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Residents back curfew at public hearing



By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

An overwhelming majority of Hereford residents attending a public meeting Monday evening raised their hands in support of the city's proposed juvenile curfew ordinance. During an hour and a half meeting, approximately 90 persons listened to explanations of the proposal, enforcement of the ordinance and reasons for the City Commission to enact the ordinance.

Tenor of remarks made by participants indicated a belief that the ordinance may not go far enough.

"This is the best we can do," said Assistant City Attorney David Red. Mayor Bob Jossorand echoed the attorney's statement, saying, "We're treading close to violation of rights. This comes as close as we can."

The ordinance as written would place a curfew on juveniles age 16 and under.

Curfew hours would be 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. On weekends, hours would be 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Asked about enforcement of the ordinance, Jossorand responded, "We want it strictly enforced, applying to everyone, across the board."

Hereford Police Chief David Wagner reviewed statistics on juvenile offenses and said the ordinance is not a "catch-all."

Wagner observed that often, "it's the same kids over and over... they travel in groups and probably get in trouble together."

Police officers are hampered in their job now because they cannot take action when juveniles are found on the streets at night.

"We have had instances when we needed to defuse a situation but we couldn't take the kids home," added Wagner.

"This ordinance would place more responsibility on parents and guardians," Wagner said. Police also could respond to calls from store owners about juveniles on their premises during curfew hours, he added.

Red explained the history of the ordinance, noting that it is based on one passed in Dallas.

"It was declared unconstitutional by a federal judge on a suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union," Red said. "But, on appeal, the Fifth Circuit of Appeals upheld the ordinance."

The ACLU filed a writ to the U.S. Supreme Court, but it was denied.

Red said.

Questions to Red and the commission ranged from the amount of a fine, if a juvenile is cited for breaking the curfew, to accountability of parents of children cited.

A speaker observed that juveniles who are at home, "taking care of business," will not be affected by the ordinance.

A fine of \$75 would be levied on a first offense and doubled on a second offense, Red reported. On a third offense, juvenile authorities would be contacted.

Fault-finding with provisions of the ordinance centered on penalties for parents whose juveniles children are cited for the curfew violation.

Deaf Smith County Judge Tom Simons, attending as an interested citizen, answered a question about handling of juvenile offenses.

"Hearing cases on juveniles is very complicated," Simons declared. He added that he believes the curfew "is a step in the right direction."

"Some parents say they can't do anything with their children," said a speaker. "There are parents out there who have no control and want help."

Among remarks made by those attending the meeting were:

-- "Some kids will find places to hide and can run faster."

-- "It's high time we did something."

-- "Parents being hauled in and fined will make a difference."

-- "The only thing wrong is it (ordinance) does not have enough punch."

-- "This won't hurt honest people."

Vote causes postponement of meeting

The "town hall meeting" scheduled here Monday morning with Congressman Larry Combest was cancelled and will be re-set for a later date, it was announced Sunday evening.

The U.S. House of Representatives worked late Sunday on the Crime Bill and Rep. Combest wanted to be present for the vote, reported an aide. There were no available flights in time for him to make connections and be here for Monday morning's meeting.

Curfew discussion

A public meeting Monday evening attracted approximately 90 citizens to discuss a proposed juvenile curfew ordinance. Wayne Dollar, standing center, addresses the City Commission

on his views of the ordinance. On a show of hands, most of the participants indicated support for a curfew. The commission will consider it at a regular meeting on Sept. 19.

County hires new agricultural agent

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

An assistant county agricultural agent with duties in the Deaf Smith County 4-H program was hired Monday by Commissioners' Court.

Vance Christie, 23, will fill the vacancy created by the resignation in

July of Jay Johnson, who moved to Lubbock to work on a doctorate at Texas Tech University.

He will begin work in Deaf Smith County on Sept. 1.

Christie earned a bachelor's degree in 1993 in animal science from Tarleton State University. He was awarded a master's in general agriculture from TSU earlier this month.

Introducing Christie to commissioners, District Director Paul Gross of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service said the position is being filled sooner than expected.

"We really had thought it would be after the first of the year, but the position was released for applications sooner," he reported.

Asked by Commissioner Tony Castillo of Precinct 1 about the number of applications received for the post, Gross said there were 26 to 28 applicants. Three of the prospects came to Deaf Smith County to "look around," Gross said.

