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Murder linked to others

◆ Another prostitute is believed to be a victim of a cross-country serial killer, as Cumberland County authorities continue probe of unsolved murder.

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Cumberland County officials are exploring whether the murder of a Tennessee woman whose body recently

was found along the Pennsylvania Turnpike is part of a string of murders that began in July 2003.

"Obviously no lead is being left untaken," Cumberland County District Attorney M.L. "Skip" Ebert said today.

"But, I don't want to over emphasize that possibility right now."

Ebert's comments followed the release of information that another woman, Tademika McHenry, 23, of Oklahoma City, was found dead at a rest area along Interstate 40 about 50 miles west of Oklahoma City on Saturday morning.

This latest homicide comes two months after the body of Vesta B. Haufe, a 44-year-old Knoxville, Tenn.

woman, was discovered by a motorist near the westbound lanes of Interstate 76, less than half a mile west of the Plainfield plaza in West Pennsboro Township, Pa.

Authorities believe Haufe, whose body was found partially skeletonized, was dead for more than a week before she was found.

Haufe, also known as Vesta B. Mead-

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Haufe-Meadows



CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Mary Kay Durham, Carlisle Area School District's new superintendent, addresses a crowd of about two dozen people during Tuesday's town meeting at Hope Station.

Diversity takes center stage

◆ The new superintendent outlines her plans for improved relations.

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Mary Kay Durham wasn't surprised to hear parents' concerns about Carlisle Area School

District's policies toward minority students during a town meeting at Hope Station Tuesday night.

The district's new superintendent came armed with plans on how to improve relations in the coming school year.

She foresees:

• A re-write of school policy concerning diversity. The re-write began in the last school year, headed up by high school principals, teachers and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

(NAACP). Named the "Carlisle Way," the diversity policy will be brought before the school board, then enforced with all staff members. A policy later will be made for students with their input.

• Having a staff that emulates the student body, which means the district will recruit minority student teachers and minority employees. Plans already are in place to recruit graduates at Howard University in

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Friday vote up in the air

◆ Forever clause is sticking point in negotiations between the Dickinson School of Law board and Penn State.

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Dickinson School of Law alumni leaders and Carlisle area civic leaders expressed mixed feelings about a law school committee's recommendation that a two-campus plan for the law school be studied further.

The possibility of more study suggests no decisions will be made immediately. It also means the law school's future will remain unresolved for a bit longer.

Negotiations between a five-member team of the board of governors and Penn State University officials reached an impasse on the issue of whether Penn State should be granted the right to close the Carlisle campus in the future.

Penn State is asking the board of governors to waive guarantees that Carlisle will remain the "primary" location of the law school and that it will be located in Carlisle "into perpetuity."

Penn State officials said the university trustees must have the "operational flexibility" to operate the law school and to respond to unforeseen circumstances that might affect future viability such as student preferences or changes in accreditation standards.

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Screening system getting makeover

By Leslie Miller
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WASHINGTON — More than two years and millions of dollars ago, it seemed like a good idea: develop a computerized system that checks airline passengers' backgrounds to make sure they're not terrorists.

But so many people objected to one part of the plan or another that the government is scrapping major portions of the project, the Computer-Assisted Passenger Pre-screening System, commonly known as CAPPS II.

The makeover will include a new name, though that, too, is turning out to be a dilemma for the Homeland Security Department. The working title, "Secure Passage," was abandoned because it had the same initials as another aviation security program. In a city that loves its acronyms, it's best not to double up.

Not just name change

No one thinks a name change alone will be enough to resurrect CAPPS II.

Dennis McBride, director of the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, a research institute that focuses on science and technology, was briefed by Homeland Security officials on CAPPS II's progress last week.

"Getting there from here won't be easy," McBride concluded. The Homeland Security officials working on the project are likely to get rid of one element that CAPPS II's critics dislike: making sure people are who they say they are by running their personal information against commercial and government databases.

Secrecy stumbling block

Any new system would probably have a different process for verifying identity, according to Homeland Security officials. Another problem is how to give airline passengers the ability to correct mistakes if they're wrongly identified as terrorists or suspects.

But what's really needed, say CAPPS II's numerous critics, is for the project's developers to drop their passion for secrecy.

