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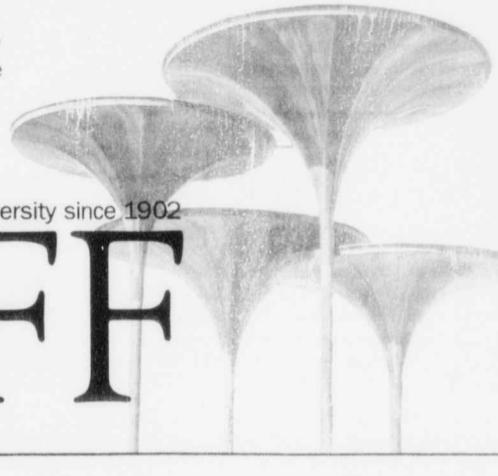
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"We will now put our faith in the judicial system to see that the perpetrators of this horrendous crime are brought to justice"

— Allen Walker, Laura Lee Crane's daughter



Sarah Greene/Staff Photographer

Allen Walker, daughter of retired professor Laura Lee Crane, thanked the community and law enforcement officials for their support in the search for her mother at a press conference held Wednesday afternoon at the Fort Worth police station downtown. A body found near Davis, Okla., was identified as that of the former Starpoint School director.

A day for mourning

Body is Crane's; suspects charged

Police have recovered Laura Lee Crane's body and two suspects have now been charged with capital murder.

By Matt Turner
Staff Reporter

FORT WORTH — A body discovered Tuesday in southern Oklahoma was identified as that of missing retired professor Laura Lee Crane, police said Wednesday afternoon. Two Fort Worth residents linked to her disappearance have been charged with capital murder, police said.

Crane, 77, had been missing since Friday when she went on an errand to the Tom Thumb grocery store at 3050 S. Hulen and was kidnapped by Fort Worth residents Edward Busby, 31, and Kathleen Latimer, 39, said Lt. Abdul Pridgen, a Fort Worth police spokesman. Police say the former education professor and Starpoint School director died of asphyxiation after abductors wrapped duct tape around her face. Crane also had blunt force trauma to the head,

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Prof's colleagues reflect on her career



Teachers and friends mourn the death of the retired professor.

By Lauren Lea
Staff Reporter

Former professor and Starpoint School director Laura Lee Crane was remembered Wednesday as a gracious woman and an inspirational teacher who made children a top priority.

"She was a remarkable person," said Robin Davis, a teacher at the Starpoint School and a former student of Crane. "She had the ability to analyze the needs of every child and figure out what worked for each child. No matter what, she put children first."

Madge Thomas, a teacher at Starpoint and also a former student of Crane, said Crane would use as much time and resources as necessary to help her students.

"There was never a time that she didn't know what to do," Thomas said. "She found a solution for each child and knew which direction to point us."

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Mentally ill killer's execution halted by judge

A federal judge grants convicted killer Scott Panetti a stay based on his claim of mental illness.

By Michael Gracyk
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A federal judge Wednesday halted the scheduled execution of a Texas Hill Country man for at least 60 days so a state court could reconsider a claim of mental illness.

According to Sparks, Cunningham and Dow observed Panetti is "delusional and misunderstands whether and why he will be executed."

Sparks granted the reprieve to give the state court time to reassess Panetti's competence.

Wayne movie character as he defended himself at trial, blamed the shootings on "Sarge," one of his personalities.

Sparks wrote that Panetti's attorney has presented clinical evidence to support his contention of mental illness, including the findings of psychologist Mark D. Cunningham and the observations of anti-death penalty activist David Dow, a law professor.

Gillespie County Sheriff Milton Jung told The Associated Press on Wednesday that a jury already determined Panetti was competent when they allowed him to be tried.

"He's the best actor there is," Jung said. "I guarantee you the guy's an actor."

Panetti's appellate attorney, Michael Gross, said Wednesday he was "extremely delighted" by Sparks' decision and already had asked state District Judge Stephen Ables to consider the evidence and grant a hearing on the issue.

In the meantime, Gross was hopeful Sparks' stay would remain intact.

"I think we're safe for 60 days,"

he told the AP.

The Texas attorney general's office said it would not appeal the decision to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to try to get the reprieve lifted in time to carry out punishment, which had been scheduled for after 6 p.m. Thursday.

"We will prepare to address the issue through the appropriate legal channels," spokesman Jerry Strickland said.

Panetti, 45, was arrested after holding his estranged wife and their 3-year-old daughter hostage during a lengthy standoff with police following the shootings.

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Board of Trustees' 11.9 percent tuition increase has mixed reactions among students

The increase is producing a varied set of opinions among students and faculty on campus.

By Allison Goertz
Staff Reporter

Tuition is going up yet again, and students are talking about the 11.9 percent increase.

"I was kind of angry when I got the e-mail about it. Tuition is already enough," said Whitney Graham, freshman biology major.

Andrew Goodridge, a junior

radio-TV-film major, said a lot of people he knows at TCU came to school here knowing they could afford the tuition and fees at the time they began school. Now that the costs are going up once more, and he said not everyone can afford the expense.

Goodridge also said there are ways that costs could be cut, particularly when it comes to athletics.

"They have to spend \$30 million on an athletic facility, but

"They have to spend 30 million dollars on an athletic facility, but then they can't cover the budget of athletic programs."

Andrew Goodridge

junior radio-TV-film major

then they can't cover the budget of athletic programs," Goodridge said.

Senior graphic design major Nick McPherson said he also

thinks too much money is spent on athletic facilities.

"It seems like they're favoring athletes," McPherson said.

He said if the university is going

to increase tuition, it should stop giving parking tickets and use the money from the tuition increase to build a parking garage.

Other students said the increase may not be that bad.

"I'm sure most of my friends are upset a little by it, but if it affects the school in a positive way, they'll be able to deal with it," said Brad Minor, a freshman biology major.

