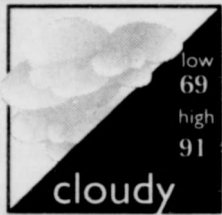


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Staff members honored by Chancellor, President



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Congratulations: Cristy Vinson receives the Chancellor's Award from Montford on Wednesday.

by Matt Green
Staff Writer

Thirty-one Texas Tech staff members were honored at the Third Annual Quality Service Awards Program on Wednesday.

The Quality Service Awards are designed to recognize and reward individuals for supporting Tech's quality service philosophy.

Tech President Donald Haragan, who gave an address and presented awards to 29 of the winners, said this is a very distinguished honor.

"Of Tech's 2,400 staff employees, only 31 were honored here today," Haragan said.

Two winners, David Kraus and Cristy Vinson, received

special awards presented by Tech Chancellor John Montford.

"These people have been successful in placing service first," Montford said.

Kraus, the director of placement services for Career Planning and Placement, said he was surprised by receiving the Chancellor's Award.

"There are probably 100 people on this campus who deserve this award as much as I do," Kraus said.

Vinson, a programmer project leader for Administrative Information Services, is credited by peers with getting the Student Information System operational.

Vinson's sister-in-law Holly Vinson, an academic program

assistant in the College of Human Sciences, said behind the scenes work is often unappreciated.

"Cristy is very deserving of this award," Vinson said, "Many people don't realize how important student records are."

Award recipients are nominated by their fellow staff members, and then nominations are tabulated by the Office of Quality Service. Nominations are then reviewed by an appointed selection committee and approved by the president.

"This is not a trivial process," Haragan said.

Winners of the Quality Service Awards received a commemorative pin, an award

plaque and a cash award of \$500.

Chancellor's Award winners Vinson and Kraus each received an engraved pen, an award plaque and \$1,500.

Nominees must be a benefit eligible employee for at least two years, have a current satisfactory performance evaluation with the Department of Human Resources, and must have completed a Service Plus Training Class.

Approximately 30 Tech staff members win the award every year, and 30 staff members from the Health Sciences Center are honored in a separate ceremony.

The Health Sciences Center Awards are expected to take place later this summer.

'GO TEXAN' campaign hits local supermarkets

by Angel Wolfe
Staff Writer

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs was in Lubbock on Thursday to help kick-off the West Texas portion of the "GO TEXAN" marketing campaign with United Supermarkets.

"It's great to be here for the first labeling of 'GOTEXAN' (in the West Texas region)," Combs said.

"I hope that everyone will remember to buy Texan."

The labels, showing an outline of the state of Texas, will be placed on all produce items grown in the state of Texas.

Combs was at the United Supermarket in the Kingsgate Shopping Center to help show support for the campaign, said Allison Workman Morris of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Combs said there is a tremendous amount of Texas pride all over the state.

"Our research has shown that 90 percent of Texas consumers would make a bee-line to Texas products,"

she said. "That is why we are placing the recognizable Texas shape on all of our products."

Morris said the goal of the campaign is to promote consumer awareness as to what products are actually made and produced in Texas.

United Supermarkets have agreed to sponsor the program by placing the labels on all Texas products throughout their 40 store network, Combs said.

"I am very grateful that United has agreed to work with us," Combs said.

"It takes support on the retail level to help agriculture."

Morris said the campaign was brought in with Combs when she became Ag Commissioner in January.

Celebrities endorsing the campaign include Nolan Ryan and Tommy Lee Jones who will soon air commercials endorsing the campaign. Ryan's commercial features him pitching fruit and saying, "It just don't taste right when it's not from Texas."

"I assure you, the fruit Ryan is pitching is not from Texas," Combs said.



Cruel Summer



Netted: Steve Deitz, a senior art major from Abilene takes on the net Thursday in a beach volleyball contest. He will participate in a tournament Saturday in Dallas.

Wes Underwood/
The University Daily

Tech Habitat chapter helps raise funds

by Andy Jones
Staff Writer

Habitat For Humanity of Lubbock Inc. and its Texas Tech chapter will begin a summer fund raiser July 5 at the South Plains Mall.

In its third year of cooperation with the South Plains Mall, Habitat For Humanity will kick-off its summer playhouse fund raiser near

grand court, said Tamara Cannon, marketing director for South Plains Mall.

Jessica Garcia, Tech president of Habitat For Humanity, said the playhouse can be viewed at several locations throughout the summer. Besides being at South Plains Mall July 5-11; July 12-18 the playhouse also will be at Wal-Mart at 4215 South Loop 289; July 19-25 at Toys R' Us at

6101 Slide Rd.; July 26-August 1 at Super K-Mart at 6501 University Ave.; August 2-8 at Wal-Mart at 702 West Loop 289; and August 9-15 at Home Depot 5801 West Loop 289.

Benefit drawing tickets will be available at each location and will require a \$5 donation according to Lubbock Habitat's volunteer coordi-

see **HABITAT**, page 8

Former Texas politician accused in murder

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A former mayor from Texas and four others accused of running elaborate insurance and tax fraud schemes across the West worked like an organized crime family, even murdering one of its own, a man who agreed to cooperate with federal authorities, a prosecutor told jurors Thursday.

Mark Crawford, former mayor of Ingleside, Texas, was the leader of the group that operated fraudulent insurance and employee leasing companies in California, Texas, Colorado and Mississippi, prosecutor Mark Culler said in his opening statement.

"He had a home for his wife and children, and an apartment for his girlfriend. ... He had a pilot on salary, had sports cars, antique cars and a boat," Culler said. "How did he pay for this lifestyle? That's what this case is all about."

Crawford, his brother, John, and three others — Frank Bochicchio, Kirk Johnson and Juan Galvan — face a variety of federal charges including racketeering, embezzlement, money laundering and wire fraud.

The men collected thousands of dollars in health insurance premiums, but shut down when clients tried to make a claim, Culler said.

