

Student dies in car crash outside Reno

Tragedy: Ka Man Wong died in an accident while vacationing in Nevada for spring break

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University student Ka Man "Carmen" Wong died of injuries suffered when her car collided head-on with another vehicle on March 19, about 30 miles outside of Reno, Nev.



WONG

Eugene resident Geoffrey Wright, 22, also died in the accident. In the other vehicle, Jack Towle, 71, of Everson, Wash., was killed and his wife Donna, 71, was injured. She is now listed in fair condition at a Reno hospital.

The Nevada Highway Patrol said Wong's southbound

vehicle hit Towle's northbound car when she apparently tried to pass another car on U.S. Highway 395.

Wong was a 21-year-old senior from Hong Kong, and was set to graduate at the end of spring term with a degree in computer and information science.

Wong's organs will be donated and her body cremated. No memorial service is scheduled to take place in Eugene.

She is survived by her older brother, Leo Wong, of California, and her parents who live in Hong Kong.

Friends said Wong's interests included reading, listening to music and watching movies. "She was a pretty nice and outgoing person, talkative and cheerful," said Elaine Sim, Wong's roommate.

No one knew where Wong was headed at the time of the accident.

Protesters denounce GOP 'Contract'



Wearing masks and signs, critics of Newt Gingrich's "Contract With America" voice their opposition in the EMU Courtyard Wednesday afternoon.

Rally: Speakers call for increased student involvement

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More than 200 students gathered in the EMU courtyard Wednesday afternoon to soak in the rays of the sun and the rallying of students, staff and community members who oppose the Republican-supported "Contract With America."

"This is a contract on America, not a contract with America, because the majority of Americans do not support the policies of it," said Chris Brady, editor of the *Student Insurgent*.

Many of the speakers railed against what they consider to be "myths" promoted by Newt Gingrich, the speaker of the House of Representatives and an author of the contract.

One "myth" addressed by speakers is that students should be able to pay their own tuition costs by working.

"The federal government is going to cut your aid and the state government is going to raise your tuition," said Chris Kantrowitz, a student senator and member of the ASUO Programs Finance Committee.

"This is such an important year for the future of public education," he said.

Speakers at the rally asked students to get involved and speak out, encouraging them to make their voices heard by writing letters, contacting members of congress and serving on committees.

"Your livelihood depends on your action right now. If you don't take any action, maybe you won't be back next year," said Paco Murphy, a sociology graduate teaching fellow.

"It's not just the 'Contract With America,' we're talking about the whole right-wing Republican backlash against liberalism," he said.

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GOOD MORNING

► **NEW YORK (AP)** — M&M lovers will soon have the blues.

The results of a two-month campaign to choose a new color were unveiled Wednesday and blue won with 54 percent of the more than 10 million votes cast. It beat out pink and purple for the honor.

"For the first time since M&M plain chocolate candies were introduced in 1941, America has voted for a new color to appear in the traditional mix," said Pat D'Amato, a spokeswoman for the Hackettstown, N.J.-based M&M-Mars.

In honor of the announcement, made on the 86th floor of the Empire State Building, the landmark skyscraper was lighted all in blue Wednesday night.

The announcement came after a grueling campaign that featured appearances by actors dressed as pink, purple and blue M&M's at the Super Bowl and Mardi Gras.

Later this summer, the blue candies will replace tan in bags of plain M&M's. Blue will replace orange in almond and peanut butter M&M's, and it will be

added to peanut M&M's without displacing a color.

► **LONDON (AP)** — The world's most photographed royal had had enough of the camera lenses.

So after a day of hounding by foreign paparazzi at the Austrian ski resort of Lech, Princess Diana angrily let fly — to a British tabloid journalist.

"When I see them all around me all the time it is like being raped," a tearful princess was quoted as telling the *Daily Mirror's* veteran royal reporter, James Whitaker.

"I just can't stand it," the 33-year-old reportedly told Whitaker in a story published Tuesday.

Whitaker said he and the estranged wife of Prince Charles had an "extraordinary frank exchange" outside Lech's five-star Burg-Treff Hotel, where Diana is on vacation with the couple's sons, William, 12, and Harry, 10.

"When I go back to my hotel each afternoon, all the windows of my apartment are surrounded by photographers looking in at me," the princess reportedly told Whitaker.

Floods dampen spring break

California: Some students had a wet homecoming during the March vacation

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While many University students spent spring break basking in the hot sun of Florida or Mexico, some students returned home to find that their hometowns in California were beginning to resemble the mythical lost city of Atlantis as a result of recent floods.

Harry Fuhrman, a junior, returned to his home of Guerneville, in Sonoma County, to find that the local Safeway had five feet of water from the floor up.

Fuhrman, whose family home is on a hill, said an enormous amount of water had collected at the bottom of the hill, forcing many residents to remain in their homes for a few days until emergency crews cleared some of the water out of the

way.

He said his brother was trapped inside the family home for five days without running water or electricity, opting to wait rather than be airlifted out via helicopter as many residents had done.

Fuhrman's parents, who had moved to Guerneville from Ashland, have decided not to renew the lease on their home this year and will move to nearby Santa Rosa because of the flood.

However, Clinton Thelander, also a junior, said his parents weren't going to leave their home in Salinas, near the coastal town of Monterey.

"It's a freak thing," said Thelander, an art history major. "I'd rather deal with a flood every couple of years or so than a tornado warning in Texas every week."

Stephen De Vries, also from Salinas, said that while he was home, he noticed the price of a head of lettuce had skyrocketed from 30 cents to \$2.66 a head.

According to Eliza Chan,



public affairs specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Gov. Pete Wilson has declared 57 out of the 58 counties in California disaster zones, and 14 people have died as a result of the flooding. The estimated economic and actual loss in crops due to flood damage increased to \$600 million as of Tuesday.