Christie told commissioners, "I decided at an early age I wanted to be

a county agent."

He grew up at Big Spring where he joined 4-H at the age of nine and participated in a wide range of activities. He was a Gold Star recipient.

At Big Spring High School, Christie belonged to FFA and served in chapter and district offices.

As a TSU student he was selected for Who's Who, earned Distinguished Student honors and was an ag council representative.

After hearing from Gross and Christie, Commissioner Johnny Latham of Precinct 4 offered a motion to employ Christie, seconded by Commissioner Castillo.

Commissioner Lupe Chavez of Precinct 2 said that he was not aware that the position would be filled so quickly. He complained to Gross that he "wanted to visit with you about it before you brought in someone."

Chavez abstained from the vote on employing Christie. In favor were County Judge Tom Simons, Latham and Castillo. Commissioner Troy Don Moore of Precinct 3 was not present for the meeting.

The assistant agent position is

funded in the county budget for the next fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1. Deaf Smith County pays \$7,863 toward salary and provides a travel allowance up to \$5,750. Texas Agricultural Extension Service also contributes to salary.

In other business, commissioners received the annual report by Donna Brockman on the Deaf Smith County Museum and authorized advertising for bids to sell equipment from Precinct 4.

The museum report showed 4,055 visitors to the museum during the last year. They represented 42 states, Washington, D.C., and 14 foreign countries.

Brockman reported tours by students, club and church groups and out-of-town groups.

The Black House gourmet luncheons attracted 256 persons in April, she noted.

Commissioner Latham reported that he would like to sell, by sealed bids, two items, a lathe and band saw. The commission authorized advertising for bids.



VANCE CHRISTIE

GOP sees taxes as focus of health plan opposition

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans are calling attention to taxes in Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell's health reform bill any way they can. They're counting them, putting them on telegenic charts, even weighing them.

Mitchell, D-Maine, counters that Republicans are seeing taxes that aren't there and that their complaints are part of a calculated campaign to confuse and frighten voters.

A few days after Mitchell introduced his bill on Aug. 2, Republicans started to heap ridicule on it. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, plopped the bill, all 1,443 pages of it, onto an old-fashioned scale.

It registered 14 pounds. He then took off everything he said wasn't a tax, and announced, "There are three pounds of taxes in the Mitchell bill," a total of 17 totaling \$300 billion over 10 years.

"That claim is false," Mitchell declared last week. "Most of the provisions they refer to are minor changes in the law that raise no revenue or only by a negligible amount."

"The bill I proposed has been the subject of many misrepresentations, distortions and some outright untruths," he complained. "It is clear that the tactic of many of the opponents of this legislation is to confuse and frighten the American people."

A preliminary estimate by the Congressional Budget Office said Mitchell's \$1.2 trillion bill would generate \$262 billion in new taxes

over 10 years. The rest of the bill's cost would be paid for by cuts in Medicaid and Medicare.

The most visible levy in the Mitchell bill is the 45-cent-a-pack increase in cigarette taxes, to 69 cents, phased in over five years. According to the CBO, it would produce \$56.5 billion from 1995 through 2004, to help subsidize insurance for poor people.

The cigarette tax is the same in the House leadership bill offered by Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., but less than the 75-cent increase originally proposed by President Clinton.

Republican critics have said little about the cigarette tax, perhaps

Meno attacked by Bush, supported by Sen. Ratliff

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno, blasted by GOP gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush, is getting some support from another Republican.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant said Monday he doesn't think Meno is playing politics with school rankings, as charged by Bush.

Meno, Democratic Gov. Ann Richards' appointee, changed the way schools are rated in this election year.

The number of schools ranked low-performing, based on student scores on a statewide academic skills test, has dropped drastically from 326

because Senate GOP leader Bob Dole of Kansas proposed such an increase in the past. Instead, they're focusing on two other Mitchell proposals.

One would impose a 1.75 percent excise tax on private health insurance premiums and pump the money, \$74.3 billion from 1995 through 2004 according to the CBO, into medical education and research. Gephardt's bill has a similar provision, for 2 percent.

For a family with a typical insurance package costing \$6,000, 80 percent paid by the wage earner's employer, the 1.75 percent tax would amount to a \$21-a-year premium add-on and, for the employer, \$84.

"I take the commissioner at what he said. He said he changed it because he believed that the system that we had used the prior year was not fair in some cases," said Ratliff, sponsor of the 1993 law requiring the school ratings. "I don't attribute ... election-year politics to the commissioner."

