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Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

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2. [Ignore the 'Charm' Of a Terrorist](#)

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3. ['An Irrational Hatred'](#)

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4. [Palestinian men must be over 45 to worship at Jerusalem shrine](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

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5. [STRAW GOT IT WRONG IN HIS ATTACK ON ISRAEL](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

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6. [*Darts and Laurels*](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

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7. [*DAILY STAR SAYS; DON'T CRY FOR SHEIKH*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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8. [*WOMAN SUICIDE BOMBER KILLS FOUR*](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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9. [*Bomber mum boast*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

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10. [*Woman bomber kills four*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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11. [Bus blast carnage; in Israel](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

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12. [LETTER: BRITAIN MUST LEAD AN EU RESPONSE TO ISRAEL](#)

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13. [NINE DAYS OF BLOOD AND TERROR](#)

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14. [Revenge bombers kill at least 16 in israeli bus attacks](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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15. [WOMAN KILLS FOUR IN SUICIDE](#)

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16. [*Poor judgment*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

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17. [*Un Should Condemn Syrians*](#)

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18. [*ISRAELIS DIE IN RAID BY PALESTINIANS*](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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19. [*Terror hurts victims and perpetrators*](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

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20. [*Missile's a road map to death*](#)

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21. [*PROPER TARGET*](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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34. [Maandag 23 Juni 2003](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

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35. [Jihad-strijders steeds vaker vrouwen ; Achtergrond](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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36. ['SLUIT HAAT-MOSKEE!'](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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66. [PALESTINIAN GUNMEN ATTACK ISRAELI CHECKPOINT IN GAZA](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

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67. [PALESTINIAN GUNMEN ATTACK ISRAELI CHECKPOINT IN GAZA](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

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68. [PALESTINIAN WOMEN PROTEST AID FREEZE](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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69. [ISRAEL LEVELS 3 PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY BUILDINGS](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

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70. [West Bank Tensions High: Nablus Residents Face Strict Curfew](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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SOME CEASEFIRE

The Sun

August 22, 2003

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Section: SUN SAYS; LEADING ARTICLE

Length: 71 words

Body

WHAT a bunch of hypocrites the **Hamas** terrorists are.

After the Israelis kill one of their murderous leaders, they declare their "ceasefire" is over.

Don't fall for that propaganda nonsense.

If there really was a ceasefire, and the Palestinians didn't continue to murder men, **women** and children, there would be no need for the Israelis to keep striking back.

The Israelis only retaliate when attacked. They don't initiate violence.

Load-Date: August 23, 2003

Ignore the 'Charm' Of a Terrorist

The New York Times

April 23, 2004 Friday

Late Edition - Final

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Section: Section A; Column 6; Editorial Desk; Pg. 22

Length: 94 words

Body

To the Editor:

"The Nicest Terrorist I Ever Met," by David Margolick (Op-Ed, April 21), depressed me. I imagine that some people would have found Hitler or Stalin or Saddam Hussein charming under the right circumstances.

But Abdel Aziz Rantisi, the **Hamas** leader killed by Israel, was a man whose "peace plan was simple: five million Jews should leave."

This was not a nice man but a terrorist, pure and simple.

An article that humanizes a killer of innocent men, **women** and children can only sadden us in the civilized world.

SUSAN SCHWALB

New York, April 21, 2004

<http://www.nytimes.com>

Load-Date: April 23, 2004

'An Irrational Hatred'

New York Sun (Archive)

July 20, 2004 Tuesday

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Section: EDITORIAL & OPINION; Pg. 10

Length: 107 words

Byline: GEORGE JOCHNOWITZ Manhattan

Body

Jay Nordlinger tells us that "to be against America is to be against the West" ["An Irrational Hatred," Page 1, July 19, 2004].

Among the many people who are anti-American, there are some who have become de facto allies of Islamic extremism.

They seem to be unaware of America's achievements in civil rights, women's rights, and gay rights. They are reflexively anti-Israel, despite the fact that Hamas - not Israel - deliberately targets civilians.

Way back in 1979, when Ayatollah Khomeini deprived women of their rights in Iran - perhaps the greatest setback to women in recorded history - feminist anti-Americans at home and abroad were silent.

Load-Date: July 20, 2004

Palestinian men must be over 45 to worship at Jerusalem shrine

The Evening Standard (London)

March 26, 2004

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Section: C; Pg. 22

Length: 96 words

Body

ISRAELI police have decided that only Palestinian men over the age of 45 will be allowed to attend Friday prayers at one of Jerusalem's holiest shrines.

The move at the Old City site, holding the Al Aqsa and Dome of the Rock mosques, comes amid fears of clashes after Israel's assassination of the Hamas spiritual leader. Women of all ages will be allowed to worship at the shrine, known to Jews as the Temple Mount. Meanwhile, two armed Palestinians in divers' outfits have been killed trying to infiltrate a Gaza Strip settlement from the coast, the Israeli army said today.

END

Load-Date: March 27, 2004

STRAW GOT IT WRONG IN HIS ATTACK ON ISRAEL

The Express
April 23, 2004

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Section: LETTERS; Pg. 66

Length: 112 words

Body

IN a recent Sky News viewer poll there was an 82.5 per cent support for the assassination by Israel of **Hamas** terrorist leaders.

Palestinian terrorist groups, who have declared war on Israel, are willing to kill innocent men, **women** and even children to achieve their political aims.

All these fanatical terrorist groups, such as Al Qaeda, use religion as a justification for their murderous acts in places as far apart as Iraq, Bali, Madrid, New York and of course Israel to fight against our Western democratic way of life. Jack Straw's condemnation of Israel was totally counter-productive in the war against terror. No wonder Tony Blair has sidelined him.

S Henderson, Leeds

Load-Date: April 23, 2004

Darts and Laurels

The Toronto Star
January 17, 2004 Saturday
Ontario Edition

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Section: NATIONAL REPORT; Pg. H06

Length: 118 words

Body

TIM STEVENSON: For lending a sympathetic ear; the Vancouver councillor has asked city staff to prepare a report on whether noisy and ineffectual car alarms should be banned.

AHMED QUREIA: For shrugging off terror; the Palestinian prime minister declined to condemn the *Hamas* group for despatching a young mother as a suicide bomber, killing herself and four others.

ED SCHECK: For leadership; the Toronto Board of Trade chief stumped on subway platforms, urging riders to get involved in the fight to get Ottawa and Ontario to move on a "new deal" for cities.

MARIE JOSE VALERA: For fighting for *women*; the Spanish lawyer helped convict Imam Mohammed Kamal Mustafa for advising Muslim men on how to beat their wives.

Load-Date: January 17, 2004

DAILY STAR SAYS; DON'T CRY FOR SHEIKH

Daily Star
March 23, 2004

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Section: COLUMNS; Pg. 6

Length: 134 words

Body

THE whole world ganged up against Israel yesterday.

Britain's Foreign Secretary Jack Straw condemned them for "unacceptable, unjustified" conduct.

France accused them of "fuelling a cycle of violence".

South Africa claimed they were "in contravention of international law".

Israel's crime was to assassinate Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

The frail, wheelchair -bound Sheikh looked harmless - but don't be fooled by appearances.

He was the founder and leader of the extremist **Hamas** organisation.

These religious zealots have slaughtered hundreds of innocent Israeli men, **women** and children.

They are the prime exponents of that most feared weapon of terror - suicide bombers.

This may seem a long way from home for now, but Yassin's main "spiritual" message was one of hate.

And that is an emotion that spreads fast.

Load-Date: March 23, 2004

WOMAN SUICIDE BOMBER KILLS FOUR

Liverpool Daily Echo

January 14, 2004, Wednesday

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 8; Newspaper

Length: 133 words

Body

A **FEMALE** Palestinian suicide bomber blew herself up at the main crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip today, killing four people and injuring seven.

Israel Radio reported the four dead were Israeli.

The Islamic militant group **Hamas** and the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed joint responsibility, according to Lebanon's Al-Manar satellite TV station.

Few Palestinians were in the area at the time, despite the explosion occurring at the Erez crossing, the main entry point into Israel for Palestinian workers.

Palestinian witnesses said the bomber was a woman waiting in a queue to pass through to the Israeli side.

A witness said four Palestinian **women** went into an office at the crossing before the explosion from inside the building.

Load-Date: January 15, 2004

Bomber mum boast

Herald Sun (Melbourne, Australia)

January 28, 2004 Wednesday

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Section: WORLD; Pg. 29

Length: 127 words

Body

JERUSALEM -- Pictures of Hamas's latest suicide bomber, posing with her two young children, has appeared on the group's internet site.

The gesture is in apparent defiance of Palestinian critics who say the Islamic militant group was wrong to send Reem Raiyshi, 22, on a mission that left her toddlers motherless.

AP

The pictures, revealed at the weekend, show Raiyshi in camouflage dress with the three-year-old and 18-month-old.

Two weeks ago, Raiyshi left the pair with her husband and blew herself up at a border crossing between the Gaza Strip and Israel, killing four Israelis.

It sparked a rare debate among Palestinians, not over the idea of bombing but the choice of bomber. Commentators fear pregnant women and children might be used next.

Load-Date: January 27, 2004

Woman bomber kills four

The Evening Standard (London)

January 14, 2004

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Section: B; Pg. 2

Length: 121 words

Byline: RICHARD EDWARDS

Body

AT least four people died today and seven were injured when a woman suicide bomber blew herself up at the main crossing point between Israel and the Gaza strip.

The explosion happened at Erez, where Palestinian workers queue to cross into Israel. Security forces said all the dead were Israelis.

Palestinian witnesses said the woman bomber was waiting in the queue. One witness said four Palestinian women went into a security office before the explosion went off inside.

She said: "I heard soldiers screaming.

The blast was very strong and I saw one of the women bleeding from her legs."

The Islamic militant group Hamas and the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades issued a joint claim of responsibility.

Sniper victim dies: Page 9

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**Bus blast carnage;
in Israel**

Gold Coast Bulletin (Australia)

September 2, 2004 Thursday

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Body

IN synchronised attacks just moments apart, a pair of Palestinian suicide bombers detonated explosives in two buses in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba, killing 16 other people and wounding 100, mainly **women** and schoolchildren, said police and medical officials.

The twin blasts on Tuesday night were the first suicide bombings in Israel in more than five months, shattering the longest lull in such attacks in nearly four years of violence between Israelis and Palestinians.

The militant Islamic group **Hamas** claimed responsibility for the bombings, calling them revenge for Israel's killing of the founder and leader of the movement, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, in March, and the assassination of his successor, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, less than a month later.

The bombers came from Hebron in the southern West Bank, where Israel has yet to extend the separation barrier it is building

to thwart would-be Palestinian attackers.

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LETTER: BRITAIN MUST LEAD AN EU RESPONSE TO ISRAEL

The Independent (London)

March 29, 2004, Monday

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Section: First Edition; COMMENT; Pg. 32

Length: 143 words

Byline: ALAN SENITT

Body

Sir: Ishfaq Malik (letter, 26 March) notes that three times more Palestinians have been killed than Israelis during the Intifada.

Whilst the overall number is as Malik suggests, it is important to note that 77 per cent of Israeli victims have been civilians compared to 35 per cent of Palestinian victims, and of those, just 9 per cent were women, whilst 39 per cent of the Israeli victims were women.

These statistics are a direct result of the fact that whilst Israel does everything in its power to avoid civilian casualties, terror groups such as the late Sheikh Yassin's Hamas intentionally target the maximum number of civilians, and in particular women and children.

Any loss of innocent life is a tragedy, but the intentional targeting of civilians by Palestinian terror groups is an abomination that should be condemned by us all.

ALAN SENITT

London N3

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NINE DAYS OF BLOOD AND TERROR

The Express
September 2, 2004

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 3

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Body

MUSLIM dissidents have spread murder and terror in nine days of bloodshed. August 24: Two planes crash after leaving Moscow. Eighty-nine are killed.

Blamed on Chechen black widow **female** suicide bombers.

August 26: Italian reporter Enzo Baldoni murdered in Iraq.

Video of his body delivered to Al Arabiya TV station by "the Islamic Army".

August 30: Two French journalists held hostage in Iraq by militants paraded on Al Jazeera TV.

The men, their fate still unknown, pleaded to President Chirac to revoke the law banning Muslim headscarves in French schools.

August 31: A woman Chechen suicide bomber blew herself up at a Moscow station, killing 10 and injuring 51. The same day 12 Nepalese hostages murdered by Iraqi militants. And 16 Israelis killed and 80 wounded in suicide bombings on two buses in Beersheba, southern Israel.

Palestinian militant group **Hamas** claimed responsibility.

Yesterday: Chechen rebels with bomb belts raided a school in Russia taking 400 hostage.