Similar tactics were used in Colorado with new home warranty insurance, he added.

The defendants also are charged with skimming federal payroll taxes for their own use from numerous employee leasing companies.

The schemes began in 1992 and continued until the Internal Revenue Service and the federal grand jury in Fresno began investigating, authorities said.

The Crawford brothers and Nick Brueggen received notices to appear before the grand jury in 1996.

The Crawfords testified and Brueggen had agreed to cooperate with federal authorities but he was murdered in May 1996, Culler said.

Mark Crawford, Bochicchio and Johnson are accused of kidnapping and slaying Brueggen in order to prevent him from testifying against them.

Michael Beckcom — who accepted a plea offer for his testimony — and Johnson picked up Brueggen on May 6, 1996 at an airport in Corpus Christi and drove him to a warehouse where they forced the victim at gunpoint into a 3-by-4-foot metal toolbox.

"Mark Crawford tells Nick Brueggen, 'You screwed me over,'" Culler said. "Mark Crawford tells Frank Bochicchio, 'The rat's in the trap.'"

The defendants then taped one end of a garden hose into the exhaust pipe of a Ford Explorer and placed the other end into a hole in the toolbox, Culler said.

Seven-year-old Levelland boy drowns in fast-moving water in swollen creek

BLUE SPRINGS, Mo. (AP) — A Texas boy drowned Wednesday after falling into a fast-moving,

rain-swollen creek.

The body of Matthew Foster, 7, of Levelland, was discovered on farm

property about 200 yards from where he fell in, Blue Springs police said.

Three other children who may have been trying to rescue the boy escaped.

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Floods cause grief for Hub City

by **Stephanie Taylor**
Staff Writer

Flooding caused by excess rain and an inadequate drainage system continues to be a problem for Lubbock residents.

Lubbock lakes have swollen with the recent rain, leaving rain water on streets and in parking lots nowhere to run.

Tony Privett, Lubbock's corporate commission manager, said several projects are in the works to improve the city's drainage system.

"We have several ongoing projects right now, including several small projects as well as two larger ones," Privett said.

The city is doing no lake to lake pumping at this time, and Privett said streets seem to flood long after the rain has stopped because water is flowing slowly into these areas.

"People don't always realize that just because the rain has stopped, they may not have seen the worst of it," Privett said.

Excess water in the lake at Clapp Park is being pumped into a storage drain underneath, but in a few years it will be rerouted to Yellowhouse Canyon.

Maxey Park's lake overflows into a large storm drain, but also will be rerouted once the East/West Freeway is complete.

Neither of these projects will be

completed for a few years, and Privett said the flooding occurred due to unusual circumstances.

"The city can only afford what will happen routinely," he said.

"This happened because a large amount of rain fell over a very concentrated area in a short amount of time."

That concentrated area was primarily south and southwest Lubbock. Seventeen homes and two apartment complexes were damaged in the course of the flooding.

Sundial apartments, one of the worst hit by the flooding, was forced to evacuate apartments Tuesday night.

The American Red Cross provided

shelter for those having to evacuate their homes.

The shelter was located at Calvary Baptist Church and housed four people Tuesday night.

The Red Cross is working to help those sustaining similar damages in Littlefield, as well as distributing clean-up kits and providing a mobile feeding unit.

The Red Cross attempts to supply victims with any necessary items, but often does not have exactly what the situation calls for.

"The best way is to give vouchers so people can go to stores and pick out exactly what they need or want, and we will be doing that here," said Todd Davis, a Red Cross employee.

New organizations make case for membership

by **Matt Green**
Staff Writer

Texas Tech student organizations had tables set up throughout the University Center on Thursday to promote their activities.

Mixed in with Greek organizations and university representatives were several newer and lesser-known groups.

Autumn Whatley, a senior elementary education major from Kerrville, represented the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance during the most recent orientation session.

Whatley said it was not always easy to get people interested in her group.

"It's very hard just to get people to

pay attention to a group like this," Whatley said.

She said the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, which was established at Tech last fall, is not the type of organization new students usually seek out.

"Many students are more interested in talking to the Greeks or the religious groups," Whatley said.

John Detrixhe, a senior English major from Fort Stockton, said students get more exposure to church groups and sports and fraternal organizations than to groups like the FMLA when they are in high school.

"It's what you expect a college to offer, but many people aren't exposed to ideas like this before they get here," Detrixhe said.

Whatley said the group was pleased with the amount of people who expressed interest.

"I'm happy with the amount of people we've reached today," she said.

The Campus Libertarians, who are in their third year at Tech, handed out fliers at their table in the UC.

Party member Greg Fisher, a graduate student in health organization management from Crosby County, said his organization's presence may have caught student's off guard.

"We may not be what students are expecting to see when they come in here," Fisher said.

Fisher said, despite being outnumbered by Republican and Demo-

cratic student organizations, many incoming freshmen were aware of the party's objectives before visiting Tech.

"A good number of these students have been exposed to us in their high school government classes," Fisher said.

Fisher credited the distribution of voter registration cards and the world's smallest political quiz with gaining attention for the Libertarians.

"We've had a lot of interested people," Fisher said.

Double T Days are held on Mondays and Thursdays during freshmen orientation. The orientations have concluded for June, but four more are scheduled for July.

Police with unsolved slayings check Resendez-Ramirez connections

HOUSTON (AP) — Police with unsolved slayings across the nation are quizzing Texas authorities about the rail-riding fugitive who has already been linked through physical evidence to eight killings in three states.

"We have had some other law enforcement agencies who have asked to compare (information), and there are some comparisons going on as we speak," Don K. Clark, the FBI special agent leading the Houston-based task force pursuing Rafael

Resendez-Ramirez, said Thursday.

Resendez-Ramirez, 39, is a Mexican national wanted for questioning in connection with five killings in Texas, one in Kentucky and two earlier this month in Illinois, where he faces capital murder charges.

