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White inks bills to aid children

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AUSTIN — With the help of a 3-year-old girl, Gov. Mark White signed into law Tuesday two bills to help Texas communities fight child abuse.

"These two bills will safeguard the physical and emotional well-being of the children in Texas," White said in a ceremony held in the shade of a tree on the playground of the Austin Community Nursery School.

Christina Flores threw her arms around the governor's neck and hugged tight.

Later, at White's urging, the little girl laboriously wrote "Christi" under White's name at the bottom of a measure establishing a Children's Trust Fund.

The state treasury trust fund will provide grants to community groups for child abuse and neglect prevention programs.

The fund will be financed through an increase in marriage license fees, from \$7.50 to \$25. The fund will get \$12.50 out of each license and counties will get \$5 for issuing the license.

A new nine-member Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention will be created to oversee the trust fund.

"Texas child care workers confirmed almost 37,000 cases of child abuse or neglect in our state last year," White said. "This is 37,000 too many."

The other bill signed authorizes criminal background checks for those who operate or work in day care centers. White said passage of the bill makes Texas eligible to receive \$800,000 in federal funds to train day care employees.

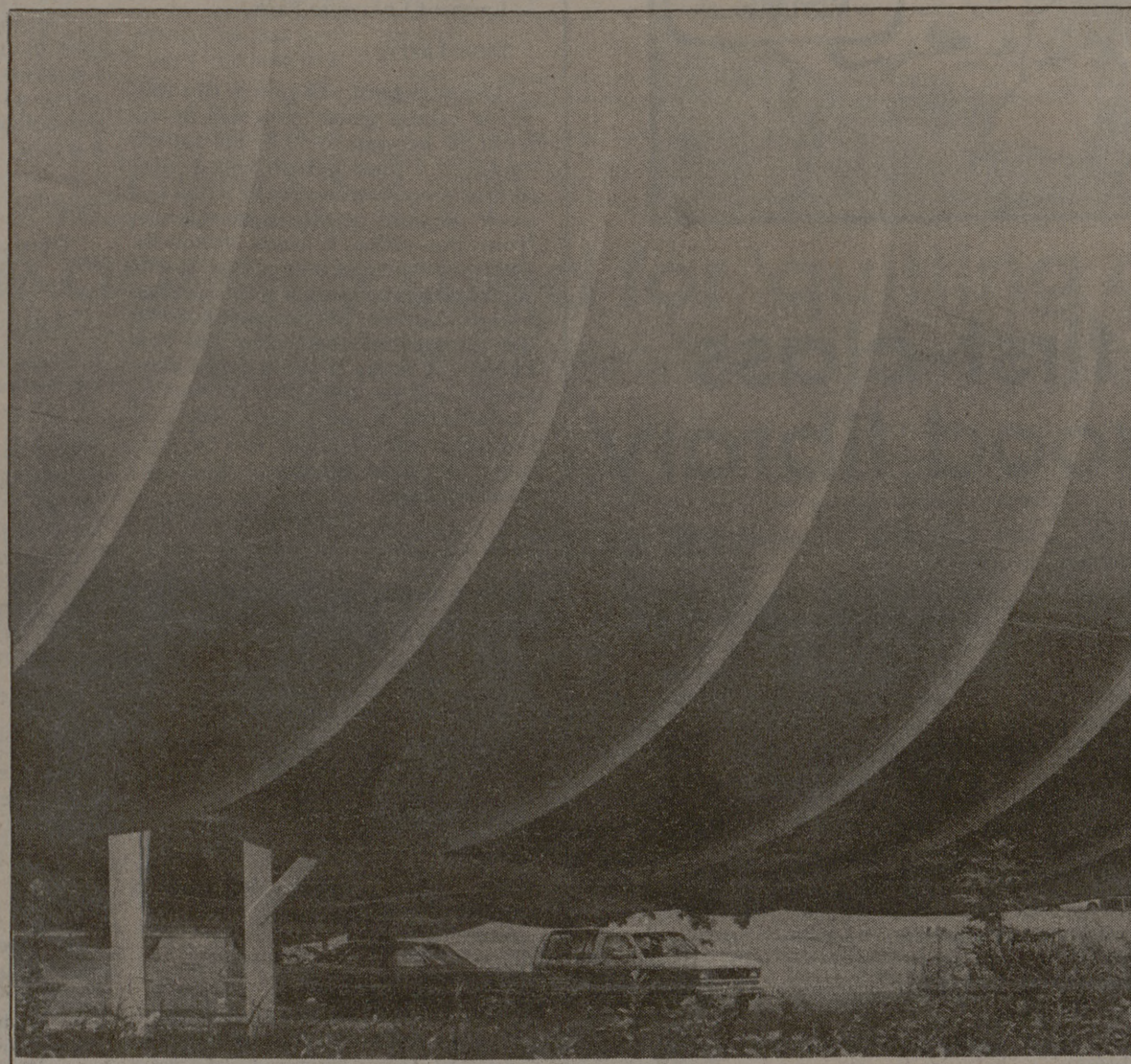


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Optical illusions

These cars appear to be parked under the Texas A&M Wind Tunnel near Easterwood Airport but actually are parked in a nearby parking area. The

Wind Tunnel stretches 396 feet and attains a maximum diameter of 30 feet.

