported June 12 mass shooting in Orlando, Florida, the Texas Department of Public Safety called on Texans to pay close attention to what's happening in their own communities.

DPS Director Steven McCraw on June 17 said, "Amid today's ever-present threat of terrorism and crime, we are reminded that members of the public can be law enforcement's greatest resource."

And, he said, "When law enforcement and communities work together to combat crime, we are inherently more successful." He urged individuals to report illegal or suspicious behavior they see to iWATCH or to their local authorities. "By speaking up,

you could save a life," McCraw added.

The DPS-maintained iWATCH website, www.iwatchtx.org, provides citizens with a place to report tips related to criminal activity.

Examples of information the DPS considers reportable include:

- Strangers asking questions about building security features and procedures.
- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package is left behind.
- Cars or trucks are left in no-parking zones at important buildings.
- Chemical smells or fumes that are unusual for the location.
- People requesting sensitive information, such as blueprints, security plans

or VIP travel schedules, without a need to know.

- Purchasing supplies that could be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials; and

- Taking photographs or videos of security features, such as cameras or checkpoints.

## Aid request is granted

President Obama on June 11 granted the request Gov. Greg Abbott made on June 9 for individual assistance for the flood-affected counties of Austin, Brazoria, Brazos, Fort Bend, Grimes, Hidalgo, Hood, Montgomery, San

Jacinto, Travis, Waller and Washington.

Also granted was Public Assistance Category B — emergency protective measures — for local and state response costs and sheltering, Abbott said. "Texans can now begin the process of rebuilding their lives after experiencing some of the worst flooding in recent history," he added.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling

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## Sutton County Hospital District 2015 Audit

BY JOHN GRAVES, CEO  
SUTTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Ms. Deborah Whitley, CPA, BKD CPAs and Advisors, presented the Board of Directors the final audit results for calendar year 2015. Financial highlights were the district's net position decreased by \$236,352, or one percent in 2015 and increased by \$1,000,986, or four percent in 2014. Net non-operating revenues decreased by \$311,908, or 30 percent, in 2015 compared to 2014, and decreased by \$83,077, or seven percent, in 2014 compared to 2013. Although cash was up, net patient revenue actually decreased \$887,826. Operating expenses were slightly down \$54,391 from 2014. The district's net income for 2015 was \$138,095, which is down \$862,890 from 2014. Since 2012 net income has decreased \$2,107,983 dollars. The depletion or degradation of government sponsored programs was evident in the district received \$899,223 less in 2015 than in 2014. Without the government sponsored programs and tax revenue the district would have realized a net loss of \$1,251,017 and \$1,224,451 in 2014 and 2015, respectively. The audit report indicates the SCHD Net Days in Accounts Receivable run about 45 days on the average, the lowest compared to its peers—this is good. In 2015 the district collected an average of \$22,121 per day plus at much quicker pace than its peers, meaning the business office is doing a phenomenal job.

In light of mandated changes for the future specific to population health initiatives, value based reimbursement, chronic care management, etc., Ms. Whitley stated concerns of the district not moving fast enough towards developing a strategy to meet those changes, which are expected to be implemented no later than 2018. In comparison to its peers the district is behind in the transition. Ms. Whitley provided a summary of an audit review of rural health clinics in Texas, all tied to hospitals with less than 50 beds and all in Texas. Two primary indicators reviewed were physician compensation per visit and total direct costs per visit. Years 2013 through 2015 were reviewed. For Sonora the employed physician compensation per visit in 2015 was \$240.75, an upward change of 75 percent since 2013. Sonora's direct costs per visit in 2015 were \$214.62, an upward change of 20 percent since 2013. When comparing these costs to eleven of our peers, the average peer physician cost per visit was \$86.01 compared to Sonora's \$240.75, and direct costs comparison are \$126.75 and \$214.62, respectively for peer and Sonora. When comparing Sonora to a peer closest in size and population served, physician compensation per visit was \$83.21 and \$240.75 for the peer and the district, respectively. Direct cost comparison was \$152.22 and \$214.62 for the peer and Sonora, respectively.

The board of directors will need to review in more detail the audit results, 2016 mid-year budget review and consider major scenarios prior to approving the 2017 budget. If the citizens of Sutton County are interested in receiving a copy of the 2015 audit without charge please send a letter to the CFO, Mickey Schaefer, requesting a copy by email. We are happy to do so at no cost. The slides presented at the board meeting will and can be provided with the audit document.



## Obama on Orlando: It's All About the Guns

It did not take long for President Barack Obama to inject a plea for more gun control in his reaction to the Orlando terror massacre. In his five-minute, no-questions-taken-statement, Obama said: "Today marks the most deadly shooting in American history. The shooter was apparently armed with a handgun and a powerful assault rifle. This massacre is therefore a further reminder of how easy it is for someone to get their hands on a weapon that lets them shoot people in a school, or in a house of worship, or a movie theater, or in a nightclub. And we have to decide if that's the kind of country we want to be. And to actively do nothing is a decision as well."

What specific new gun law would have prevented this mass murder, Obama didn't say. And that "assault rifles" — or fully automatics — are already outlawed did not matter to the president.