He was last reported seen in Louisville, Ky., a week ago.

Investigators have talked to the suspect's family and are beefing up efforts in Kentucky and the El Paso, Texas, border area, where he has relatives.

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Murder mystery anything but mysterious

by Stephanie Taylor
Staff Writer

A predictable murder mystery, Peter Schaeffer's "Angel Street" left little room for suspense, action or imagination.

"Angel Street", better known by its film version "Gaslight," is a tale of deceit saved only by the emotional performance of senior fine arts acting/directing major Kimberly Bigsby.

Bella (Bigsby) is the mentally abused and neglected wife of Jack Manningham who is repeatedly humiliated by her husband. Jack, played by Omar Sadigh, uses various stunts and methods to convince his wife she is going insane.

Each night, after sending Bella off to bed, Jack leaves through the front door, only to sneak back in through



a skylight. He shuffles around the attic, unaware that his wife is awake and listening below, and searches for something he cannot find.

Bella, while frightened and suspicious, plays the role of the little wife and says nothing.

Soon, however, an inspector shows up to inform Bella that the husband she has been forced to love and trust is suspected of murder.

The sensitive Bella is torn between her loyalty to the man she married, and her subconscious desire to believe the accusations to

help free herself.

The show is quiet, without much action and little suspense.

The only bright spots in this dark mystery were the performances of Bigsby, Steve Carpenter (Inspector Rough) and Melanie Bell (Nancy).

Bigsby's brilliant portrayal of the unappreciated wife of a suspected killer was full of believable emotion and teary eyes. Carpenter and Bell were nice additions to the cast, providing the little bit of the existing comic relief.

Bell's seductive servant girl routine made the character perfectly despicable, and Carpenter's Inspector Rough and his "medicine" provided much-needed laughs.

The show will continue with performances June 28 and July 3. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 with a Tech ID.



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Q&A: Inspector Rough, played by Stephen Carpenter, interrogates a confused Bella, played by Kim Bigsby.

Justice of the Peace criticized for taking earrings as collateral

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Justice of the Peace Oscar Tullos doesn't want to hear it — he came under fire for taking a girl's earrings as collateral for a \$50 truancy fine.

"I only volunteered to help the mother," Tullos said. "Mom wanted daughter to pay, but in the state of Texas the parents are responsible for the children up to age 18."

The May incident involved a girl with nearly 20 unexcused absences. The girl's parents were divorced and the woman told Tullos that she wanted the girl's father to pay.

Tullos said he couldn't do any

thing because the father was in Houston, but since the woman refused to pay, he made her a deal — he'd cut the fine to \$50 for the earrings.

"That way you can get your daughter to pay," Tullos said he told the mother. "And when your daughter works, she comes back and gets her earrings."

According to Tullos, the mom and daughter agreed, but the dad was enraged a week later.

Tullos finally told the family to pick up the jewelry two weeks ago because it could have been a liability if lost.

Second man arrested in Freon smuggling ring

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — U.S. Customs Service agents have arrested a second man for his alleged role in a scheme to smuggle 75,000 pounds of the banned refrigerant Freon into the United States.

Richard Schmolke, a German citizen with legal residency in San Antonio, is charged with smuggling the Freon valued at \$3.2 million, and aiding and abetting another man arrested earlier this year. Schmolke was arrested late Wednesday.

The Freon, which no longer can be imported into the country because of clean air laws, originated in Venezuela and Mexico, said Leonard Lindheim, the agent in charge of the U.S. Customs office in San Antonio.

Much of the Freon arrived in tanks at the Port of Houston before ending

up in a San Antonio-area warehouse. It was then passed off as refrigerant reclaimed from grocery store and sold to legitimate CFC-reclaiming companies.

"In this case, agents seized the largest amount of Freon in Texas in the last three years," Lindheim said.

Freon, which is formally known as dichlorodifluoromethane or CFC-12, can be recycled in the United States but since 1996, cannot be manufactured or brought into the country.

Smuggled freon can be sold on the street for about 20 times its purchase price, officials said.

Customs agents say Schmolke, president of Mag-Well Associated, and Edwin Reilly Jr., president of Post Manufacturing, were using a firm in Mexico to build special refrigeration

units for the purpose of smuggling Freon into the United States.

After the Mexican firm began questioning their requests, Lindheim said the men located a new source of Freon in Venezuela.

Reilly, 55, was arrested in February and has pleaded guilty to smuggling and tax evasion. He awaits sentencing.

Schmolke, 67, is expected to be arraigned within ten days. Agents seized more than \$216,000 in equipment during the arrest.

Freon is used in car air conditioners and various types of refrigeration units. New automobiles are made to operate without Freon.

The Clean Air Act and an international agreement known as the Montreal Protocol banned Freon be-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ten Commandments: to post or not to post, that is the question

To the Editor: So now the Ten Commandments can be posted in government buildings and public schools.

Does anybody really think it will do any good? After all, they've been read in every church and synagogue for centuries, memorized by Sunday School children, and shown on ABC every Easter weekend with no appreciable improvement in society over the years.

Forgetting that Congress isn't allowed to pass laws "respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," the whole idea is still ridiculous.

It's just another paper full of rules, and we are noted for not paying any attention to things like that. I mean, if we ignore "Keep off the Grass" and "No Loitering," what makes anybody think that "Thou Shalt Not Steal" is going to be obeyed?

Just having them stuck up on the wall does no good. It's up to the parents, and nobody else, to teach the reasons behind the rules.

Thus once again morality, or lack thereof, begins at home.

Furthermore, using the Ten Commandments as the sole example of what is "moral and just" is a little unfair to those not of the Jewish

or Christian faiths.

I think if we would be truly moral, then we'd better post the Five Pillars of Islam right next to the Ten Commandments.

I guarantee you, praying five times a day leaves no time for monkeying around.

Other faiths with similar exhortations should submit theirs as well for other people to see.