Despite the increasing tuition costs, TCU continues to have a

record number of applicants.

"I think it's an indication that students and their families still see TCU as a good value," said Ben Alexander, director of admissions marketing.

"It obviously isn't scaring people off," said Ray Brown, director of admissions.

Brown said that although the increase is big, TCU is still priced below its main competitors.

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Campus Lines

Your bulletin board for campus events

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moody Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

■ Summer 2004 Study Abroad Programs are now enrolling. To enroll, come by Sadler Hall, Room 16, to pick up a permit number and pay a \$500 deposit by Feb. 27. Contact t.williams@tcu.edu for more information.

■ The Public Relations Student Society of America will have its first meeting this semester at 5:30 p.m. today in Moody Building South, Room 271. Come to hear Andra Bennett, the director of communications at the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. Pizza and snacks will be provided to all that attend. Contact John Walls at j.c.walls@tcu.edu for more information.

■ Career Night for the Spring Semester will be 4 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 11 in the Student Center Ballroom. This event is for students to network with local businesses, search for an internship or look for their first job out of college. Dress is business casual. Bring resumes. For more information, contact University Career Services or Heather Cohen at h.r.cohen@tcu.edu.

■ Center for Writing is located on the top floor of the Rickel Academic Wing of the University Recreation Center, across from Moncrief Hall. Students who want to discuss some of their writing can stop by the Center for Writing or call (817) 257-7221 for an appointment.

■ Senior bricks are on sale now. For your very own name-engraved senior brick, contact Sarah at (817) 257-8785 or e-mail her at s.j.cox@tcu.edu. The deadline for May 2004 graduates is Feb. 28.

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Police said.

Police aren't sure of the time and place of her death.

Pridgen said the body was found after Busby confessed Tuesday and led Fort Worth and Oklahoma City detectives to the site, which was near the 51 mile marker on a northbound service road of Interstate 35 near Davis, Okla. She was found wrapped in a white sheet and duct tape was still on her face, police said.

Pridgen said Crane had been abducted from the parking lot. The motive appeared to be robbery, said Lt. Roger Dixon of the Fort Worth police.

Dixon declined to comment about the condition of the scene where the body was found, but said police have several leads they have yet to pursue. He wouldn't comment when asked if Latimer had also confessed.

Dixon said decisions regarding extradition and the location of prosecution are still pending. Allen Walker, Crane's daughter, thanked the police, FBI, citizens from Texas and Oklahoma and friends in a written statement for their efforts to "bring our mother home."

She said Crane's students were her life and each of them now has "their own special guardian angel."

"We will now put our faith in the judicial



Kathleen Latimer, 39, charged with capital murder. Also being held on suspicion of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of controlled drug substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.



Edward Busby, 31, charged with capital murder. Also being held on suspicion of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving with a suspended license and making an improper right turn.

Latimer was being held on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance after a former felon conviction, possession of drug paraphernalia and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, police said.

Pridgen said the shopping center where the kidnapping occurred is a safe area to the best of the police department's knowledge. "To our knowledge, this crime was random," he said.

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Misconduct Policy Coordinator.

The status of the committee's investigation is unclear. Bryan Feille, the Brite associate dean of student affairs and the second Brite representative to the Committee on the Ministry, said that because of confidentiality concerns, the Region will not release information regarding investigations unless the committee removes the minister from good standing. When asked the status of the investigation, Feille said he did not know.

Numerous phone calls and messages to the respondents have not been returned.

Sprinkle referred all questions to his attorney, Richard Griffen, who declined to comment.

If Sprinkle's petition for depositions is granted, the committee's "specific goal of discovering and dealing with instances of clergy sexual misconduct will be made enormously more difficult," church members said.

The Southwest Region adheres to a Clergy Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedure for response in the event of alleged misconduct. The policy says the members of the Regional Committee on the Ministry shall serve as members of a disciplinary hearing. Representatives from Brite, as well as all other ex-officio members, do not participate in the hearings, according to the policy.

If a minister is found guilty of sexual misconduct, he or she can have their ministerial standing suspended or terminated, the policy states.

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the little liberties you enjoy in America.

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them for granted – it's a free country.

REPRIEVE

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Sonja Alvarado testified that after

shooting her parents at close range with a .30-06 rifle, Panetti turned the weapon on her and pulled the trigger, but it jammed.

Panetti, a native of Hayward,

Wis., wore cowboy attire during his trial. He was mimicking The Ringo Kid, the John Wayne character in the classic Western movie "Stagecoach."

He fired his lawyer and insisted on defending himself during the two-week trial, although a judge named a lawyer to provide legal explanations. During jury selection,

he flipped a coin to decide whether a potential juror should be seated on the panel. His initial witness list sought to subpoena Jesus Christ and John F. Kennedy.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles voted 14-1 to reject a request from Gross to commute the sentence to life and 15-0 rejecting a request for a reprieve.

News Briefs

Bricks for seniors on sale

The clock is going tick tick so you'd better hurry and get your brick.

Donations for the Senior Appreciation Program, which are due by Feb. 28, allow seniors to

personalize a brick to be laid

with their graduating class in the Senior Mall between the Mary Couts Burnett Library and the Sid Richardson Building.

Seniors who want a personalized brick must donate \$50 to the annual fund. It has a goal of 375 participants for 2004, said Karen Nichols, the director of student programs for the annual fund.

Seniors can also select up to three people to acknowledge in the Commencement Bulletin.

Last year, 353 donations were received, totaling \$17,650. This money makes up the senior class gift and is donated to the annual fund, which supports scholarships, financial aid, the Library, research, faculty salaries, equipment and athletics.

"The annual fund affects every facet on campus," Nichols said. "Everybody on campus has benefited in some way from the annual fund. They just don't realize it."

So far this year, the program has 91 participants, including Courtney Snyder, a marketing major.

