

# UT hires noted cancer fighter

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BURLINGTON, Vt. — Vermont Regional Cancer Center Director Dr. Irwin Krakoff will leave the center later this year to read the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and

Tumor Institute's Division of Medicine, officials said Wednesday. They said Krakoff, one of Vermont's leading cancer fighters, will take on the new assignment on Sept. 1.

In addition to his duties at the cancer center, Krakoff has taught at the University of Vermont's College of Medicine since 1976. UVM said in a prepared statement. It said he is best known for his

research in reducing toxic side-effects of anti-cancer drugs, and he has authored more than 150 articles — mostly about chemotherapy. Krakoff spent much of his early career at the Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City and directed its Clinical Chemistry and Pharmacology Laboratory from 1973 to 1976.

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## Mechanic wins big in lottery

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Ed Dennis, a heavy equipment mechanic from Deer Trail on Colorado's eastern plains, has become the fourth \$1 million winner in the state's lottery.

Dennis, 54, Tuesday won the grand prize in the lottery's third game: \$50,000 a year for 20 years. There were two \$1 million winners in the first game.

Dennis said he was confident he would win the top prize as soon as he was selected among the 10 finalists. Before the drawing at the Pikes Peak Center, Dennis joked he should win "because I need it more than the others."

He said some of his winnings would go for a new pickup truck, a visit to his daughter in Dallas and a Hawaiian vacation promised to his wife, Rosalee.

"I had the money spent halfway through (the drawing)," he said.

Joseph Selvidio of Golden, 37, an electrician for the Jefferson County School District, won second prize of \$50,000. He said he planned to build a sports car and put the rest toward a new home.



*Creative craft*

George Carter Jr., from Bryan, concentrates on an intricate detail in the craft workshop at the Memorial Student Center. Carter is making wax miniatures that will be cast into bronze. The work-

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## High court will hear libel case

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AUSTIN — The state Supreme Court Wednesday agreed to review a \$2.5 million libel judgment that stemmed from a book published in 1972 about corruption in Texas state government.

At issue is whether the plaintiff, former State Optometry Board member Dr. N. Jay Rogers of Beaumont, is entitled to punitive damages when no actual damages were sought.

The court set an Oct. 12 hearing date for oral arguments in the case.

The defendants in the case

are the publishing firm, Doubleday & Company, and Washington-based journalist Harvey Katz, the author of "Shadow on the Alamo."

The book, commissioned by Doubleday in 1971 and published in 1972, details alleged corruption in Texas state government and the state Legislature. The book jacket says Katz gathered information for the book while posing as a legislative aide.

Rogers sued Doubleday and Katz for libel after Katz wrote that Rogers was appointed to the

Optometry Board by former Gov. John Connally "despite Rogers' three indictments for practicing without a license."

The allegations turned out to be false, and a jury awarded Rogers \$2.5 million in damages.

The award was set aside by the trial court because no actual damages were awarded, but the award was later reinstated by the 9th Court of Appeals in Beaumont.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that if a plaintiff in a libel case is a public figure, he must prove an article, even though

false, was published with "less abandon and a disregard of the truth."

The Texas appellate court said even though Rogers is a public figure, he met the burden of proof. The court said it would have been a "simple matter" for Katz to have checked with the Texas Senate about Rogers' background since he underwent confirmation hearings.

"Katz himself is a lawyer and not only should have known the impact of the charge of 'libel' but also that it would be a simple matter to verify," the court said.

## Explorers search deep for Titanic

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NEW YORK — For a third time, scientists will search deep in the North Atlantic for the wreckage of the Titanic, which sank on its maiden voyage 71 years ago killing 1,513 people in the worst shipping disaster in history.

The venture by Columbia University scientists is scheduled to begin Saturday. It will be conducted from the Navy research vessel Robert D. Conrad, which will depart from Halifax, Nova Scotia for the 10-day voyage.

Texas oilman and investor Jack Grimm, who financed expeditions to locate the Loch Ness Monster and Bigfoot, is again financing the project.

"This year's search has the advantage of using information gathered on expeditions made in 1980 and 1981, including a photograph of what may be a propeller blade large enough to have been one of the Titanic's," the university said Tuesday in a statement.

Dr. William Ryan, senior research associate of Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in Palisades, N.Y., will direct the search aboard the 208-foot Conrad.

Ryan said previous expeditions conducted aboard smaller, unpowered ships, have been frustrated by conflicting data on where the Titanic sank, the depth of the ocean, the rugged terrain of the sea floor and the possibility the Titanic broke up after leaving the bottom.

It is believed the remains of the ship are on the ocean floor about two miles down.

This year's search will be conducted where the propeller was photographed in 1981. The search will encompass 400 square miles east and north of earlier search areas.

"The objectives have been to consistently carry out a methodical search pattern, log to rubbing one's back and forth across a thick pet in search of a lost piece of jewelry," Ryan said.

The search will use a system developed for the Titanic searches and a magnetometer capable of detecting a 45,000-ton wreck.

The RMS Titanic, called "unsinkable" because it had 16 watertight compartments and a double-bottom hull, struck an iceberg about midnight on April 14, 1912, 400 miles south of Newfoundland.



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