The issue of whether we should be concerned about immigrants and the children of immigrants from Arab, Afghan and Muslim countries did not make the cut on the list of the president's concerns. The killer was born in America; his parents came from Afghanistan. The children of immigrants from certain countries seem to be particularly ripe for "radicalization." And in Britain and Europe, polls show that many young Muslims express support for suicide attacks.

At the first post-massacre press conference by Orlando officials, members of law enforcement said they didn't know the killer's motive, or whether he was inspired by domestic or international terrorism. But a Muslim cleric appeared at the press conference and proceeded to tell us to refrain from "rushing to judgment." Why was an imam speaking at a press conference if the authorities, at that time, were clueless about whether this massacre had to do with radical Islam? This imam, by the way, had previously linked the 9/11 terror attacks to the "radicalization" among Middle Eastern youth following the U.S. Persian Gulf war. Is this one of the so-called "moderate" Muslim clerics on whom we rely to dissuade young Muslims from becoming "radicalized?"

In April, an imam, reportedly living in Iran, visited an Orlando mosque. Prior to this visit, this imam had not only denounced gays but also said that killing them would be an act of mercy: "Death is the sentence. ... We have to have that compassion for people with homosexuals. It's the same. Out of compassion, let's get rid of them now." Orlando's mass murder, like many before, occurred in a gun-free zone. Florida law prohibits concealed carry in premises where alcohol is served. So the murderer knew that, apart from light security — he had allegedly

visited the club several times before — his rampage would not be stopped by armed civilians.

The killer's father claims his son was repulsed and angry when he saw two men kissing. Yet apart from reports of him visiting this gay club several times over as many as three years, the killer also used a gay dating app. Was he a repressed homosexual, feeling at war with his anti-gay religious views?

So far, we know this about the killer: His first wife claimed he beat her. His father hosted an Afghan satellite TV show and had a YouTube channel that expressed pro-Taliban views. The killer worked for a private contractor that also provides security services for the departments of Homeland Security and State. His job allowed him access to and legal ownership of firearms. His contractor assigned him to work security at a gated retirement community and a St. Lucie County courthouse.

Apparently because of pro-radical Islamic statements he made to co-workers and contact with a known terrorist, the FBI had interviewed him on a couple of occasions. FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Ronald Hopper said the killer's statements and "minimal" terrorist contact warranted no further action. FBI Director James Comey defended his agency's investigations, and said he was "highly confident" the killer was radicalized by watching Islamic extremism on the Internet. "There are strong indications of radicalization by this killer and of potential inspiration by foreign terrorist organizations," said Comey.

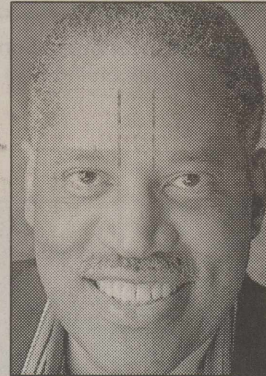
Our First and Second Amendment rights protected the killer. And in this case, there are more questions than answers. But as a police officer friend told me as this massacre unfolded, "People live in a fantasy world if they think the police will protect them. The person best capable of protecting you — is you." And for some three hours, this nightclub was a shooting gallery.

Just once when Obama calls for yet more gun control, will a reporter ask: "Mr. President, how often do American use firearms to defend themselves? And if defensive uses outnumber the times guns are illegally used to kill and maim, why would you want more restrictions?" Just once.

The media insisted that Orlando was the worst "shooting attack" in American history. No one calls 9/11 the worst "airplane attack" in American history. It's the radical Islam, stupid.

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### In My Opinion



Larry Elder

## When Television Got to Big Lake

Not much goes on in Big Lake without Louise Matthews having something to do with it.

"Our life has been very, very busy for everything that you have ever heard of in your life," she says. "We've always done it or helped out doing it or financing some of it or whatever."

Louise, who is 86, has had a Hallmark card shop in Big Lake for more than fifty years. When she decided to get into the business, she contacted Hallmark and requested information about becoming part of the franchise. She never heard back. She was in a Hallmark store in San Angelo months later and noticed a man with an open briefcase talking to one of the clerks near the cash register. Louise asked the man if he was from Hallmark and he said he was. She told the man she had sent a letter to Hallmark requesting affiliation but had not had a reply. The man reached into his briefcase, pulled out a letter and said, "Is this it?" Sure enough it was and Louise was on her way to having a Hallmark store.

Her husband is a resourceful man. He brought TV to town. "Well there was no TV in Big Lake. We were too far away from the stations. So my husband put up this tower out here. It was 150 feet tall and he was able to pick up TV signals from Midland, Odessa and Monahans and transmit it out here in Big Lake. We had to put up a little square antenna on each house and a box receiver on the TV. Customers paid \$3.75 a month for the service. And we still made a living. That lasted for many years and then the satellites came in so we lost that job. Who would have ever thought that television signals would come out from space? Unreal."

The business had a truck with the words CALL ME FOR TV painted on it. "Our phones rang all the time. I was really busy then. I was raising four sons, was a Cub Scout den mother and worked at the church. When we went to Comstock and they saw our truck and read the words about TV on it, our phone just rang and rang and rang. We put a tower in Comstock, 250 feet tall. When my son came home from college he'd climb that tower and change the light bulb at the top. We had to make sure the light was on so a plane wouldn't hit the tower. Before we put up that tower, people in Comstock would go to Del Rio and rent a motel room to watch a football game."