— Erin Baetge

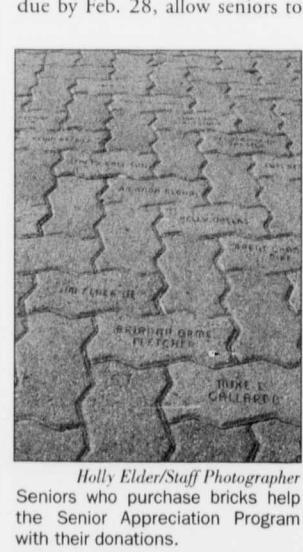
NASA helps in search for girl

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Authorities searching for an 11-year-old girl worked with NASA on Wednesday to try to enhance a surveillance-camera videotape of her apparent abduction, hoping to read the name on the suspect's shirt.

Sixth-grader Carlie Brucia was apparently kidnapped Sunday while taking a shortcut behind a closed car wash on her way home from a friend's house. A security camera shot a sequence of digital photographs of a man walking up to her, talking to her, grasping her arm and leading her away.

Sheriff Bill Balkwill said authorities were chasing more than 400 leads.

"We are starting to get a few names. We are following up on those names as we speak," he said.



Holly Elder/Staff Photographer
Seniors who purchase bricks help the Senior Appreciation Program with their donations.

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The Skiff View

Fad diets fade fast but nutrition lasts

Smart diets and exercise are the right way to go

Fad diets are exactly what the name entails: a fad. They die out just as quickly as they come in. There's always a new diet that promises you will reach your ideal weight in no time at all, get the perfect form or the opposite sex to notice you.

So what's the problem with these "lifesaving" diets? Why shouldn't they be appealing? The answer is that most of them don't work anyway and just leave us feeling hopeless.

Many people go from diet to diet because they can't find one they are content with. The real secret is just to eat healthy and exercise regularly. Don't compromise good food for a diet that doesn't give you all you need from the food pyramid. You're selling yourself short on nutrition your body needs to be healthy.

Real happiness doesn't come from reaching your ideal weight. It's common knowledge that once you get to the point you want, you become dissatisfied with something else. Perfection may not be possible; however, real happiness is when you can appreciate who you are and not obsess so much about superficial things. Look in the mirror and smile instead of wishing for something more.

Your View

Letters to the Editor

Style is an individual choice

I was appalled by Amber Liggon's article, "Going 'retro': A guide to men's fashion" last Friday in the Skiff. The article was written in a condescending manner toward all men. Not all TCU guys have money to shop at Kenneth Cole or Banana Republic, and just because they don't doesn't mean that they don't look good. Yes, basic hygiene and clothes that fit are important. But, instead of being supportive of a guy's individual style, she attempted to group them into one category — in which her opinion all TCU guys should fit. Also, I found her comment on shaving every other day, so one could "avoid looking like a homeless person" quite tasteless. A guy's style is what makes him individual and unique. We need to respect that.

— *Evanthia Aviailiotis, sophomore international communications major.*

Headline lacked use of head

I am a regular reader of the TCU Daily Skiff, however, I was disheartened to read the headline on the search for Laura Lee Crane.

I know this is a learning step for students, but is it too much to ask to give Ms. Crane the proper respect by adding her title to the headline?

She is, after all, a TCU retiree and as such deserving of proper addressing. "Search continues for Crane" just made me mad. I was not enticed at all to read the article, even though I really wanted to. I just feel she should be addressed with the proper respect she so well deserves especially, from a TCU paper.

Thank you for your time.

— *Murielle Wright, class of '75*

Homosexual column wrong

The assertion that the Bible

does not explicitly state that homosexuality is wrong is incorrect. True, it is not one of the 10 Commandments but it is explicitly mentioned in the Old Testament Law (Leviticus 18:22) and the New Testament writings of Paul (Romans 1:24-27). Both of the New Testament writings of Paul agree with the teachings of Jesus (Matthew 5:17-18, 1 Timothy 1:7).

The main scripture that points out the fact that homosexuality is a sin is in the book of Romans, where Paul is writing about God and ways that we depart from him through our sin.

"Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator — who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion."

Romans 1:24-27 (NIV)

I want to make it plain that I'm making no conclusion from these scriptures other than to present them as they are, and they do explicitly state that homosexuality is a sin. I wish to present the people with the Bible and ask that if interest is present in an issue, the Bible is fairly plain on the issues that concern us today.

— *Luke Sprinkle, junior psychology major*

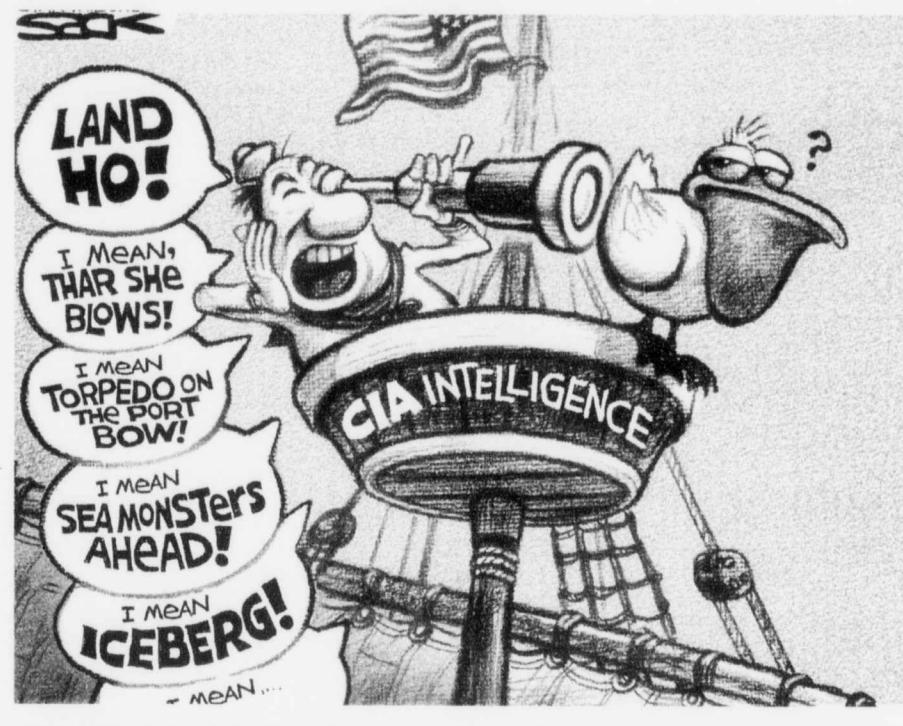
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Bush not to blame for CIA