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Revenge bombers kill at least 16 in israeli bus attacks

Western Morning News (Plymouth)

September 1, 2004

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Body

Palestinian suicide bombers on a revenge mission blew up two buses seconds apart in southern Israel yesterday, killing at least 16 passengers and wounding more than 80. It was the first suicide bombings inside Israel for nearly six months, and was claimed by militant group **Hamas** as vengeance for the assassination of their spiritual leader. The explosions ended a period of relative calm. Israel has attributed the lull to its crackdown on Palestinian militants and continued construction of its separation barrier in the West Bank.

Palestinian militants have acknowledged they have faced increasing difficulties carrying out attacks.

The two buses blew up 15 seconds apart, about 100 yards from a busy intersection in the centre of Beersheba.

The attack was the deadliest since a **female** suicide bomber killed 21 people nearly a year ago in the northern city of Haifa. Militants hadn't carried out a major attack in Israel since March 14, when 11 people were killed in the port of Ashdod.

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WOMAN KILLS FOUR IN SUICIDE

The Express
January 15, 2004

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Body

A WOMAN suicide bomber told Israeli guards she had a metal plate in her leg to dodge an X-ray machine, seconds before blowing herself up and killing four people.

Reem Al-Reyashi, a 22-year-old Palestinian mother of two toddlers, said goodbye to her children in a videotaped message recorded just hours before her murder mission.

Al-Reyashi killed three Israeli soldiers and an Israeli civilian at the joint Israeli-Palestinian industrial zone at Erez in the Gaza Strip yesterday. A dozen more people were injured, one seriously.

Smiling at the camera and cradling a rifle as she recorded the message, Al-Reyashi said she hoped to turn her body into "deadly shrapnel" and said she had dreamed since the age of 13 of "becoming a martyr" for her people.

It was the first time fundamentalist terror group Hamas has used a woman in a suicide attack.

Devout Muslims believe that male martyrs are rewarded in Heaven with 72 virgins.

Women get nothing.

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Poor judgment

Ottawa Citizen

January 17, 2004 Saturday Final Edition

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Byline: Barbara Crook

Body

Re: **Female** suicide bomber kills 4, Jan. 15.

I guess it's tough for a suicide bombing in Israel to compete with the Citizen's choice of news stories about a telegenic **female** multimillionaire running for office, Canadian politicians' frenzied party-hopping and Prince Philip's pheasant-blasting.

The Ottawa Citizen

But that's no excuse for relegating the latest terror attack in Gaza to a three-paragraph brief at the bottom of page A12.

If the loss of more innocent Israeli lives doesn't strike your editors as particularly newsworthy, how about the fact that this is the first time the terrorist organization **Hamas** has used a **female** suicide bomber? Or that Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia has not condemned the attack? Or that it damages not only the peace process but the Palestinians' own economy?

The failure to adequately report on this event and its implications is a disservice to readers and undermines the Citizen's otherwise solid coverage of Israel and the Mideast.

Barbara Crook,

Ottawa

Palestinian Media Watch

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Un Should Condemn Syrians

Derby Evening Telegraph

October 16, 2003

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Section: Features; General; Letters; Pg. 4

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Body

The hypocrisy of the Arab world never fails to amaze me. Palestinian terrorists massacre innocent women and children, yet criticise the Israelis when they retaliate.

The Palestinians have a chance of peace but, instead of reining in the terrorists, the Palestinian authority chooses not to.

They give free rein to the killers of Hamas, Hezbollah and others to sow the seeds of hatred in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Now, after an Israeli attack on terrorist training camps in Syria, the Syrian government has asked the United Nations to condemn the raid.

Israel had every right to attack these camps. The UN should be condemning the Syrians, who, for years, have sponsored terrorism.

George Bush declared war on terrorism no matter where and that is just what Israel is doing. Far from condemning Israel, it should be applauded for its fight against these murderers of the innocents.

Chris Cartlidge, Harrington Avenue, Borrowash.

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ISRAELIS DIE IN RAID BY PALESTINIANS

Birmingham Post

October 25, 2003, Saturday

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Body

Palestinian gunmen killed three Israeli soldiers and wounded two others, one seriously, at an isolated Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip early yesterday, Israeli military officials said. Soldiers killed one infiltrator, they said.

The attack at the settlement of Netzarim, south-west of Gaza City, came as Israeli officials disclosed that a security barrier Israel is building along its frontier with the West Bank could become a unilaterally imposed border annexing the strategic Jordan River Valley to Israel, a development that would pre-empt peace negotiations. The military officials said that at around 4am Palestinians cut through a fence, entered the settlement and fired on an army outpost. Two of the dead soldiers were women and the other a man, and the seriously wounded soldier is a woman.

Troops shot and killed one of the Palestinians, who was armed with an automatic rifle, the officials said. Troops were looking for another, but heavy fog hampered the search, the officials said.

The militant Islamic Jihad said one of its members carried out the shooting together with a gunman from Hamas.

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Terror hurts victims and perpetrators

The Gazette (Montreal, Quebec)

May 10, 2004 Monday Final Edition

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Body

Every single time a new diplomatic initiative dawns in the Middle East, the PLO and **Hamas** send their killers to murder **women** and children - the Oslo plan, the Taba agreement, the Clinton plan, the Bush plan, and now the Disengagement plan. Terrorists invariably derail all efforts to reach a solution, inevitably perpetuating the "cycle of violence," and the blood bath continues unabated. The Gazette The most recent atrocity was the massacre of a pregnant woman and her four daughters.

Terrorism is a two-edged sword: It hurts the victims, but it also hurts the perpetrators.

Both peoples are paying the price for this insistence on terrorism as a political means, perpetuated by men whose lust for power is greater than their concern for their people.

When will they learn that the only way out of the morass is political? When will the shooting stop? Eventually peace will reign in Israel and Palestine, eventually the cult of death will be vanquished, and eventually a negotiated settlement will allow our children to grow with dignity and confidence on both sides of the border.

Esti Mayer

Dollard des Ormeaux

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Missile's a road map to death

Herald Sun (Melbourne, Australia)

June 13, 2003 Friday

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SHIJAIA, Gaza Strip -- Peace didn't stand a chance yesterday on a Gaza street where death suddenly struck two Palestinian militants.

Swooping on a car, an Israeli helicopter fired three missiles, killing Tito Masaoud -- a senior commander of **Hamas**'s armed wing -- his deputy and five passers-by.

REUTERS

"This is the kind of peace the road map will bring us," said a witness, his eyes brimming with tears, as he gave his assessment of the new US-backed peace plan.

About 35 people were wounded in the strike.

"Pools of blood, cut-off body parts, cut-off heads -- this is what I saw," another witness said.

Amid the dizzying cycle of violence, thousands rushed into the street calling for more revenge.

"No for Abu Mazen's peace, yes for resistance," hundreds chanted, referring to Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas.

Women wept as they ran behind an ambulance carrying their children to hospital.

"Death to Israel, death to America,"

cried one man as he watched a stretcher being loaded into a rescue vehicle.

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The Sun
March 23, 2004

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BEING "spiritual leader" of Hamas is not like being the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Ahmed Yassin was a Godfather of Terror, the man who founded the Palestinian killing machine and the inspiration for more than 50 suicide bomb attacks on Israel.

Blasting a man in a wheelchair from a helicopter gunship may seem like a sledgehammer to crack a nut.

But Yassin was no ordinary nut.

Israel brands him "the Palestinian Bin Laden" and says he deserved to die for the countless atrocities carried out in his name.

Critics of Israel say that country has aborted the peace process and that yesterday's act went too far and was unlawful.

But over the years Palestinian bombers have repeatedly blasted peace hopes to smithereens - taking hundreds of innocent Israeli men, women and children with them.

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Israel's action was "very unlikely to achieve its objectives".

Yet it has achieved its immediate objective because one more terrorist mastermind is dead.

But now Israel faces a major challenge. It must prove to the world that it is serious about peace.

An answer to this crisis will only be found round the negotiating table.

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Body

Israeli defense chief threatens to kill Islamic leaders JERUSALEM The leaders of violent Islamic groups are targets for assassination, Israels defense minister said Sunday, raising the possibility of a further escalation in the three years of Israeli-Palestinian bloodshed. Shaul Mofaz issued the threat in response to a declaration by the spiritual leader of Hamas, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, that the group plans an all-out effort to kidnap Israeli soldiers. The statements of Yassin just emphasize the need to strike the heads of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad, Mofaz told the weekly meeting of the Israeli Cabinet, according to an Israeli official who attended the meeting. The statements by Mofaz and Yassin threaten to inflame an already violent confrontation that has led to the deaths of more than 3,500 people on both sides during three years of fighting. Last week, Israel killed eight Palestinians in a shootout in Gaza City, while a Palestinian suicide bomber killed 11 people in Jerusalem. Hamas took responsibility for the bombing, a day after a claim from the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, loosely linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafats Fatah movement. Sunday was a Muslim holiday, and Hamas officials were not available to react to Mofazs comments. During more than three years of violence, Israel has carried out many pinpoint attacks aimed at leaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad often prompting a violent response. In September, Yassin narrowly escaped an Israeli airstrike in the Gaza Strip. But Israel has greatly reduced the number of targeted killings in recent months.

#ISRAELF2#Last month, Mofazs deputy, Zeev Boim, retracted comments calling for Yassins assassination.

Hamas, responsible for dozens of suicide bombings over the last three years, also appeared to have scaled back its activities until a Hamas female suicide bomber killed four Israelis at a Gaza-Israel checkpoint Jan. 14. Yassin encouraged kidnapping Israeli soldiers a day after Israel released 400 Palestinian prisoners as part of an exchange with the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah for a businessman and the bodies of three soldiers.

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Environmentalists have too much clout

After the "Blackout 2003", Sen. Hillary Clinton wasted little time before trying to lay the blame for this upon President George Bush.

Actually, she and the administration of her husband and their environmental whacko constituency are more to blame.

They have refused to build new power plants, have prevented oil and gas drilling offshore and in Alaska and have fallen prey to the false claim that additional high power lines are harmful to those living nearby.

They are the "Build Nothing New Near Me" crowd, telling us to "conserve" while they live in luxury with no personal concern for conservation.

Do you remember the "Ozone Hole in the Atmosphere" scare of a few years ago, especially espoused by Vice President Al Gore? No comments lately, because the God that created this world, mankind and all that is known to us repaired it, but receives little or no credit for doing so.

A University of Wisconsin professor stated several years ago that the Mount St. Helens volcano sent more harmful particles into the air than all of the automobiles ever built or that will be built.

Have we so soon forgotten that GOD is still in control, whether some believe it or not? Why is such a small percentage of the U.S. population, like the environmentalists and peaceniks, able to sway the leadership of our nation into offbeat decisions? Is it the continued scare tactics, the false information or just deliberate lies to the American people to gain political power?

Think about it carefully.

Myron H. Dudek

Bensenville

Columnist gets right take on activists

Cynthia Tucker hit the nail on the head with her objective column telling it how it really is ("Black activists often focus their protests on the wrong targets," Aug. 19). Kudos for standing up and saying what so many feel but have no way to say it.

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Thanks for a great article!

Will Renkel

Wheaton

Can't break truce that never existed

I simply could not believe the lead headline in the Friday, Aug. 22 Daily Herald: "Mideast peace hopes reduced to wreckage" followed by "...Palestinian militants called off a tattered two-month old truce..."

Are your reporters and editors able to remember events farther back in history than last Wednesday?

On Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003, timed to coincide exactly with the exact time that the Palestinians and the Israelis were sitting down and negotiating, **Hamas** terrorists blew up a bus in Jerusalem, killing 20 civilians, **women**, and children. Had you forgotten that?

On Wednesday, Israel retaliated by killing a **Hamas** senior operative terrorist.

On Thursday, **Hamas** announced that the "cease fire is over".

On Friday, you then report what **Hamas** announced.

However, you failed to report that **Hamas** had abandoned their "truce" (I put this in parentheses, because the Arabic word **Hamas** uses which American newspapers are translating as "truce" does not mean anything like "truce" in the sense that English-speakers use it...) long before this past Thursday.

They had not even slowed down their attacks very much; the Shin Bet has had a sizable number of notable successes in recent weeks catching a number of terrorists before any of their bombs went off.

Now, tell me again that "Palestinian militants called off a tattered two-month old truce".

WHAT???

Donald L. Feinberg

Naperville

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March 22, 2004, Monday

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Body

Hamas leader killed By IBRAHIM BARZAK Associated Press Writer GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip Israel killed **Hamas** founder Ahmed Yassin in a helicopter missile strike outside a Gaza City mosque today, prompting threats of unprecedented revenge by Palestinian militants against Israel and the United States. Yassin was the most prominent Palestinian leader killed by Israel in more than three years of fighting, and his assassination was seen as a major escalation. More than 200,000 Palestinians, some carrying billowing green **Hamas** flags, flooded the streets for the funeral procession, the largest gathering in Gaza City in recent memory. Thousands also took to the streets in the West Bank. Mourners jostled to touch Yassin's flag-draped coffin, and **women** ululated and threw flowers and candy. Two Israeli helicopters flew above, and the sky was blackened from the smoke of tires set ablaze in the streets by protesting Palestinians. At the cemetery, Yassin's body was carried between two rows of 200 militants armed with anti-tank missiles and machine guns. Words cannot describe the emotion of anger and hate inside our hearts, said **Hamas** official Ismail Haniyeh, a close associate of Yassin. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called Yassin the mastermind of Palestinian terror and a mass murderer who is among Israel's greatest enemies. Sharon said Israel will press ahead with its war on terror, signaling more targeted attacks and raids. The war against terror has not ended and will continue day after day, everywhere, he said.