Louise and her husband opened a store and sold televisions. They sold the Zenith brand because it had a gold-plated tuner. She said fumes from oil wells caused other tuners to corrode up and not work. They had the first color television in Big Lake. It was a curiosity to her friends and neighbors.

"On holidays they came to my house. One Sunday I had 32 people in my living room to see color television. That was brand new. We had just black and white to begin with."

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## Mexican Needlegrass Making a Stand

In the rangeland world, we usually view grass as a positive.

It offers grazing and helps stabilize soil, as well as aids in rainfall infiltration.

However, not all grass is good.

There is a grass invading our rangelands which we ought to try to eradicate.

I believe it to be Mexican needlegrass (*Nassella tenuissima*) which also goes by the name Mexican feather grass.

It has been spotted on the southeastern part of the county.

I have read that USDA considers it native to the mountains of west Texas and eastern New Mexico, but other sources dispute the native status.

However, it IS native to Mexico, Chile, and

Argentina. Mexican needlegrass was probably brought in to our area as an ornamental grass and then escaped and is on the way to threatening natural habitat.

Why is the grass a threat?

It has a high fiber content and a low nutritive value.

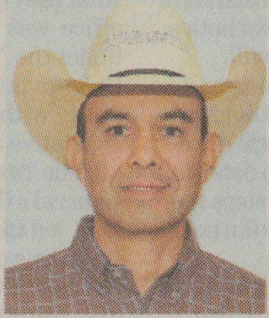
More importantly, Mexican needlegrass has sharp, coarse leaves which deter grazing (thus the name needlegrass).

If livestock graze heavily on it, the grass forms indigestible balls in the stomach of the animal.

The animal may lose weight and die.

Curious about what this grass may look like? The photo below will help with identification.

For more information, please contact the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101.



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## 2015 Miss Sutton County



Kylie Reiner

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Submitted by Diane Reiner

Miss Kylie Reiner, daughter of Stacey and Diane Reiner and sister to Trent, is the 2015-2016 reigning Miss Sutton County.

Kylie, a senior at Sonora High School, is active in a variety of activities including FFA showing goats, volleyball, cheerleading, and golf.

She is a three-peat SHS varsity golf player, as well as, State Champion.

Kylie's future plans include attend college in the Lubbock area and playing Collegiate golf.

In addition to spending time and vacations with her friends and family, Kylie enjoys playing with her pets.

As the reigning Miss Sutton County, Kylie has participated in parades, grand openings, and the 2015 Sutton County Game Dinner Association.

Kylie is thankful for the amazing amount of support she received from family, friends, and the Sonora community.

## SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 6/23	Fri 6/24	Sat 6/25	Sun 6/26	Mon 6/27
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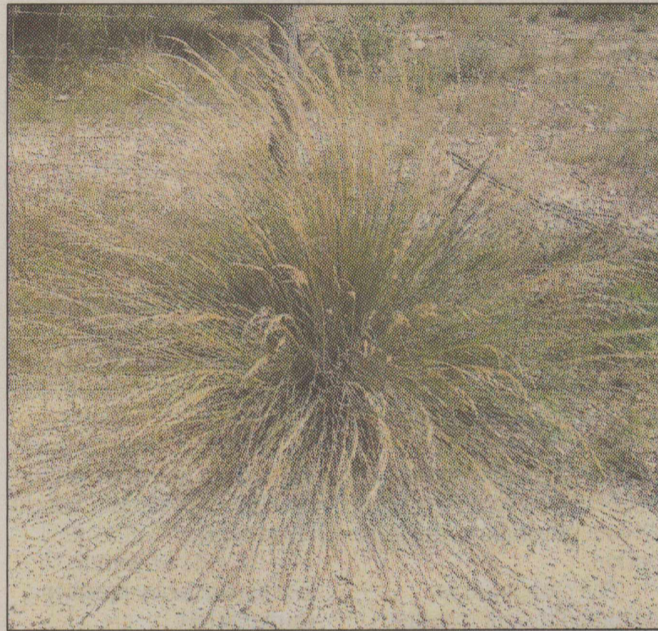
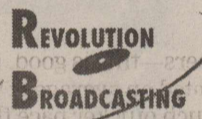
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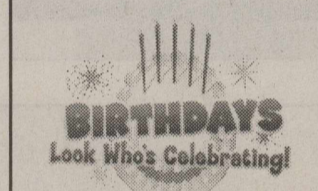
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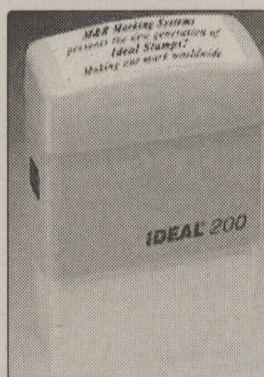
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May	2.70 in.	May	5.31 in.
April	2.58 in.	April	2.95 in.
March	3.39 in.	March	2.62 in.
February	0.77 in.	February	1.04 in.
January	0.36 in.	January	0.38 in.
2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	11.96 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	14.92 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