Faulty intelligence cause of Iraq fiasco

It almost happened. I almost let the Democrats brainwash me. I was oh so close to believing that the Bush administration set up a huge conspiracy to attack Iraq, knowing for certain that there were no weapons of mass destruction.

OK, so if Bush is justified in going to war, and basing that decision on WMD, why is he reluctant to form a committee to probe the intelligence community? It's a simple reason and it leads into the real problem

I started from the position that the intelligence was faulty and David Kay's testimony brought me back there last week. Bush acted on intelligence that said Saddam had weapons of mass destruction. He acted with the knowledge that Saddam had deep ties to terrorism, even if they weren't necessarily to al Qaeda.

The Democratic primary candidates have been acting on 20/20 hindsight. Iraq was pointing an unloaded gun in our general direction, and they're mad that we shot at them first. Of course, as long as it still gets a crowd to cheer and gets you a sound bite on CNN, they'll keep harping on the issue.

It didn't take a huge stretch of the imagination to believe that Saddam had WMDs. We know Saddam had them before. And, to paraphrase Hans Blix, these weapons aren't like marmalade, you keep track of where they

are. Saddam didn't show that he destroyed them. He wouldn't let the UN commission look for them freely. You don't have to be a CIA operative to know that sounds suspicious.

OK, so if Bush is justified in going to war, and basing that decision on WMD, why is he reluctant to form a committee to probe the intelligence community? It's a simple reason and it leads into the real problem

"Iraq was pointing an unloaded gun in our general direction, and they're mad that we shot at them first."

from Kay's testimony.

The CIA and its associates messed up. I'd rather use a more colorful word to describe it, but this is a family newspaper. There's no reliable way for the president to double-check what the international intelligence community finds. He and the American people have to trust them in, literally, matters of life and death. A mistake this large destroys their credibility. And when the president starts insinuating that he no longer trusts the intelligence, the people will quickly follow suit.

Bush is trying to salvage some remnant of the legitimacy the

CIA once had. He's saying through actions that not much is wrong. He's not covering his own mistakes, but he's committing an entirely independent transgression.

The CIA was formed at the beginning of the cold war. Its goal was to keep track of the USSR and her underlings. This involved a central target with a supposed central mission. The cold war is over, and the new threat is a diffuse enemy with no central organization. But things in Washington have momentum, and the CIA is no different. There's a commitment to doing things the way they were done before, regardless of whether the methods are best or not.

They missed the two World Trade Center attacks. They missed the two embassy bombings in Africa. They missed the attack on the USS Cole.

Obviously, something has to change.

You can only hope that the bipartisan (and it will definitely be bipartisan) commission investigating the intelligence community can guilt them into doing their jobs.

If not, well, I'll at least have another topic to write a column on.

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CBS should have expected shock and surprise during halftime

There are occurrences in life that are talked about for a moment, days and, indeed, ages. The latest of these, while intensely exciting, in the long run will be a simple stitch in the proverbial fabric of time.

The joys of live television were perfectly captured in a brief instant Sunday during the Super Bowl halftime show. By now, you all know that Justin Timberlake and Janet Jackson shocked and offended countless Americans.

I was not offended. CBS got exactly what was coming. MTV was asked to produce the show and MTV is not now — nor will it ever be — known for family programming.

If higher-ups at CBS were so concerned about presenting a family friendly show, perhaps MTV was not the correct choice. More to the point, why, when executives attended practices for the show during the preceding week, did no one complain about the musical selections themselves? I suppose that it is perfectly family friendly for Nelly to sing "it's

getting hot in here so take off all your clothes." Of course, I'll assume then, too, that for Justin Timberlake to sing about having some random female "naked by the end of this song" is fine as well.

Let's go a bit further. Bring in

"If higher-ups at CBS were so concerned about presenting a family friendly show, perhaps MTV was not the correct choice."

the FCC to investigate Timberlake and Jackson. Oh that's right, it's being done. While that's happening, we can investigate all the costly commercials aired during the game. Those were not exactly family friendly either.

What else can I complain about? There are loads of topics, but I think this is quite enough. I wonder, though, if anyone else sees the ridiculous nature of all this? I mean really, the FCC? Come on.

People were understandably offended at the culmination of this performance. However, no

one complains that the male performers are constantly grabbing their crotches. Is that fine, then? Thanks, just wanted to be certain.

Hopefully, you begin to understand that I feel the whole situation has been blown out of proportion. To be so up in arms over a bit of flesh concerns me. It seems fine to curse, show people in bed together and use off-color humor on prime time television. In addition, it obviously is fine to sing about getting naked, but very wrong to actually attempt theatrical performance of the same nakedness song.

My greatest frustration over this whole situation is that no one seems to mind that Kid Rock cut a hole in an American flag, a symbol of our nation and something sacred to many people, and wore it like a poncho. I would have thought that might have stirred something, but apparently, sex and sexy things still garner all the attention, no matter what you do.

Kimberly Nokes is a columnist for the *Daily O'Collegian* at Oklahoma State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

New breed of men is its own type of faux pas

Every time I see one of my male friends, he inquires about whether his clothes look good.