Ratliff added that he wasn't criticizing Bush for his characterization and he doesn't want to be perceived as being involved in a political battle.

Meno has denied that this year's standards were lower than last year's.



Looking for schedules

Hereford High School students Christy Rangel, left, and Pablo Canas watch while aide Esther Walker looks for their schedules on the first day of classes on Monday. The first day of high school was a time for many students to get duplicate copies of their schedules, pay fines or confirm immunizations before being allowed to go to class.

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Herd defensive players

All Senior and Junior Hereford football players



Defensive ends

(Front row, left to right) Dwayne Thomas, Ralph Morales, Hector Rodriguez, Michael Hund, (back row) coach Ron Young, David Hicks, Roger Flores and Richard Hicks.



Defensive tackles

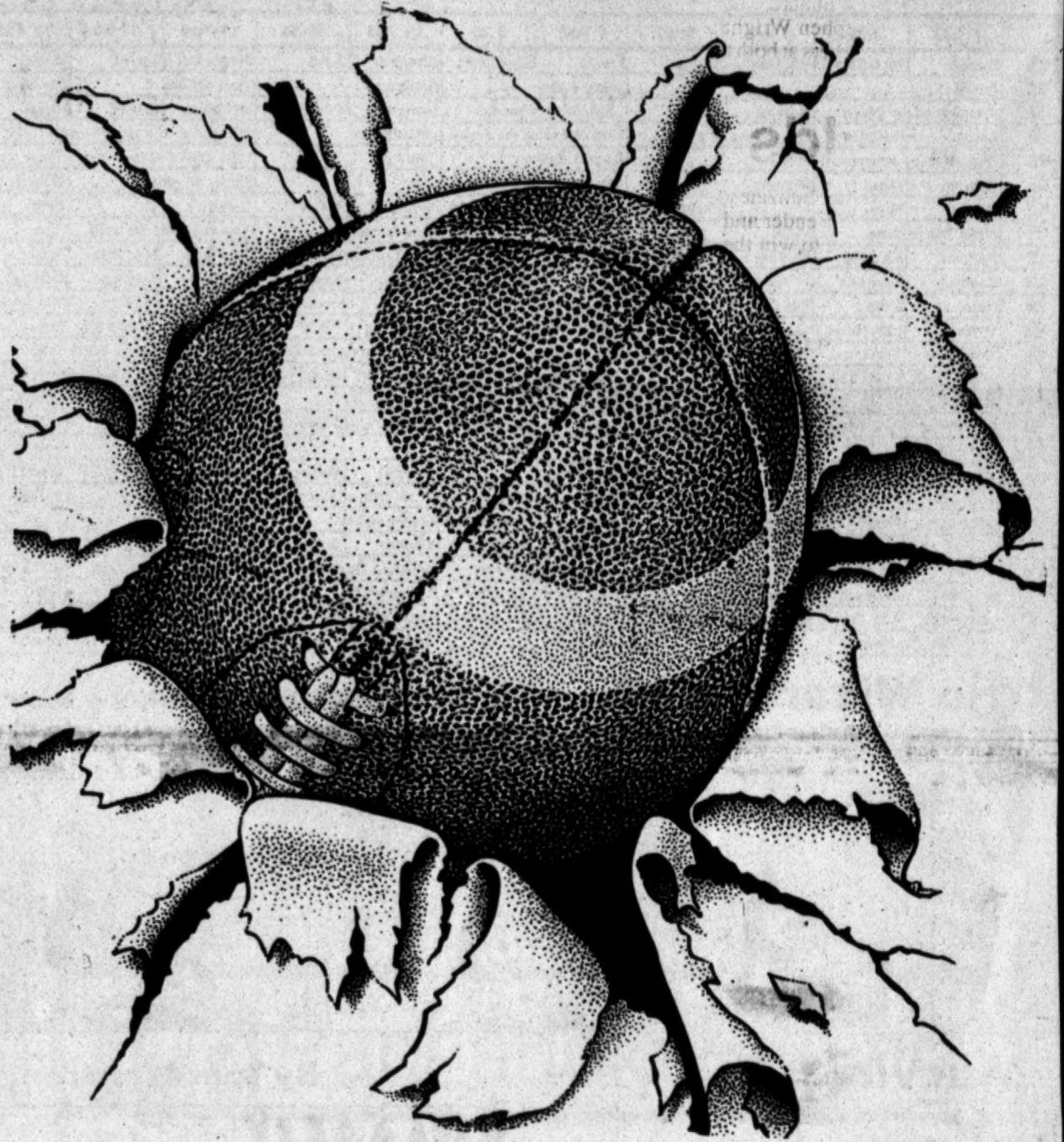
(Front row, left to right) Pedro Vanegas, Mark Blea, Josh Hernandez, Shawn Malone, (back row) coach Bill Bridge, Dion Reyna, Michael Kriegshauser and Billy Grissom.



