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# Tobacco trial may turn tide

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jean Connor, who smoked two to three packs of cigarettes a day for more than 30 years and died of lung cancer in 1995, told her story from the grave.

In a videotape played for a jury, an ailing, bone-thin Connor told how, as a teen-ager, she thought smoking was glamorous.

"They tell me that Salem's a good cigarette. That I should smoke it. That I'll enjoy it. I'll like it, and it's pleasant, and good things happen to you when you smoke Salem," she said.

Her family's effort to hold R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. liable for her death comes as the legal and regulatory tide has turned against the industry. A verdict against the nation's No. 2 cigarette maker could weaken the industry's hand in negotiations toward a multibillion-dollar settlement with state governments around the country.

"If tobacco loses this one, they could lose a lot more," said Melissa F. Ronan, an attorney with Litigation Analysis for Wall Street, who has attended the entire month-long trial.

Connor's legal team is led by Norwood "Woody" Wilner, who won a \$750,000 verdict against Brown & Williamson last fall on behalf of another former smoker. It was only the second time a jury has ordered the industry to pay. The first verdict, in 1988 in New Jersey, was overturned on appeal.

In the latest trial, which is expected

to go to the jury on Friday, Wilner and RJR's lawyers argued whether the company was negligent in not warning of the dangers of smoking.

The case is a test of the use of RJR internal documents, which Wilner introduced for the first time to show that the company was aware of links between smoking and lung cancer in the 1940s and early '50s.

Connor's family says she became hooked on cigarettes. She died in 1995 at age 49. They are seeking millions in damages.

RJR's attorneys argue that Connor chose to smoke and was not addicted because she was able to quit in 1993, two months before she was diagnosed with cancer.

In the videotapes, a dying Connor, looking gaunt and wearing a wig, talked about seeing cigarette ads as a teen-ager in the 1950s.

The jury saw only 1 1/2 minutes of the 16-minute videotape because Circuit Judge Bernard Nachman ruled most of it was too prejudicial. During

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a hearing on the tape's admissibility, Nachman at one point told lawyers to stop the video because the images of Connor were too disturbing to him.

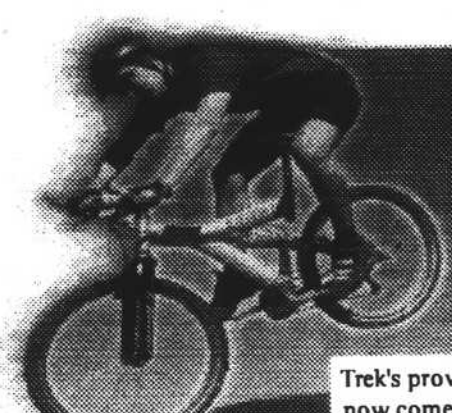
Connor said she started smoking one or two cigarettes a day when she was 14 or 15. At the time there were no health warnings on cigarettes.

Connor first smoked Winston cigarettes, then switched to Salems because she liked the menthol taste. Both are made by R.J. Reynolds.

Taken alone, the trial is not that significant to the tobacco companies, which had \$50 billion in revenue last year.

But the trial comes as the industry faces lawsuits by more than 20 states and countless individuals and increasing regulatory pressure. A federal judge in Greensboro, N.C., ruled last week that the Food and Drug Administration could regulate tobacco as a drug. And the Supreme Court this week refused to hear a challenge of a Baltimore ordinance restricting cigarette billboards near schools.

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# NATO agreement remains elusive

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin urged the Clinton administration Thursday to give "concrete meaning" to pledges by the United States and NATO not to threaten Russia with its planned expansion to Russia's western border.

The administration signaled back

that room for bargaining remains before July, when President Clinton and leaders of the 15 other NATO countries will meet and invite former allies of Russia to join the alliance.

Much of the negotiating until then will be in the European ministe and NATO member Luxembourg, where Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny

Primakov and NATO Secretary General Javier Solana meet next week; and in neutral Austria's capital Vienna.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, true to her prediction, was unable in talks with Primakov on Thursday to close the gaps on a charter to give Russia a link to but no military voice in the Atlantic alliance.

# Witness details McVeigh's exploits

DENVER (AP) — A former arms dealer testified Thursday that Timothy McVeigh called him six months before the Oklahoma City bombing and asked to buy a detonator for a bomb, making it clear "he needed it bad."

"He asked me if I could get him a detonation cord ... a high explosive used to set off the main explosive," said Greg Pfaff, who met McVeigh at gun shows through his ammunition outlet, Lock and Load Distributors.

Pfaff said he told McVeigh that a "det cord" is not normally sold at gun shows and could not legally be shipped in the United States. McVeigh, who was calling from Arizona, said he would personally pick it up.

"He said it didn't matter, he needed it bad," said Pfaff, who was never able to come up with the detonation cord.

Pfaff, who now runs a deli in Harrisonburg, Va., said McVeigh was strongly opposed to the government siege on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas. "Basically that this could be the start of the government coming house to house to retrieve the weapons from the citizens," he said.

Later, David Darlak, a high school friend of McVeigh's from upstate New York, testified he hadn't heard from McVeigh in two years when he called in 1994 asking where he could buy some racing fuel.

Darlak said he didn't know, and asked McVeigh why he needed it. Darlak didn't elaborate on McVeigh's response.

Prosecutors say nitromethane fuel, often used in drag racing, was mixed with ammonium nitrate fertilizer to make the truck bomb that blew apart the Oklahoma City federal building.

McVeigh, a 29-year-old Gulf War veteran, faces the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, blast that killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

At the trial, a publisher of military how-to books also testified that McVeigh ordered three books in 1992 and 1993, including one — "Homemade C-4, A Recipe For Survival" — that details how to mix ammonium nitrate and nitromethane.

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