#BC-ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS_532.TXT#In addition to Yassin, 12 Palestinians were killed today, seven in the airstrike, four in clashes with Israeli troops and one while handling explosives. Bush administration National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said Washington had no advance warning of the attack. Rice said she knew of no consultations between Sharon and President Bush about any plan to target the sheik. But Rice, asked about U.S. reaction to the attack during an interview on NBC television, said, Let's remember that **Hamas** is a terrorist organization and that Sheik Yassin has himself, personally, we believe, been involved in terrorist planning. State Department spokesman Lou Fintor said U.S. officials were in touch with Israeli and Palestinian authorities. The United States urges all sides to remain calm and exercise restraint, he said. Israeli helicopters fired three missiles as Yassin, his bodyguards and dozens of others left a mosque in Gaza City at daybreak. Yassin, a quadriplegic who uses a wheelchair, and seven others were killed, including several bodyguards. Seventeen people were wounded. Only a charred metal seat and a twisted wheel were left of his wheelchair and a blood-soaked brown shoe lay in the street. Two or three people were lying next to him on the ground. One was legless, said taxi driver Yousef Haddad, who had rushed out of a nearby grocery when the missiles shook the Sabra neighborhood. Fearing reprisal attacks, Israel sealed off the West Bank and Gaza and confined many West Bank Palestinians to their communities. The Rafah border crossing between Gaza and Egypt was also closed. Troops reinforcements were sent to Gaza, and security forces in Israel were placed on high alert. Sharon, a former army general, was updated throughout the operation. The Israeli air force this morning killed the mastermind of all evil, Ahmed Yassin, who was a preacher of death, said army spokeswoman Brig. Gen. Ruth Yaron. The Yassin assassination was seen as an enormous gamble by Sharon, who is trying to score a decisive victory against **Hamas** ahead of a possible Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, but risks triggering a dramatic escalation in bloodshed that could turn the public's

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mood in Israel against him. Sharons critics in Israel warned that the Yassin killing could be seen as an attack by Israel on Islam and unnecessarily widen the circle of conflict. The Palestinian Authority said in a statement that Israel has exceeded all red lines with this cheap and dirty crime, and declared a three-day mourning period. Flags at Yasser Arafats headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah were lowered to half-staff, and the Palestinian Cabinet held an emergency session. Yassin was Arafats biggest political rival, but Arafat has always been careful not to confront the **Hamas** leader openly. Cabinet ministers stood as Arafat recited a Muslim prayer for the dead. The Palestinian leader, referring to Yassin, then added: May you join the martyrs and the prophets. To heaven, you martyr. Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said the Palestinians have lost a great leader. Earlier, about 2,000 demonstrators gathered at Arafats headquarters, calling for revenge. Arafat remained inside, apparently fearing he too might be targeted by Israel. However, an Israeli security official said there were no immediate plans to target Arafat, and that **Hamas** was the focus of Israels current offensive. Tens of thousands of Palestinians marched in the West Bank in protest, including about 15,000 people in Nablus. This morning, dozens came to us volunteering to be suicide bombers and we will send them at the right time, one masked man said at the rally. Thousands more demonstrated in the town of Jenin. In the West Bank town of Hebron, Palestinians threw stones at Israeli soldiers, who fired tear gas.xTn Assassination of key Palestinian sparks threats of revenge against Israel, U.S.DeEd

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Hamas leader killed By IBRAHIM BARZAK Associated Press Writer GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip Israel killed **Hamas** founder Ahmed Yassin in a helicopter missile strike outside a Gaza City mosque today, prompting threats of unprecedented revenge by Palestinian militants against Israel and the United States. Yassin was the most prominent Palestinian leader killed by Israel in more than three years of fighting, and his assassination was seen as a major escalation. More than 200,000 Palestinians, some carrying billowing green **Hamas** flags, flooded the streets for the funeral procession, the largest gathering in Gaza City in recent memory. Thousands also took to the streets in the West Bank. Mourners jostled to touch Yassin's flag-draped coffin, and **women** ululated and threw flowers and candy. Two Israeli helicopters flew above, and the sky was blackened from the smoke of tires set ablaze in the streets by protesting Palestinians. At the cemetery, Yassin's body was carried between two rows of 200 militants armed with anti-tank missiles and machine guns. Words cannot describe the emotion of anger and hate inside our hearts, said **Hamas** official Ismail Haniyeh, a close associate of Yassin. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called Yassin the mastermind of Palestinian terror and a mass murderer who is among Israel's greatest enemies. Sharon said Israel will press ahead with its war on terror, signaling more targeted attacks and raids. The war against terror has not ended and will continue day after day, everywhere, he said.

#BC-ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS_532.TXT#In addition to Yassin, 12 Palestinians were killed today, seven in the airstrike, four in clashes with Israeli troops and one while handling explosives. Bush administration National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said Washington had no advance warning of the attack. Rice said she knew of no consultations between Sharon and President Bush about any plan to target the sheik. But Rice, asked about U.S. reaction to the attack during an interview on NBC television, said, Let's remember that **Hamas** is a terrorist organization and that Sheik Yassin has himself, personally, we believe, been involved in terrorist planning. State Department spokesman Lou Fintor said U.S. officials were in touch with Israeli and Palestinian authorities. The United States urges all sides to remain calm and exercise restraint, he said. Israeli helicopters fired three missiles as Yassin, his bodyguards and dozens of others left a mosque in Gaza City at daybreak. Yassin, a quadriplegic who uses a wheelchair, and seven others were killed, including several bodyguards. Seventeen people were wounded. Only a charred metal seat and a twisted wheel were left of his wheelchair and a blood-soaked brown shoe lay in the street. Two or three people were lying next to him on the ground. One was legless, said taxi driver Yousef Haddad, who had rushed out of a nearby grocery when the missiles shook the Sabra neighborhood. Fearing reprisal attacks, Israel sealed off the West Bank and Gaza and confined many West Bank Palestinians to their communities. The Rafah border crossing between Gaza and Egypt was also closed. Troops reinforcements were sent to Gaza, and security forces in Israel were placed on high alert. Sharon, a former army general, was updated throughout the operation. The Israeli air force this morning killed the mastermind of all evil, Ahmed Yassin, who was a preacher of death, said army spokeswoman Brig. Gen. Ruth Yaron. The Yassin assassination was seen as an enormous gamble by Sharon, who is trying to score a decisive victory against **Hamas** ahead of a possible Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, but risks triggering a dramatic escalation in bloodshed that could turn the public's

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mood in Israel against him. Sharons critics in Israel warned that the Yassin killing could be seen as an attack by Israel on Islam and unnecessarily widen the circle of conflict. The Palestinian Authority said in a statement that Israel has exceeded all red lines with this cheap and dirty crime, and declared a three-day mourning period. Flags at Yasser Arafats headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah were lowered to half-staff, and the Palestinian Cabinet held an emergency session. Yassin was Arafats biggest political rival, but Arafat has always been careful not to confront the **Hamas** leader openly. Cabinet ministers stood as Arafat recited a Muslim prayer for the dead. The Palestinian leader, referring to Yassin, then added: May you join the martyrs and the prophets. To heaven, you martyr. Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said the Palestinians have lost a great leader. Earlier, about 2,000 demonstrators gathered at Arafats headquarters, calling for revenge. Arafat remained inside, apparently fearing he too might be targeted by Israel. However, an Israeli security official said there were no immediate plans to target Arafat, and that **Hamas** was the focus of Israels current offensive. Tens of thousands of Palestinians marched in the West Bank in protest, including about 15,000 people in Nablus. This morning, dozens came to us volunteering to be suicide bombers and we will send them at the right time, one masked man said at the rally. Thousands more demonstrated in the town of Jenin. In the West Bank town of Hebron, Palestinians threw stones at Israeli soldiers, who fired tear gas.xTn Assassination of key Palestinian sparks threats of revenge against Israel, U.S.DeEd

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Space program has fallen into shambles

The space program is an anomaly - an enigma. It is obsolescent and a tragic joke.

It seems it has degenerated since the Kennedy administration and the manned moon flights 30 years ago.

The public wonders what happened to the original program and why the moon missions were abandoned.

Ever since the Apollo 13 fiasco, there seems to be no explanation that is credible for the abandonment of missions to the moon.

A book even came out saying we never went to the moon, that it all happened in a back lot of a movie studio.

So what is the truth about the space program?

There seems to have been a lot of mismanagement, low morale and engineering incompetence.

We have had billions of dollars blow up on launch pads and in space.

Now they want a "mission to Mars" program. Who would want to go?

It seems there are no guarantees of safety and no explanations of responsibility taken for the loss of lives.

I think there are too many questions unanswered about what is really going on.

It's as though the space program is a high-profile public relations scam.

Valerie Benson

Warrenville

Christianity under attack by the courts

Regarding Judge Roy Moore, Alabama and the Ten Commandments issue, we do not operate in a vacuum. Christianity is being replaced by secular humanism, a religion recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court.

I want to hear from the politicians on this issue, particularly the Republicans who would not be a majority in Congress were it not for Christians.

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And this note to President Bush who is making an all-out appeal to citizens to volunteer to help the poor and needy while at the same time permitting our jobs to be sent overseas: If he wants volunteers, call the ACLU. If Republicans want campaign contributions, solicit from the National Education Association. If they need more people for the armed services, contact the National Organization for Women.

If Christians had the faith of a mustard seed and used the grace given at confirmation to be soldiers for Christ, they could move the universe. I dream.

Joan Solms

Aurora

Billions for Iraq good for Halliburton

When Congress inevitably approves the Bush-Cheney-Rumsfeld request to continue funding their venture in Iraq, will they cut out the middle-man and simply have the \$87 billion check read:

"Pay to the order of the Halliburton Corp."?

Austin Mayor

Glen Ellyn

Palestinian terrorists reap what they sow

Recently, we have learned that Hamas will begin to target "houses and Zionist towers" in response to the Israeli attack on Hamas leader Mahmoud al-Zahar. Remarkably, until now, all the Israelis had to worry about was attending a bar mitzvah, visiting a local coffeehouse, taking a bus ride and walking down the street. Certainly, this new escalation of hostilities on the part of the Palestinians should assist them in meeting their aims.

The Israelis must be shaking in their boots. The Palestinians' inability to conduct themselves with any semblance of moral decency trivializes these new threats. They have done all they can do and are about to reap what they sow.

Kevin Wegner

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Kim Beazley

Many in the Labor Party await with bated breath for Mark Latham to do as much damage to the Liberal Party as he does

to the Labor Party and taxi drivers. The Labor hardman broke a taxi driver's arm in October 2001 after an altercation over a fare

Simon Crean

We were driven by polling at the last two elections, and we lost them.

The Opposition Leader makes the case against popularity contests

Gorden Tallis

We got belted in the first match last year, and look how things turned out. The Maroons skipper philosophical about Origin I

Frank Stanton

It had toughness, athleticism, individual brilliance, stamina and drama. Unfortunately, it also had a few injuries.

Former Kangaroo and NSW coach on Origin I

Amrozi

I know although I will be punished I want all the community, Indonesia and Bali especially, and all over the world to hear

what I have in my heart. The accused Bali bomber giving evidence at his trial

Mahmoud Zahar

The message must be sent for every Israeli: Your children, your women, your husbands; everybody is a target.

The senior Hamas leader in Gaza

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Frank Windridge

If there s no duties to attend to, I keep abreast of the mining news by reading newspapers and periodicals.

The Mining Warden on his largely redundant \$164,800 job

Peter Beattie

You get six lawyers, you get six different opinions. You get six turf experts, you get six different opinions.

On whether Suncorp Stadium s playing surface was ready for prime time

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DE BEZUINIGINGEN op Defensie dwingen minister Kamp tot het afstoten van wapens. Ook gaan meer banen verdwijnen dan reeds was aangekondigd.

