

Family

Federal appeals court upholds 'under God'

By Terence Chea
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An appeals court has upheld references to God on U.S. currency and in the Pledge of Allegiance, rejecting arguments they violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

"The Pledge of Allegiance serves to unite our vast nation through the proud recitation of some of the ideals upon which our Republic was founded," Judge Carlos Bea wrote for the majority in a 2-1 ruling Thursday by 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Bea noted that schools do not require students to recite the pledge, which was amended to include the words "under God" by a 1954 federal law signed by President Eisenhower. Members of Congress at the time said they wanted to set the United States apart from "godless communists."

In a separate 3-0 ruling, the court upheld the inscription of the national motto "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins and currency, citing an earlier 9th Circuit panel that ruled the phrase is ceremonial and patriotic and "has nothing whatsoever to do with the establishment of religion."

The same court caused a national uproar and prompted accusations of judicial activism when it decided in Sacramento atheist Michael Newdow's favor in 2002, ruling that the Pledge of Allegiance violated the First Amendment prohibition against government endorsement of religion.

President George W. Bush called the 2002 decision "ridiculous," senators passed a resolution condemning it and Newdow received death threats.

That lawsuit reached the U.S. Supreme Court in 2004, but the high court said Newdow lacked

the legal standing to file the suit because he didn't have custody of his daughter, on whose behalf he brought the case.

So Newdow filed an identical challenge on behalf of other parents who objected to the recitation of the pledge at school. In 2005, a federal judge in Sacramento decided in Newdow's favor, prompting the appeals court to take the case again.

Judge Stephen Reinhardt, who was part of the three-judge panel that ruled in Newdow's favor eight years ago, wrote a 123-page dissent to the 60-page majority opinion.

"Under no sound legal analysis adhering to binding Supreme Court precedent could this court uphold state-directed, teacher-led, daily recitation of the 'under God' version of the Pledge of Allegiance by children in public schools," wrote Reinhardt, who was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1980.

Newdow, a doctor and attorney who founded a group called the First Atheist Church of True Science, told the Associated Press he would ask the appeals court to rehear the case. If it rejects that request, Newdow said, he'll appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The whole argument that 'under God' wasn't placed into the pledge for religious purposes is bogus," Newdow said. "I hope people recognize this is not against God or people who believe in God. It's about the government not treat-

ing people equally on the basis of their lawful religious views."

Rory Little, a professor at the University of California Hastings College of the Law, said the Supreme Court is unlikely to review the case because Thursday's ruling is the third appellate court decision upholding the pledge.

In addition, Congress passed a law reaffirming the pledge in 2002, following the 9th Circuit's ruling that struck it down.

"I think this is the last word on this particular lawsuit," Little said. "It's an important ruling."

Greg Katsas, who argued the currency case on behalf of the U.S. government when the appellate court heard it in December 2007, said he thought the panel made the right decision Thursday.

"I think these two phrases encapsulate the philosophy on which the nation was founded," said Katsas, who now works in private practice. "There is a religious aspect to saying 'One nation under God,' but it isn't like a prayer. When someone says the pledge, they're not praying to God, they're pledging allegiance to the country, the flag and the ideals of the country."

Corrections

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Babies



Bridget C.

Bridget Grace Chaffin

Bridget Grace Chaffin, daughter of Marc and Cynthia Chaffin of Goodland, was born Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19.5 inches.

Sister Olivia welcomed the baby home. Grandparents are Tom and Charlene Chapin of Denver and Paul and Linda Chaffin of Goodland.

Taylor Madison Blake

Bradley and Lindsay (Haynes) Blake of Augusta, Ga., are the parents of a daughter, Taylor Madison Blake, born at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Doctors Hospital in Augusta. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Steve and Cynthia Haynes, Oberlin, and Jerry and Roberta Blake, Naperville, Ill. Emma Desilet, Concordia, is her maternal great-grandmother.



Taylor Blake

Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

Abilene Hustlers Vice President Brennan Ziegelmeier presided over the March 1 club meeting in the absence of president Sarah Lamm. Hannah Strange led the club in the flag salute.

After Jory Koon read the minutes and they were approved, 11 members answered roll call by naming their favorite fruit.

The council announced that the "Welcome to Thomas County" sign still needs to be put up and the shooting sports, archery and shotgun projects still need leaders. Leaders need to commit to two years to pay for the training.

Small animal weigh-in will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, at the Thomas County Fairgrounds for sheep, goats, pigs and bucket calves.

Community leader Donna Lamm announced that American Cancer Society daffodils will be

on sale soon, and asked the club if they wanted to buy or donate. The club voted to buy three bunches.

County Club Day will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Sacred Heart Catholic School. The club voted to do a model meeting for club day, and to compete for a pizza party with other clubs in getting spring blood drive donors.

Josh Koon led the club in playing Four Corners.

A guest was Kenton Krehbiel, who judged the meeting. He said the club did well, and gave tips on how to make amendments to motions.

Before ending the meeting, the club broke up into two groups to practice their project talks and demonstrations for Club Day.

Next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, April 5.

— Brook Ziegelmeier

Bulldogs win bowl

By Karina Munoz
Golden Plains High School

On Thursday, March 4, the Golden Plains physics class went to Fort Hays State University for the eighth annual Science Bowl sponsored by the Society of Physics Students, and came home with the hardware, winning the event.

The format is similar to Scholars Bowl, but with the questions from biology, earth science, chemistry, physics and mathematics.

Participating schools included Hays, four teams; Otis-Bison, two teams; Logan, two teams; and Hoisington, Smith Center, Stockton and Golden Plains.

The Golden Plains team of Michael Roehl, Shaun Gilbert, Jonathan Broeckelman and Isaac Broeckelman, won their pool with a record of 4-1.

The Hays A team won the other pool. In the semifinals, Golden Plains defeated Smith Center in overtime 40-30 and Hays A defeated Logan B 50-20. In the finals, Golden Plains defeated Hays A in overtime 50-40 to take the championship.

"It felt fantastic to beat a 5A school," Isaac Broeckelman said.

Celebrate 90th

The family of Oscar Jones will hold an open house for his 90th birthday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Senior Progress Center in Fike Park. The family requests no gifts.

Cards will reach him at 635 S. Grant Ave. in Colby.

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