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Einstein's satelli NASA launches new satellite to

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By Andrew Bridges THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — NASA on Tuesday launched a \$750 million satellite conceived during the Eisenhower administration to test two of Albert Einstein's fundamental predictions about the universe.

The Gravity Probe B satellite blasted off from an oceanside pad at Vandenberg Air Force Base at 9:57 a.m. PDT. The launch, aboard a Delta II rocket, came one day after officials scrubbed an earlier attempt.

The satellite was to separate from the rocket and begin its 18-month mission 75 minutes after liftoff.

The launch of the 6,800pound, Lockheed Martin Corp.-built spacecraft marked the end of the longest development period of any mission in the history of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Scientists first proposed what became Gravity Probe B in 1959, a year after the launch of the first American satellite and the creation of NASA. Over the decades, it weathered more than a halfdozen attempts at cancellation amid concerns over cost overruns and technical hurdles.

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Judge to allow testimony from Forth

By Tim Talley THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

McALESTER, Okla. - The prosecution's star witness in the Terry Nichols murder trial began testifying Tuesday after a judge allowed him to discuss the alleged conspiracy between Nichols and Timothy McVeigh to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building.

Michael Fortier's testimony focused on how he, Nichols and McVeigh met as Army buddies stationed together at Fort Riley, Kan.

Two years after Fortier left the Army, McVeigh showed up unannounced at his home in Kingman, Ariz., shortly after the April 19, 1993, government raid at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, in which about 80 people died. McVeigh was upset over the raid.

"He was speaking about the fire that had occurred in Waco, Texas," Fortier said. "He was excited and angry about it."

The Oklahoma City bombing came exactly two years after the raid, and prosecutors say it was a twisted attempt at revenge.

under heavy security Tuesday. In a hearing after the jury was sent home Monday, attorneys for Nichols claimed the prosecution is withholding evidence that is cial to his defense.

Federal law enforcement authorities test at the hearing that the material Nichols'law are seeking may not exist.

Chief among evidence the defense syst wants handed over is purported security footage of the attack that suggests Mellin may have had accomplices at the scent.

> In a 90-page motion filed la week, the attorneys usied the judge to dismiss first-degree murder charges against Nid because prosecutors have attempts to obtain evidence McVeigh's connection with other co-conspirators.

Current and former FBI Secret Service agents testife that the existence of such and dence is purely speculative.

"There is no such tape," Jon Hersley, a retired FBI who was a primary investi

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Nichols' attorneys had asked the judge to prohibit conspiracy testimony from Fortier because he wasn't charged as a conspirator.

Judge Steven Taylor said evidence in Nichols' trial indicates there was a conspiracy between McVeigh and Nichols. He also said that previous federal testimony from Fortier indicates he was part of that conspiracy.

Fortier, serving 12 years in prison for knowing about the bombing plot, but not telling authorities, was brought to the courthouse

McVeigh, on Nichols' behavior the April 19, 1995, bom

the Oklahoma City federal ing, which killed 168 peop Taylor was to rule on

Nichols' motion Tuesday night.

Nichols and McVeigh were convicted eral charges for the deaths of eight federal agents in the April 19, 1995, bombingot Alfred P. Murrah building. McVeigh was cuted in 2001 and Nichols was sent to part for life.

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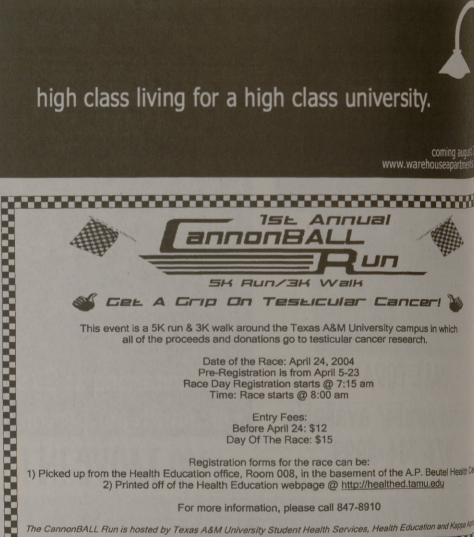
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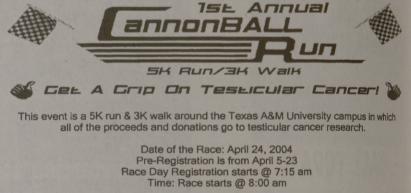
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