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DE ABORTUSBOOT van de Nederlandse organisatie **Women** on Waves ligt afgemeerd in Wladyslawowo. Demonstranten bekogelden het schip, de autoriteiten zijn welwillend. Pagina 3

HAMAS-LEIDER Abdullah Kawasme is door het Israelische leger gedood. De liquidatie is een nieuwe belemmering voor het vredesproces, heeft de Amerikaanse minister Powell gezegd. Pagina 5

EEN OLIEPIJPLIJN in Irak is na een explosie in brand gevlogen. Vermoedelijk betrof het een aanslag aan de vooravond van de hervatting van de Iraakse olie-export, die sinds maart stil lag. Pagina 5

IN DE WAO zitten ruim twee keer zoveel jonge vrouwen als jonge mannen. Bedrijfsartsen doen volgens de beroepsvereniging te weinig moeite om vrouwen uit de WAO te houden. Pagina 6

TELEMARKETEERS die na 1 oktober nog ongewenst mensen bellen om producten aan te smeren, kunnen een hoge boete tegemoet zien. Burgers kunnen zich bij de overheid op een 'bel me niet'-lijst laten zetten. Pagina 6

HET VAN GOGH MUSEUM in Amsterdam looft een beloning van maximaal 100 duizend euro uit voor de tip die leidt tot oplossing van de diefstal van twee schilderijen van Van Gogh die vorig jaar zijn gestolen. Pagina 9

REAL MADRID is op de laatste speeldag van de competitie landskampioen van Spanje geworden. Twee doelpunten van Ronaldo tegen Athletic de Bilbao stelden de titel zeker. Pagina 11

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I Als mannen minder effectief zijn in gewapende acties komt de mujahida in beeld

Moslimterroristen zijn niet langer alleen mannen. Eerst bij de Tsjetsjenen, toen bij de Palestijnen en nu bij de Saudische tak van Al Qa'ida rukken vrouwen op.

Zelfs **Hamas**-leider sjeik Ahmed Yassin ging overstag. 'Vrouwen zijn als het reservistenleger - als de noodzaak er is, gebruiken we ze', zei hij, nadat de 22-jarige Reem al-Reyashi zich op 14 januari dit jaar als eerste vrouw namens de Palestijnse terreurorganisatie had opgeblazen bij een Israelische post langs de Gazastrook.

Twee jaar eerder, toen de Al Aqsa Martelarenbrigades voor het eerst een verpleegster met bommen omgord op pad hadden gestuurd, liet sjeik Yassin nog weten het inzetten van vrouwelijke zelfmoordcommando's af te wijzen, 'op grond van het fatsoen'. Anders gezegd: de jihad was een mannenzaak.

De uitleg van Yassin over zijn ommezwaai, in het Israelische dagblad Haaretz, beperkte zich tot een tactisch argument. 'Voor mannelijke strijders zijn er veel obstakels opgeworpen.' De Tsjetsjeense terroristen hebben de bezwaren tegen het inzetten van hun vrouwen langer geleden laten varen. De inzet van de Zwarte Weduwen in de afgelopen twee weken bij het opblazen van twee verkeersvliegtuigen, bij de aanslag op het metrostation in Moskou en de gijzeling van de school in het Noord-Ossetische Beslan, behoeft ook eigenlijk geen verbazing. Al in juni 2000 blies Hawa Barayev behalve zichzelf ook 27 in Tsjetsjenie gelegeerde Russische soldaten op, meldt Debra D. Zedalis, verbonden aan het Instituut voor Strategische Studies van de Oorlogsacademie van het Amerikaanse Leger, in haar onlangs verschenen studie **Female** Suicide Bombers.

De aanslag van Hawa Barayev was een operatie uitgevoerd door de avant-garde van de Tsjetsjeense terreurbrigades. Pas achteraf keurden de aan de rebellen gelieerde, maar anonieme geestelijken de actie goed in de fatwa 'Heeft Hawa Barayev zelfmoord gepleegd of het martelaarschap bereikt?'. Wie de tekst leest, kan zich verbazen over de voorspellende waarde. 'Zonder twijfel heeft ze het prachtigste voorbeeld gegeven met haar offer. De Russen kunnen de dood nu vanuit elke hoek tegemoet zien.'

De opmars van de vrouwelijke jihad-strijder loopt steeds meer in het oog en beperkt zich niet tot Tsjetsjenie en de Palestijnse gebieden. Het 'Informatiebureau voor Vrouwen van Al Qa'ida op het Arabisch Schiereiland' heeft in augustus het voor zover bekend eerste jihad-tijdschrift voor vrouwen op internet uitgebracht.

Al-Khansaa is vernoemd naar de dichteres Al-Khansaa bint Omar, die zich in de tijd van de profeet Mohammed heeft bekeerd tot de islam. Vier zonen verloor ze op het slagveld, en omdat ze God dankte voor die eer wordt ze wel gezien als de moeder aller martelaren.

De artikelen in Al-Khansaa gaan grotendeels over de steun die een vrouw haar man, als martelaar in spe, moet bieden - 'We staan schouder aan schouder met onze mannen.' Maar in het hoofdredactioneel commentaar, 'Ons doel is het paradijs', wordt de martelares van Hamas, Reem al-Riyashi, en een martelares van de Al Aqsa Martelarenbrigades, de lezeressen wel tot voorbeeld gesteld. 'Wij lopen, met Gods hulp, het pad van. . . Ayat en Reem.' (Ayat al-Akhras pleegde in 2002 een zelfmoordaanslag in een supermarkt in Jeruzalem.) Het tijdstip waarop de lokale Al Qa'ida-tak van Saudi-Arabie met een blad voor vrouwen komt is opmerkelijk, indachtig de opmerkingen van Yassin. De Saudische veiligheidstroepen jagen immers al maanden op terreurcellen in het land en ze zijn daar naar eigen zeggen succesvol in: Riyad meldt om de haverklap een overwinning. . Het is hoe dan ook zeker dat de mannen door het offensief ernstig in hun bewegingsvrijheid zijn beknot - en ziedaar de vrouwen hun intrede doen.

Het profiel van terroristen dat het Amerikaanse ministerie van Binnenlandse Veiligheid hanteert, is geschreven op mannen tussen de 16 en de 45 jaar oud. De Amerikaanse terrorisme-onderzoekster van Harvard, Jessica Stern, kapittelde in december in The Washington Post de regering om die kortzichtigheid. Immers, de Arabische krant Asharq al-Awsat publiceerde in maart 2003 al een interview met een mujahida, een vrouwelijke mujahid, jihad-strijder. Langs de wegen van internet kreeg ze van Al Qa'ida en de Taliban opdrachten voor een aanslag, zei ze. 'Het idee is afkomstig van de martelaarsoperaties die uitgevoerd zijn door Palestijnse vrouwen.'

Een vrouw houdt tijdens de begrafenis het portret omhoog van de 26-jarige Azamat Khutsistov. Hij werd gedood tijdens het gijzelingsdrama in Beslan. FOTO EPA

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'SLUIT HAAT-MOSKEE!'

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AMSTERDAM, zondag

VVD-Kamerlid Geert Wilders worstelt zich dezer dagen samen met collega Ayaan Hirsi Ali door een stapel literatuur uit de omstreden moskee El Tawheed. Twee verschillende tussenpersonen bezochten namens de Kamerleden de boekhandel in de moskee in Amsterdam-West. "Ze hebben daar voor tachtig euro weggehaald aan boeken met vaak misselijkmakende omslagen. De inhoud is even weezinwekkend", aldus de VVD'ers.

Wilders en Hirsi Ali pleiten onomwonden voor sluiting van de moskee, die afgelopen week voor de zoveelste keer in opspraak kwam. "Het bestuur maakt keihard misbruik van de rechtsstaat door propaganda te bedrijven voor de radicale islam", vinden de liberalen. Of zij de rest van de Tweede Kamer achter zich krijgen, zal deze week blijken wanneer het kabinet tijdens een spoeddebat moet komen uitleggen hoe het de moskee denkt aan te pakken.

Ook voor het CDA en D66 is de maat vol nu de moskee zijn leven niet lijkt te beteren. Imam Mahmoud el-Shershaby en diens rechterhand Farid Zaari spreken van een hetze tegen hun 'open' moskee; zij voelen zich in de hoek gedreven en menen ten onrechte 'aan de haaien' te worden gevoerd.

Reden voor de nieuwste commotie is de verkoop van omstreden boeken die door de moskee aan de Jan Hanzenstraat worden aangeprezen als 'goed' en 'betrouwbaar'. Uit publicaties in het ochtendblad Trouw blijkt echter dat de boekhandel van El Tawheed religieuze geschriften aanbiedt waarin wordt gepleit voor vrouwenbesnijdenis, het slaan van vrouwen en het doden van homo's.

Vestiging

Eerder meldde De Telegraaf dat twee bestuursleden van de moskee in de Verenigde Staten zijn aangeklaagd door nabestaanden van de terreuraanslagen van 11 september 2001. Het gaat om de Saoedische sjeiks Al-Aqeel en Al-Kadi, die worden beschouwd als belangrijke financiers van Osama bin Ladens Al-Qaeda. Jarenlang waren zij de kopstukken van het islamitische liefdadigheidsfonds Al-Haramain, dat in Amsterdam wordt vertegenwoordigd door de imam van El Tawheed en over een vestiging beschikt op hetzelfde adres als de moskee.

Het Haramain-fonds heeft zich volgens de VS en Saoedi-Arabië niet alleen schuldig gemaakt aan financiering van bloedige terreurdaden, maar zou ook actief betrokken zijn geweest bij de planning van aanslagen. Nadat de sjeiks door het Saoedische regime de laan waren uitgestuurd, verdwenen zij ook uit het bestuur van El Tawheed. Het Haramain-fonds bestaat echter nog steeds in Amsterdam, met de 'Al-Qaeda-sjeiks' als bestuursleden.

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De in Saoedi-Arabie van het toneel verdwenen Al-Aqeel is nog op een andere wijze betrokken bij de moskee. Zoals deze krant in januari van dit jaar meldde, staat Aqeel te boek als hypotheekhouder van het gebedshuis in verband met een lening van ruim 1,3 miljoen euro.

Het feit dat de veelbesproken moskee is gefinancierd door een 'bankier' van Al-Qaeda, was ook bekend bij de Algemene Inlichtingen en Veiligheidsdienst (AIVD), die El Tawheed al enige tijd nauwlettend in de gaten houdt 'in verband met buitenlandse contacten'. De moskee is op de korrel genomen in het kader van een onderzoek naar de 'schaduwzijde van Saoedische structuren' in Nederland.

Tot de islamitische boeken die nu de genadeklap kunnen betekenen voor het gebedshuis behoort onder meer een uitgave getiteld 'Fatwas for Muslim Women', waarin de middeleeuwse geleerde Ibn Taymiyya voor vrouwenbesnijdenis pleit. Volgens de moskee is het 'een heel gewoon boek' van een 'algemeen bekende en erkende schriftgeleerde'.

Toelichting

Ter verdediging verwijst El Tawheed naar een beschrijving van vrouwenbesnijdenis op het internet, doorspekt met walgelijke details. "Dit is een toelichting en geen fiat om het in Nederland te doen", aldus imam Shershaby. Die vergoelijkende toelichting op deze in ons land uiterst strafbare handeling vermeldt: "Alle lof zij Allah. Het besnijden van vrouwen is geen slechte praktijk of schadelijk, als het met matiging wordt gedaan." Ook is in de toelichting van de moskee te lezen dat de profeet Mohammed zou hebben gezegd: "Snijd niet te diep! Dan (als je het niet te diep snijdt) zal dit de vrouw het fijnste gevoel geven en de man de meeste lust (bij geslachtsgemeenschap)."

De schriftgeleerde Taymiyya, die het boek over vrouwenbesnijdenis schreef, is inderdaad 'algemeen bekend' en wel voornamelijk in kringen van islamitische terroristen. Zo werd Taymiyya, wiens boeken in de Amsterdamse moskee worden aangeprezen, onlangs nog door Al-Qaeda aangehaald om aan te tonen dat de terreurbende het recht heeft vier miljoen Amerikanen te vermoorden.

Een ander boekwerk dat afgelopen week voor grote opschudding zorgde, betreft de driedelige reeks 'De Weg van de Moslim' waarin homofilie - in de islam verboden - als een doodzonde wordt beschreven. Het boek, dat in duizenden exemplaren is verspreid en gretig aftrek vindt onder Marokkanen, meldt dat homo's de doodstraf verdienen door verbranding of steniging. Ook kan men volgens het boek 'sodomie' bestraffen door de daders mee te slepen naar het hoogste gebouw in de buurt "waarvan men ze vanaf het terras met het hoofd naar beneden gooit, vervolgens doodt men ze met stenen".

De vertaalster blijkt een tot de islam bekeerde Nederlandse vrouw, Jeanette Ploeger, die sinds 1993 de uitgeverij Project Dien (geloof) in Leiden runt. Zij zegt de commotie niet te begrijpen: "Dit is een heel gematigd boek dat als standaardwerk geldt binnen de islam. De schrijver El Djezeiri is rector magnificus aan de universiteit van Medina in Saoedi-Arabie, dus een heel geleerde autoriteit. Er is in heel Nederland, ook bij diverse andere moskeeën, veel vraag naar dit boek."