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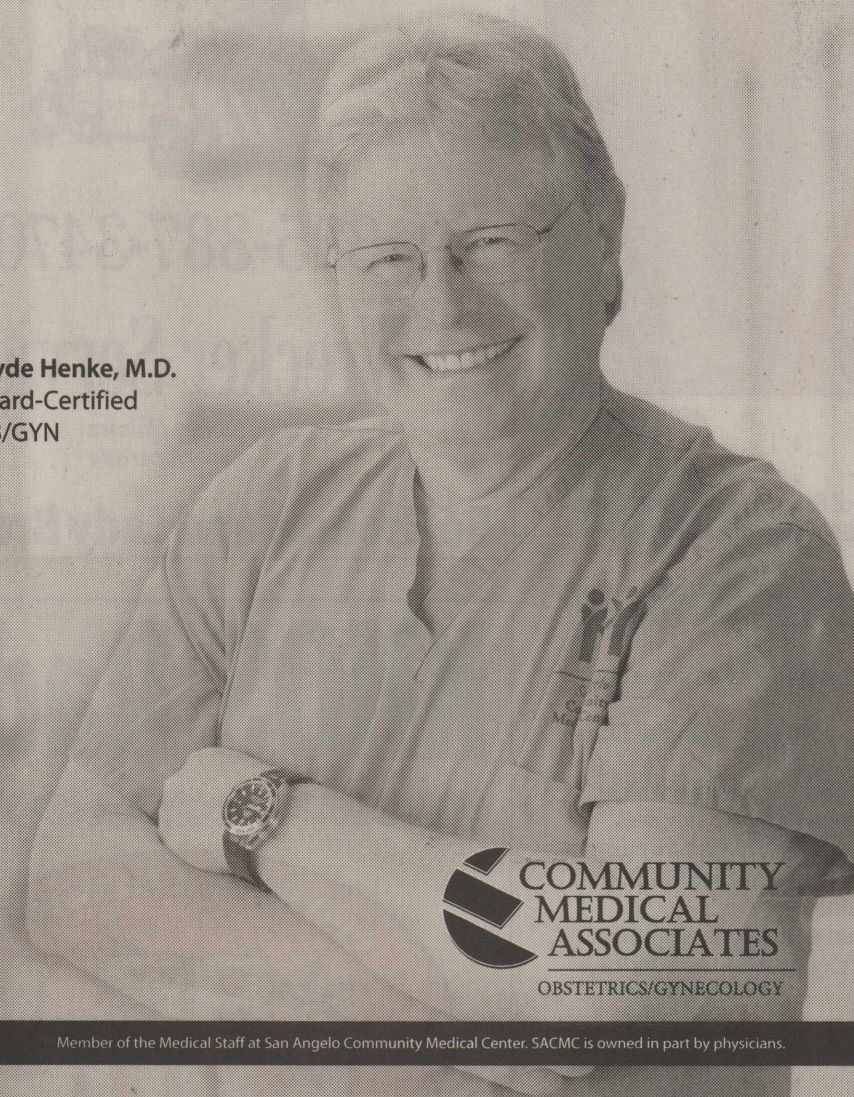
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## Texas to Block Car Registration for Child Support Evaders

By Madlin Mekeburg, The Texas Tribune

The Texas Attorney General's Office has found a new way to punish parents who are behind on child support payments: blocking their vehicle registration renewal.

The agency plans to employ the new tool beginning this fall against parents who haven't paid child support for at least six months. The attorney general's office is already able to revoke driver's, professional or recreational licenses of evaders, but the agency said adding vehicle registration should shore up compliance.

"We're going to use every tool that we can to collect support that is due to children and families, and that's why this initiative is being pursued," said Janece Rolfe, a spokeswoman for the Child Support Division, in an interview last week.

But some family law attorneys question whether the policy will actually make it even tougher for some parents to catch up on their payments. Tim Mahoney, an Austin-based attorney who frequently litigates child support cases, said in his experience, most cases of overdue child support arise when a parent can't afford to make the payments they owe, not because they're actively avoiding them.

"I think it's really bad in terms of public policy," he said. "Because if you're wanting people to pay child support, it would be really good if you could provide them with the means to earn a living."

The new measure will apply to vehicle registrations up for renewal beginning in

December, according to Rolfe. Those Texans with at least six months in unpaid child support payments can expect to learn about the potential roadblock in September in their standard three-month renewal notice. Rolfe said parents will also receive a letter from the Child Support Division ahead of their vehicle registration's expiration date with information about steps they can take to remove the hold on their renewal.

"The goal, obviously, is not to keep people from working or getting to work, but it is to gain compliance with court orders and to get support and money to children," Rolfe said. Parents will not be required to pay the total amount they owe in order to have the hold released.

"However, a payment arrangement must be made and fulfilled," she added in an email. "There is a dedicated phone line parents can call to make payment arrangements."

The agency's new enforcement tool is not the result of a recent bill passed by state lawmakers. Rather, Rolfe said the Attorney General's Office

is "required by law to establish, enforce and modify child support orders" and opted to expand the ways it can pressure child support scofflaws to pay off what they owe. She said the office was within its rights under the Texas Family Code to institute such a policy without seeking new legislative approval.