For as we all have seen, the MORE laws we have, the LESS crime we have (insert sarcastic snort).

My personal favorite set of laws to be posted would be the Nine Satanic Statements of the Church of Satan. Especially #6, which commands "responsibility to the responsible," excellent advice for those who pin the blame for things like the Columbine shootings on Hollywood, video games, and Tinky-Winky, instead of where it belongs, only on the individuals who committed the actions.

Contrary to popular belief, Satanists believe in neither God nor the Devil, stating that you are solely responsible for your actions, and are the only entity who can claim credit or blame for what you do.

How ironic it is that the most irreligious of them all seems to have the best advice for dealing with the situation.

David "Inky" Scott
senior
English literature

Ignorance is bliss — dumb is in

In sitting with some friends on my back porch for what seems like every single evening during the past few weeks, a number of quality conversations have taken place.

Perhaps the influence of various substances contributed heavily to what seemed like rather meaningful conversations.

From the significance of the "in the crease" rule in the NHL, to Chancellor Montford's future at Tech, we've touched all the important topics relating to many college students on the South Plains.

Regardless of the night, however, the conversation about rarely meeting someone with something important to say constantly resurfaces.

It was put most eloquently by a good friend when he said, "God, if only I could be careless and ignorant. It would be much easier to talk to people."

Sure, occasionally we meet people or even date people that seem to be completely intriguing because of what they have to say. But, for some reason or other, there aren't enough of these people to go around.

Imagine for a moment, being able to go through life not caring about who you meet or the importance of any single conversation.

It all goes back to the ancient tabula rasa idea where each person starts their life with a clean slate, so to speak. The key here is that clean has now become blank.

People are becoming more and more ignorant.

It would really stink to have someone you don't know think you were intelligent because you can hold your own in a random conversation.

It cannot be said enough, ignorance is bliss.

The less you know about the way things work, why, the better off you will be in the future!

It would be great to go to class without a worry in the world and return to your precious abode knowing that you haven't gained one thing from your time spent in the world of academia.

Other events common to the everyday, average ignorant person:

— aside from never taking part in a meaningful conversation, he or she never has to worry about coming off like a "know-it-all" at parties. Everyone knows you're incredibly shallow and stupid.

— dating. It would be so nice to drift through relationship after relationship without ever being attached to a person. Knowing you can get up in the morning and leave some stranger you met the night before in your bed while you go off to work or class without any reservations must be a quality someone is looking for.

As for life in general, it would be so much more fun because there would be so few worries.

For example, the recent increase in youth violence wouldn't affect you because, like you totally don't know any of those, like people out there in that place where they shot like, those tons of people, man.

And even the everyday vernacular could be a remedial, pre-junior year of high school combination of Texan and some Adam Sandler dialect.

So to be ignorant would be great because you have tons of other things to occupy your mind with rather than knowledge and a keen interest in meeting unique people.

After all, a mind full of nothing is a terrible thing to waste. Or is it?



Jason Bernstein
Managing Editor

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Police Blotter

from the files of the
Texas Tech Police Department

June 20

1:50 a.m. Officers documented information about a key to Internal Medicine being lost by housekeeping.

12 p.m. Officers investigated a theft at the east bike rack of Weymouth Residence Hall.

June 19

3:44 p.m. Officers investigated

criminal mischief in the Z-4M parking lot.

June 18

10:28 a.m. Officers investigated a hit and run traffic accident without injuries in the Z-3L parking lot.

11:37 a.m. Officers investigated a hit and run traffic accident without injuries in the R-8 parking lot.

12:19 p.m. Officers responded to a

medical call in the Gross Anatomy Lab. A student was struck in the head by a mag lock under repair. The student transported himself to the University Medical Center emergency room.

8:20 p.m. Officers documented power outages on campus. The Library, Biology, and Math buildings had lost all power. Power was restored by LP&L at 9:26 p.m.

June 17

No entries on this date

June 16

3:40 p.m. Officers investigated a theft in room 1013 of the Business Administration building.

4:55 p.m. Officers investigated a theft in room 167 of the Human Sciences building.

June 15

1:26 a.m. Officers arrested one student and one non-student for possession of marijuana on the 10th floor of Chitwood Residence Hall.

3:38 p.m. Officers documented information concerning an incident in room 242 of the Human Sciences building in-

volving an individual making negative remarks about the Tech Center for Fiscal Responsibility.

4:48 p.m. Officers responded to a 911 medical call at court No. 2 of the Student Recreation Center. A student had been hit in the face while playing basketball and lost consciousness. The student was transported to University Medical Center by EMS.

6:59 p.m. Officers documented information concerning marijuana found by custodial services on the first floor of the Foreign Language building.

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Musical played up right

by Stephanie Taylor
Staff Writer

A take-off of Wagner's "Ring Cycle," "Das Barbecu" is a fun-filled musical complete with stolen gold and stolen love.

Professor Gerald Roe directs a cast of seven playing 32 different characters.

This talented ensemble may not be ready for Broadway, yet they never fail to entertain.

The tale revolves around a magical golden ring and two feuding families each attempting to claim the ring as their own.

The ring, however, is being passed from fiancée to fiancée by Siegfried, played by Chad Greenough.



Siegfried, already engaged to Brunnhilde (Melanie Bell), decides to spend his last night as a bachelor singing at the local country bar. While there, siblings Guttrune and Gunther (Kimberly Bigsby and Stephen Carpenter) put their plan to steal Siegfried into action.

After Siegfried consumes a drink drugged by the brother and sister, he is out the door with Guttrune. Siegfried awakens the next day to his new fiancée, and

wonders what went on and how to fix it.

All the while, various villains are plotting to reclaim the ring.

The musical story unfolds on the day of the wedding, and the two confused brides-to-be meet.

Watch out for "Barbecue for Two," a particularly fun number between the competing women, as well as an amusing synchronized swimming routine.

