

Police Beat

The following were reported to the University Police Department from June 10 through Monday:

HARRASSMENT:
 • A student reported that several students squirted her with water while she was riding her bicycle by the Albritton Tower. She stated that the students then laughed at her and drove away in a pickup. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and said a letter of apology would be written.

TERRORISTIC THREATS:
 • A student reported that he received an anonymous call and was advised that a bomb had been planted in his house.

• A student reported that he received three phone calls of a bomb being planted in his apartment.

ASSAULT:
 • A student reported that one of the girls attending the basketball camp on campus was struck by a water balloon thrown from the third floor of a dorm by a white male.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION:

• A student reported that someone entered his room in Haas Hall and removed a part of his coin collection.

• A student reported that someone entered his dorm room and removed \$120 in cash.

Conference of mayors names San Antonio as best place to live

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Ten million people each year think San Antonio is a nice place to visit and now the nation's mayors believe it is the best place to live.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors honored San Antonio as the nation's most livable city over 100,000, citing Mayor Henry G. Cisneros for leadership in creating an Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee and adopting a Historic Landmarks District Ordinance.

Cisneros, who was with his wife, Mary Alice, and their ill newborn son, was unable to attend the meeting in Nashville, Tenn., where the award was given Monday.

"All of us in San Antonio take pride in our people and our community, and we are pleased and honored to receive this national recognition," Cisneros said in a statement.

City officials credited the 40-year-old Hispanic mayor for spurring economic development as the state

struggles to diversify its petroleum-based economy.

Acting city Mayor Alex Briseno said, "San Antonio is a livable place, a city that identifies with its cultural heritage, encourages art activities and historic preservation and does it within the context of a dynamic growing city."

The city was founded in 1718 when the Spanish viceroy wanted a halfway point between missions in East Texas and garrisons in northern Mexico.

Now, more than 10 million people visit San Antonio each year, pumping \$1 billion into the city's coffers. Many of those tourists have stayed, said Frances Schulschik, spokesman for the city's Visitors' and Convention Bureau.

Tourism is the city's number two industry behind the military.

The top tourist attractions are the River Walk, a winding park with restaurants along the San Antonio River, several Spanish missions, Mexican markets and the Alamo.

Judge decides to dismiss case against mayor

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Prosecutors were stunned Tuesday when Mayor Emilio Hernandez's defense attorneys produced surprise evidence that brought dismissal of a felony theft charge against the mayor.

"I've always said I know there's a God, and I've been vindicated," Hernandez said after state District Judge Darrell Hester dismissed the charge on the first day of testimony in the trial.

Hernandez, 56, was accused of using city funds to pay for election campaign brochures in 1983. The second-degree felony charge of theft by a public official could have brought a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

But as testimony was set to begin Tuesday morning, defense attorney Reynaldo Cantu met with special prosecutor Sharon MacRae in the judge's chambers and presented canceled checks and invoices showing that a supporter named Jamie Walker had paid for the campaign literature.

"It's unfortunate that this information couldn't have come to light earlier," Hester told the jurors before dismissing them.

He commended the special prosecutor for calling for dismissal of the case.

After Hester agreed to drop the charges, a crowd of the mayor's supporters in the courtroom cheered the outcome.

Defense attorney Cantu said "a sloppy investigation" had been conducted by the Texas Rangers, who have been probing allegations of city corruption since November, but have seen charge after charge dismissed.

"What is disturbing about all of this is that all it took to find this out

was to talk to the bookkeeper in charge of expenditures for the campaign," Cantu said.

The defense attorney said he plans to ask Attorney General Jim Mattox's office to look into the Rangers' investigation.

Asked why they did not present the exonerating evidence to the grand jury, defense attorney Eddie Medrano said, "The burden of proof is not ours."

Special prosecutor MacRae said she first learned of the defense's newly revealed evidence at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning, and was shocked.

"The evidence available to us at the time made it appear that the mayor had done something wrong," MacRae said.

"I have tried to be fair in this prosecution," the San Antonio attorney added. "I didn't come down here to railroad anybody."

