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Program against repeat offenders needed: Cisneros

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO - Mayor Henry Cisneros is billing an intensive campaign to retire career criminals as the "highest priority" in the next nunicipal budget.

City officials say the multimilliondollar war on crime employs in-creased police surveillance with so-phisticated equipment, undercover informants and sting operations to atch repeat offenders.

"The goal is simple: convict them and send them away for a long time," said Bexar County District Attorney Sam Millsap. "I think we'll convict more of these maggots and send them away if we concentrate our resources as the mayor and I have suggested."

The campaign to target suspected criminals for intensive investigation and prosecution is patterned on a successful Washington, D.C. program, officials said.

Authorities said plans for San An-tonio's repeat offender project call for 40 to 50 officers to be detailed or surveillance of people whom poice believe will commit crimes. Officials said the project will cost

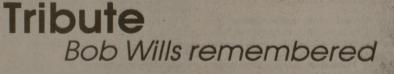
about \$2.3 million in the first year. In addition to a special 40-man police unit, the program involves a team of assistant district attorneys who would work with police on iden-tifying likely targets, bringing them in and prosecuting them successfully.

Prosecutors will, however, study legal and constitutional questions that may arise from targeting known criminals for special treatment by authorities.

authorities. "What we're doing right now is dealing with this from a 'legal' stand-point, not a 'civil liberties' stand-point," Millsap said. "We're looking at what is permissable under the law. As district attorney, I'll be guided to the answers to that question." Four San Antonio officials will go to Washington this week to observe

to Washington this week to observe the three-year-old Repeat Offender Processing and Enforcement pro-

Its head, Inspector Edward Spur-lock, said ROPE employs 60 officers. Both officers and informants made extensive use of taping targets in the act of committing or planning a crime



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TURKEY, Texas — Thousands of die-hard fans braved a rainy weekend to pay tribute to the king of western swing during the 14th an-nual Bob Wills Day celebration.

About 5,000 gathered Saturday for a parade, barbecue and musical performances by the Original Texas Playboys, all of whom were with Wills when he shot to stardom in the 1930s

1930s. "I saw a note on the back of a Bob Wills record album about this event and being somewhat of a Bob Wills freak, I came on down," said Dave Kinnaman of Denver, Colo. Bill Wakefield, a jazz student at Amarillo College, said he has at-tended the Bob Wills Day cele-bration since he was 8 years old. "It's kind of a traditional thing," he said. "I like this style of music. It's proof of what good country music

proof of what good country music can be.

Betty Wills, the singer's widow, said the crowds come year after year to this southeastern Texas Panhandle town, where Wills developed his distinctive style.

"They enjoy getting together and swapping old stories about Bob." she

said. "Regardless of the weather to-day, they like to just get out here and have a good time." Following Wills' death in 1975, Mrs. Wills was faced with the prob-lem of trying to keep the true sound of the Texas Playboys. Many groups claimed to be part of the group. Her efforts eventually led to the formation of the Original Texas Playboys that performed Saturday in Turkey.

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Prior to the performance Satur-day, Mrs. Wills reminisced about her husband. She said she first met Wills in 1941 when she went to her first public dance at the Cains Academy in Tulsa, Okla.

"I'd gone up to the front of the stage where he was playing to re-quest a song," she said. "When he finished, he leaned over and asked 'What can I do for you, little lady?' When I went to tell him I couldn't promember the name of the area." remember the name of the song.

After making arrangements through mutual friends, Bob and Betty met backstage after the performance. After nearly eight months of dating, they were married in the spring of 1942, she said.

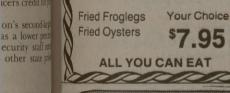


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Associated Press CORPUS CHRISTI — A funeral and repaired their bikes in the parkchapel resounded with country- inglot. western music and bikers filled the parking lot as members of the Ban-didos Motorcycle Club paid their last

the country gathered Saturday to es-cort the body of Alvin Chester "Big Al" Frakes to the airport and a final trip home.

Frakes, 46, national president of the motorcycle club, died April 23 after a seven-year bout with cancer. His body was flown to his hometown

Some people passed out religious

"One of the hardest things I've ever had to do is explain my feelings for Big Al," said club member Ron-

respects to their leader. nie Hodge during the eulogy. "I More than 200 bikers from across never met anyone who met him whose life was not affected. He was a unique person."

> Frakes' wife Susan said she was touched by the service.

"I am very pleased with the turn-out and I don't even like bikes," she Tuesday. Shown to institute buried said. "There were people from all walks of life here, and they all knew him for what he was.'

Expert disapproves sterilizing in exchange for free health care

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HOUSTON — A demographics expert says he opposes a Houston lawmaker's proposal that impov-erished mothers be sterilized in exchange for free medical care.

James William Brackett, director James William Brackett, director of policy studies for the Population Institute in Washington, D.C., said family planning and birth control counseling are better approaches. State Rep. Brad Wright, R-Hous-ton, recently proposed that poor, pregnant women voluntarily un-derror unbal ligations if they get tax

dergo tubal ligations if they get taxsupported medical care.

Brackett said studies show most people in nations throughout the world would use birth control if it were available to them.

"We're interested in encouraging countries to provide family planning services so individual couples can determine the number and spacing of their children," he said.

A recent World Fertility Survey of

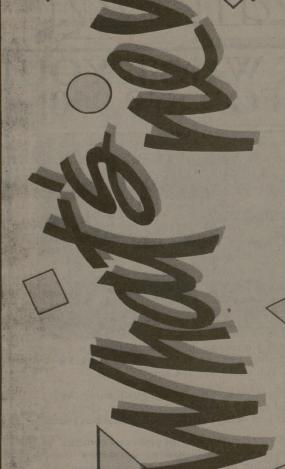
women in 41 developing countries showed 50 percent of the women did not want any more children and 25 percent wanted to delay pregnancy.

Brackett said that in most coun-tries, birth rates decreased after the government offered family planning services.

Mexico, for example, began fam-ily planning services in 1973.

At that time, they became quite concerned about the problems of urbanization, pollution in the cities, unemployment and so on, and they launched a family planning pro-gram," he said. "Within 10 years, the birth rate dropped by one-third.

In some African nations, a woman must give birth to six children in hopes that one son will survive. Brackett said the United States has funded international family planning programs since 1968 and Congress has budgeted \$290 million for the program this year.



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