Incorporated in the show is a bit of audience participation, including a narrator (Jamie Sorley) to keep the theater-goers on top of things.

And while that Kimberly Bigsby sure knows how to work an audience, the real vocal stand-out is sophomore fine arts major Melanie Bell.

The cast and crew has put together a lively and entertaining show that is sure to leave most anyone laughing and humming tunes for the remainder of the day.

Book and lyrics for this clever musical were written by Jim Luigs, with music by Scott Warendor.

The show will continue to run through July 3, with performances June 26 and 27, as well as July 2. Tickets cost \$8 for adults, or \$5 with a Tech ID.

Bush picks running mate for presidential election

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A few hours before they appeared together at a fund-raising breakfast on Thursday, Gov. Tom Ridge was what most of the state's political pundits assume he wants to be: the running mate of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush.

The honor lasted 25 minutes — the time it took for the Texas governor, who spent the night at Pennsylvania's executive mansion, to jog along the Susquehanna River with his friend Ridge.

"A jogging mate," Bush said jokingly, correcting the phraseology of a reporter who asked about their trek.

More than 300 people greeted the governors later in the morning at a \$1,000-a-plate breakfast at the Harrisburg Hilton, followed by about 340 people in Pittsburgh who forked over the same sum for a luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel.

Bush's oft-repeated description of his political philosophy as conservative with a compassionate heart resonated particularly well with women.

Ellen Northy, 46, a registered

nurse from suburban Pittsburgh who is raising four children, said Republicans often are portrayed as advocates for moneyed privilege and hostile to poor people.

"Those of us who are Republican don't like to be associated with mean-spiritedness, especially women," said Northy, whose husband is a US Airways pilot.

"Republicans are nice, but we want people to take responsibility."

Rachel Varsanik, 21, a senior political science major at Allegheny College in Meadville, said she loved the Texas governor's message.

"Especially being a young woman and being conservative, I want someone who's also compassionate," said Varsanik, who said she keeps a stand-up poster of former President George Bush in her dorm room. "Compassionate and conservative, it's a really good label that fits me, too."

Bush's early recognition as front-runner in a crowded field of candidates for the party's 2000 nomination has won him endorsements from a majority of Pennsylvania GOP legislators.

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Clapton parts with 100 guitars in charity auction

NEW YORK (AP) — Eric Clapton parted with 100 stringed beauties Thursday, including a beloved Fender guitar he called "Brownie" that went for a record \$497,500 at a charity auction.

In all, the Christie's sale generated \$5 million for a Caribbean drug and alcohol clinic the rocker founded in 1997.

Clapton used "Brownie," a 1956 sunburst Fender, to record his hit "Layla."

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Knicks have work cut out for them

NEW YORK (AP) — A three-story tall tapestry hangs at the entrance of Madison Square Garden. It reads: "I Still Believe."

Inside the arena, the big question Thursday was whether the New York Knicks still do.

Trailing the San Antonio Spurs 3-1 in the best-of-7 NBA Finals, a deficit that no team has overcome in the championship round, the Knicks have to decide whether they truly think they have a shot at beating the Spurs.

Game 5 is tonight.

"I still think we can win the series," said coach Jeff Van Gundy, who has always remained a true believer. "I told them they're only bound by what they think they can accomplish. If they believe that since no team has ever done this then it can't be done, then that will be reflected in our play tomorrow."

"But as I told them, no eighth seed has ever made it here, either, so history doesn't have to hamper us. All we have to do is win one home game. Then we can go down there and get one road game. And then you're playing the ultimate game."

Van Gundy admitted he made it sound easier than it is.

Indeed, things don't look promising for a New York team that continues to fight injuries and continues to play some of its worst ball at the worst time — the end of the fourth quarter.

The Knicks couldn't mount a final



comeback in Games 1 and 2 in San Antonio, nor could they do so in Game 4 on Wednesday night, when the Spurs closed so strongly that the crowd started streaming toward the exits with a minute left on the clock.

They did not believe, but the players say they still do.

"I don't think they're better than us. I doubt that seriously," Marcus Camby said. "They won two at home and one of two here, but I think we're better."

Kurt Thomas also remains a believer.

"I don't want to say that we're better, but we know we can beat this team," he said.

Another victory would allow the Spurs to finish 15-2 and tie the 1989 Detroit Pistons and 1991 Chicago Bulls for the second-best postseason record in NBA history.

Another victory also would send the city of San Antonio into an all-night celebration, lead to a victory parade, championship rings, endorsement opportunities — all the spoils of success that the Spurs were trying to keep out of their minds.

"It's something that you fight. You kind of dream about it. You sit in your room and things go through your mind and you fight it," Avery Johnson said. "You're not afraid, but you just have a little fear of your attitude."

The Spurs might be fighting those thoughts, but they weren't doing so in secret.

Antonio Daniels was wondering aloud what it would be like to be in a victory parade, while Jaren Jackson was looking forward to showing up at Georgetown this summer for pickup games involving the ringless Hoya masses — Alonzo Mourning, Patrick Ewing, Dikembe Mutombo, David Wingate, Othella Harrington, Jerome Williams, Allen Iverson — and showing off his new jewelry.

"I'm not going to say anything, I'm not going to initiate anything. Let them start, then I'll open my mouth," he said.

The Spurs have won all their playoff games this postseason when their opponent faced elimination, doing so each time on the road — in Minnesota in the first round, at the Los Angeles Forum in the second, at Portland's Rose Garden in the Western Conference finals.

The Knicks have faced elimination only once, in Game 5 at Miami during the first round. They won that game on Allan Houston's jumper with less than a second left.

"You'd have to be an idiot not to want to close it out on Friday," Spurs

coach Gregg Popovich said. "But we also know that if we think in terms that it's already done, we'll be in big trouble."

"You haven't done a damn thing until you win number four. If you don't keep that attitude, you'll be playing a Game 7."