Linebackers

(Front row, left to right) Brian Betzen, Justin Scott, George Cox, Elov Valdez, (back row) coach J.R. Compton, Moses Ruiz, Martin Martinez, Jacob Lopez and Armando Zambrano.

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Fire safety tips for back-to-school season

School days, school days, good ol' fire safety rule days.

As children head back to school, it's a good time for parents and teachers to review fire safety rules. The Texas Commission on Fire Protection offers these tips as the season changes to fall:

Be sure that children are supervised after school. Fire departments report that the number of false alarms and fires caused by children increase in the afternoon, after school is dismissed. Remind older children who stay alone after school that most 911 and other emergency number phone calls can be traced to the phone where the call was made.

Encourage your local school to conduct its first fire exit drill during the first two weeks of school. Teachers should review exit procedures on the first class day.

Begin testing our smoke alarm each month. Check the type of batteries used by your smoke alarm, and buy a supply of that type. Replace the batteries if you have not

changed the batteries in the past year or if you cannot remember when the batteries were changed last.

Prepare now for cooler weather. Have a qualified technician check your heating equipment before you need to turn it on. Have your chimney cleaned now.

Take care of "fall cleaning" before cold weather closes in. Clearing dried plants, dead limbs and other rubbish from outside will improve the fire safety of your home. Clean old rags, unused paint and cleaners and other flammable materials from the garage and workshop; take these hazardous materials to an approved disposal facility.

Help high school students plan now for a safe homecoming bonfire. Encourage students to meet with the local fire department before planning the bonfire. Some cities have specific regulations on outdoor fires, so students should plan early to avoid disappointment. Local fire fighters can also help students plan a safe location and supervise the event.

To Your Good Health

June Koelzer's grandson is honored

June Koelzer's grandson, Jacob Quisenberry, son of Tom and Ruth Quisenberry of Big Spring, has recently achieved the highest rank of scouting--The Eagle Scout Award. He was presented with the award during special ceremonies recently conducted at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

For His Eagle service project, he led a group of seven scouts in the painting and cleaning of the Big Spring Humane Society.

Jacob is the senior patrol leader of Troop #5 which is chartered to the First Baptist Church. He is also a member of Explorer Post #5 and chapter chief of the local Order of the Arrow Chapter. As a Cub Scout, he earned the highest honor--the Arrow of Light and the Parvuli Dei Emblem.

Jacob is also an honor student at Big Spring High School and participates in band and numerous academic organizations.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Can a person using oxygen equipment travel by air? This has come up in my family. My father wants to join us on a trip across country, but he has emphysema pretty bad. A doctor warns of problems. Can't they be overcome? — Mrs. D.O.

ANSWER: I can't answer your questions without lots of answers regarding your father's respiratory distress and how it is being handled in the home setting.

Certainly, respiratory patients do travel by air every day, but it is something you'd need to check out first. It is not the easiest thing to arrange, and the last thing you'd want would be an unanticipated glitch at the airport terminal.

The doctor would need to approve the flight and indicate such factors as how much pressurization your father can tolerate for what length of time. You'd need to arrange for medical certification and a prescription for any oxygen therapy, should it be needed.

The airline would want to know whether there would be adult care available, since not every airplane can possibly be manned for every kind of medical emergency. Passenger safety is a factor. Does the airline have rules concerning oxygen-delivery systems on normal flights? If a patient is traveling with a tour group, the needs of the group might cause difficulty for the ailing member, or vice versa. Sometimes, groups with common problems make joint travel arrangements.

All such concerns apply to bus, train and ship travel as well.