The Brownsville mayor faces two more trials this summer: an aggravated perjury case on June 29 and a bribery trial on July 20.

Texas Ranger Rudy Rodriguez, who has coordinated the city hall probe, said he would welcome an examination of his investigation.

"They've got a good alibi," Rodriguez said. "A dead man can't testify," he added in an apparent reference to the shooting death of Carlos and Elizabeth Barrios.

Barrios fatally shot himself and his wife May 3 at a Texas Department of Public Safety office in San Antonio, where they had gone to speak with Rodriguez. Barrios, who worked at the print shop where the mayor's 1983 campaign brochures were produced, was considered a key witness for the prosecution's case.

Expert says domestic cotton industry is growing, looking better than ever

CONROE (AP) — The domestic cotton industry is booming and this year should be the second-best in the last two decades, a top industry official said Tuesday.

"Cotton is on the offense as never before," Earl W. Sears, executive vice president of the National Cotton Council, said at the annual National Cotton Outlook Conference. "I am so excited."

"The intrinsic good qualities of cotton are still unmatched in spite of the billions of dollars spent on research by man-made fibers. It is on this solid foundation that everything is built."

Sears said domestic mill consumption for the first quarter is up 39 per-

cent from a year ago. Cotton's share of the fiber market also is up three percentage points in the last two years, he said.

"And we were striving to hold our market share or avoid a loss," he said.

In addition, the U.S. cotton industry is doing well overseas as prices have become competitive in world markets.

"Foreign cotton acreage and production have declined for the second consecutive year," Sears said. "At the same time, world cotton consumption today is growing at an accelerated rate of more than 2 million bales a year. This combination of

events has made our exports skyrocket."

Sears credited some of the cotton resurgence to the 1985 Farm Act that guaranteed price protection for cotton growers.

"I can't say enough about how well the cotton program has worked for our commodity," he said. "What's more, if this five-year program is left intact, some economists project that cotton production over this period will increase by a total of 26 million bales."

The future also is promising, he said, with commitments for exports already strong for next year.

Sears said an advertising campaign, "Grown and Made in the US-

A," is contributing to the industry success.

"The campaign was initiated to right the wrongs caused to our industry and its suppliers by the flood of foreign cotton pouring into this country in the form of cotton textiles and apparel," he said.

At the same time, the industry has signed advertising agreements in Japan and Korea and similar pacts with Italy, France and the United Kingdom are nearly complete.

But Sears cautioned that the industry must continue to strive for efficiency, since government subsidies are threatened by moves to reduce the national budget deficit.

Bride injured, groom arrested at reception

ROSENBERG (AP) — A groom landed in jail and his bride ended up in a hospital after two dozen police officers swarmed into their wedding reception to quell a fracas that witnesses said had already been settled.

The groom and other members of the wedding party claim at least one of the officers responding to a sheriff deputy's distress call used excessive force when making nine arrests at the reception of Leticia Castanadas Arriaga and Pete Arriaga.

"They ruined everything," the 18-year-old bride said of her Saturday night reception attended by 250 people. "They ruined the whole party."

The groom's sister and brother-in-law have filed complaints against Fort Bend County Deputy O.J. Brown.

Fort Bend County Sheriff Gus George on Tuesday said, "We're taking some statements and we hope to wrap it up right now."

"It's a tough second-base call. All we can do is use good judgment and then stand by it."

Brown faces dismissal from the force, he said.

Felicita Arriaga, the bridegroom's mother, said there was a problem trying to get security guards for the dance, so one of the bride's brothers, Harris County sheriff's deputy Fred Gonzales, agreed to provide security.

The mother said the disturbance began when

Gonzales asked one of the groom's brothers, 21-year-old Modesto Arriaga Jr., for identification when he ordered a beer.

George said Gonzales asked Fort Bend County Deputy Scott Gill, who was at the hall visiting with the manager, for help and Gill called for backup.

About 24 officers from the sheriff's office and the Richmond and Rosenberg police departments rushed in.

"It got just plum out of hand," George said.

Leticia Arriaga, who said the matter had already been settled before the mob of officers arrived, said she was knocked in the head with a pair of handcuffs.

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