The Texas Attorney General's Office has long led the nation in collecting child support payments. On Monday, the office issued a press release boasting that Texas had collected "more than \$3.869 billion" in the past fiscal year and collected more money in child support than any state in the past nine years.

Cheryl Alsdor, a Houston-based attorney, said she was concerned with the reach of the policy because, unlike revoking certain licenses, there is no state requirement for an administrative or judicial hearing to determine whether the renewal should be denied.

"I think it's a great way to get someone's attention

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## DANGERS:

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by almost 20 degrees.

To reduce deaths from heatstroke, Safe Kids USA has launched a campaign titled ACT, which stands for: Avoid heatstroke-related injury, Create reminders, and Take action.

The campaign is designed to link together these simple heatstroke prevention steps.

It is important that parents and caregivers are on alert to avoid a heatstroke death and that they share the ACT campaign steps with spouses, grandparents, babysitters and other caregivers.

Any change in schedule for drop-off or pickup of a child can lead to a deadly mistake. In more than half of the cases of heatstroke, the death was due to the child being "forgotten" by the caregiver.

Such deaths are preventable when parents take precautions to make sure that children are not left alone in vehicles and cannot gain access to unlocked vehicles.

Although many parents may think that this will never happen to them, it is a tragedy that can and has happened to many families.

Jessica Stapper, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent, Sutton County reminds parents to be extra vigilant to make sure that children are never left alone in or around parked vehicles.

Follow these safety tips in this article to be sure that children cannot be harmed in a vehicle.

**Children Left in Hot Vehicles**

- Never leave infants or children in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open.

- Make a habit of looking in the vehicle — front and back — before locking the door and walking away.

- Carefully check all seats in the van or bus to make sure there are no children sleeping on the seats or hiding under seats.

- Do not let children play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that a vehicle is not a play area.

- Check with the family when a child does not show up for day care to be sure a parent has not forgotten a child in their vehicle.

- Always lock vehicle doors and trunks, and keep

keys out of children's reach.

- If a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk or storage area.

- If a child is in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible. Cool the child rapidly.

- Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately

**Children around Parked Vehicles**

- Walk all the way around your parked vehicle to check for children, pets, or toys before getting in the car and starting the engine.

- Make sure young children are always accompanied by an adult when getting in and out of a car.

- Identify and use safe play areas for children away from parked or moving vehicles.

- Designate a safe spot for children to go when nearby vehicles are about to move.

- Firmly hold the hand of each child when walking near moving vehicles and when in driveways, parking lots or sidewalks.

- Teach children not to play in and around vehicles.

**Children Left in Running Vehicles**

- Lock vehicles at all times, even in the garage or driveway.

- Never leave keys in the car.

- Store keys out of children's reach.

- Engage your emergency brake every time you park.

- Check to see if your vehicle has a Brake Transmission Safety Interlock (BTSI), which is a safety technology to prevent children from accidentally putting a vehicle into gear.

Check your owner's manual to see if your vehicle is equipped with BTSI.

After Sept. 1, 2010, all vehicles with an automatic transmission with a PARK position must have BTSI.

- Use drive-thru services when available. Use your debit or credit card to pay for gas at the pump.

- Lock the power windows so that children cannot play with and cannot get caught in them.

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Following these safety tips can make all the difference in avoiding needless tragedy.

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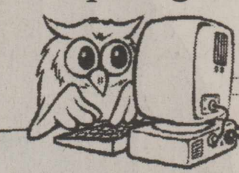
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## Man Dies in Crockett County Crash

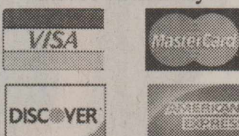
A San Angelo man died following a one vehicle crash near Ozona Sunday evening, June 19th. The driver, Randy Lloyd of San Angelo, was driving a 2015 Mack Tractor Truck when he rolled, suffering fatal injuries as a result. Lloyd was traveling southbound on County Road 205, about 25 miles north of Ozona, at about 8:52 p.m. He entered a curve at an unsafe speed, left the roadway and rolled onto the side.

The posted speed limit is 55 mph. Lloyd was pronounced at the scene by Justice of the Peace Evelyn Kerbow. He was not wearing a seatbelt. Weather and road conditions were not a factor in the crash. The crash was investigated by Trooper Nancy Mata, Sonora. Also, Trooper Castulo Bilano, DPS Ozona, Trooper Rito Renteria, DPS Ozona and Trooper Robert Reagan, DPS Sonora assisted.

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### ACROSS

1. Fully absorbed
5. Beehive, e.g.
9. Boxer Roberto
14. Exploitative type
15. \_\_\_ tide
16. Old Rodeo maker
17. Popular cuisine
18. Peace
19. French toast
20. People with metal detectors
23. Actor Tom
25. WWII admiral
26. "\_\_\_ Tunes"
27. Humble
29. Russian mountains
30. Ring sport
31. Cartesian conclusion
34. Think tank, e.g.
38. Yearbook sect.
39. "Othello" fellow
40. Nonsensical
41. Shills for, e.g.
43. Bordeaux wine
44. Pitch to the noggin
47. "\_\_\_ to go, people to see"