Stanley chosen to lead Baptists for second year

Associated Press

DALLAS — A mammoth Southern Baptist Convention on Tuesday re-elected the Rev. Charles F. Stanley as president, re-enforcing the grip of the fundamentalist wing on the U.S.' biggest Protestant body.

The Atlanta pastor beat moderate-backed challenger, the Rev. W. Winfred Moore, of Amarillo, by a vote of 24,453 to 19,795 at the denomination's largest meeting in history.

Stanley's election to his second consecutive one-year term represented 55.3 percent. Moore received 44.7 percent.

The outcome strengthened the hand of fundamentalists in seeking to curb what they call liberalizing trends about the Bible in the denomination's national agencies and institutions.

It was the seventh successive year for fundamentalists to win the top office, and they gained increasing strength over the national units.

Shortly afterward, the convention elected Moore as first vice president by acclamation.

Prior to the written balloting at Stanley's behest, the sea of people prayed in repentance for the bitter feuding between moderates and fundamentalists over denominational directions.

Fundamentalists have been charging that a "liberal tilt" about the Bible has tainted Baptist institutions.

Moderates repudiate the charge, calling it camouflage for a bid for power in the denomination of 14.3 million members.

Stanley, 52, is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta. He has been criticized for his church's relatively small contributions to the denomination's cooperative program.

Moore, 65, pastor of Amarillo's First Baptist Church for 25 years, has been head of Texas' Baptist convention for the last two years.

Navy alters plans because of spying

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Navy officials said Tuesday an alleged spy ring uncovered over the past three weeks gave the Soviet Union "very valuable information" that compromised certain communications codes and equipment as well as operating tactics.

They said the Navy has made changes to counteract the damage, and its ships and weapons, including submarines carrying nuclear missiles, remain safe.

Navy Secretary John F. Lehman and Adm. James D. Watkins, chief of naval operations, said the security breaches may help explain significant strides made by the Soviets over the past decade in making their own submarines more difficult to find.

Watkins and Lehman offered their first public assessment of the spy ring allegedly operated by retired Navy officer John A. Walker Jr., as the Pentagon also announced a series of steps to tighten access to classified material.

Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger ordered a 10 percent reduction in the number of security clearances for military personnel and civilians working for defense contractors.

That number is estimated to be 4.3 million people.

The 10 percent reduction will apply to the 900,000 Navy personnel with clearances, and Lehman said he had set a goal of a 50 percent reduction "as soon as feasible."

Commanders in the fleet will lose their ability to approve security clearances on their own, he said.

Watkins said the Soviets "gained information that would let them better understand what they observed" about U.S. tactics and operations, calling that "very valuable information."

But he said that "much of the information is perishable."

In other related developments, Pamela K. Carroll, girlfriend of John Walker Jr., said she knew nothing of Walker's alleged spying and contended she was unfairly fired from her job as a Norfolk, Va., policeman because of her ties to him. She was dismissed Monday, eight days short of the end of her one-year probationary period.

She said she has cooperated with authorities and testified before a federal grand jury.

In West Dennis, Mass., Barbara Joy Crowley Walker said she is keeping a prayer vigil for her only son, Michael Walker, who also has been charged with espionage in the case.

Texas boasts the most converts

Democratic leaders switch to GOP

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic leaders have been switching parties in many states, and a gathering of the Republican converts at the White House showed Texas with the largest contingent.

New GOP members were applauded Monday for their move in a day of festivities at the White House with Reagan calling their move "an act of courage and an act of conscience."

The officials received promises of future support from state and party leaders who hope they will help sell their Democratic peers back home on switching parties before the 1986 elections.

Representing about half of the

current and former elected officials who have switched parties in Texas since 1980 were 20 Texans who flew to Washington for the day of briefings, party leaders said.

State Rep. Gary Thompson of Abilene, who announced Friday he was switching was one of the newest Republicans at the gathering. Reagan, who joined the Republican Party in 1962, told the state and local officials that they had joined the party of the working man and woman.