In Game 5, the Spurs will be expected to try to duplicate the effort they got in Game 4 from everybody, not just Tim Duncan and David Robinson.

All five starters scored in double figures, the defense was dominant and the Spurs won the rebounding battle for the first time in the series.

The Knicks will again look to get the bulk of their scoring from Houston and Latrell Sprewell, but Larry Johnson and Camby also will have to contribute, and Charlie Ward will have to cut down on his mistakes. The Knicks are uncertain how much of a contribution they'll get from backup point guard Chris Childs, limited to 7 minutes in Game 4 by a knee sprain.

They can say they're confident, but the Knicks won't know for sure until the ball goes up whether they have the resolve to — as the sign outside says — still believe.

"Are we capable of winning one game? The answer is a resounding yes," Van Gundy said. "The biggest question is do we honestly in our hearts want to go back to San Antonio?"

Draft dodging: players to return to college

NEW YORK (AP) — Weber State's Harold "The Show" Arceneaux and Kentucky's Jamaal Magloire were among 12 players who have withdrawn from the list of those seeking early entry to next week's NBA draft.

Arceneaux, who led his team to a first-round upset of North Carolina in the NCAA tournament, will return to Weber State for his senior year.

Magloire, a 6-foot-10 center, was considering entering the draft, depending on how high he would be picked. He kept open his option of returning to Kentucky for his senior season by not signing with an agent and registering for summer school.

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said he did not know what draft position would meet Magloire's requirements for turning pro, but scouts and analysts had projected him as a late first-round pick at best. They also agreed he would benefit from a final year in college.

"If he's not going to be a high pick, I think you'll see him come back," Smith said when Magloire announced his intention to enter the draft in early May.

The deadline for withdrawal was June 23, but he said NBA extended the date because he had travel problems after working out for Cleveland.

Ruth, Gehrig lead list of century's top players

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Babe Ruth was voted the greatest player of the 20th century in balloting conducted by the Society for American Baseball Research, topping Lou Gehrig.

Ruth and Gehrig were picked on 861 of 865 ballots, with Ruth edging Gehrig for the top spot based on elite points, a separate vote in which SABR members picked the top five players.

Ted Williams (858) was third followed by Hank Aaron (also 858), Stan Musial (857), Joe DiMaggio (855), Ty Cobb (854), Willie Mays (852), Rogers Hornsby (851), Honus Wagner (850) and Walter Johnson (850).

Johnson received the most votes among pitchers, followed by Christy Mathewson (847), Warren Spahn (835), Bob Gibson (828), Cy Young (826), Sandy Koufax (822) and Bob

Feller (820).

Roger Clemens received the most votes among active players, finishing 34th with 769, followed by Tony Gwynn, in 39th place with 752.

Also making the top 100 among active players were Greg Maddux (40th place), Cal Ripken (43rd), Ken Griffey Jr. (53rd), Rickey Henderson (60th), Mark McGwire (61st), Barry Bonds (65th) and Wade Boggs (80th).

Cap Anson finished first in voting for the top 19th century figures.

In voting for the top contributors to baseball, Walter Alston finished first among managers, followed by Sparky Anderson, Leo Durocher, Miller Huggins and Connie Mack. Mel Allen finished first among broadcasters, followed by Red Barber, Jack Buck, the late Harry Caray and Bob Costas.

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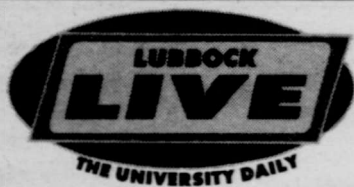
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Clinics see drop in anonymous HIV tests

ATLANTA (AP)—Fewer Americans are choosing to remain anonymous when tested for HIV at federally funded clinics, hospitals and prisons — a sign that the stigma attached to AIDS may be waning, the government reported Thursday.

In most states, people can get tested for the AIDS virus without giving their names. But the number of federally funded anonymous tests declined nearly 27 percent between 1995 and 1997, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

"One of the reasons perhaps is that people are beginning to see HIV as more of a treatable condition and perhaps less of a stigmatizing disease," said Robert Janssen, deputy director of HIV and AIDS prevention at the CDC.

The decline coincides with the emergence of powerful drugs that have allowed HIV patients to live

longer, more normal lives. Also, new laws and regulations have been designed to protect the confidentiality of people who give their names when tested.

The study period also includes the arrival of the home AIDS test, which went on the market in 1996 and gave people another option for checking their HIV status anonymously.

The CDC looked at 6.3 million HIV tests conducted at health clinics, hospitals, drug treatment centers and prisons. Those sites conduct about 15 percent of HIV tests in the United States.

Federally funded HIV tests declined 8 percent overall, from 2.5 million tests in 1995 to 2.3 million in 1997.

The drop could reflect the wider options available for testing and a growing population that has been tested and doesn't feel the need to do it again, Janssen said.

J.D. Salinger's daughter offers a public view of private father

NEW YORK (AP) — J.D. Salinger has spent a lifetime obsessively guarding his privacy. This time, the intrusion is an inside job: His daughter is writing a book about her childhood with the reclusive author.

Exactly what Peggy Salinger plans to say is a closely guarded secret. The book is tentatively titled "The Dream Catcher," a play on her father's novel "Catcher in the Rye."

Her attorney, Philip M. Cowan, said Thursday that it will be "an interesting book and I'm looking forward to reading it myself."

Peggy Salinger received an advance of at least a quarter-million dollars, *The New York Observer* re-

ported.

The memoir is scheduled for publication in the fall of 2000 by Simon & Schuster's Pocket Books.

The promised insights prompted the *Observer* to call the daughter's memoir "Snitcher in the Rye."

Apparently, a yen for privacy is a genetic trait in the Salinger clan.

The attorney for Salinger's 43-year-old daughter wouldn't say where she lives. ("Let me put it this way, she doesn't live in Tibet.") Cowan said he doesn't know what she does for a living or whether she is married.