A travel agent can quickly fill you in on a particular carrier's specific travel rules.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I recently had my annual physical, and everything was fine. The only thing really wrong with me is my 67-year-old thyroid, for which I now take medicine. For some time, though, I have been having peculiar creepy-crawly feelings in my legs, a tingling. I don't experience this when I am up, only when in bed. My legs don't jump around in bed. It's just a tingling. Oh, yes, my circulation is fine. I forgot to mention all this to my doctor. I guess I need a list of things to ask for the next visit. Can you help me in the meantime? — Mrs. L.W.

ANSWER: Restless-leg syndrome would be high on my guess list. You

have eliminated circulation problems, which would be likely were the symptoms present when up and about. Nerve problems might cause perverted leg sensations similar to those of restless-leg syndrome.

Let me give you a little test to try. Stop all intake of caffeine, alcohol and nicotine. If the discomfort improves, you can lay a bet on the restless-leg idea.

I would not wait for your next regularly scheduled visit to the doctor. I would turn right around and go back and report your neglected complaint.

There are some medicines for restless legs, and the doctor can check on the possible nerve-related disorders I mentioned.

FOR L.I.M.: About 90 percent of those infected with the AIDS virus develop a positive test result within 40 days. To allow for some margin of error, repeat testing is done. A test done after three months and repeated at six months after any suspicious encounter can assure reliable results.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Are bunions on the feet inherited? Or are they from the shoes you wear? Should one be operated on to correct things? My son, 50, has had them for a number of years, and his daughter, 15, has developed them too. My daughter-in-law says bunions are hereditary. — A.R.

ANSWER: Bunions arise from the foot bone structure we inherit, a fault exaggerated by the abuse to which we subject our feet, particularly the cramping shoe styles favored by many women.

In areas of the world where people don't wear shoes, bunions are a rarity.

Doctors have been trying for many

years to persuade female patients to switch to "more sensible" shoes — ones that don't cramp the foot anatomy.

Where possible, it is best to treat a bunion with simple measures, such as wider box-type toes and soft inserts to relieve friction. When such measures fail, bunions can be removed surgically, and the offending bone structure can be altered.

For more information, see the foot care material I'm sending you. For a copy of "Relief and Care of the Feet," readers should write: Dr. Donohue — No. 11, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539. Enclose \$3 and a self-addressed, stamped (52 cents) No. 10 envelope.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My doctor said my urine contains a lot of arsenic. I read where there is arsenic in food, such as shellfish, cod and haddock. Could you give me a complete list of foods containing arsenic, so I can avoid them in the future? — S.F.

ANSWER: I could give you a list, but you don't need that. In fact, the arsenic that appears as a natural component of food does no harm. It is not toxic.

It's the kind of arsenic used in various industrial processes that poisons the system when absorbed.

There is some confusion on this subject, for the ordinary urine test fails to distinguish the harmless from the harmful kind. Discuss the matter further with your doctor and see if he thinks it necessary to begin treatment to help your body rid itself of arsenic.

Your doctor can find an interesting discussion of arsenic in the December 1993 issue of the Mayo Clinic Proceedings. It describes a new test that does distinguish the two arsenics in urine samples.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Readers: Have you ever had a health-related question that you wanted to learn more about?

The National Health Information Center (NHIC) health information referral service can help. When you call their toll-free number, you will be referred to an organization that can inform you on a slew of topics such as:

- nutrition
- exercise
- specific diseases
- health education materials
- promotion programs
- health statistics.

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion within the Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, established the NHIC in 1979. To get in touch with them, write to National Health Information Center, PO Box 1133, Washington, DC 20013-1133 or call between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time: 1-800-336-4797 or Maryland residents call 1-301-565-4167.

This is a great service and it should be a real help when you don't know where to turn. Write this phone number down right now. — Heloise

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- Keep one in a soap dish in your bathroom. Scrub hard-water residue from the tub and basin.
- After using an oven cleaner on the oven and burners on the stove, use a scrubbie to clean off further residue.
- Keep another one in the shower to scrub feet. — Frances Burk, Lubbock, Texas

Thanks for the Fast Facts. — Heloise

Schumacher reunion held

The Carl Schumacher family reunion was held recently in Seymour.

Present were the Clara Schumacher Koetter family and a great-grandchild of Windthorst; C.F. Schumacher and family of Seymour; Lucille Schumacher Lindeman, the Herman Schumacher family, and Al Schumacher, all of Hereford; the Albert Schumacher family of Munday; and Mary Schumacher Ehly of Nazareth.

