

Religious couple seeks overturn of custody grant

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CORPUS CHRISTI — The attorney for two Jehovah's Witnesses said Sunday medical alternatives to blood transfusions are not being explored to treat the couple's ailing premature infant.

John O. Miller, the attorney for Marco and Lenora Abasta, will appear before in state district court Monday to continue the couple's fight over medical treatment for their daughter Nina, born Sept. 23.

"This kind of treatment is available," Miller told The Associated Press Sunday.

The court hearing on Monday will determine whether the state keeps emergency custody of Nina. Miller, who is also an elder in one of Corpus Christi's 20 Jehovah's Witnesses congregations, said the Abastas would agree to other methods, such as a type of dialysis, which would clean the blood and return it to the girl's body.

"We would not object to that," Miller said.

Nina suffered a perforated intestine Thursday.

The Abastas, refused to agree to surgery that involved blood transfusions, which go against their religious beliefs.

State District Judge Mike Westergren on Friday ordered Driscoll Children's Hospital to turn over Nina's records so her parents can find treatment that doesn't involve

blood transfusions.

But State District Judge Robert Blackmon signed an emergency order anyway, allowing Driscoll surgeons to operate.

Blackmon awarded temporary custody of the girl to the state.

"The operation needed to be done within 30 minutes — that was the representation," Blackmon said. "I respect the beliefs of the parents, but the state ... had an obligation to protect and perhaps save a life."

In Friday's motion before Westergren, the Abastas said they need the records so out-of-state physicians can evaluate the case to determine if Nina can be treated without blood products.

Hospital officials had told them it would take at least one week to produce the records, according to court documents.

Members of the Jehovah's Witnesses movement say that blood, which they consider the property of God, to be a holy element that cannot be transferred from one body to another.

There are also medical considerations, Miller said.

Too many diseases are transferred through transfusions, he added.

"I simply do not accept the premise that blood transfusions are ever needed," Miller explained. "Only sloppy medicine requires blood."

Pastor steps down from Dallas pulpit

Criswell devotes full time to college

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DALLAS — The Rev. W.A. Criswell, senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, announced Sunday he would step down from the pulpit to work full time for Criswell College.

Criswell, who is also chancellor of the college in addition to his church leadership role, made the announcement at regular worship services at one of the nation's largest Southern Baptist churches.

"That has been in his plan a good while," said Bo Sexton, who chairs a deacons' committee at the church. "He announced he plans to be at the college full-time."

The move, effective next year, was an aftershock to the news last week that Criswell's associate, Dr. Joel Gregory, was quitting.

"He announced he wanted to develop his role to be full time with the college," said Sexton, who said a private deacons' meeting was scheduled at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Another deacon at the church confirmed the move.

"Dr. Criswell wants to move out to the college and devote his full efforts there instead of his role now as both chancellor and senior pastor," said the deacon, who declined to be identified.

The 82-year-old Criswell has served as the 28,000-member church's pastor for 47 years. He also served two terms as the Southern Baptist Convention's president. Sexton stressed that the purpose of the deacons' meeting was informational only and that it

was not open to other church members or the media.

"Dr. Criswell said that his future involvement would be with the college," he said. "We want more information from him on his plans."

Criswell's announcement said he would resign from the church position after Jan. 1.

Of Gregory's earlier resignation, Criswell had said only that he "is one of the best preachers ever heard in this generation. He is a sweet friend and prayer partner."

Gregory stunned hundreds of church members by walking out of a weekly prayer meeting after expressing disappointment over the pace of his advancement in the church. A leadership committee that includes deacons and committee heads voted late last week not to accept Gregory's resignation.

"He has not contacted us at all," said Sexton, who denied that Criswell's announcement was related to Gregory's resignation. "We gave Dr. Gregory word through Tim Hedquest, the church administrator, that we wanted to visit with him."

Named after Criswell and operated by First Baptist, the college is a four-year religious institution with both bachelor's and master's degree plans.

Gregory, the church's pastor since January 1991, was hired to succeed Criswell as senior pastor. Last Wednesday, he read a brief statement alluding to conflicts with Criswell and declared he felt compelled to resign.

What's Up

MONDAY

COTTON BOWL REPRESENTATIVES: Applications for 1993 Cotton Bowl Representatives are now available in the Student Activities Office, 163 Student Services Building. Application deadline is Friday, October 16. For more information call Christi Moore at 845-1135.

TEXAS A&M LACROSSE TEAM: Practice Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Polo Fields. Everyone welcome, no experience necessary. Come be a part of the State Championship tradition. For information call Tom Weaver at 764-7974.

