

# Dial a Teacher' begins

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PHILADELPHIA — Mom and dad aren't the only ones Philadelphia area students can turn to for help with their homework. Now, they can dial a hotline that puts them in touch with a teacher.

The program, called DATA Line Dial A Teacher Assistance — is believed to be the first of its kind in the country. And it's designed to help parents as well as schoolchildren.

The program was launched Feb. 15 by the Philadelphia School District and currently is staffed by administrators and curriculum specialists until enough teachers are recruited.

Two days after its inception, educators manning five telephones in the school district's Biological Library were swamped with more than 200 calls.

Most of the calls were about mathematics, but they ranged from questions on the atmosphere to why an animal has the longest gestation period.

That last question was received by mathematics teacher Dave Williams, who after determining the answer was serious, eagerly answered. It is the elephant, which has a gestation period of two years.

Through the question was not in Williams' field, Williams expressed delight he was able to answer, having recently read about a pregnancy of elephants in a "contest on trivia."

Williams pushed his luck no further and quickly handed the phone to science teacher Ron Drossner when the caller's next question dealt with the frog's gestation period.

Present were two language teachers, one teacher of foreign languages, a social studies teacher, the coordinator of the program, Drossner, who also answered elementary language arts and mathematics questions.

Drossner told the teachers they were not to give the answer to a student but "go through the problem how they (students) can go about getting it."

Some of the educators expressed just a little about being stumped, but in no product feeling soon gave way as the oil authority came in.

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## Last of 8 scrolls deciphered

# Christian doctrines revealed

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BERKELEY, Calif. — The last and most complete of the Dead Sea Scrolls discloses remarkable, new evidence about the origin of Christian teaching on sex, marriage and divorce, a Biblical scholar said Sunday.

Called the "Temple Scroll" because much of it deals with reconstruction of the temple in Jerusalem, the newly published document sets forth a code of behavior forbidding divorce and polygamy. It also supports celibacy by banning sex anywhere within the walls of Jerusalem.

The new scroll is the last of eight well-preserved documents found in a cave near the Dead Sea by a Bedouin youth in 1947. Seven other scrolls were deciphered and studied during the 1950s, but the Temple Scroll was not uncovered until Israel seized Arab territory in the 1967 war.

The scroll was found in a shoe box hidden under the floor of an Arab shop whose owner was involved in purchase of the earlier documents. During the past 10 years it has been carefully unrolled and deciphered by Yigael Yadin, the Israeli scholar who is now deputy prime minister. It has not yet been translated into English.

It is the longest scroll found — 19 pages stretching 28 feet.

Prof. Jacob Milgrom of the University of California helped Yadin in the restoration work.

"In my opinion, it is probably the most important scroll," Milgrom said in an interview with United Press International. "To begin with, in this scroll, God speaks in the first person. This puts the scroll in a special category. You are dealing with revelation. His authorized word."

He cited the declaration in the scroll that anyone "aspiring to live

within the shadow of the temple in a permanent state of holiness must be leading a single life." It forbids sexual relations anywhere in the entire city of Jerusalem.

The document also "forbids the king to take more than one wife and says he may not remarry as long as she is alive," Milgrom said. "The implications are obvious. Divorce is prohibited."

"We see for the first time that the views of marriage and divorce which were expressed in certain tenden-

cies within the Gospels of the New Testament can be traced to teachings of this sect, which antedates the time of Jesus by at least a century and a half."

The scrolls were found near the community of Qumran, occupied from about the middle of the second century B.C. to the time of the Roman invasion in 67 A.D., by a "fringe sect within Judaism" which had gone there to escape the "pollution" its leaders felt had afflicted Jerusalem, Milgrom said.

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## Gang flick provokes violence

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PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — A 17-year-old youth died Friday night in a shooting linked to showings of the movie "The Warriors," a film about gang wars in New York City.

The film has been associated with outbreaks of violence across the city.

Police said Saturday that Marvin Williams died at Palm Springs Desert Hospital, where he had been in critical condition for several days. He was shot once in the head Monday during an apparent gang-related fight at the Palm Springs movie theater.

Williams' family said he was in custody.

An unrelated incident the same day in Oxnard, Timothy Gitchel, 17, was stabbed to death in a fight between white and black youths outside Mann's Esplanade movie theater, which was also showing "The Warriors."

The movie has since been taken off both the Palm Springs and Oxnard theaters.

In New York, 12 males, aged 16 to 21, were arrested Friday for a shooting in a Times Square subway station. Police said the 12 had just emerged from seeing the movie.

"The Warriors," made at a cost of \$5 million, gangs from all over the city gather for a meeting to elect the leader of all the gangs in the city.

The Warriors, a Coney Island neighborhood, are suspected and the film depicts their flight through New York City's subway system to their home.

Police are showing the movie in several theaters in the Bronx and Queens, though reported numerous confrontations between youths seeing the film.

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