He tells me he is into snap-button shirts, necklaces and looking stylish. He and his friends work out regularly to get the buff look they think attracts women. They also plan on getting facials,

he told me.

He claims to be a metrosexual, and I believe him. But what exactly does being a metrosexual mean?

This new and overused buzzword is defined as a man who is a straight, sensitive, well-educated, urban-dweller in touch with his feminine side.

The need to be stylish and perfect, like the models in magazines, has plagued women for far too long; it now seems to be plaguing men. The magazines GQ, FHM and Maxim have steered men like cattle toward desiring the sleek builds, fashionable clothes and sexy mystique they see in these publications.

Shows like "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" add to the push for the modern man to become a new breed of fashion-driven lemming.

Men are discarding the old stereotypes of being the tough guy who doesn't cry and hates to shop, but at what cost?

The new freedom to shop, to get a facial, to have his nails painted, and to primp and pamper adds solely to a man's self-love.

Women have traditionally primped and pampered out of the desire to snatch a man. The feminine sex has been antagonized for making men wait while they perfect their hair or make-up, and now it is our turn to wait for the men.

However, I don't think metrosexuals are primping solely for the purpose of getting a date. I find a man who stands in front of a mirror longer than a woman to be extremely vain.

British journalist Mark Simpson invented the term in a 1994 article titled "Here come the mirror men" in The Independent.

Mirror men is a suitable description if you ask me. Simpson hit on the new self-obsession embarking in the male world.

A Psychology Today survey showed that 43 percent of men are dissatisfied with their overall appearance, and 63 percent are unhappy with their abdomen in particular.

In 2002, Simpson wrote another article about metrosexuals and the term took off. Now, it has made the top of the annual list of overused words compiled by educators at Michigan's Lake Superior State University.

Though this fad led to the beautification of the male sex, I feel it will lead to self-obsession, which women do not have at the top of their "what I look for in a guy" list.

Women, I would hope, are still more concerned with a man's personality and a man's treatment of others than she is with his clothes or physique.

A warning to those wishing to become part of the metrosexual cult: Just because you look better doesn't mean that you are a better person.

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NEWS DIGEST

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QUICK FACTS



Election update

The latest news from the campaign trail

Kerry denies votes influenced

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate colleague was trying to close a loophole that allowed a major insurer to divert millions of federal dollars from the nation's most expensive construction project. John Kerry stepped in and blocked the legislation.

Over the next two years, the insurer, American International Group, paid Kerry's way on a trip to Vermont and donated at least \$30,000 to a tax-exempt group Kerry used to set up his presidential campaign. Company executives donated \$18,000 to his Senate and presidential campaigns.

Were the two connected? Kerry says not.

But to some government watchdogs, the tale of the Massachusetts senator's 2000 intervention, detailed in documents obtained by The Associated Press, is a textbook case of the special interest politicking that Kerry rails against on the presidential trail.

"The idea that Kerry has not helped or benefited from a specific special interest, which he has said, is utterly absurd," said Charles Lewis, head of the Center for Public Integrity that just published a book on political donations to the presidential candidates.

Kerry's office confirmed Wednesday that as member of the Senate Commerce Committee persuaded committee chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., to drop a provision that would have stripped \$150 million from the project and ended the insurance funding loophole.

Commission requests more time

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush reversed course Wednesday and said a commission reviewing the Sept. 11 attacks should get the extra time that members say they need to do a thorough job.

Congress gave the bipartisan commission until May 27 to release its final report. But after a two-day hearing last week highlighting a series of government missteps that allowed many of the 19 hijackers to elude detection, the commission said it needed until July 26 to complete its work.

Victims' relatives and some lawmakers want an even longer extension, to January 2005. They say that would reduce the chance that the report would be influenced by the November presidential election.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the commission's request that Congress approve two extra months is long enough.

Edwards and Clark take South

John Kerry's chief rivals campaigned on the strength of their Southern roots Wednesday, all but ceding Democratic presidential nomination contests in Michigan and Washington state in favor of a showdown closer to home.

Kerry easily prevailed in five states among the seven that voted Tuesday in primaries and caucuses, piling delegates into his column at twice the rate of his nearest opponent and making it ever harder for his challengers to see any way to stop him.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards said Wednesday his strong second-place finish in Oklahoma showed he's a national candidate, even if he will have to wait a while to score a breakout win outside the South.

Edwards won in South Carolina, the state of his birth, while Wesley Clark edged him in Oklahoma. Kerry won in Arizona, New Mexico, North Dakota, Missouri and Delaware, all by large margins, in the first national test of the Democrats running for the nomination.

— Associated Press

National/International Roundup

Death of Dell contract worker accidental

LEBANON, Tenn. (AP) — Authorities are investigating a fatal accident in which a contract worker was caught in a conveyor belt at Dell Computer Corp.

Sergio Dubon, 21, was using a conveyor belt machine Monday when he became trapped inside and was killed, said Lebanon Police Chief Scott Bowan.

Dubon worked for a Sacramento, Calif.-based recycling contractor for Dell.

Police say the death appears accidental.

"We do not believe any foul play was involved," Bowan said. "We're working with Dell to find out what happened, to see exactly why it happened."

Dubon worked for SBM Cleaning Company LLC, the contractor that does recycling for Dell, Dell spokesman Mark Drury said.

"Dell is committed to providing a safe work environment for everyone in each of its facilities," Drury said.

Cuban refugees fail to reach Florida in car

MIAMI (AP) — Eleven Cubans trying to sail to Florida in a 1950s Buick converted into a tail-finned boat were intercepted at sea by the Coast Guard and will be sent back to their homeland, exile activists said Wednesday.

Marcel Basanta Lopez and Luis Grass Rodriguez, the two men who turned the classic car into a floating vessel, tried a similar stunt last summer and got caught.