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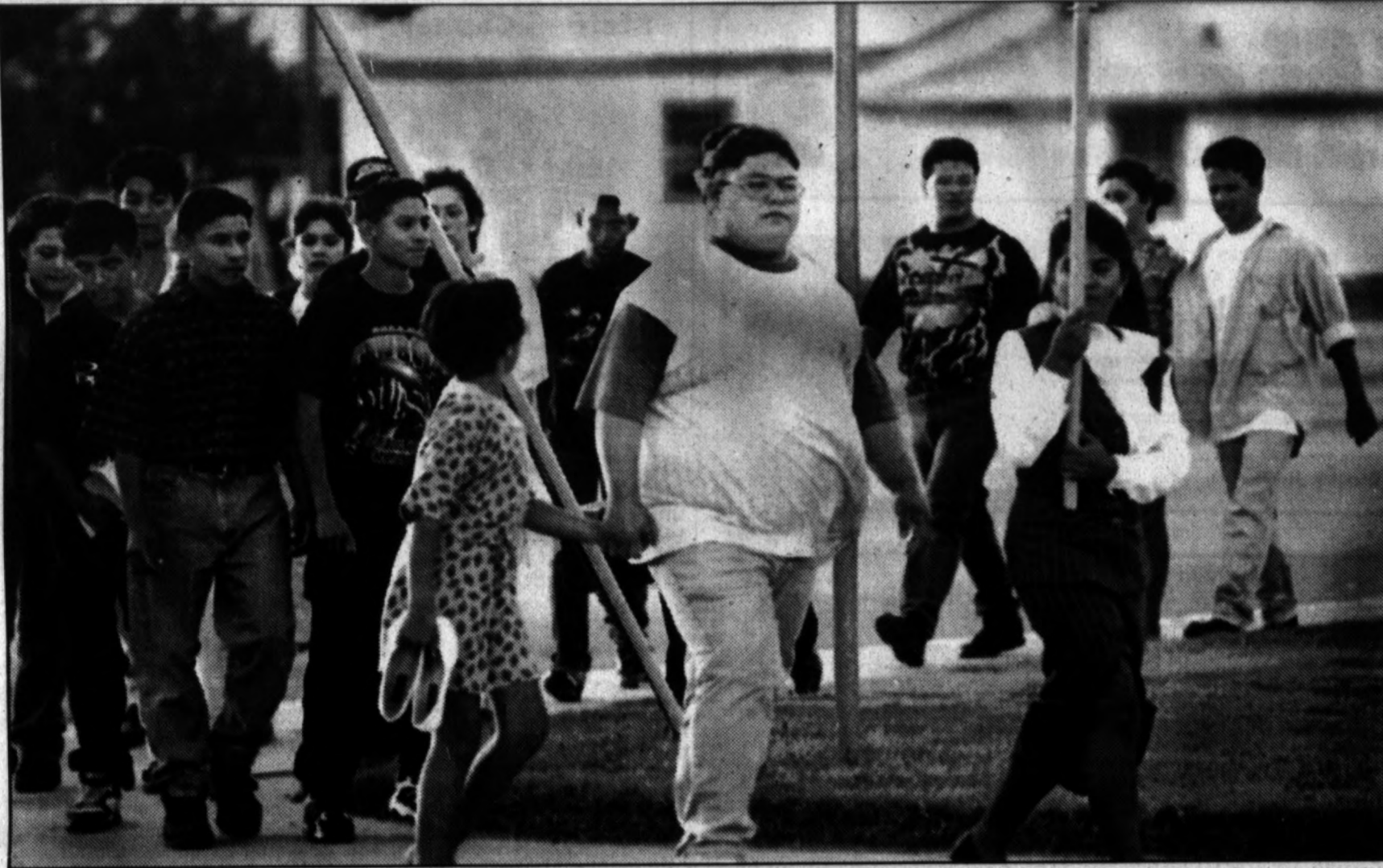
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Church re-enactment

Members of the Spanish Assembly of God Church youth ministry walk around Hereford High School as part of a Bible re-enactment on Sunday. The 35-member group, led by Ruben Coronado,

marched around the school seven times to re-enact the Jerico March as a demonstration of their faith. The group also meets twice a week at the HHS flagpole for devotionals.