De gesluierde vertaalster doet als uitgever van dergelijke islamitische literatuur veel zaken met de bestelsite islam-boeken.nl - het internetbedrijf van de Rotterdammer Maurice van Ettinger. Deze eveneens tot de islam bekeerde Nederlander verspreidt niet alleen de homohaarboeken, maar ook de werken van de fundamentalistische ideoloog Sayyid Qotb, nog zo'n bekende inspirator van Al-Qaeda.

Verder levert Van Ettinger op bestelling de giftige uitspraken van sjeik Yousef al-Qardawi, de 'geestelijk vader' van de Palestijnse zelfmoordaanslagen. Qardawi, onlangs nog over dergelijke aanslagen: "Het is een uniek wapen dat Allah in handen van de gelovigen heeft gegeven."

Van Ettinger zelf mag zich in de belangstelling van de AIVD verheugen vanwege zijn contacten met Hamas-activisten in Rotterdam en Vlaardingen. De 34-jarige Rotterdammer, wiens bestelbus uitpuilt van de radicale lectuur, heeft zich gestort op de fondsenwerving voor de Palestijnse Hamas-beweging nadat op last van de regering de tegoeden waren geblokkeerd van de stichting Al-Aqsa - een dekmantel voor terreurfinanciering in de Maasstad.

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Van Ettinger haalt gelden voor Hamas op via een stichting waar een Syrier de scepter zwaait. "Wij twijfelen niet aan wat we doen", zei Van Ettinger eerder tegen deze krant. "Als moslim heb je nou eenmaal de waarheid in pacht." Dezer dagen wilde Van Ettinger geen enkel commentaar geven op zijn activiteiten.

Ayaan Hirsi Ali wist al langer dat radicale islamieten op grote schaal schokkende literatuur verspreiden, ook in Nederland. Maar bij haar vorige partij, de PvdA, was hoongelach haar deel: "Toen ik dat wilde aankaarten, werd ik belachelijk gemaakt. Men wilde het gewoon niet geloven. Daarom ben ik blij dat dit nu allemaal naar buiten is gekomen, zodat we er eindelijk iets tegen kunnen doen."

Wilders: "Deze moskee is een rotte appel. Hoeveel gegevens over radicalisme en over uiterst bedenkelijke en verwerpelijke invloeden moeten nog meer naar buiten komen voordat de regering eindelijk eens lef toont en overgaat tot sluiting?"

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Firefighters killed

VALE, Oregon: A van full of American firefighters, all aged under 23, on their way home from a bushfire in Idaho, collided with a semi-trailer and exploded in flames, killing all eight inside and injuring the two people in the truck. Vow of revenge

GAZA: Israel killed a commander and three other members of ***Hamas***'s armed wing in a helicopter missile strike, prompting a vow of revenge from the Palestinian militant group as a US-backed peace plan took another battering.

Ex-judge jailed

SANTA FE, New Mexico: A former judge in the United States, Charles Maestas, has been sentenced to three years' jail after being found guilty of offering ***female*** defendants lighter sentences in exchange for sex.

Off-colour offer

LONDON: A black woman who is to undergo a foot amputation in Britain was initially offered a white artificial replacement because they were cheaper, a hospital has admitted.

The unnamed woman, from Calcot near Reading, is yet to have the operation and health chiefs have now backed down and offered her prosthetics matching her own skin colour after she complained.

NASA launch

CAPE CANAVERAL: A new NASA infrared observatory designed to see objects either too cold to cast their own light or obscured by interstellar dust was launched early yesterday from Cape Canaveral Air Force station.

Opium commitment

KABUL: Afghanistan had abandoned its failed policy of paying farmers to stop growing opium, but remained committed to eradicating the illicit crop, the President Hamid Karzai said.

Drought hits Java

JAKARTA: For the first time in six years, water shortages have forced Indonesia to start distributing rice in its drought-stricken heartland of Java, better known for its lush, emerald landscape.

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PALESTINIANS BEGIN VOTER DRIVE

JERUSALEM -- Palestinians began a voter registration drive yesterday, a first step toward long overdue elections and a response to domestic and international pressure for more democracy, openness and accountability.

But the only scheduled voting is for 38 municipal councils, which will begin in December and extend in three stages for a year. The vote will be a test of strength between militant groups and the Palestinian Authority, led by Yasser Arafat, ahead of an Israeli pullout from the Gaza Strip next year.

Palestinian officials say that if Arafat's Fatah faction does poorly and the militant Hamas or Hezbollah do well, further elections are likely to be halted or postponed indefinitely, as they have been in Gaza.

The mandate of Arafat and the Palestinian Legislature ran out in 1999, and he has regularly refused calls for new elections.

Pope denounces gay unions

VATICAN CITY -- Pope John Paul II kept up his campaign against gay marriage yesterday, telling the ambassador from Canada -- where some provinces allow same-sex couples to wed -- that such unions create a "false understanding" of marriage.

In past months, the pope urged authorities to stop approving gay marriages, saying that they degrade the true sense of marriage.

The pope spoke Saturday to the new Canadian Ambassador to the Holy See, Donald Smith.

Three Canadian provinces, accounting for about 70 percent of the country's 31 million people, allow same-sex marriage: Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. The ruling Liberal Party has promised legislation legalizing gay marriage.

India, Pakistan expand talks

NEW DELHI -- Nuclear rivals India and Pakistan agreed yesterday to widen their peace dialogue in talks that focused on eight festering issues, including the decades-old dispute over the Himalayan region of Kashmir.

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Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh reiterated India's commitment to peace with Pakistan. At his first news conference since his Congress party unexpectedly swept to power in May, he said the people of South Asia were "bound together by a shared destiny."

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Khursheed Kasuri said settling the five-decade-long conflict over Kashmir is the key to peace.

Protest over adultery law

ANKARA, Turkey -- A proposal by Turkey's ruling party to revive a law criminalizing adultery has provoked a storm of protest from women's groups and fueled accusations that the government is seeking to steer this officially secular but predominantly Muslim country toward Islamic rule.

The opposition Republican People's Party has said it will try to quash the measure but has little chance of doing so in Parliament, where Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Islam-rooted Justice and Development Party enjoys a firm majority.

Women's groups have vowed to stage a protest in front of Parliament when it convenes Sept. 14.

Feminists fear the proposal will encourage so-called honor killings in which women are killed for allegedly besmirching family reputations by associating with unrelated men.

Tips start to get hip in China

BEIJING -- Tipping, long frowned upon in this still officially communist country, may be going mainstream. This month, one of China's leading travel agencies will begin offering three VIP tour packages during which customers will be encouraged to tip the guides. The pilot program has touched a nerve among a gratuity-shy society even as it underscores China's continuing shift to a market-driven economy.

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Flight emergency

WELLINGTON: A New Zealand airforce plane with 40 aboard made an emergency landing on a South Pacific island after one of its four engines burst into flames, officials said yesterday. A broken fuel line caused the fire on the C130 Hercules transport during a flight yesterday, threatening the lives of the 33 army engineers and seven crew on board, said Squadron Leader Ric Cullinane. En route from the Solomon Islands to New Zealand, the plane was three hours into its journey, flying at 8 230m when crew saw fluid leaking from the engine.

INDONESIA

Spy charge

JAKARTA: A US journalist suspected of spying gave himself up yesterday after spending several weeks with separatist rebels in Aceh province. Freelance reporter William Nessen, pictured, presented himself to head of the current military operation in the province Brigadier General Bambang Darmono and US embassy officials. Last week an Indonesian military spokesman had accused the journalist of writing rebel propaganda.

ISRAEL

Ceasefire talks

JERUSALEM: ***Hamas*** and other militant groups were about to agree to halting attacks on Israelis, Palestinian officials said. Meanwhile, Israel warned it may not accept a "tactical ceasefire" that would give militias time to regroup. If Palestinian militias suspended their armed uprising it could be a major breakthrough for a US-backed peace plan. But Israeli officials were very wary, saying a truce was a ploy by militants to win time to prepare for more shootings and bombings.

INDIA

Syringe death

JAMMU: Islamic rebels battling Indian rule in Kashmir are swapping their guns for hypodermic syringes so as to pump deadly poison into their victims in the disputed Himalayan region, police said yesterday. Police officials in Jammu, the winter capital of Kashmir, said "innocent civilians" were the main targets of the poison being used by

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guerillas. Police said militants now seemed to prefer quieter murders after outrage over a March 24 massacre in which they lined up and gunned down children, women and men in cold blood.

MALAYSIA

Cabinet reshuffle

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad announced a Cabinet reshuffle yesterday to adjust to a recent leadership change in the country's biggest Chinese party. Dr Mahathir, 77, who retains the post of finance minister, is due to retire in October after 22 years in office. He will hand over the reins to his deputy, Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

GHANA

Factional discord

ACCRA: Liberia's main rebel faction said yesterday it would boycott negotiations designed to end West Africa's bloodiest war, accusing mediators of bias towards President Charles Taylor. A ceasefire accord signed in Ghana last week gave the Government and rebels 30 days to discuss the creation of a transitional government without Taylor. But Mr Taylor announced he would not quit before January, the end of his elected mandate. Two rebel factions want him to step down much sooner and accuse mediators of favouring the government's interpretation of the accord.

RUSSIA

Police arrested

MOSCOW: Russian security forces arrested seven top security officers yesterday, cracking a ring accused of blackmail, rigging cases and faking evidence. In a rare assault on the Russian police force, elite Alfa troops raided a Moscow flat where two of the officers had barricaded themselves. The head of the security ministry's anti-corruption unit, Konstantin Romodanovsky said the seven, six of whom were Moscow police officers, were arrested after 40 searches and \$US3 million (\$4.5 million) was seized.

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Pedestrian killed A pedestrian was killed when he was hit by a ute while standing in the middle of the Princes Highway near Batemans Bay. The man, 36, of Orange, was thrown into the air by the force of the impact and landed in the tray of the ute. Police said he was pronounced dead shortly after the accident about 2am on Saturday. Police interviewed the driver of the ute, a man, 34, of Tomakin, and investigations were continuing. Meanwhile, police and other emergency services were searching St George Basin near Nowra yesterday where a man, 29, fell overboard from his boat after suffering a seizure. He was fishing with his father who tried unsuccessfully to rescue him. Bega rescues The Snowy Hydro SouthCare rescue helicopter landed on a speedway at Candelo, near Bega, yesterday to tend to two motocross riders injured in separate incidents. The men, both aged in their mid-40s, had leg fractures after accidents on their bikes. They were flown to Canberra Hospital, where they were both in a stable condition. It was the helicopter's second mission to Bega in a day, earlier transferring a man, 68, with a serious medical condition from the local hospital to Canberra. Muslims rally

SYDNEY: Australian Muslims urged the Federal Government yesterday to condemn the assassination of **Hamas** founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin as hundreds rallied in Sydney to show their support for peace in the Middle East.

About 300 people gathered in Hyde Park to show support for the Palestinian cause and voice opposition to Israel's attacks in the occupied territories. Carrying Palestinian flags, placards and pictures of Yassin, adult community members were eager to ensure younger protesters did not burn flags or incite violence. Heritage grants Applications for this year's heritage grants opened yesterday. A total of \$239,000 will be available to individuals and community groups wanting to undertake projects aimed at preserving the ACT's heritage. Applicants are invited to a special seminar on March 30 at Macarthur House in Lyneham and applications close on May 6. For information call 62079777. Schools connected Broadband Internet technology has been extended to three schools in Gungahlin, with Education Minister Katy Gallagher saying the connections were the first in the ACT. Ngunnawal, Amaroo and Palmerston District primary schools have been linked to the Transact 2Mb broadband service, part of a network expected to include all ACT Government schools by 2005. Flu vaccinations More than 4600 Department of Education, Youth and Family Services staff have been offered a centrally funded, voluntary flu vaccination. This is the first time the flu shot has been offered to staff and the \$50,000 program is aimed to minimise the risk of illness and to reduce the need for sick leave and relief arrangements. The vaccinations will be carried out in various workplaces including schools, colleges and office locations. Appointments Three prominent ACT **women** had been appointed to vacancies on the University of Canberra Council, Acting Chief Minister Ted Quinlan announced. Marion Reilly and Anne Holmes will join the council, while Anne Trimmer has been reappointed for another term. The ACT Chief Minister appoints 10 of the 22 members of the council. Search for boy

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BRISBANE: Hundreds of volunteers have joined the search for an autistic boy missing from his family's campsite since Saturday.

State Emergency Service volunteers, the Queensland Rescue Helicopter Service, locals and members of the family's church congregation have combined in the search for nine-year-old Thomas Sanday in bushland north-west of Brisbane.

Thomas, of Ferny Hills in Brisbane, went missing from the campsite near Kilcoy, about 1.30pm. Police said he was wearing only underpants.