Business Travel Coalition chairman Kevin Mitchell said CAPPS II wouldn't have become a political debacle if Homeland Security officials had been open about how the system was supposed to work. The coalition is an advocacy group that tries to lower the cost of business travel.

CowParade moves on by

◆ Net profits are anticipated to be about \$400,000 with about \$50,000 going to area charities.

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The last virtual gavel for the on-line auction component of CowParade Harrisburg has officially dropped, but one cow still remains up for grabs.

Tuesday night the last three CowParade cows were auctioned off on cowparadeauction.net, but "Moo-chaunks of Law" did not receive a single bid.

Charles Armstrong, executive director of CowParade Harrisburg 2004, says they are not sure what they are going to do with the cow, but they will figure something out.

Meanwhile, event organizers are ready to tabulate how much money the south-central Pennsylvania "cow art" fest raised for the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts and more than 30 other local charities.

Armstrong expects the net profit will be around \$400,000, with about \$50,000 going to area charities. The

remaining proceeds will benefit the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg.

"From every angle CowParade has been a success," says Armstrong. "It brought excitement to our people. We think that well over a million people visited the cows' scattered throughout the Capital Region.

Still adding up receipts

Although internet auction sale totals are not yet available, Armstrong says most cows sold virtually brought \$2,600.

The highest grossing Internet cow is Simon Bull's "The Bull," sold for \$7,600. "Space Cow" was purchased for \$6,200 by the town of Steelton.

Armstrong says the CowParade team is "satisfied" with the outcome.

"We had a lot of bidders out there. A lot of them bought more than one cow," he adds.

Most bidders were local, but there

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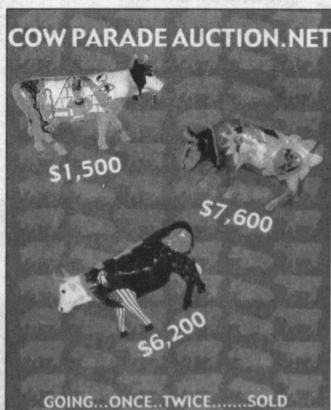


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CowParade bovines sold on the 'Net fetched a range of prices, including, clockwise from top left, Cowapatra, Simon Bull and Space Cow.



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Tour Through Time

The Holly Inn is shown in 1880, shortly before it was refurbished. The historic inn has been restored again and opened last month to business on Route 34 in Mt. Holly Springs.



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T. rex lived fast, died young

◆ He was "the James Dean" of dinosaurs.

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NEW YORK — Here's a dinosaur finding that human parents can appreciate: The teenage Tyrannosaurus rex typically grew through an explosive growth spurt, gaining nearly five pounds a day.

During that spurt, from ages 14 to 18, the creature picked up most of its eventual adult weight of around six tons, new research indicates. It stopped growing around age 20 and apparently died by age 30.

T. rex was "the James Dean of dinosaurs — it lived fast and died young," said Gregory Erickson of Florida State University, one of the scientists presenting a study of the reptile's growth pattern in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*.

In contrast, he said, while an African elephant's growth reaches a plateau at around the same age and weight, that animal lives past age 50.

The work offers a partial answer to a long-standing question about dinosaurs: How did

they get so big? Did they grow slowly for a long time, like ancient crocodiles? Or did they grow very quickly for a shorter period? Or was it a combination? The question must be studied separately for various kinds of dinosaurs, experts said.

T. rex was one of the largest meat-eaters ever to walk the land when it died out some 65 million years ago. At an elephant-like six tons, it stretched about 40 feet to 45 feet long and measured about 13 feet tall at the hip. The adult skull alone was 5 feet long, with teeth up to a foot long.

Chomp, chomp

"T. rex is one of the dinosaurs that could eat a human being in probably two bites," said Thomas Holtz Jr. of the University of Maryland. "One bite would take off the top, and the next bite would take off the hips and legs."

Holtz, who did not participate in the new study, called it an important and said it could help answer other questions about T. rex. For example, he said, it looks like the creature got so big after age 12 that it might not have been able to run as fast as before. So maybe it stopped

running after prey and turned more to either scavenging or ambushing its meals, he said.

The research is consistent with the hypothesis that younger T. rexes often separated a victim from its herd so "the big bruiser parent could take it down," Holtz said.