WESLEY FOUNDATION: Bible Study and Lunch (\$1.00) at 12:30 p.m. in the Methodist Student Center. For more information call 846-4701

TAMU ROADRUNNERS: We meet today at 6:30 a.m. as we will every Monday through Friday. If you are interested in running with us, we meet in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum. For more information call Steve at 823-1334.

T-CAMP: T-Camp Co-Chair and T-Team Executive Assistant Applications are now available. They are due October 9 at 5 p.m. in the Student Activities Office (Room 125 Student Services Building). For more information call 862-2521.

UNIVERSITY AWARENESS FOR CULTURAL TOGETHERNESS (U-ACT): The Third Annual U-ACT Student Leader Retreat will take place at the Brazos Valley Camp in Snook, Texas on October 9-10. Come to U-ACT University: The Diversity University and learn about diversity and unification. For more information contact the Department of Multi-Cul-

tural Services at 845-4551 by Oct. 8.

NEWLY RECOGNIZED AND RE-RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATION TREASURERS AND ADVISORS: In compliance with a University directive requiring fiscal policy and procedure training for all advisors and treasurers of recognized student organizations, two workshops remain in Room 144 of the Student Services Building: Today at noon, and October 5 at noon. All advisors and Treasurers who did not attend a workshop last year are required to attend. Please call Penelope at 845-1133 if you have any questions.

AL-ANON: General discussion from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call the Center for Drug Prevention—The Rainbow Center at 845-0280 for more information and meeting location.

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE ENTREPRENEURS: Meeting at 7:15 p.m. in Blocker.

BETA ALPHA PSI: Professional meeting with Price Waterhouse at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Center. Formal attire requested.

FISH CAMP '93: Chairperson applications now available in room 131 of the Student Services Building. Call 845-1627 if you have any questions.

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL: Study of influence and power as committees are structured at 7:15 p.m. in 502 Rudder. For more information call Chris at 268-4595.

CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL: Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 144 Student Services Building. For more information call Lisa at 823-3685 or Jennifer at 847-1907.

TAMU PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB:

Meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder. For more information call Alan at 693-9541.

12TH MAN FOUNDATION STUDENT CHAPTER: Meeting at 7 p.m. in 110 Student Services Building with Tim Cassidy, Recruiting Coordinator, Texas A&M Athletics.

NOW: Committee meeting for Rape Speak Out from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in 146 MSC. All welcome. For more information call Tawny at 822-2218.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION: Career fair for all majors from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Zachry Lobby. Co-op jobs, summer jobs, and permanent jobs. For more information call the Cooperative Education Office at 845-7725.

TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION: Meeting in 202 Francis at 7:30 p.m. For more information call James at 847-1815.

AGGIME: Free screening of Japanese animation in the LRD from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Come out and join us!

PREPARATION FOR THE GMAT: How to improve scores on the math portion of the GMAT from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in 242 Blocker. First part in a four part series. FREE. Register in advance in 243 Blocker. For more information call the Center for Academic Enhancement at 845-2568.

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS: General meetings at 7:30 p.m. in EPB 206. All engineering majors welcome. For more information call Bryan at 696-7623.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Large group meeting at 8 p.m. in All Faith's Chapel with Kay Tekyl on "Who really cares?" For more information call Jackie at 846-

3147.

OFF CAMPUS AGGIES: Meeting to discuss the upcoming haunted house at 7:30 p.m. at Two Pesos. For more information call Karen at 693-2089.

HOWDY CAMP: Counselor applications are available through Friday, October 16 in 125 Student Services Building. Previous counselor experience in ExCEL, Fish Camp, Howdy Camp, or T-Camp required. A limited number of interview slots are available. For more information call the T-Camp office at 862-2521.

GYMNASTICS CLUB: Workout and meeting in 307 Reed from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information call Beth at 764-7566.

MSC ALL NIGHT FAIR COMMITTEE: Meeting at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder. All returning and prospective members are welcome. For more information call Keith at 845-1515.

CROSS ST. FILM SOCIETY: "Suspense: Hitchcock and Beyond" continues with a viewing and discussion of Alfred Hitchcock's "The Man Who Knew Too Much" at 8 p.m. at 401 Cross Street in College Station. Call 846-8535 for information or directions.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 016 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service which lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have any questions, call the newsroom at 845-3316.

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WHEN: Monday, October 5 at 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: Room 110 of the Student Services Building (Parking garage across from M.S.C.)
SPEAKER: Tim Cassidy
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