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Hanania utilizes misleading statistics

Ray Hanania is still up to his old antics ("Israeli occupation generates lots of violence of its own," Sept. 1). He tries to claim that Israel has killed 2,216 Palestinian "civilians" in the past three years. Hanania and the Palestinians like to claim that since there is no official "Palestinian army" that all Palestinian deaths are innocent civilians in a systemic Israeli campaign to destroy the Palestinian population.

What actually is the composition of these Palestinian deaths? A study in March by the Ha'aretz newspaper listed the casualties as 441 members of **Hamas**, 324 of Fatah, 69 of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, 329 members of various Palestinian security forces and 417 members of other terrorist groups including Islamic Jihad. Only 365 were innocent civilians, or about 15 percent, compared to 78 percent of Israeli victims being civilians.

A similar study by the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism showed that 267 of the Palestinian deaths were caused by their own side, including all the suicide bombers. Less than 5 percent of Palestinian deaths were **female**. Israel does not deliberately target civilians, and this statistic alone would bear this out. You never hear of Israel blowing up Palestinian buses.

It is a war crime for combatants to hide among the civilian population. It is not unlawful under international law for opposing forces to still target these groups, and the liability for civilian casualties lies with the unlawful terrorists. It is not state "terrorism" but rather a prime obligation of the state for Israel to go after terrorists who have just committed an act of terrorism, had planned it or were in the process of trying to carry out a new act. Our country is waging the same battle now. Unfortunately, our forces have killed far more civilians in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Inadvertent civilian casualties in a war are far different than the intentional slaughter of as many civilians (including **women** and children) as possible.

Steven Peck

Riverwoods

Students rely on calculators too much

When it comes to the math scores of incoming college freshman, it seems little surprise that the ACT scores are falling.

It fact, what is surprising is the rising scores for the SAT.

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I can only speak of what I have seen in the last 10 years, but students as a whole have become too reliant on their calculators.

As early as elementary school, children are allowed and often encouraged to use calculators in performing their homework assignments.

So, we are left with a generation of students physically capable of performing math tasks (i.e. inputting the info into a calculator) but mentally unprepared to perform the same tasks without the calculator.

A study into the number of freshmen taking noncredit remedial math at college would surely put the dispute to rest.

Then again, no one wants to admit that the education system is in need of updating, as there is little or no money to pay for it. What worries me most about the Sept. 8 article "Discrepancy in ACT, SAT scores puzzles educators," isn't that there is a difference in scores.

No, the problem is that competing camps seem willing to blame the problem on faulty test procedures.

Meanwhile, I wait in line to pay cash for a \$3.59 bill while the cashier has to find a calculator to make change from a \$20. The 17- year-old missed it when the register gave the change amount, and the teen won't take my word for it that I'm due \$16.41.

Stefan Poulsen

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ISRAEL WANTS PEACE, BUT IT MUST DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST TERRORISTS

The June 12 editorial blaming Israel for the bus bombing that killed 17 and wounded 100 is appalling ("Roadblock to Peace: A New Cycle of Israeli-Palestinian Violence"). Saying that Israel should not have tried to assassinate Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a **Hamas** official, without pointing out that just the previous week **Hamas** killed five Israeli soldiers, gives the false impression that Israel acted without provocation.

In truth, the bus bombing could not have been in retaliation for the attack on Rantisi; a bombing takes time to plan, it can't be done on the spur of the moment. Israeli security regularly foils scores of terrorism attempts based on advance tips from sources.

Another point: On the June 12 front page, the photo of the Palestinian girl is much more emotionally compelling than that of the wounded Israeli girl who is seen from a distance, without those heart-string tugs of terror in her eyes. Further, by placing the two pictures side by side, you attempt to create a moral equivalency between the deliberate targeting of civilians vs. unintentional casualties, which is repugnant.

The war in Iraq caused 3,400 "collateral damages," but if you had placed that next to a picture of the twin towers, people would have been angry, and rightly so. The loss of 17 lives to Israel's population is proportionally equivalent to an attack killing 700 people in the United States. If such a thing -- God forbid -- occurred, would anyone say "don't retaliate; it will just add fuel to the fire?"

There is no "cycle of violence" or "Israeli-Palestinian violence" any more than a person being attacked at gunpoint who turns the gun on his attacker is part of a "cycle of violence." It's called self-defense, and it's the right of every human being.

The charade of the emperor's new clothes has gone on long enough. The Israelis want peace; the Palestinian leadership won't control those elements who don't want peace. That's the real story.

LEAH SHOLLAR, Squirrel Hill

No comparison

The front page of the June 12 Post-Gazette placed side by side two photographs of injured girls, one Israeli and one Palestinian. The implication was that the events that caused these injuries were comparable.

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However, one girl was the intended target -- along with other civilian men, women and children -- of a Palestinian suicide bomber. The other girl's injury was the unintentional side effect of a nation protecting its citizens by targeting the leader of a terrorist organization.

This was like comparing a victim of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the United States with accidental injuries to Iraqis as we went after al-Qaida. It is grossly misleading, and I find it repugnant.

SIMONE SHAPIRO, Squirrel Hill

The real story on EITC

State Sen. Allyson Schwartz's June 9 letter attacking the Educational Improvement Tax Credit ("Follow This Money") has no merit and isn't based on facts.

The EITC has proved to be one of the most popular and worthwhile programs the General Assembly has ever enacted. Consider these facts: More than 1,500 companies have participated in the EITC, and more than 15,000 children have received scholarships this year alone.

In Allegheny County, more than \$9 million (and more than \$13 million in southwestern Pennsylvania) have been spent on scholarships and innovative programs in public schools. Since Sen. Schwartz frequently touts the benefits of before- and after-school programs, she'll be happy to know that they are some of the programs receiving funds.

Sen. Schwartz suggests that money is going to "schools that are not high priority." This twisted logic defies the notion that every school that educates a Pennsylvania child should be a priority.

If she wants to really find out if the program is working, she should ask one of the thousands of parents in her district and neighboring districts in Philadelphia who escaped the public schools or were saved from having to go back into the public schools by an EITC scholarship.

When it comes to choosing a school, parents have the ultimate accountability.

DENNIS GIORNO, Executive Director, Road to Educational Achievement Through Choice Alliance, Harrisburg

A successful program

I must respectfully disagree with recent remarks made in the Post-Gazette letters to the editor by one of my Senate colleagues regarding Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program ("Follow This Money," June 9). The EITC has achieved wonderful success in Pennsylvania and has enabled more than 15,000 children to receive an education that matches the choice of their family.

I recently joined approximately 350 school-choice advocates at a rally in the state Capitol to celebrate the two-year anniversary of this program. The EITC gives businesses tax credits for contributions to local scholarship organizations. These organizations then sponsor children to attend a school of their families' choice. Through this scholarship program, taxpayers save money each time a child moves from a public to private school.

Lawmakers required the EITC program to have strict guidelines for household income, so that scholarships would primarily help lower and middle-income families. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development is in fact overseeing the program.

The numbers validate its initial success: 1,500 businesses have made contributions to 129 scholarship organizations and 188 educational improvement organizations serving the children of the entire commonwealth. This year, I am pleased to share the information that 292 scholarships totaling \$250,000 were awarded to students in my senatorial district alone.

A survey completed by parents in the Futuro Educacional Scholarship Program, which provides scholarships to primarily the Hispanic community in Philadelphia, showed that parents were extremely pleased with the benefits

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and results of the tax credit program. As an added benefit, Futuro saved the Philadelphia School District, a district that is supported by tax dollars from all Pennsylvanians, about \$360,000 last year.

Pennsylvania families looking for choices in education have more scholarship opportunities. I look for its success to grow.

STATE SEN. JEFFREY E. PICCOLA, Harrisburg

Editor's note: Sen. Piccola is a Republican representing the 15th District -- Dauphin and York counties.

Beyond the flag

I can't muster much sympathy for the good folks of the National Flag Foundation who are trying to spur us to greater patriotism by hyping Flag Day and using Department of Defense funds to develop and promote a Young Patriots program ("Flag Day Is Flagging as a Celebration," June 9). If anything, I think the flag is overused today to rouse our emotions, at the cost of dampening our intelligence. This is a lazy kind of patriotism.

I don't think my father spent more than two years in World War II fighting to wave a piece of cloth. He spent it to defend what the flag stands for, the freedoms embodied in our Constitution.

Patriotism means "devoted love of one's country." Hefty patriotism requires looking beyond the orchestrated, flag-filled television sound bites to what is really going on in this country and then getting down to work to make a difference. How can we do that?

Well, we need to ask the media to cover whole stories, not just the sound bites. We need to study the issues ourselves, digging beneath the headlines and surface images set up by public relations staff. We need to persuade good candidates to run for office, and we need to vote. Finally, we need to demand that candidates and elected officials adhere to values most people agree on, such as honesty, transparency, a sense of the common good and a belief that money should not buy greater access to government largesse.

The flag is a great symbol, but waving it does not excuse us from the harder duties of patriotism. And while we're at it, let's reclaim the word "patriot" for all those who do the heavy lifting to take a stand, not just those who favor a military option.

Our troops are certainly patriots as they follow their marching orders, but so too are those who fervently opposed the invasion of Iraq on the grounds that it posed no immediate threat to the most powerful country in the world and that war is always a public policy failure.

Similarly, those who decry the loss of civil liberties in the ironically named USA Patriot Act -- such as the freedom to check out a library book without the government looking over your shoulder -- are surely no less patriotic than those who seek to limit our freedoms even more in the name of fighting terrorism.

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1. What is a hat-trick in cricket?
2. Name the first AFL club to appoint a **female** board member.
3. The contagious disease rubella is also known as what kind of measles?
4. What is a blue triangle?
5. Who was the first woman to fly in space?
6. What was the name of the character played by British actor Michael Crawford in the television comedy series Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em ?
7. What is rigor mortis?
8. Rugger is another name for which sport?
9. What star sign is US singer-songwriter Bob Dylan?
10. In air travel, what did the letters BOAC stand for?
11. Who played deranged motel keeper Norman Bates in the 1960's film Psycho ?
12. What is aviculture?
13. Who is Australia's cricket captain?
14. According to a well-known saying, what is the best medicine?
15. What is the Roman numeral for 10?
16. What was the code name for the successful US attempt during World War II to produce an atomic bomb?
17. Who, in Australian politics, frequently said: "Please explain?"
18. Name the container or storage room for cigars which keeps tobacco moist. 19. Name the Soviet leader who banged his shoe on the podium at the UN General Assembly in New York.

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20. Ken Hiscoe (born 1938) was an Australian champion in which sport?
21. Who wrote the play Twelfth Night ?
22. Who is the member for the NSW seat of Werriwa in Federal Parliament?
23. Which medal is the highest civilian honour in the US?
24. What is bibliomania?
25. Who played Anne Wilkinson in the Australian television series Neighbours ?
26. Who was the first PM of India?
27. Who wrote The First Wives Club ?
28. What does the colloquial expression "know the ropes" mean?
29. What part of a blast furnace is the bosh?
30. Unscramble these letters to name an Adelaide suburb - YNTNOSEN.
31. What nationality was 19th-century poet Arthur Rimbaud?
32. The advertising for which 1993 film, starring Sylvester Stallone and Wesley Snipes, included the line: "The future isn't big enough for the both of them"?
33. Gippsland is an area in which Australian state?
34. Who plays Jesus in the film The Passion of the Christ ?
35. Mary, daughter of US Vice-President Dick Cheney, is a lesbian. True or false?
36. In Greek mythology, who were the Amazons?
37. Which dynasty ruled China from 1368 to 1644?
38. How is an Indian burn inflicted?
39. Pruritus is the medical term for what?
40. Cape Howe is a headland on the border of which two Australian states?
41. In the 1960s, which Adelaide store was advertised as "The Home of Everything Electrical"?
42. Name the founder of fundamentalist Islamic organisation Hamas, who was killed earlier this week?
43. Patagonia is a region in which two South American countries?
44. What is a poker face?
45. Souk is the sprawling central market in which Libyan city?
46. How often does a vicennial event occur?
47. In which year did KFC open its first restaurant in France - 1971, 1981 or 1991?
48. What is the capital of Afghanistan?
49. Hirsutism is excessive what?

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50. Which Swiss city was the seat of the League of Nations from 1920 to 1946?

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1. Taking three wickets with three successive balls by a bowler. 2. Essendon (1993). 3. German. 4. A butterfly. 5. Valentina Tereshkova. 6. Frank Spencer. 7. Stiffening of the body after death. 8. Rugby union. 9. Gemini. 10. British Overseas Airways Corporation. 11. Anthony Perkins. 12. The rearing or keeping of birds. 13. Ricky Ponting. 14. Laughter. 15. X. 16. Manhattan Project. 17. Pauline Hanson. 18. Humidor. 19. Nikita Khrushchev. 20. Squash. 21. William Shakespeare. 22. Mark Latham. 23. Presidential Medal of Freedom. 24. Enthusiasm for collecting books, especially rare or valuable ones. 25. Brooke Satchwell. 26. Jawaharlal Nehru. 27. Olivia Goldsmith. 28. To understand the details or methods of any business. 29. The lower portion from the widest part to the hearth. 30. Tennyson. 31. French. 32. Demolition Man. 33. Victoria. 34. Jim Caviezel. 35. True. 36. A race of **female** warriors. 37. Ming. 38. By grasping a person's arm with both hands and twisting in opposite directions. 39. Itching. 40. New South Wales, Victoria. 41. Allan's. 42. Sheik Ahmed Yassin. 43. Argentina, Chile. 44. An expressionless face. 45. Tripoli. 46. Every 20 years. 47. 1991. 48. Kabul. 49. Hair. 50. Geneva.