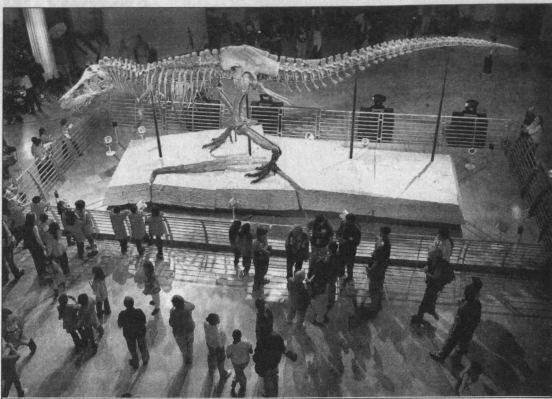
It's not surprising that T. rex showed an explosive growth period in adolescence, because that pattern had been detected in other kinds of dinosaurs, Holtz said.

But the estimated lifetime of a T. rex is surprisingly brief, because it shows the mammal-like rapid growth wasn't followed by a mammal-like longevity, he said.

Erickson agreed that the growth-pattern work opens the door to studying many other things about T. rex, although he said it doesn't settle the old question of whether T. rex was primarily a predator or a scavenger.

Deductive reasoning

Erickson and colleagues established the growth pattern by analyzing more than 60 bones from 20 specimens of T. rex and three of its evolutionary cousins that never achieved T.



AP file photo

Sue, the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton ever found, is on display at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

rex's size. They deduced the animals' ages at death — which ranged from 28 years — by studying growth lines, somewhat like counting the rings in a tree trunk. They estimated the animals' weights from the circumference of the thigh bone.

One specimen in the study was Sue, the T. rex skeleton on display at Chicago's Field Museum. Erickson said the bones showed Sue stopped growing around 18 to 20 years of age and lived to about age 28. The skeleton, which is the

largest known of T. rex, showed much evidence of disease and broken bones, he said.

"This animal was a train wreck at the time it died," Erickson said. "I can't imagine these animals could live much longer."

Plainfield homicide may be linked to killings

The newest case possibly linked to string of killings of prostitutes:

• Taddemika McHenry, 23, of Oklahoma City. Last seen at an Oklahoma City truck stop along Interstate 40. Her body was found Saturday about 50 miles west along Interstate 40, near Hydrex.

Victims in a multi-state investigation into slayings of prostitutes:

• Vesta B. Meadows (Hauke), 44, last seen alive at a truck stop in Knoxville, Tenn. Her body was found June 11, near the Plainfield Plaza in West Pennsboro Township along the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

• Buffie Brawley, 27, last seen at a Flying J truck stop on the southside of Indianapolis on March 23. She was found March 24 at an abandoned truck stop along Interstate 74. She had been bound, strangled, beaten and run over.

• Casey Jo Pipestem, 19, of Stoneville. Last seen at an Oklahoma City truck stop, found nude near Big Bear Creek off Texas 360 in Grapevine on Jan. 31. Pipestem was strangled.

• Patsy Laverne Leonard, 23, a prostitute last seen in Wichita Falls, Texas. She was found nude and strangled Jan. 1 in a creek in northeast Potawatamie County, Okla.

• Sandra Richardson, 39, of Oklahoma City, was found at the junction of Highways 62 and 48 in Okfuskee County east of Oklahoma City on Nov. 22. OSBI reports she died from physical trauma. The body was unclothed.

• An unidentified woman last seen at the Flying J Travel Plaza in Sayre, Okla., trying to hitch a ride. Her body was found off Interstate 40 in Texas, 45 miles west of the Oklahoma border on Oct. 16. Cause of death not released.

• Sandra Beard, also known as Sandra Bates, age 43, of Oklahoma City, found along I-40 at the Tiger Mountain Road exit in McIntosh County, Okla. She was a prostitute. She died of asphyxiation and was found nude Sept. 18.

• Jennifer Hyman, 24, of Oklahoma City, last seen at an Oklahoma City truck stop. Hyman, a prostitute, was found nude and strangled, below a Tallahatchie River bridge near Oxford, Tenn., on Aug. 20.

• Margaret Gardner of Memphis, Tenn., last seen at an Arkansas truck stop. She was found partially nude on an entrance ramp to I-40 near West Memphis, Ark., on July 11, 2003. She was killed by a blow to the head.