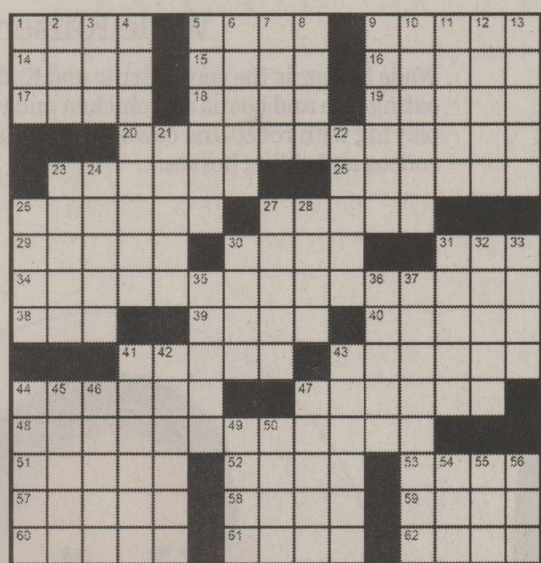
### DOWN

1. Furrow
2. Blond shade
3. Shooter ammo
4. Court of justice
5. Apprehensive
6. Christmas wish
7. 100-meter, e.g.
8. Fuel grp.
9. Cheerless
10. In a convenient way
11. Wears the crown

### DOWN

12. Sky-blue
13. Cracked
21. "Old MacDonald" letters
22. "Outta sight!"
23. Hue
24. Old newspaper sections
26. Pool exercise
27. Breathing organs
28. Novel of the South Seas
30. Trick-taking game
31. Challenge opener
32. Dancer De Mille
33. Convene
35. Food Network's Guy
36. Flowering shrub
37. Putting into effect
41. Feeble
42. Embellish
43. Saw
44. Squib
45. Stand for something
46. Kipling's wolf pack leader
47. Rainbow maker
49. Wrapped (up)
50. Nirvana, e.g.
54. Expanse
55. Fall behind
56. Period

### SWIMMING HOLES



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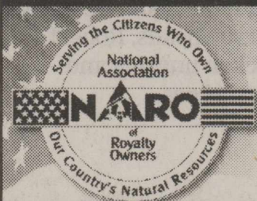
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*Kenziee Bryant*

Kenziee Bryant is the daughter of Curtis and Angie Bryant. Her interests include fingernail polish and makeup. Kenzie enjoys Nutella toast and her favorite toys include a toy flower and her newborn baby.



*Abigail Gill*

Abigail Gill is the daughter of Ryan and Shannon Gill. Her favorite toys include a kitchen set with pretend food. Abigail enjoys eating fruit and playing with toys, and friends. Also, she likes coloring and "reading".



*Jocelyn Campa*

Jocelyn Campa is the daughter of Martin Campa and Selena Mesa. Her favorite foods include macaroni & cheese, pizza and spaghetti. Jocelyn likes to swim, ride bikes and play with her kitty. Her favorite toys include her dolls, bike, Barbie and cars.



*Brook Kaiser*

Brook Kaiser is the daughter of Ernie and Kodi Kaiser. She enjoys playing with pig toys. Her favorite food includes beef tips & rice. Brook likes working on the ranch and creating art.

# Little Miss

The Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County contest, sponsored by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, is the highlight of Sutton County Days.

All boys and girls, ages 3-6 years, prior to the start of Sutton County Days are eligible to show off their talent and adorability.

Getting involved in all of the festivities, contestants ride on a float during the parade, charming patrons as they pass through downtown Sonora.

The most challenging part of their competition comes when they are interviewed by a panel of three judges. All judges are chosen to be neutral, residing out of town or new to the community.

Little Miss and Little Mr. contestants are judged on their appearance, personality and answers to questions including their parent's names, favorite

food, and what they like to do.

Although, their parents complete a questionnaire, the kids have been known to change the answers last minute.

Additionally, contenders may entertain with a dance or singing while playing an instrument or acappella.

Ten youngsters, five girls and five boys, are competing for the 2016 title of Little Miss and Little Mr.

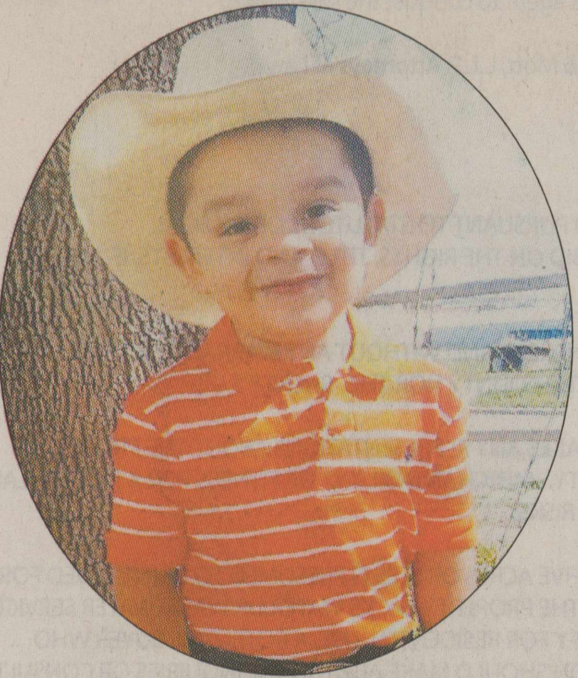
Upon winning, each will receive a trophy, Little Miss Sutton County will receive flowers, a sash and a tiara, donated by Holland's Jewellery and Little Mr. Sutton County will receive a belt buckle.