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The high cost of going it alone in Iraq

In the short span of exactly one week, our president completely reversed his policy of rebuffing a U.N. role in Iraq to asking the U.N. for help there. By doing this he swallowed his Texas bravado to follow the advice of moderate voices in Congress and Democratic candidates running for president and rejected the advice of the hard line unilateral in his administration and his party.

Every day, we learn what President Bush's Iraqi go-it-alone policy (except for the British, the term "coalition" is a farce) has been costing in American lives.

Less well published is the likely cost of that policy for the American taxpayer.

Recently the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a hearing that was shown on C-Span to ascertain and budget the cost to taxpayers. The following costs from a study commissioned by the Department of Defense were discussed and thought to be fairly accurate:

- \$28 billion to put electrical and water systems in satisfactory condition.
- \$44 billion to cover the shortfall between the annual cost of running the Iraqi government (\$60 billion) and the anticipated annual revenue for the foreseeable future (\$16 billion).

Add to that the extra \$4 billion per month that it is costing us to keep our troops in Iraq at their present level plus the cost of repairing oil producing facilities and humanitarian needs, and, as Everett Dirksen would say, "Pretty soon, you're talking real money."

We should keep our fingers crossed that countries that were more cautious about when and how to deal with the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (remember them?) will want to shoulder a part of regime change.

Paul W. Kaiser Jr.

Waukegan

Irresponsible to print Hanania

I am shocked and appalled at the column the Daily Herald allowed to be printed on Aug. 18.. It was written by Ray Hanania and headlined "Revenge is not the answer to Israel's atrocities."

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Who is Ray Hanania? What are his credentials? How did he get the opportunity to spread his vicious lies in your newspaper? I am not sure where to start. I believe the headline is the best place. What atrocities? How can your paper be so irresponsible as to have a headline that is so misleading? Your paper has the ability to form people's opinions. You have a responsibility to know that and be aware of that it all times. Some people read these headlines and that is all they read.

Israel's atrocities? A country that wants to live in peace side by side with its neighbors and has offered to do so many times? A country that has given up so much and so many concessions to achieve this? Only to be answered with targeted murder of innocent men, women, and children?

Mr. Hanania alludes to the fact that these murders are a response to something Israel has done. Although he is trying to say they are immoral - he continues to try to justify them at the same time.

Let us get the facts straight. Palestine was offered the opportunity to be a state in 1948, living alongside Israel in peace. The Arab world would not accept this and chose to try to eliminate the Jewish people of Israel altogether. There is only one goal of the Arab community in the Middle East - that is the annihilation of the Jewish people. That is it, their leaders call for it, their children are taught it, and their doctrines incorporate it. And they have tried many times since 1948.

Peace and land were offered through the Oslo Accords - however again, the Palestinians chose murder. The Palestinians were offered just about everything they ever asked for by (Israeli Prime Minister Ehud) Barak when meeting with Clinton and Arafat; again they chose to continue terrorism.

It has become obvious - with another recent terrorist bombing of a bus in Israel- that peace, land and even their own state is not the goal of Palestinian leaders. The destruction of the Jewish people is.

Mr. Hanania tries to give the impression that it is only Hamas doing the killing, when it is a fact that the Palestinians' own terrorist organizations are behind many of the murders.

Mr. Hanania's comments do nothing but continue to spread lies and hatred for Jewish people - not Israelites. They want to destroy the Jews. Your paper has helped to facilitate getting the message out - the false message that Israel is some how at fault. Your paper has to bear the responsibility of giving terrorism and anti- Semitism a forum.

I know your paper will probably hide behind the fact that this article was on the "Opinion Page." That does not clear your paper of its responsibilities. Here is an idea - in addition to an Arab perspective and an Israel perspective - why not add an al-Qaida perspective and a U.S. perspective. That makes about as much sense. Stop supporting terrorism and the murder of innocent people.

David Pearlman

Lake Zurich

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So-called leaders; so-called cease-fire

Once again, scenes of horrific carnage emanate from a residential neighborhood in Jerusalem with innocent Israelis targeted for death during a so-called cease-fire.

The radical Islamic Jihad group that claimed responsibility for the bombing - like Hamas - seeks the complete destruction of Israel, rejecting Jewish sovereignty anywhere in Israel. Their actions are not about occupation, security fence or the slow pace of peace talks. It is about the right of Jews to a homeland.

Israel seeks peace with its neighbors. It has made significant territorial concessions when real Arab peacemakers, like Egypt's Anwar Sadat and Jordan's King Hussein, recognized Israel's right to exist. Public opinion polls show that even after three years of a terrorism-based war, most Israelis support Palestinian statehood. The Palestinian Authority offers nothing to counter the unrestrained hatred burning in the hearts of Palestinian zealots. On the contrary, by refusing to dismantle the structure that recruits, trains and dispatches these murderers - as explicitly stipulated in the road map - the responsibility for the deaths of the men, women and children on Bus No. 2 belongs with the so-called leaders of the Palestinian Authority.

Emily D. Soloff

executive director

American Jewish Committee

Chicago Chapter

Why put negative spin on security?

It must have been a slow news day on Aug. 9.

The main story on the front page was an article taken from the Christian Science Monitor about deployment of security pods in Chicago's high crime areas. I will agree that it is an important story, but why did the Daily Herald have to sensationalize it with the headline "Is this taking security too far?"

Better yet, why not do an article on the impact these security pods have already had on the neighborhood?

Why not send a reporter into these areas of Chicago and write an article headlined "Residents enjoy front porch for the first time in years!"

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Is it because the residents of the suburbs that the Daily Herald touches wouldn't buy a newspaper with such a headline? The fact is, that residents of the West Side neighborhood where the pods have been deployed are ecstatic with what is being done.

They are beginning to see hope in what was an otherwise hopeless situation.

That is what you should be writing about.

Rick Rubenstein

Long Grove

What FOID card does and doesn't do

A contributor to the Fence Post made mention of applying for a Firearm Owners Identification card. Having the card does not indicate if any weapons are owned and if owned, what type of weapon. Just as the driver's operating license does not indicate ownership of a motor vehicle, the FOID program is not a gun registration system nor can it be characterized as an operating permit.

Should the state of Illinois do what 30 other states have done in allowing residents the right to apply for a right to carry permit, at that time the applicant would then be required to show the ability to use a firearm safely to secure the permit.

In applying for an FOID card there are multiple questions to analyze if the person is of fit character to have the card.

Eugene O'Connell

Des Plaines

How can Crane back guns for felons?

Jack Mabley's July 30 column, which included some remarks from Congressman Phil Crane on a local cable TV show, was quite enlightening and also very disturbing.

Crane was quoted as stating on this show that he is opposed to criminal background checks of gun purchasers and that he's OK with felons acquiring guns as long as they are law-abiding citizens. Well maybe the congressman needs to brush up on criminal law, but felons are not law-abiding citizens, and in Illinois they are prohibited from buying guns. However, since the congressman is opposed to criminal background checks on gun sales, he must think it's just fine for felons to carry around AK-47s.

Crane also indicated he is completely comfortable with private individuals having assault weapons, stating, "Whatever melts their butter in terms of going out to the rifle range and target practice."

Maybe Mr. Crane hasn't talked to enough of his gun-owning friends to understand that they don't use assault weapons for target practice; they use them for mowing down policemen and women and innocent civilians such as the 10 people who were killed with an assault rifle last fall by the D.C. snipers. Perhaps, the congressman would feel differently if he was staring down the barrel of a Colt AR-15 or if he actually took the time to ask his local law enforcement officers if they support the continuation of the current assault weapons ban.

Unfortunately, Mr. Crane's complete lack of concern for the safety of his constituents and local law enforcement officers comes as no surprise to me since I know he has been nothing more than a puppet for the National Rifle Association during his 34 years in Congress. While I no longer live in the congressman's district, I have plenty of friends and family who do and I will certainly be telling them about Mr. Crane's support of convicted felons having guns and his complete disregard for the safety of our law enforcement officials and his own constituents.

Thomas Mannard

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AL QAEDA SAYS IT, PAUL KRUGMAN BELIEVES IT, AND THAT SETTLES IT

Former Enron adviser Paul Krugman grows madder by the day. Reputed to have once been a respected economist, Krugman has of late been railing against the Bush administration for removing Saddam Hussein from power. Here's a sampling of his latest effort:

Dishonest salesmanship has been the hallmark of the Bush administration's approach to domestic policy. And it has become increasingly clear that the selling of the war with Iraq was no different.

For example, look at the way the administration rhetorically linked Saddam to Sept. 11. As The Associated Press put it: "The implication from Bush on down was that Saddam supported Osama bin Laden's network. Iraq and the Sept. 11 attacks frequently were mentioned in the same sentence, even though officials have no good evidence of such a link." Not only was there no good evidence: according to The New York Times, captured leaders of Al Qaeda explicitly told the C.I.A. that they had not been working with Saddam.

So the U.S. government is "dishonest," but al Qaeda leaders are Krugman's gold standard of veracity - so honest that their truth shines through even the distorting filters of unnamed CIA sources and the credibility-challenged New York Times. Krugman also has this to say about the trailers found in Iraq that the Bush administration believes are mobile biological weapons labs: "I don't know whether those trailers were intended to produce bio-weapons or merely to inflate balloons." Given that Krugman is the guy who predicted that "Enron, not Sept. 11, will come to be seen as the greater turning point in U.S. society," we are disinclined to trust his judgments on matters of national security.

OUR FRIENDS THE SAUDIS Saudi Arabia is continuing to enrich American PR men, the Jerusalem Post reports:

Saudi Arabia's embassy in Washington announced on Monday the launch of a new national advertising campaign designed to improve the kingdom's image in the US. "Despite all of the attention we have received, few people know what Saudi Arabia looks like or appreciate how far we have come in the last thirty years. We are a modern nation with normal people living normal lives," Prince Bandar bin Sultan, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the US, said in a statement.

In Saudi Arabia, women aren't allowed to drive or show their faces in public, and "religious police" roam the streets assaulting those who run afoul of these rules. Criminals are punished with amputation and decapitation. There are

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no churches, only mosques, where imams preach sermons of hate. Other than that, though, it's a pretty normal place.

BUSH GOES SOFT ON TERROR Sad news from Gaza City, where Hamas honcho Abdel Aziz Rantisi is still alive and two bystanders are dead in a failed Israeli helicopter strike. The White House, bizarrely, is criticizing Israel. "The president is concerned that the strike will undermine efforts by Palestinian authorities and others to bring an end to terrorist attacks and does not contribute to the security of Israel," says spokesman Ari Fleischer. "The president is deeply troubled by the strike."

Israel should ignore what Bush says and do what he does. The U.S. has "assassinated" numerous terrorist leaders since Sept. 11, and Israel has as much right to defend itself as America does. One further bit of advice for the Israelis: Next time, make sure you actually kill the guy.

WEASEL WATCH After fighting unsuccessfully to continue Saddam Hussein's reign of terror and murder in Iraq, France is sending troops to support a humanitarian intervention in Congo, the Guardian reports. Well, maybe "support" is too strong a characterization:

The French intervention on behalf of the UN in Congo will be short-lived and localized and will have a negligible impact on tribal conflict, according to a French military briefing paper obtained by the Guardian...

The document says: "The operation in Bunia is politically [sic] and military [sic] high risk; very sensitive and complex. France has no specific interest in the area except solidarity with the international community." The end of the intervention, it says, has been "firmly established at Sept 1st 2003", by which time a contingent of Bangladeshi peacekeepers is expected in Bunia... A European military planner who was issued a copy of the French document said: "This is the most cynical military briefing I've read in my entire life. Everybody is just laughing at it."

SENATOR NO The Senate has confirmed Michael Chertoff as a judge on the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The vote was 88-1, with New York's Senator Clinton casting the lone dissenting vote. If this story sounds familiar, that's because back in May 2001, Mrs. Clinton also cast the only vote against Chertoff's confirmation to a Justice Department post, and she did the same thing with Viet Dinh. Chertoff is a former counsel to the Senate Whitewater Committee, and Dinh worked for the Whitewater independent counsel's office. Mrs. Hillary's string of lone "no" votes is, as we said back in 2001, the lamest act of political payback we've ever heard of - succeeding only in making her look petty.