— The Associated Press

Truck

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ows, was last seen alive at a truck stop in Knoxville.

Investigators in Cumberland County had been tight-lipped about any possible connection between Hauke's death and the alleged string of murders until this morning.

Ebert said he met with investigators and managers of truck stops in Middlesex Township to discuss the possibility.

More meetings are scheduled for next week, he said.

"Right now it's still a theory," he said, adding that in no way does he want residents to worry about the possibility of serial killers in the area.

"It's just something that's being explored right now," he said.

Oklahoma slaying

Authorities are saying a description of the truck McHenry was last seen in may help investigators in six states, including Pennsylvania, solve the string of murders.

McHenry, a known prostitute who worked Oklahoma City's truck stops, was last seen about 2 a.m. climbing into the cab of a banana-yellow Peterbilt truck with a large Tasmanian Devil cartoon character logo just below the passenger-side window of the sleeper compartment.

Now authorities are sifting through leads looking for information that could link them to the truck's driver, said Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Jessica Brown.

Description released

Since releasing the description of the truck on Monday, the agency has received several calls, Brown said.

"This is the best information we've had in the case since the beginning," Brown said.

"We really don't know if the driver is a suspect, but he or she is definitely a person of interest."

The truck left the Flying J truck stop in western Oklahoma City at about 4 a.m. Saturday, Brown said.

Witnesses never saw McHenry leave his cab.

At about 9:30 a.m., a truck driver found McHenry's body under a tree at a rest area in Caddo County.

Most victims were prostitutes

McHenry's death may be related to string of murders of prostitutes.

Like many of the victims, McHenry worked as a prostitute at truck stops.

"It's possible that she's connected, but it also could be that she had nothing to do with the deaths of the other ones," Brown said.

"It's somewhat of an educated guessing game."

McHenry's partially clothed body was found along a major trucking route, like other victims. McHenry, however, was black.

The other victims were white or American Indian.

McHenry had also been stabbed; the rest of the victims had been strangled or killed by blunt trauma to the head.

The killer may not have meant to stab her, Brown said. McHenry was known to carry a small knife for protection.

As officials wait for the results of an autopsy report, they are asking the public for help.

"The trucking companies have been very helpful," Brown said.

"But what we need is a tag number, if people see it."

— The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Vote

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However, members of the two-campus study committee that met Monday in Harrisburg were not eager to cut loose those provisions of the Penn State-Dickinson merger agreement as part of a two-campus arrangement.

Time wasted?

Victor Stabile, president of the Harrisburg DSL alumni chapter, said he's a little disappointed that the committee even recommended more study.

"If Penn State is not willing to grant permanency in Carlisle with two campuses, then everybody is wasting their time," he said Tuesday.

General Alumni Association President Lucij Jankowski McClure said he was "somewhat comforted" by the committee's recommendation of further study "but it depends on what they mean by further study." She hopes it means the board will ask whether a dual-campus arrangement is feasible or necessary.

She said Penn State officials have discussed how the two-campus plan would be implemented but have yet to discuss how it would boost the law school's national stature or rankings, points that were raised to defend the previous proposal to relocate the entire law school to Penn State's main campus in State College.

A task force of Carlisle area civic and elected leaders met Tuesday to discuss the committee's recommendation.

Michelle Crowley, president of the Greater Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce, said the task force is pleased that the committee "thought very seriously about the Carlisle area."

The task force was expected to release a statement today as a show of support for the position taken by board member Leslie Ann Miller, who voted against the recommendation for further study, said Rep. Will Gabig, R-199.

Miller said after Monday's meeting that she believes the resolution goes beyond the committee's original charge to recommend a simple yes or no vote on whether to proceed with planning for a two-campus plan.

Miller sensible

Gabig said the task force supported Miller unanimously and believes that "she made the most sense."

Gabig said Penn State has not demonstrated a need for a new law school in Pennsylvania or for more lawyers and that renovation in Carlisle would be much cheaper than starting a new school at State College.

Chris Houston, director of real estate for the Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority, said he was "pleased, that at a minimum, the perpetuity language is being recommended by the committee to be kept in place."

Houston said the authority must be satisfied with the terms of the two-campus plan before it would even agree to \$10 million in state funds to improve the Carlisle facility.