"Let the other party have the entrenched interests and the power brokers and special interest politics," Reagan said. "We don't have any of that."

Texas Republican chairman George Strake said of the day's festi-

vities, "It's a big recruiting tool. It helps for the future, knowing we're treating the ones who have switched right."

Strake said a number of Democratic officials are considering becoming Republicans. He refused to identify them by name, but said that included four county or state district judges, two state representatives and a state senator.

"Trying to get these people to switch is like trying to get a mustang into a corral," Strake said. "Every time you get him near, if you make one little false move, he spooks away. It's a touchy thing. It's a traumatic thing for some of them to do."

Thompson speculated that many more Texas Democrats would become Republicans during 1987 in

anticipation of a heavy Republican turnout at the polls for the 1988 presidential election.

Meanwhile, Democratic leaders denounced the switchers as traitors.

Democratic national chairman Paul Kirk noted that the new Republicans include potential GOP gubernatorial candidates in Texas, Michigan and Massachusetts, referring to former Rep. Kent Hance of Lubbock, Michigan County Executive William Lucas and former Massachusetts Gov. Edward King.

"The Republican Party apparently can't find any qualified candidates to run for governor next year in big states like Texas, Michigan and Massachusetts, where strong popular Democrats are in office," Kirk said.

Quinlan dies after long coma state

Associated Press

MORRIS TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Karen Ann Quinlan, who lapsed into a coma a decade ago and prompted a historic right-to-die court decision, died Tuesday at age 31, a nursing home official said.

Any further statement would have to be issued by the family, the nursing home said.

Quinlan lapsed into a coma April 15, 1975, at her boyfriend's birthday party. She had apparently consumed several gin and tonic drinks on top of what doctors said was a "therapeutic" amount of a mild tranquilizer and aspirin. The mixture was never firmly established as the cause of her condition.

McCaw will not drop WGN from service

By DARYN DEZENGOTITA
Reporter

Bryan-College Station residents need no longer be outraged. McCaw Cablevision will not drop Chicago independent channel WGN from its programming, a company official said Tuesday.

"We depended heavily on an A.C. Nielsen survey which indicated viewership of WGN in Brazos County was approximately one percent," Joseph DiBacco, McCaw regional vice president told reporters at a press conference.

"This report, together with our own informal survey, indicated dropping WGN would be an acceptable alternative to an increase in the price of the Family Pac."

The decision to delete WGN and replace it with Cable Headline News was a move to lower expenses in order to offset the losses resulting from the introduction of a \$4 Basic cable service, one of four planned changes in the current service, DiBacco said.

The Basic package would consist of five stations: Bryan's KBTX (CBS), College Station's KAMU, Dallas independent KTVT, Temple's KCEN and the Electronic Program Guide.

People who choose to downgrade their



service from the current Family Pac to the Basic package in July would not have to pay the \$25 installation fee.

The Family Pac costs \$12.50. For an additional \$2 a month, Basic viewers could purchase the eight-channel Broadcast

Pac. Customers who purchase this package also would have to pay a \$250 installation fee for a custom-built filter.

"McCaw is attempting to meet community needs by offering an economically priced Basic cable service," DiBacco said.

However, he said, after the original May 26 announcement, McCaw received about 150 calls while Bryan and College Station officials received around 30 calls and 10 letters.

After reviewing these comments and hearing the concerns of the two city councils, the company decided to leave WGN on cable channel 33, the same position it has occupied since the establishment of the Family Pac.

Critics charge the new Basic package violates Section 7 of the College Station franchise ordinance because none of the five stations offered are NBC affiliates.

Section 7 states: "The Company currently furnishes and shall continue to furnish to users a minimum of 12 signals or channels."

The minimum or basic selection will include at least one station from each of the major networks (subject to availability) and all full power local stations, including the PBS station at Texas A&M."

In response, DiBacco said the city council only requires three networks if they are available.

Due to unavoidable technical interference from local broadcast station KBTX, McCaw cannot add an NBC affiliate and remain in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations.

McCaw will add CNN Headline Service which provides continuous news, updated and repeated every 30 minutes, 24 hours daily. It will occupy the previously unused channel 15.

DiBacco said that the first decision to drop WGN was made without consultation.

"We did an informal survey," he said. "And the Nielsen ratings are a nationally accredited service. With the number of subscribers we have, some complaints were probable, but the amount of press coverage was disproportionate."

"The press overplayed it for their own benefit. We listened to the viewers and responded."

Although McCaw already has received calls about the \$12.50 Family Pac, the company will not start accepting orders for the service until June 17.