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Supreme Court avoids decision on letting minors enter arcades

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Tuesday sidestepped a dispute over whether children have a constitutional right to enter arcades and play video games and sent the case back to an appeals court for another look.

The lower court ruling struck down a Mesquite ordinance, which prevents unescorted children under 17 from entering arcades and playing such video games as "Space Invaders" and "Pac Man."

By a 7-2 vote, the high court concluded the law was not unconstitutionally vague, but told the lower court to again review the case and decide whether federal courts have authority to consider the matter.

"The federal Constitution does not preclude a city from

giving vague or ambiguous directions to officials who are authorized to make investigations and recommendations," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote for the majority.

But, he said: "No reason for hasty decision of the constitutional question presented by this case has been advanced."

So the high court ordered the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to reconsider the controversy so that the justices "can then discharge our responsibilities free of concern that we may be unnecessarily reaching out to decide a novel constitutional question."

Justices Byron White and Lewis Powell dissented from part of the decision, saying the high court should have decided whether the age restrictions on entering arcades is constitu-

tional.

Back in 1912, the Supreme Court upheld a local prohibition against pool halls because officials considered them to be places of "idleness and other evils."

The Mesquite case provided a modern-day twist to that age-old dispute involving commercial establishments that feature a variety of coin-operated electro-

nic games and pinball machines.

The case began in 1976, when Aladdin's Castle Inc. planned to establish an arcade in a Mesquite shopping mall. Aladdin's, a subsidiary of Bally Manufacturing Co., owns 100 such arcades, including three in Texas.

Aladdin's eventually persuaded the appeals court to strike down the law as a violation of a child's right of social associa-

tion. The court also ruled in denial of a license was imposed.

Mesquite then appealed the Supreme Court.

A trade group for 1,500 operators of commercial games nationwide entered the case on behalf of Aladdin's, arguing that video games provide opportunities for development of physical skills and for stimulating mental ac-

Minorities won't vote for White, leader says

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AUSTIN — A San Antonio Mexican-American leader said

Tuesday that Attorney General Mark White has the "sentiments of a klansman" and said if White is the Democratic nominee for governor, minority voters will either vote Republican or stay at home on election day.

Ruben Sandoval works with the Civil Rights Litigation Center in San Antonio and said he speaks for thousands of members of Mexican-American and black organizations. He said White has battled against minority positions on such issues as bilingual education, extension of the Voting Rights Act, and public education for illegal aliens.

"Some of us have found the need to revolt," Sandoval said at a Capitol news conference.

"We cannot forget Mark White and his fighting us all the

way to Congress on the Voting Rights Act, bilingual education and prisoner rights, and tells the people he wants governor under the Democratic banner.

"Rest assured, if we are given a choice of Mark White or any other choice, we are going to go to lunch."

"If the Democrats want to win again, that's fine with us. We have to cross over (to the Republican party) we will."

Sandoval said Democrats have taken the Voting Rights Act and black education granted in the past. He said he will travel the state to recruit minority voters should White be elected on the basis of issues rather than party affiliation, he said.

Campus Names

Dr. Robert S. Wick, professor of nuclear engineering, has been appointed visiting research professor at the Air Force Weapons Laboratory, Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M., for a year starting September 1982. This appointment is sponsored by the Air Force Systems Command University Resident Research Program.

Wick will research the use of nuclear energy in deep space and deep underground applications requiring remote sources of electric power.

Wick came to Texas A&M University in 1966 as a professor of aerospace and nuclear engineering after working 11 years on nuclear power projects with Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Dr. David H. Allen, assistant professor of aerospace engineering, and **Dr. Thomas R. Lalk**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, have been selected as 1982 Teetor

Educational Award recipients by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

The annual Teetor Awards are presented to young engineering faculty members who have distinguished themselves by their academic training, contributions to teaching, research and extracurricular activities and interests.

Raphael A. Zoeller, graduate student in biochemistry, has been named a recipient of the 1982 Honored Student Award of the American Oil Chemists Society.

Zoeller will present at the Society's 73rd annual meeting May 2-6 in Toronto, Canada.

Five other Texas A&M students will attend the conference as guests of the AOCS. Students are selected on the basis of scholarship and research abilities from among nominated academic members of AOCS.

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