On Monday, the men set out again, with four other adults and five children, relatives said. The Coast Guard intercepted the group late Tuesday en route to the Florida Keys, picking them up off Marathon, about 90 miles southwest of Miami, activist Arturo Cobo said.

Coast Guard officials refused to confirm the floating car's status, but Cobo said the Buick sank.

The Buick's doors had been sealed to keep water out and it was powered by its original V-8 motor, said Eduardo Perez Grass, who was among those on the earlier attempt to reach the United States.

"My cousin isn't crazy. He wants to be free," Basanta's cousin Kiriat Lopez, who lives in Lake Worth, told The Miami Herald. "That's how crazy he is."

Former N'Sync singer booted from Pro Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — Waves from the Janet Jackson Super Bowl fiasco reached Hawaii on Wednesday, as the NFL banned one of Justin Timberlake's bandmates from the Pro Bowl halftime show.

The NFL bounced JC Chasez — a member of the boy band 'N Sync — from Sunday's halftime because of Jackson and Timberlake's breast-baring exhibition, said Brian McCarthy, a spokesman for the NFL's annual all-star game, which will be televised live on ESPN.

"The commissioner said Monday morning that we will change our policies and procedures as it relates to entertainment during our games," McCarthy said. "This is immediate action that reflects that approach."

The halftime show at the Pro Bowl will now feature 200 hula dancers, 1,000 other dancers, drummers, conch shell blowers and local singing duo Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom and Willie K., who will perform a new song called "Welcome to my Paradise," as well as a new theme song for the Pro Bowl called "Twenty-five Years of Aloha."

The show was to have been the pre-game entertainment, but was moved to halftime after Tagliabue's decree, McCarthy said.

Oil suddenly covers Longview woman's home

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — A Longview woman is trying to figure out how she struck oil in her home.

Leila LeTourneau went home from work late Monday to find crude oil all over her home. The oil covered her floors and spilled over the toilets, bathtub and sinks.

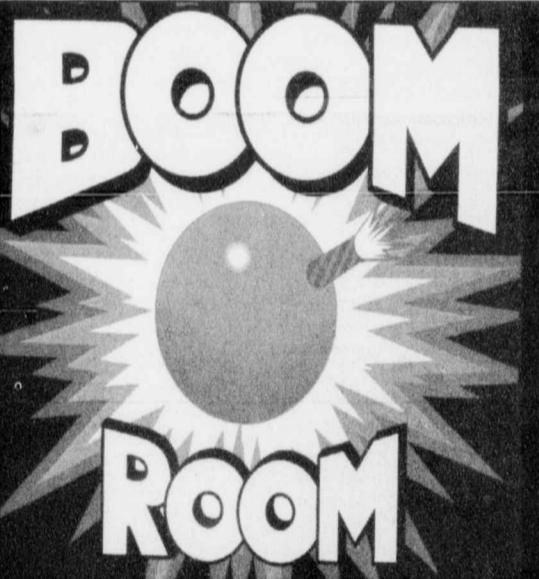
Experts have told LeTourneau that the oil kind of "burped up."

Longview city crews and representatives from Basa Research, which owns some wells in the area, are trying to help find the source of the oil.

Longview television station KLT reported one theory is that the house may have been built on an abandoned well that wasn't properly plugged.

"I always tease people about 'doesn't everybody in Texas have an oil derrick in the back yard?' Then when I came home I discovered I struck oil inside the house," LeTourneau said.

She and her son are now staying at a Longview hotel.



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Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 5 — You may have to be more reactive than you'd like in this situation. You'd rather be in charge of the operation, but that hasn't happened yet. Tomorrow and the next day look good, however.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is an 8 — You won't have to venture very far to find something that you need. It's closer to home than you thought it would be, in a form you should recognize.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6 — Gather as much as you can, of whatever you can get. Stash it away in a safe place. You'll find a good use for it later.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7 — Your sense of humor should be good, and that's a marvelous blessing. A person you respect will give you reasons why you can't do what you want to do. Listen

respectfully, but don't give up.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6 — Anticipate possible communication problems. This includes, but is not limited to, typos, misrouted packages and lost receipts. Also, be nice to a sensitive co-worker.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is an 8 — A conflict between a friend and a loved one can be ironed out with your advice. You have a more objective point of view. Teach the two of them to get along.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — It may seem as if everyone wants something from you, but what? They can't make up their minds. Since that's not your strongest talent either, don't let them push you into anything. Stall.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is an 8 — The best-laid plans of mice and men can get all bungled up. Women can be more adaptable, though. They make do with whatever they have. Keep that in mind.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — Your sense of humor should come shining through, no matter what's going on. This is a welcome relief not only for you but for everybody you're around. You're gifted, and you're a gift.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — As you consider a compromise, take costs into account. No point in getting something you don't really need. You can do just fine without.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — Overexertion can cause aches and pains, so don't push yourself too hard. Slow and steady wins this race, or at least gets you to the finish line. Later is better than never.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7 — You and your partner can work up a plan to make intended changes. You're good at being spontaneous, but scheduling doesn't hurt.

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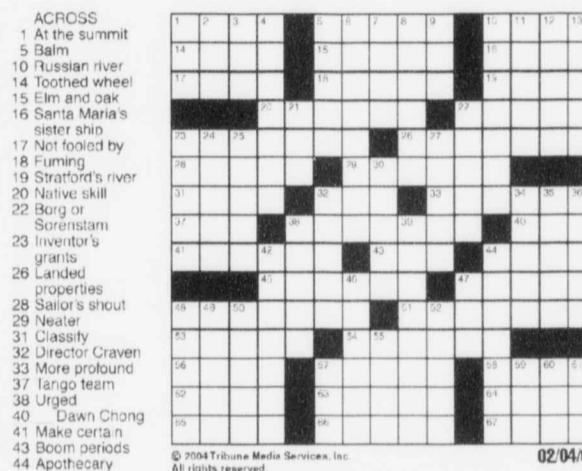
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Sideline

Playmakers cancelled

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — ESPN canceled "Playmakers" after one season Wednesday, ending a show that drew criticism from the NFL and some players.