Also, the front-runners are featured during the Saturday night Rodeo performance, as well as, participate in a variety of events including grand openings and parades, throughout the year.



*Morrigan Starr*

Morrigan Starr is the daughter of Brandy Starr. She enjoys eating spaghetti and playing with her Elsa doll. Also, Morrigan likes gymnastics and playing games on the iPad.



*Marcus Onofre*

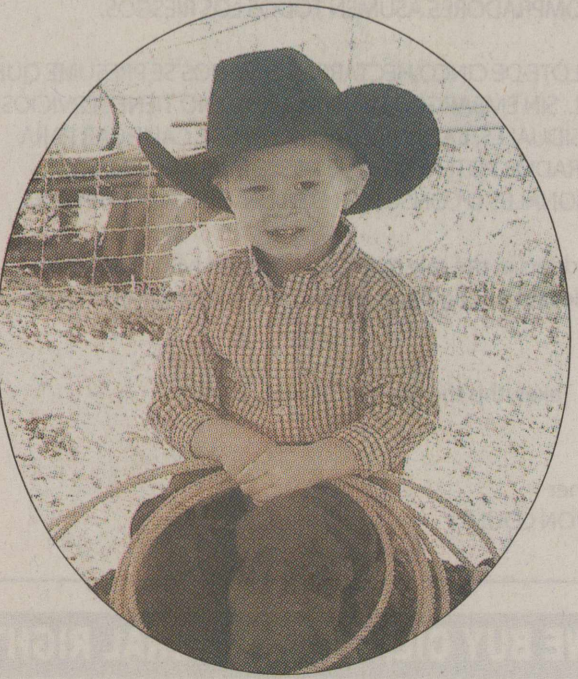
Marcus Onofre is the son of Shelby Onofre. He enjoys eating rice, beans, chicken & fideo with meat. Marcus likes playing outside, going fishing with Roland and being with grandpa. His favorite toys include trains, tow trucks, hot wheels, cranky and paw patrol.



*Wade Kaiser*

Wade Kaiser is the son of Ernie and Kodi Kaiser. He likes eating rice and beans and chicken and rice. Wade enjoys playing with rodeo and cowboy toys. Also, he enjoys rodeos and riding horses.

# Little Mr.



*Zane Gray*

Zane Gray is the son of Justyn and April Gray. He enjoys eating steak. Zane like horses and roping. Also, his favorite toy is a horse.



*Robert (Jr) Zook*

Robert Zook is the son of Robert and Irma Zook. He enjoys shooting with dad and looking for arrowheads. Robert's favorite foods include corn dogs, chicken nuggets and hamburgers. His favorite toy is superheroes.



*Kayden Patlan*

Kayden Patlan is the son of Kyle Patlan and Evelyn Solis. He enjoys eating hot pockets. Kayden likes playing with his Ninja turtle, Michelangelo. Also, he enjoys running, jumping, playing with toys, wrestling with dad and watching spider movies.



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**CHILD SUPPORT:**

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to pay their child support because they're going to lose the right to drive their vehicle," she said. "But on the other hand, my concern would be that the state would have authority to deny their registration without due process, without a judge having considered both sides or both opinions of the state and the obligor who has to pay." "If you're wanting people to pay child support, it would be really good if you could provide them with the means to earn a living." — Tim Mahoney, an Austin-based attorney.

Texas drivers are required to renew their vehicle registration once a year. Last year, the state launched its "Two Steps, One Sticker" program allowing vehicle registration stickers to also serve as proof of vehicle inspection. The state charges a base registration fee of \$50.75, and local counties often include an additional fee.

Rolfe said the initiative only applies to vehicle registration renewals. Individuals who would be denied renewal under the measure would still be able to register a new vehicle, a caveat Mahoney said could adversely affect certain populations.

"This kind of policy attacks people with less resources than rich people," he said. "If you've got enough money to go out and buy a new car, it doesn't influence your ability to get a new registration."

In addition to financial concerns, Mahoney said when the state resorts to revoking licenses, it can have drastic consequences.

"I've just seen way too many instances of where people cannot overcome the hurdle of having your driver's license revoked [or] professional licenses revoked,

and they don't always have the wherewithal to go back and get them reinstated, so it ends up being kind of a permanent disability," Mahoney said.

But Leslie Hope, a Dallas-based attorney who handles family law cases, said she has never seen a child support case where the Attorney General's Office tried to revoke a parent's driver's or professional license and wondered why the state doesn't make more use of that enforcement mechanism.

"I think revoking a driver's license would be a much more effective tool than the vehicle registration," she said. "But I guess it can't really hurt. It's just one more avenue. I think what people will start doing is putting vehicles in other people's names to avoid having that problem."

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**Governor invites CDC**

Gov. Abbott on June 15 invited the Atlanta-based U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to send personnel to Texas to review the Lone Star State's Zika Virus Preparedness and Response Plan.

Abbott urged the CDC to approve requests for three important projects to assist in funding Texas' Zika response plan:

- \$1.5 million to support Zika preparedness and response efforts;
- \$360,000 to support Zika-related birth outcomes surveillance; and
- \$9.2 million to strengthen epidemiology and laboratory capacity and improve health information systems.