Courthouse Records

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 State vs. Humberto Carrillo Sr., criminal nonsupport; 180 days in jail probated one year, \$175 court costs, Aug. 15.
 State vs. Patricia Truelove, theft by check; 60 days in jail probated six months, \$100 fine, \$175 court costs, Aug. 17.
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 State vs. Roberto Ortiz, driving while license suspended; \$150 fine, \$195 court costs, Aug. 17.
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 State vs. Alfredo Elizardo Rincon, assault; 90 days in jail probated one year, \$400 fine (suspend \$100), \$195 court costs, Aug. 17.
 State vs. Ruben Reyes, theft; 90 days in jail probated one year, \$300 fine, \$183 court costs, Aug. 17.
 State vs. Gilberto R. Montana, theft; 180 days in jail, \$600 fine, \$183 court costs, Aug. 17.
 State vs. Gary Don Skelton, driving while intoxicated, second offense; 180 days in jail probated two years, 10 days in jail, \$700 fine (suspend \$100), \$250 court costs, Aug. 17.
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 In the marriage of Cynthia Axe and Michael Edwin Axe and in interest of minor child, amended order for employer to withhold from earnings for child support, Aug. 13.
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 State vs. Lewis Wayne Rolan, principal, and Tony Madrid, surety, motion to dismiss, Aug. 13.
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 In the marriage of Jennifer Molina and Noe Molina and in interest of minor child, final decree of divorce, order for custody and support and for employer to withhold from earnings for child support, Aug. 17.
 In the marriage of Rosario Ortiz and Antonio D. Ortiz, and in interest of minor children, final decree of divorce, order for custody and support and for employer to withhold from earnings for child support, Aug. 17.
 In the marriage of Maria Ortega, a/k/a Maria Martinez, and Matilde Ortega Jr., decree of divorce, Aug. 17.
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Gramm leads group opposing crime bill

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
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 WASHINGTON (AP) - With the Senate's debate on crime now in swing, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm is leading a contingent of Republicans who want to take a scalpel to the House-passed crime bill.

Following the House's approval Sunday of the \$30 billion package, Gramm and other Republicans announced they would try to thwart that plan and offer a version of their own.

The GOP lawmakers will raise a procedural motion against the bill, forcing Democratic supporters to line up 60 votes to continue debate.

If the 60 votes can't be found, it probably would mean the end of the package that passed the House on Sunday, 235-195.

"I think we can do a better job, not erasing what (the House) did but building on it," Gramm said Monday in a speech on the Senate floor, adding that he wants more money for prisons and police officers, less for social workers.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del., argued that failure to pass the House bill would place the whole issue back at square one, reopening a process that has been going on for six years.

Gramm said he and other Republicans were devising a "consensus amendment" that wouldn't kill the bill, but would pare some \$5 billion in crime-prevention spending.

The GOP alternative would impose federal mandatory minimum sentences on those convicted of selling drugs to minors or who use a gun during the commission of some state crimes.

The Republican plan also would eliminate a measure allowing some non-violent, first-time drug offenders to avoid five- and 10-year mandatory minimum sentences.

Texas' other senator, Republican

Kay Bailey Hutchison, said she too would oppose the House-passed bill. "I still think it's not a crime bill," she said in an interview. "They took \$3 billion out, but the emphasis is not crime-fighting."

Both Texas senators voted for an earlier, leaner version of the crime bill last November.

If Senate opponents prevail in their effort to amend the crime bill, the House would have to deal with it once again.

Nine of Texas' 21 House Democrats and all nine Republicans lined up against the six-year package. Eleven of the Democrats supported it.

Houston Democrat Craig Washington - whose voting record has taken a precipitous dip since his March primary defeat - didn't vote.

The compromise, crafted after the bill was first rejected by the House, zapped \$10 million in funding House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks of Beaumont had obtained for his alma mater.

Brooks had inserted \$10 million to establish a criminal justice center at Lamar University. Republicans eagerly seized on the money as proof the bill was laden with pork.

Jefferson County Sheriff Carl Griffith, who first proposed the idea of the criminal justice center in 1991, expressed disappointment that the money was lost from the crime bill. But, he added: "I do believe some way we will end up receiving funding. It's a needed training facility."

Also falling by the wayside was \$1 million sought by Rep. Charlie Wilson, D-Lufkin, for a substance-abuse treatment training center at Sam Houston University in Huntsville.

Republicans derided the Lamar and Sam Houston money.

"We just found another piece of pork in here, for Charlie Wilson," Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., was quoted as saying.

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