"I respect her privacy," her lawyer said.

In any case, he said, he is not privy to what her relationship with

her 80-year-old father is or was.

Pocket Books president Judith Carr has called Peggy Salinger "a fabulous writer."

"She has a particular turn of phrase. I would call her lyrical, and I would call her insightful," Carr said.

This week, Salinger barely escaped another breach of his privacy when letters he wrote to onetime lover Joyce Maynard were auctioned off.

The 14 letters from the early 1970s sold for \$156,500 Tuesday to a retired California software millionaire who promised to return them to the author.

Salinger lives in Cornish, N.H., and has not published in 34 years.

Jury deadlocked on doctor in Reggie Lewis malpractice case

BOSTON (AP) — The jury in the multimillion dollar malpractice case filed by the wife of Boston Celtics star Reggie Lewis deadlocked Wednesday on whether the player's lead physician failed to diagnose the heart problem that killed him.

The jury told Suffolk County Judge Thayer Fremont-Smith they could not decide whether Dr. Gilbert Mudge was negligent in Lewis' death.

However, the jury did reach a decision on two consultants, Dr. Mark Creager and Dr. Peter Friedman. The panel did not say what they decided.

Lewis' wife had sued Mudge and the consultants, claiming they mis-

diagnosed and mistreated her husband's fatal heart condition.

But Mudge said the 27-year-old player confessed to using cocaine two weeks before he died and maintains that belated admission made an accurate diagnosis of Lewis' heart condition impossible.

The judge sent the jurors home for the night. If the deadlock was not broken, the judge said he would hear their decision on the consultants.

Donna Harris-Lewis sought \$75 million, saying that was the sum her husband would have earned as a professional player.

Lewis collapsed during a playoff

game in April 1993 and was subsequently diagnosed with a life-threatening, potentially career-ending cardiac arrhythmia by a "Dream Team" of top doctors from New England Baptist Hospital.

The Lewises then turned to Mudge, of Brigham and Women's Hospital, who examined Lewis and announced at a news conference the player instead had a neurological condition that causes fainting spells. Mudge said he probably could return to professional basketball.

Two months later, on July 27, 1993, Lewis died practicing jump shots. He was 27.

Lubbock Lions Club helps fund summer playhouse

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nator Carol Adcock.

Adcock said Habitat had some assistance preparing for the playhouse fund raiser.

"The cost for the materials and the labor to build the playhouse were donated by the Lubbock Lions Club," Adcock said. "They have been instrumental in this project."

Adcock and Garcia said Lubbock and Tech Habitats are working together on the project. The 30 members of Tech's Habitat chapter will man the ticket booths throughout the

fund raiser.

Garcia said the proceeds will be split up between Lubbock Habitat and the Tech chapter in their first year of collaboration on the playhouse project. The proceeds will be used to build a new house in Lubbock.

"We're really excited," Garcia said. "This fund raiser is really important to us."

For more information on the summer playhouse fund raiser or Habitat For Humanity, call Jessica Garcia at 749-4510 or Lubbock Habitat for Humanity at 764-4663.

JFK assassination view on Internet

DALLAS (AP) — The view from the sixth-floor warehouse window where Lee Harvey Oswald shot President Kennedy was transmitted live Thursday on the Internet to the chagrin of Kennedy's survivors.

The camera panned and zoomed in all directions, capturing images for viewing at www.jfk.org. The camera

is mounted in the window of the old Texas Schoolbook Depository Building, where Oswald fired his fatal shots on Nov. 22, 1963. The sixth-floor has been a Kennedy museum for years. Oswald's perch is preserved, complete with stacked wooden crates near the window, but the corner is behind glass and off-limits to visitors.

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Becker roars in Wimbledon grudge match

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Two years after Boris Becker whispered in Pete Sampras' ear that he was done with Wimbledon, the old lion roared once more on Centre Court.

Becker's red mane and beard glistened, his brawny legs churned with a nearly forgotten quickness, and his narrowed eyes betrayed a voracity that belied any thought that he had returned merely for a taste of nostalgia.

The 31-year-old, three-time champion calls this his "last hurrah," and on Thursday he showed every sign of making it a serious run for the title — 14 years after he won it the first time.

Unbowed and far from weary two days after a five-setter against a lowly British wild card, Becker skewered 15th-seeded Nicolas Kiefer with 17 aces in a 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 feast that put him through to the third round.

It was the highlight of a warm, sunny day that drew 40,312 fans to the expanded grounds of Wimbledon, the largest crowd in the tournament's 113-year history.

Bad blood has been bubbling between Becker and the 21-year-old Kiefer for the past couple of years. It came to a full boil last month when Kiefer pulled out of the World Team Cup and alleged Becker had faked an injury.

"Kiefer's horizon is not going to be any farther than his shoes," Becker said at the time. He then wrote a newspaper column saying the chemistry of the team was poisoned and, in a veiled reference to Kiefer, that younger players were surrounded by their parents and agents.

Becker came out this time against Kiefer determined to show him who's king of the hill in Germany, and when he had done exactly that they shook hands in the most perfunctory manner. Not a word passed between them.

"Boris the Great," read one sign in

the crowd, and that's how he looked in his first appearance on Centre Court since he went into semiretirement after losing to Sampras in the quarterfinals two years ago. He hadn't played a major tournament until now, and he insists, "I'm just a shadow of myself." But the

fans showed they hadn't lost any affection for him.

"It was a great feeling to be back on Centre Court, and it brought the best out in me," Becker said. "To be able to come back after my first round to play perfect grass court tennis was very pleasing."

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Piazza gets day off after concussion

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Piazza will have to wait at least another day to start a new hitting streak.

Piazza's career-long 24-game hitting streak, which tied a Mets record, ended Wednesday night against the Florida Marlins after the New York catcher left the game with a mild concussion.