"With the benefit of the CDC assets on the ground in Texas working with the Texas Department of State Health Services and our Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response, we can ensure that we are developing and implementing the strongest possible Zika virus response," Abbott said.

**No borrowing necessary**

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 14 announced that Texas, for the second consecutive year, would not have to borrow money to meet its cash flow needs.

Sound fiscal management, conservative budgeting and responsible stewardship of the state's \$9.66 billion Economic Stabilization ("rainy day") Fund will allow the state to manage cash-flow challenges without issuing Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes for fiscal 2017, Hegar said.

Such notes had been used to deal with "anticipated mismatches" in funding that came primarily

from the state's providing nearly 50 percent of its payments to local school districts in the first three months of the fiscal year.

"Texas' diverse and dynamic economy has weathered this downturn in energy prices significantly better than other energy-producing states, meaning we still have the ability to do the fiscally responsible thing and avoid unnecessary borrowing," Hegar added.

**Jobless rate stays same**

The Texas Workforce Commission on June 17 reported that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.4 percent in May.

While Texas has added an estimated 171,800 seasonally adjusted jobs over the past year with the addition of only 200 non-farm jobs in May, the state has added jobs in 13 of the last 14 months.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, the national unemployment rate average currently stands at 4.7 percent.

**AG division leads nation**

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on June 13 said his office's Child Support Division ranks first in the nation in child support collections.

The division collected some \$3.87 billion in child support for the federal fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 2015.

Paxton cited the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement Fiscal Year 2015 Preliminary Data Report released in April, which lists Texas first among 54 states, territories and districts for: amount of child support collected; amount of child support collected per employee; and cost effectiveness.

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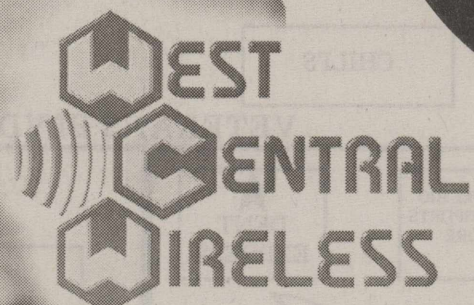
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## All-Stars



The Sonora All-Stars placed 2nd in the Ozona All-Star Baseball Tournament on June 12th. Selected by team coaches, eight of the top players are chosen to participate in the All-Star team. Pictured above are (Front L-R) Bat Boy Aaron Galvan, Jonathan Galvan, Jaime Buitron, Frankie Ortiz, Adam Sanchez, Tanner Flanagan and Bat Boy Ryan Mungia; (Middle Row L-R) Sean Mungia, Tyler Walthers, Mario De La Fuente, Ivan Fuentes and Ari DeLuna; (Back L-R) Coaches Anthony Mungia, Felix Galvan, Mike Walthers and Tiger Duran. | COURTESY PHOTO

## Gomez Named Director of Clinical Services for Alvis F. Johnson Home Health and Hospice

By Sarah Teaff

In May, 2015 the Sutton County Hospital District received their license from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services certifying the district to manage and operate a local home health agency. Plans for the agency began well before the official licensing.

When it was time to name a Director of Clinical Services, the hospital district chose to look internally; and they didn't have to look far.

Pat Gomez, RN, BSN, has worked in health care for over 25 years, starting out as a nurse in the

newborn nursery at Providence Memorial Hospital in El Paso, TX.

She received her LVN Nursing Certificate in 1998, eventually receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2011.

Pat has been with the hospital district for many years working on the hospital nursing floor.

Currently, Pat is the Director of Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehab and the district's Community Outreach Nurse, working with the district's 1115 Waiver programs. It is in her role in outreach that Pat has found her calling.

Patient education is

very important to her work as a nurse and she has found that home health and hospice services will allow her to follow her passion for patient education, rehab, and wellness.

We are incredibly proud of the team we have put together and will be highlighting each member of the Alvis F. Johnson Home Health and Hospice each week.

If you are interested in home health or hospice, please call Sarah at 325-387-1201 or email her at steaff@sonora-hospital.org or call Pat at 325-387-1250. You can also call the hospital's main number 325-387-2521.

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aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

"During the past six months, these 123 men and women have risen to every challenge; and today, they join the front line protecting this state against the full gamut of public safety threats," said Director McCraw. "Thank you for your courageous commitment to serving the people of Texas, and DPS is pleased to have you carry on the legacy of this premier law enforcement organization built on integrity, excellence, accountability and teamwork."

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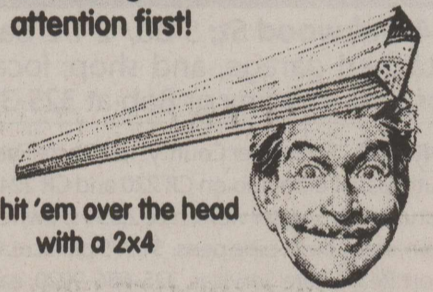
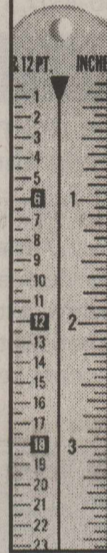


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