

Teen jury judges teen lawbreakers

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GRAND PRAIRIE — A Texas justice of the peace has set up a jury system of teenagers who sit in judgment on their peers accused of breaking the law.

"Kids who break the law expect to be punished for it," said Cameron Gray, 39, a former pastor with a law degree from Southern Methodist University. "The thing I want to teach them is self-respect," he said, and the only way for them to achieve that is by confronting their crime and paying back society.

Gray organized a system seven years ago that allows juvenile offenders charged with Class C misdemeanors to be tried by a jury of teenagers, prosecuted by a teenager and defended by a teenager. Gray sits as judge.

"I have a lot of faith in my teen jury," he said.

Gray estimated 5,000 juveniles have been processed through his teen jury court system, which is in session twice a month. The cases that come before the teen court include traffic offenses, shoplifting, being drunk in public and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The jury is composed of volunteers and lawbreakers ordered during earlier court

sessions to sit as jurors.

"I think they're fair, but they lean on the side of harshness more than I would," Gray said. "They're certainly not lenient."

"I always respect the decision of the jury unless it's totally out of the realm of reason."

He admitted that he had on occasion interceded on the side of leniency, but he didn't tell the jury about it. Gray said the teenagers who act as prosecutors and defense attorneys in his court are not fair.

"They're not supposed to be," he said. "I teach them to be advocates because it's a real court. Those are real crimes we're hearing. I try to get the prosecutors to be as mean as they can be and the defense attorneys to be the biggest bleeding heart liberals there ever were. That's the way it is in real life."

In many cases, offenders who are found guilty are sentenced to a certain number of hours of public service, which can include mowing lawns for the elderly, cleaning up abandoned cemeteries or working at fire houses.

"I don't think a person ever learns a thing by having their parents pay a fine," said Gray, a former municipal judge and

assistant district attorney.

Gray goes out with the youngsters and works alongside them.

"I call them 'my kids,'" he said. "I almost feel like they're mine. I know people who would be in the penitentiary right now if they hadn't been in the teen jury program."

Gray keeps a scrapbook dedicated to the program. As he leafed through it, he pointed out former teen jury participants who have gone on to law school.

"I felt that being an attorney, I would be able to have the tools — by that I mean the courthouse — to make this world a better place to live in," he said. "I've been able to do that. I've been able to do that in this program. I intend to do it as long as they'll let me."

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All tuckered out

Angela Greer, an sophomore education major from Houston, is exhausted after a long day

at the cutting site Saturday. Greer helped distribute water to all the cutters.

AFL-CIO backs Mondale

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HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — AFL-CIO union leaders Saturday overwhelmingly embraced former vice president Walter Mondale as the 1984 presidential candidate of organized labor, ending him a lopsided victory endorsement by the giant labor federation.

In balloting by heads of AFL-CIO unions, the Democrat captured nearly 93 percent of the votes based on union membership, Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, a distant second.

Mondale won unanimous support from 58 unions and men captured three. They the vote of three others and unions voted for "no endorsement." The reminder of federation's 95 unions either abstained or were absent.

Based on union membership, the vote was 12,863,068 for Mondale, 471,367 for Glenn, 1984 for "no endorsement"

and 423,576 abstaining.

The victory is estimated to be worth millions of dollars in campaign contributions to the Mondale campaign, as well as countless hours of work by union members.

AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland had pressed for the primary endorsement after organized labor split in 1980 between President Jimmy Carter and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and never fully recovered for the fall campaign against Reagan.

In the past, the AFL-CIO waited until after both national conventions to make an endorsement.

The endorsement recommendation will go to the 15th biennial AFL-CIO convention that begins Monday. Delegates are expected to approve it on Wednesday, with Mondale accepting it Thursday with an address to the body.

In Augusta, Maine, where he was expected to win a straw poll by state Democrats later in the day, Mondale expressed his gratitude.

"I am honored by the support I've received from the AFL-CIO general Board on behalf of the working men and women of America," he said in a statement. "We are in this together because we have work to do for America."

Jack Dover, Glenn's labor aide, acknowledged to reporters that Mondale did well, but said his candidate "will continue to seek out the rank-and-file over the country."

The vote marked the second in what was expected to be a string of three victories for Mondale, one of seven announced candidates for the Democratic nomination. On Friday, the National Education Association endorsed him.

"Mondale has earned his credentials," said Electrical Workers President William Bywater.

"There is no one more qualified. There is no one more electable," said Service Employees president John Sweeney. "Let's get down to the business of getting Ronald Reagan out of the White House."

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Trip offered to smooth slur

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EL PASO — State Hispanic leaders Saturday called a rock band's apology for an ethnic slur the offer of a free trip for two El Paso residents to a European concert an insult added to injury.

Officials of the League of United Latin American Citizens and they called for a state and national boycott against the British rock group Def Leppard. Joe Loya, LULAC district director in El Paso, called the free trip offered by the rock band a payoff and said boycotting the trip was just as important as boycotting the band.

The band's lead singer, Joe Elliott, Friday included the offer an apology for his earlier comment labeling El Paso as "that greasy with all the greasy Mexicans." Elliott made the comment to a Tucson, Ariz., concert audience

the night after Def Leppard played in El Paso Sept 6.

"We will, at my own expense, fly out two listeners to see our show in Europe, Paris, or somewhere like that from El Paso," Elliott said in his statement made in Japan.

"Being an English person, I didn't understand that was such an insult, because I'm not a Mexican-American," Elliott said. "And obviously that night I made a big mistake."

"It was not meant as a racial or harmful statement in any way and if I've offended anybody then I'm very, very sorry about it."

Elliott issued the apology after Hispanic leaders and rock radio stations reacted angrily to the ethnic slur.

A major meeting of Hispanic organizations is scheduled Monday to discuss the boycott, Loya said.

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