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#### Controversial teen curfew enforced lightly, police say

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DALLAS - It was ten minutes past midnight and groups of teen-agers were still cruising the West End.

"Do you know about the curfew?" a lone patrol officer shouted to a truck carrying three boys in the bed. "You can get a \$500 ticket starting today.

The wide-eyed teen-agers proclaimed ignorance and promised to drive home. But there were a lot more youths. And only one officer patrolling the popular area on the first night of Dallas' new ordinance.

"They are all over the place," said Sgt. E.J. Brown, motioning to the youths who lined up on Lamar Avenue, some wearing T-

shirts bearing gang names.
Sunday, at 12:01 a.m., marked the beginning of Dallas's controversial new curfew, which requires youth under 17 to be at home or with chaperones after midnight Friday and Saturday night and after 11 p.m. on week nights.

Violators can be given an oral warning, a ride home or a \$500 fine. They also can be taken into custody. But police have said they

are not going to aggressively en-force the ordinance.

"Officers are not going to look for curfew violators," said Dallas police spokesman Ed Spencer. "If they encounter kids who may be underage, and if the officers are not on an assignment of greater importance, they'll do some investigation about whether or not its a curfew violation.

Also in the West End Saturday night was Joe Cook, regional director for the American Civil Liberties Union. He was giving out pamphlets on how teen-agers can defend themselves from the ordinance, which he has battled since its passage in 1991.

## Honesty lands suspect in jail

FORT WORTH — Honesty didn't do a whole lot of good for a driver anxious to convince officers that the silver objects on his car's back floorboard were not pipe bombs.

No sir, he said.

But, in an apparent attempt to ease the concerns of the officers who had backed away, the frazzled suspect reportedly blurted out, "Oh man, it's kilos, it's crack cocaine.

The motorist was asked to repeat his comment and, when he did, officers arrested him and read him his rights, said Sgt. Oscar Ramirez.

'That's when he got the idea that maybe he better

shut up," Ramirez said Saturday.

According to police reports, the man was stopped Friday night in east Fort Worth by street gang officers who saw he was not wearing a seat belt and that his car was missing its front license plate.

Officers spotted silver cylinders on the car's back floorboard, protruding from a beer carton, and thought the objects might be explosives, Ramirez said. Fort Worth street gangs have used pipe bombs

The objects turned out to be three packages of co-

caine, wrapped in duct tape, Ramirez said. The suddenly quiet suspect was booked into the Tarrant County Jail on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance, with formal charges not yet

filed. His bail was set at \$15,000.

### Travel

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Parker also said the policy was part of an appropriations package by the State Legislature.

The Legislature attached a rider on the appropriations bill that requires universities to reduce all travel by 10 percent in the 1994 and 1995 fiscal years," he said. "So whatever we save, we

end up giving back."
Richards said the policy was reevaluated because of a campaign by the Texas Faculty Association (TFA) on behalf of faculty members across the state, and travel will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
"This should enable faculty at

our public institutions of higher

education to advance their research, learning and commitment to global education," she said.

Dr. Charles Zucker, executive director of TFA, said the policy's re-evaluation was good for all

The old policy was hassle for large universities because of all the funding that had to be switched around from non-appropriating sources," he said. "But the new policy lets the Governor's office review all of the information and make a decision based on that.

Zucker said for small universities like The University of Texas-Pan American in South Texas, the policy really means more.

"UT-Pan Am just instituted a new international business school," he said. "Without funding, faculty couldn't travel to the countries they are teaching about."

Parker said A&M also is choosing to use the old policy to prevent misuse.

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"We can better control the spending if it's under our noses,' he said. "Besides, there are other avenues for faculty that need to travel, and our research is not being restricted.

Zucker, who has been TFA's executive director for 6 years, said most faculty members travel at some point, and this policy will help them do so.

"Out of the 35 public universities, there are 22,000 faculty members," he said.
"To do the research, or give

presentations in other countries or just attend an international conference, state funds are defi-nitely needed."

#### Fisher

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Mounce said many Hispanic voters weren't aware that Fisher — a wealthy Dallas investor who spent part of his childhood in Mexico City — had joined the unsuccessful presidential campaign of Dallas billionaire Ross Perot.

Perot's strident opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement alienated many Mexican-Americans.

Hinojosa said the well-financed Fisher campaign was able to win new South Texas voters — those less influ-

enced by the old-style, boss-run political machines. Also, traditional South Texas Democrats who supported Mattox have seen their power slowly erode in the past decade, he said.

Both Hinojosa and Mounce predicted that Fisher will carry the heavily Democratic Rio Grande Valley against Hutchison in the November general election.

The only guess is the percentages and the turnout," Mounce said. But Hinojosa and Mounce added that Mexican-American voters will not automatically favor a Hispanic

or Spanish-speaking candidate. Mounce pointed out an old Mexican saying: "Never trust a gringo who speaks Spanish or a Mexican who smokes cigars.

For example, Hutchison became the first GOP statewide candidate to carry Hidalgo County in a 1993 special election against Democrat Bob Krueger, a Spanish-speaking former ambassador to Mexico.

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