The show focused on a fictional team and featured plots that included drug use, marital infidelity, racism and homophobia.

ESPN is paying the NFL \$4.8 billion over eight seasons for the rights to Sunday night games. League commissioner Paul Tagliabue had expressed concerns that "Playmakers" was one-dimensional and perpetuated racial stereotypes.

"Playmakers" garnered critical praise and was watched by an average of 2 million people each week, five times the ratings the network drew for that time slot the previous year.

The show also drew criticism from current players, with Tampa Bay defensive tackle Warren Sapp refusing to do interviews with ESPN. By the end of the season, however, there were reports that players approached the network to inquire about roles on the show.

NFL Players Association executive director Gene Upshaw said the union didn't like the show in part because of what it felt was the stereotyping of black players. He also disagreed with ESPN's strategy of promoting "Playmakers" during broadcasts of NFL games.

As for "Playmakers," Shapiro said ESPN proved it could produce a viable fictional sports drama that appealed to critics and viewers. To go ahead with a second season, he said, would be "rubbing it in the faces of our most important client."

The network has several shows in development, Shapiro said, and hopes to announce plans for a new series within the next few months. ESPN has also produced several TV movies — including an adaptation of the nonfiction book "A Season on the Brink" about Bob Knight. There's no guarantee, however, that ESPN won't run into the same problem again.

Ravens hire Fassel as consultant

WINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — Jim Fassel found the ideal job to keep him busy until he can get another head coaching job: senior consultant to the Baltimore Ravens.

Fassel, fired by the New York Giants after the 2003 season, was hired Wednesday by the Ravens, who want him to work with second-year quarterback Kyle Boller to improve a passing attack that ranked last in the NFL.

Fassel said he expects the job will keep him occupied for a season — or until he receives a better offer.

Fassel's six-year run with the Giants ended after New York lost its final eight games to finish 4-12. He interviewed in January for head coaching jobs at Arizona, Buffalo and the Washington Redskins.

By adding Fassel, the Ravens have united both head coaches in the 2001 Super Bowl, when Brian Billick and the Ravens beat Fassel and the Giants 34-7.

Fassel and Billick have been friends for years, and Billick loved the idea of using the former head coach to correct the team's most glaring weakness in 2003.

Billick announced Wednesday that Boller will enter training camp atop the depth chart and will almost certainly start at quarterback in the 2004 season opener. The Ravens are still trying to resign Anthony Wright as his backup.

Both quarterbacks have very little experience, which is where Fassel comes in.

Fassel was adamant in stressing that he would not usurp any responsibility from Billick, offensive coordinator Matt Cavanaugh or quarterbacks coach David Shaw.

Fassel is generally credited in helping develop John Elway and Kerry Collins into quality quarterbacks. The Ravens hope he can have the same sort of influence on Boller and Wright.

Fassel is still under contract with the Giants, so New York will pay the balance of the \$2.7 million remaining for his final year — minus what he will receive from the Ravens. Terms of the one-year deal were not disclosed.

Frogs announce official signing of 21 recruits

The 2004 football recruiting class ranks as one of the best in the state and the best for TCU in the last three years.

By Brent Yarina
Sports Editor

You can't fault head coach Gary Patterson for being in such high spirits when he met with the local press Wednesday to discuss his 2004 recruiting class.

Patterson had every reason to be optimistic on national signing day because he was able to announce the team's 21 newest players, consisting of 16 freshmen and five junior college transfers.

"We're excited," Patterson said. "I feel really good about (the recruits) from top to bottom. This is maybe in the last three years our best overall and strongest group."

Randy Rodgers, a contributing author to Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine, said he is impressed with TCU's recruiting class this year and that he ranks it as the third best in the state, behind Texas and Texas A&M.

"I think they did pretty well," Rodgers said. "I like how they recruited tall offensive linemen who will be able to fill out. They also got a lot of multiple position guys who are very athletic."

Highlighting the incoming class is Shae Reagan, a "dual-threat" quarterback from Idalou High School. Reagan, the 24th best "athlete" in the country rated by Rivals.com, originally committed to play football at Texas Tech over programs like TCU, Nebraska and Kansas State.

Patterson said the quarterback was always on TCU's radar and that the program never lost interest in the Idalou native, even after he tore his ACL last season and committed to Tech.

"We had been recruiting him from the very beginning," he said of TCU's only 2004



Athletics director Eric Hyman addresses the Frog Club about TCU's status as a national athletic power Wednesday night at Colonial Country Club.

quarterback recruit. "It's one of those situations where he had committed to Tech but I think he felt more at home here. I don't think he felt Tech was a bad place, but he just felt more comfortable here. We're glad that he will be a part of this class."

Patterson joked that Reagan ultimately decided to play at TCU because the recruit was impressed with his savvy guitar playing.

"He was just learning how to play guitar so we taught him how to play," Patterson said. "He got one for Christmas and we sat there playing a little 70s and I taught him a couple of boogie beats. That was the first thing he said when he changed his mind that 'the reason I came was the free guitar lessons.'"

Rodgers said Reagan is a great addition for TCU, and he thinks the quarterback has a bright future with the Frogs.

"Reagan is far and away the best player in the Panhandle," Rodgers said. "He's a terrific athlete who could easily be an

NFL quarterback before it's all said and done. He was a tremendous steal for TCU."

Joining Reagan in the Frogs' 2004 recruiting class is a great combination of young players and experienced junior college transfers, Patterson said. He said all the recruits are excited to play college football, and they have shown a great commitment to the program.