Piazza sat out Thursday's game against the Marlins and hopes to be back in the lineup for a weekend showdown in Atlanta against the first-place Braves.

Catcher sits after being hit with backswing

"It was just one of those things that happen," Piazza said of his concussion.

"At this point, we just want to give it a day. I feel a lot better than I did last night."

Piazza received treatment for the injury. He iced his neck and spent time in the whirlpool to relieve the feeling of whiplash.

Piazza was hit under his helmet by Bruce Aven's backswing in the sev-

enth inning. He remained in the game and fell over while trying to catch a foul pop in the eighth inning.

"I forgot who it was, but I'll have to watch the tape before we play them next time," Piazza said of being hit by the bat.

"It made a sick sound. I was a little bit slow after that."

Piazza left the game after grounding out in the eighth inning.

He finished 0-for-4 for the contest and tied with Hubie Brooks for the longest hitting streak in New York Mets history.

"I didn't think the streak was that big of a deal," Piazza said.

"I didn't worry about it. I thought it was flattering to be associated with

Hubie Brooks. It was fun while it lasted, but it is probably good it is over so we can get back to concentrating on winning games."

Todd Pratt, who has only 79 at-bats this year, got a rare start at catcher in Piazza's place.

Pratt has had little playing time since Piazza returned from a knee injury April 25.

"Todd could be getting a lot more playing time on another team," manager Bobby Valentine said.

"I have empathy for that, because there were lots of times when I thought that was the case in my career."

"He's a good defensive catcher, calls a good game and can hit."

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Knicks' Childs-weary for Game 5

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Childs bounced the basketball casually Thursday, first with one hand, then with the other, occasionally tossing it toward the hoop. As long as he didn't have to run after it, he was OK.

In the Land of Wounded Knee also known as the New York Knicks roster, Childs was the latest casualty with sprained ligaments in his left knee. He was able to play just seven mostly ineffectual minutes in Game 4 of the NBA Finals against San Antonio and may not be able to even do that in Friday's Game 5.

"I'm going to get treatment all day and all night," Childs said, "Ice, heat, pray, whatever I need to be out there."

One helpful fan suggested crystal oil. Childs seemed dubious about that idea. Still, at this juncture, he may be willing to try just about anything.

On an already short bench, with Patrick Ewing sidelined by a partial Achilles tear, Larry Johnson already playing on a sprained right knee and Chris Dudley nursing a hyper-extended right elbow, the Knicks can hardly afford another injury.

With Childs sidelined, point guard Charlie Ward was forced to play a grueling 41 minutes in Game 4, far more than his usual work load. He scored 11 points, but just one after the first quarter, and missed a clutch free throw that would have tied the score down the stretch of a game the Knicks eventually lost 96-89.

"Charlie did a great job, but he wore down," Childs said. "I need to be out there. It's disappointing not to play in any game but even more in the Finals. That was a must game."

Friday now becomes the really must game for the Knicks, trailing the best-of-7 series 3-1 and facing elimination.

In the team's already slim eight-man rotation, Childs comes off the bench to spell Ward. He brings instant energy with him, as long as he can run. On Thursday, instead of running, he was walking. Slowly.

Childs was hurt when he tried to overtake Tim Duncan on a breakaway following a New York turnover in Game 3. He tumbled on the play, landing heavily on his knee. He sat out the third quarter but played the fourth with the knee taped.

Judge approves of sale to Lemieux's group

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mario Lemieux saved the Pittsburgh Penguins again.

Lemieux was approved Thursday by a federal bankruptcy judge as the team's new owner, breaking new ground as the first player-turned-owner in major pro sports and preventing the Penguins from leaving Pittsburgh.

"I feel like a rookie again," said Lemieux, a Hall of Fame player who

revived what once was hockey's worst team as a player from 1984-97. "It's been a long road and it's finally great to get the team."

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Bernard Markovitz had two choices: the Lemieux plan, which keeps the Penguins in Pittsburgh and preserves Lemieux's financial stake in the team, or an alternative NHL plan that would have moved the team, probably to Portland.

The NHL supported Lemieux and offered its plan only as an alternative if there was no hope of keeping the bankrupt Penguins in Pittsburgh.

"I'm not in it to make money, but I'm not in it to lose money," said the six-time scoring champion. "We want to make sure the Penguins stay here. They've been a big part of my life and my success ... I wanted to do it to repay the Penguins."

Lemieux's plan was approved af-

ter a 6 1/2-hour hearing in which the only objections were offered by SMG, which manages the Civic Arena.

SMG and Lemieux negotiated without success on a new lease until midnight, only nine hours before the hearing began in a courtroom packed with lawyers, city officials and fans who were disappointed Lemieux wasn't in court.

Markovitz all but ordered the two sides to continue talking after lawyer Saul Burian argued SMG's case for hours, calling witnesses and, at times, taxing the judge's patience.

During several testy exchanges, Markovitz ordered Burian to refer to him as "sir" and made several references to the absence of SMG's top officials.

When Burian suggested the NHL plan was the only alternative to Lemieux's, Markovitz said, "There is little chance that plan will be confirmed, and if your client were here, maybe he would be getting that drift. ... I wonder what's going on with your client?"

"What is it your client really wants? Do you want this franchise terminated? Does your client want this team to leave this city?"

Burian, in turn, threatened to drag Lemieux into lengthy litigation if the judge effectively rejected SMG as the arena manager and allowed the Penguins to operate the arena themselves. The judge previously tossed out the Penguins' old money-draining lease, which cost the team an estimated \$6 million a year.

"Their plan says they will take control of the building and evict us," Burian said. "You'll be dispossessed and you will lose all rights and then we will litigate with you. This will lead to litigation and litigation."

Still, aware his strong talk might anger Penguins' fans and that SMG's tough stance was threatening its ability to operate effectively in the city, Burian said, "SMG is not the Darth Vader of Pittsburgh."

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