He said the authority, as stewards of public funds, must be convinced the law school will remain in Carlisle for a long time.

The authority is seeking a commitment of 99 years — much longer than the 10 years Penn State suggested.

Diversity

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Washington, D.C., for spots open for the coming school year.

• Discussion of diversity policies during the hiring process; anyone who does not agree with the standards will not be hired.

One mother said she wants her children to learn more than the "Anglo man's" version of history year-round and about black history only during Black History Month.

"Change is a-coming," school board member Linda Manning told her. Manning, who came up with the idea of holding the meeting, introduced Durham to the crowd of about two dozen.

Manning, a Carlisle graduate, is the only black school board member. She told the mother, "I left, I came back, and I'm trying to make a difference."

Also at the meeting were new

curriculum director Karen Quinn; high school co-principals Bill Brousseau and Gary Worley; LeFlore Elementary School Principal James Musser, and Bellaire Elementary School Principal Patrick Byrne.

Worley said the district is continuing to phase in a leadership academy that was kicked off as a pilot program two years ago.

The "academy," drawn up by former history teacher Del Hines, works leadership skills and multiculturalism into teachers' current curriculum.

Textbooks 'secondary'

Teachers also are beginning to use "primary sources" from various books, with textbooks serving as "secondary" background material, he said.

Quinn, who has been director of curriculum for only five weeks, plans to "work on diversity

because we need to celebrate diversity" in the curriculum.

NAACP president Brenda Sampson, who has worked with the district to improve its treatment of minorities, told the parents, "We're going to need people like you to share your experience" in changing policies further.

Sampson said she hears people voice concerns too often, "but when the time comes to get together, we only have one person or two people."

To Durham, she said, "I know you're going to do a good job, but you're going to be watched. We want to make sure our kids get a good shake."

Other issues Durham plans to address in the coming school year are school culture and academics.

She said she wants to improve the district's "customer courtesy" skills toward the public, which

may include using customer satisfaction surveys similar to those used by businesses.

In addition, Durham plans to send surveys to parents at the end of each school year to find out the district's strengths and weaknesses.

Durham wants to phase in "old common courtesies" such as saying "thank you" and making eye contact among the staff and students. She also plans to put a mentoring program in place for "at-risk" students who have emotional or academic problems.

Mentors will be district teachers who will work with children one-on-one.

Tutorials set

Also, through a state grant, after-school tutorials will be offered for students who need them at various elementary schools, both middle schools and in the 12th grade.

include the Carlisle Theater, Safe Harbor, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Capital Region, HACC Science Center and Project Shore.

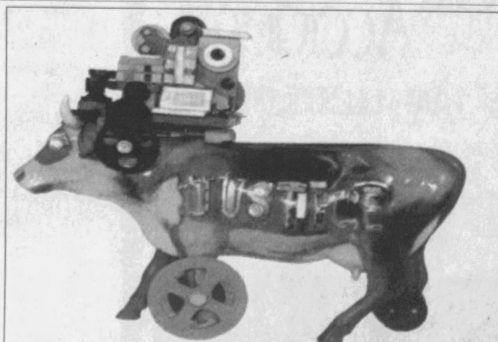
Miniatures coming up

Throughout the fall and into the spring, a dozen Harrisburg CowParade miniature cows will be on sale at the Whitaker Center and other area retailers.

"The miniature cows right now are the number one seller on eBay," Armstrong says.

Miniature versions of the CowParade bovines range in size from two inches to nine inches and cost between \$15 and \$25.

The "Strawberry Cow," "Revolutionary War Cow," "Harrisburg's Moo-tini Bar" and "Holy Cowstruction," will all be turned into desk-size replicas.



No bids were received on Moo-chnics of Law.

Cows

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were a few successful buyers from Connecticut, Maryland and Kansas.

The CowParade grand finale live auction and gala held at the end of June brought in almost \$300,000.

At that time, event organizers figured they had grossed \$502,350 including the auction, silent auction and cow sponsorship.

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds raised by the sale of each cow, will go to a designated charity.

The highest grossing cow from the live auction — "Byzantine Bovine" — brought \$26,000. A quarter of that money will go to designated recipient Downtown Daily Bread.

Other charities to receive money from the sale of CowParade cows