"The thing I like most about this group if I had to sum them all up is that they are a group that really loves to play the game," Patterson said. "They are very committed to be a Horned Frog and that excites me more than anything else."

Rodgers said although he likes TCU's incoming class, he does not expect many of them to play significant roles in the Frogs' rotation this season. He said the three freshmen wide receivers, Detrick James, Donald Massey and Otis McDaniel, are all great athletes but that they will not be counted on in 2004.

"As football players, (the receivers) aren't as advanced as the ones TCU has playing right now," he said. "I don't see any of them being counted on too much this season."

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Although Patterson admits he rarely expects to get any immediate impact from his new recruits, especially the freshmen, he said the junior college transfers will be expected to contribute right away.

Patterson said these five transfers will need to play significant roles in their first season with the Frogs, as the team looks to improve its secondary from last season and fill the voids of the graduated Aaron Schobel and Chad Pugh.

"The biggest thing with this group is that we needed immediate help on the defensive side of the ball," he said. "We were able to fill those needs by signing junior college players Zarnell Fitch and Chris Hayes for the defensive line and Quincy Butler and Drew Coleman at cornerback."

Patterson said he credits the Frogs' great recruiting class this year to the team's run at a Bowl Championship Series game last season.

Even more important to the successful recruiting, however, is the program's commitment to academics and its players, he said.

"At TCU, for us, one of the selling points that I think we have because we've been able to back it up is that it's not what we will do for you in the next four years, it's what we will do for you the next 40 years," Patterson said.

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QUICK FACTS

Breakdown by position

Quarterback	Shae Reagan
Tailback	Justin Watts
Fullback/Linebacker	Jason Phillips
Wide Receiver	Walter Bryant
	Detrick James
	Donald Massey
	Otis McDaniel
Tight End	Brent Hecht
Offensive Line	Robert Clark
	Preston Phillips

Heath Raetz
Blake Schlueter
Tight End/Defensive End
Giles Montgomery
Defensive Line
Zarnell Fitch
Chris Hayes
Cody Moore
Linebacker
Robert Henson
Cornerback
Quincy Butler
Drew Coleman
Safety
Steven Coleman
Matt Panfil

QUICK FACTS

Meet the 21 new Horned Frogs

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
Walter Bryant	WR	6-4	200	San Angelo (Central)
Quincy Butler	CB	6-0	180	San Antonio (Roosevelt)/Tyler JC
Robert Clark	OL	6-7	250	Weatherford (High)
Drew Coleman	CB	5-11	175	Henderson (High)/Trinity Valley JC
Steven Coleman	S	6-2	190	Dallas (Lake Highlands)
Zarnell Fitch	DT	6-3	300	Spencer, Okla. (Star Spencer)/Navarro JC
Chris Hayes	DE	6-1	240	Fort Worth (Wyatt)/Kilgore JC
Brent Hecht	TE	6-4	247	Bern, Kan. (High)/Butler County CC
Robert Henson	LB	6-1	205	Longview (High)
Detrick James	WR	5-9	175	Shreveport, La. (Evangel Christian)
Donald Massey	WR	5-11	170	Hillsboro (High)
Otis McDaniel	WR	6-0	185	San Antonio (Taft)
Giles Montgomery	TE/DE	6-3	235	Sweetwater (High)
Cody Moore	DT	6-1	265	Comfort (High)
Matt Panfil	S	6-1	180	Fort Worth (North Crowley)
Jason Phillips	FB/LB	6-1	215	Waller (High)
Preston Phillips	OL	6-6	270	Amarillo (Tascosa)
Heath Raetz	OL	6-5	250	Burleson (High)
Shae Reagan	QB	6-4	255	Idalou (Idalou)
Blake Schlueter	OL	6-4	245	Ganado (High)
Justin Watts	TB	5-10	195	Center (High)

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USC, LSU sign nation's top football recruiting classes

This year, championship seasons really did bring teams the country's most talented recruits.

By Alan Robinson
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College football's recruiting race finished up exactly like the season did — with Southern California and LSU on top and everybody else chasing them.

Only this time, there's no disputing Southern Cal is No. 1, according to five top recruiting services.

LSU was a strong second on national signing day, landing every top player it sought in its own state while adding to its already deep wide receiver corps.

Miami also made a strong push Wednesday, but it was Southern Cal's off-the-charts class that was the buzz of the college football world.

"USC's recruiting class is the best in the 11 years I've been doing this," said recruiting analyst Bobby Burton of rivals.com. "It's the highest quality class you're ever going to see."

Gatorade and Parade national player of the year Jeff Byers of Loveland, Colo., leads coach Pete Carroll's incoming freshmen. He had 56 sacks and 14 forced fumbles on defense.

The AP national champion Trojans signed two top California high school players in defensive end Jeff Schweiger and offensive lineman Thomas Herring. They also journeyed into recruiting hotbeds Ohio (wide receiver Fred Davis) and Florida (linebacker Keith Rivers) to land key recruits.

Allen Wallace of Prep Football Report called the Trojans' recruiting class "phenomenal."

"There are no all-regional players on their list, there are no second-list players there at all," Wallace said. "USC never dipped below (the top level), even though they had great regional kids who wanted offers."

LSU was much the same way, capitalizing on its USA Today/ESPN national championship with a recruiting class arguably just as good as last year's top-ranked class.

The Tigers, already loaded at receiver, landed not one but three of the nation's top pass catchers — Early Doucet of St. Martinville, La., Xavier Carter of Melbourne, Fla. and Lavelle Hawkins of Stockton, Calif. Doucet scored 79 touchdowns and had 7,104 all-purpose yards in his high school career. Carter is one of the nation's fastest sprinters and could be a future U.S. Olympian.

"It was a great year for receivers, and LSU got three of the best," recruiting analyst Max Emfinger said. "You wonder why another receiver would want to go there, but the answer is they want to wear a national championship ring."