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Courage under fire HYPOCRISY is far too gentle a word. Our leaders help start a war which kills over 22,000 people, and an aid worker in the war zone is "putting at stake the lives of many people". Creating a war-zone is OK, that's patriotic, but walking into that war zone to deliver aid is "careless and foolhardy". A massacre occurs in Fallujah, with over 450 people dead (possibly closer to 700) and well over 1000 injured (possibly over 1700), many of them being women and children, and our PM is silent. Not a word about the US bombs, missiles, mortar attacks and snipers. Simply condemnation of an unarmed aid worker who narrowly misses one of our ally's bullets. Perhaps it is Donna Mulhearn's courage which our leaders find so irksome. Those who sit in their offices in Canberra, Washington and London and order the bombs to fall haven't a clue what courage really is. Or perhaps it's her humanity. Foreign Minister Downer, in dismissing her story as "highly improbable", obviously has no concept as to why anyone would want to deliver medical aid in a risky situation. Thank God our leaders' poverty of insight and values has not poisoned all Australians. The Australian Government could in fact help the people of Fallujah, as Donna Mulhearn has tried to do. Thousands of them are now refugees, stranded in the desert. Howard and Downer probably haven't been to the Iraqi desert, but it's very inhospitable.

These people desperately need medical and other supplies. Dr SUE WAREHAM President, Medical Association for Prevention of War (Australia) Stunt of stupid proportion IT IS A new experience to find myself in agreement with our PM on anything to do with anything he says or has done concerning our nation's involvement in the US-led war in Iraq. But I am in complete agreement with the views he has expressed publicly of the young Australian woman who decided to protest the war in Iraq. It ranks as marginally more stupid than the self-styled loony tunes who called themselves "human shields". The latest "protester" made an utterly pointless and downright dangerous gesture. She put herself not merely in harm's way in Iraq, but in the hottest spot in that country, during the conduct of a pitched battle, which is still in progress. Did it escape this person's attention that US soldiers, Iraqi militia and Iraqi civilians were being killed and wounded in ever-increasing numbers, while she sought to make her silly gesture? If she had been taken hostage, no doubt she would have expected every effort to be made to free her by the same people against whom she protests. The PM is correct to ridicule this person's irresponsible behaviour. It was a selfish, self-interested, self-indulgent and irresponsible act, without a shred of virtue to it. PETER FUNNELL Farrer Water watch still vital IT'S HOT and we're in the midst of an historically dry period. Let's stack up the evidence. The ACT's dams are at 50 per cent and going further into the red. CSIRO reports say we are in the throes of a 40- to 45-year dry. Records indicate South-Eastern Australia has had its driest eight-year period in recorded history. In our region we are entering our fourth dry year and bureau predictions for the next three months give no reason for comfort. Outside Canberra authorities are responding to conserve precious supplies of water. Sydney is soon to implement tighter restrictions; Melbourne is keeping a close watch on its situation. What does the ACT do? Ease the restrictions. Hey, where's common sense? Since March 1, I estimate we have used up around a fortnight's supply (based on pre-March 1 arrangements) which would have been conserved had modified Stage 3 restrictions

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remained. Mark my words, that will hurt Canberra at the end of the day. Over to you, ACT Government. Your bushfire awareness in January 2003 wasn't up to the mark. At least get your awareness on water right and act now. BRUCE KENNEDY Melba Time to make a stand YET AGAIN Israel carries out a political assassination, this time the recently elected Hamas leader Abdel-Aziz al-Rantissi. Yet again Israel's actions are condemned by all except the United States. On this occasion, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw declares the killing to be wrong and unhelpful to peace and even our own Foreign Minister Alexander Downer describes the actions to be "provocative and counterproductive". When will these "influential" members of the "coalition of the willing" show some fortitude and demand that the United States play an active role in stopping these political assassinations? Such actions do nothing other than strengthen the resolve of those determined to follow their leaders into martyrdom by killing themselves and many more innocent victims. Of course there is no simple solution to this complex issue, but for however long Israel continues to receive the tacit approval of the United States for these political assassinations the level of violence will continue to escalate. IAN DE LANDELLES and MARY PORTER Hawker Playing the blame game

IT IS THE ACT Chief Minister who must accept ultimate responsibility

for the fumbling ineptitude exposed by the 2003 bushfire inquiry. Jon Stanhope seems to have been asleep in that most fundamental duty of public safety. He cannot blame anyone else; it was his turf, on his watch, and he failed. He ought to have the integrity to apologise and resign his post to a more duty-oriented politician. JOHN HEALY Fadden

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Downer

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THE United Nations condemns the killing of Abdel-Aziz al-Rantissi, the second **Hamas** leader, by Israel. The European Community condemns it. The Japanese Government condemns it. Foreign Minister Alexander Downer, speaking for the Australian Government, merely "does not condone it" but also "understands what the Israeli perspective was".-- S. Dean, Kelvin Grove.

April 18

Colleges

warned

A NURSING student has demanded a refund of fees, claiming a course in which he was enrolled did not meet expectations.

If a private provider or even the Government is charging to provide a service, that is what they should provide. If you charge for a service, you should be expected to give value for money. Hopefully, all students at tertiary institutions will take note of this example and demand the right to receive what they or, in some cases, their parents are paying for.

-- Tony Steele, Bundamba.

April 17

Too long

to decide

THE Craig Stevens saga continues. If the swimmer had announced within a week of the Olympic trials that, as a proud Australian, he would surrender his place in the 400m freestyle to give the team the best opportunity to win gold in the race, he would have been seen as a great sportsman.

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Stevens has held out for too long in the attempt to make financial gain. If he now decides to relinquish his spot, he will not be seen in such a positive light. He has missed a big opportunity.-- Dean Wilson, Chermiside.

April 18

Government control failed in past

THE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission came into being 14 years ago because of past governments' failure to deliver and fund much-needed basic indigenous services.

It appeared, at the time, that self-determination was the way forward. What has changed significantly that now allows government bureaucracy to better deliver these services?

Most agree that ATSIC has failed. However is this the fault of the many successful regional councils which are doing an excellent job in remote areas? No. For several years, while the politicking has continued, young indigenous Australians have been denied basic health and education rights.

On this point alone, the Federal Government has a responsibility to fix ATSIC, be it under a different name and structure, get rid of the deadwood and ensure that processes and controls are in place to maximise dollars spent. Can this be achieved through government control? I don't think so. It didn't work in the past.

Can it be achieved with government assistance and guidance through indigenous self-determination? Perhaps with perseverance.

The challenge for the Government and indigenous leaders is to find a workable solution and fix it. It's interesting to note how quickly politics change in a brief period. It wasn't that long ago that Pauline Hanson was branded a racist for suggesting the very thing that the Government is now proposing.-- Rod Terrill, Thornlands.

April 16

Getting inner conflict out in the open

KAREN Brooks believes that 13-year-old Alex should continue counselling with a view to adjusting her to womanhood (Perspectives, Apr 16).

The worst thing you can do to developing human beings is tell them that their inner convictions are false and that they need to "adjust" to what they perceive as fundamentally wrong. How can they then develop personal integrity?

I have interviewed more than 300 people with gender identity disorder, and keep in touch with many of them for up to 10 years.

I have seen their happiness when they were assisted to stop performing to societal expectations.

I am quite convinced that gender identity disorder is biological. How many of these teenagers does Brooks know? Many have changed their gender all by themselves, obtaining hormones from friends or the Internet, because they think no one will believe them or help them. Often they drop out of school because no system supports them. It is better that this process be transparent, carefully considered, professional and accountable. Alex's case is a step in this direction.-- Gale Bearman, Bardon.

April 17

* CONGRATULATIONS for the fine article about Andrew Gills -- an honest, brave and proud man who chose to speak out as being transgender (C-M, Apr 17). The suicide rate for those dealing with gender identity disorder is appallingly high. Suicide is attempted by 50 per cent of such youth.

Confident and socially secure male and **female** transgender role models are necessary for at-risk youth, and as an example to all youth that there is nothing to fear in the difference of being transgender.

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Gills could have remained unknown. His choice to be publicly honest is selfless and humanitarian. I urge his workmates to give him unqualified acceptance.--John Frame, Wavell Heights.

April 18

Sadly, just another long weekend?

WHY IS there is a "holiday" on Monday, April 26? When Anzac Day falls on a weekend, why has it become necessary to have a working day "off" on the Monday?

It becomes another mad weekend on the roads with all thoughts of what Anzac Day means put in the back drawer.

Anzac Day always has been observed on April 25 and it is a day to remember those who have served their countries in times of conflict and to celebrate the lifestyle we now enjoy through their sacrifices.

Our fellow Anzacs across the Tasman, and the state of Victoria do not have a "holiday" on the day after Anzac Day.

We should observe this special day on its appropriate date without giving ourselves another long weekend. -- Maureen Millichip, Loganholme.

April 17

* I REFER to the heading "Home-grown heroes add to Logies lure" (C-M, Apr 17).

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Maybe a quick peek at a dictionary will help with the true meaning.-- Alan Fardon, Wilston.

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Patient

stress

I DO not condone violence in hospitals -- or anywhere else -- but I can understand how some people could get to that point at the Princess Alexandra Hospital emergency section.

I have had the misfortune to visit it many times. My record waiting time is seven hours and 20 minutes.

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Problem

for PM

BEFORE its partial sale, Telstra was a valuable asset, 100 per cent owned by the people of Australia. The Howard Government, by its endorsement and support of former chairman Bob Mansfield and chief executive Ziggy Switkowski, must accept responsibility for the current debacle.

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Sign of times

I'M sure residents of Maleny will be able to find a platypus or two when Woolworths is built -- in aisle 9, bearing the tag "Made in China".-- Theresa Scott, Chapel Hill.

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#BRIEFS.M24#Accident kills soldier BEDFORD (AP) A Pennsylvania soldier who re-enlisted after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks died from injuries he suffered when an Iraqi road gave way, sending his Bradley Fighting Vehicle tumbling 60 feet into a river, his family said. Spec. 4 Clint Matthews, 31, of Bedford, a soldier with the 18th Infantry, based in Schweinfurt, Germany, died Saturday in a hospital in Germany, according to his brother, James Matthews and his father, Rick Thomasich. Epidemic of obese kids WASHINGTON (AP) An obesity epidemic threatens to wipe out other improvements in childrens health and safety over the past three decades, a new Duke University report says. About 15.6 percent of American children between 12 and 19 were obese in 2002, up from 6.1 percent in 1974, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 532 downloaders sued LOS ANGELES (AP) The recording industry has sued 532 people, including many using computer networks at 21 universities, claiming they illegally shared digital music files over the Internet. The latest wave of copyright lawsuits brought by the Recording Industry Association of America marks the first time the trade group has targeted computer users swapping music files over university networks. Overtime pay fight WASHINGTON (AP) A Senate battle on overtime pay is erupting in the midst of a corporate tax bill designed to end a trade dispute with Europe and cut taxes for American manufacturers. Democrats want to use the bill to combat the administrations effort to rewrite rules that outline when businesses must give their employees overtime pay. Republicans, trying to shut down any opportunity for that debate, have scheduled a vote today that could block unrelated items from the tax bill. Generic Oxycontin OKd WASHINGTON (AP) The first generic versions of the potent painkiller Oxycontin have been approved for market, a move likely to help patients with long-term pain save money on the drug that has been illegally used by drug abusers. Oxycontin is a long-lasting version of oxycodone, a narcotic considered important therapy for many

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patients suffering long-term, severe pain from illnesses such as cancer. The tablet, when swallowed whole, provides 12 hours of pain relief. Teens taunted gorilla DALLAS (KNS) A zoo visitor saw two teen-age boys throwing rocks or ice at Jabari the gorilla shortly before he escaped from his exhibit Thursday and attacked three people at the Dallas Zoo, officials said. Mammal curator Ken Kaemmerer said the man told zoo officials that he warned the teens not to taunt the gorilla and was walking away from the exhibit when he heard someone yelling that the animal had escaped. The 13-year-old gorilla injured two women and a 3-year-old boy before being fatally shot by police. Identical quads born BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) Naturally conceived quadruplets born at UAB Hospital are believed to be identical. Doctors said the four girls have identical blood types. Dr. John Hauth, chairman of the hospitals Ob/Gyn department, said the mother had virtually no complications with the rare delivery. Each baby weighed at least 2 pounds, 3.25 ounces at birth March 18. No casino on ballot WESTON, W.Va. (AP) The Lewis County Commission says it won't put a casino referendum on the May primary ballot. Mountaineer Group LLC, which is developing the former Weston Hospital property as a resort, had sought the referendum. A 1999 state law allows table-game casinos in historic structures, if voters approve. No county has approved a casino since the law was passed. U.S. closes embassy DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) The U.S. Embassy in the Emirates closed today after receiving a specific threat against it, while anti-American protests in the Mideast and fears of a terror attack on U.S. interests prompted beefed-up security near potential targets. The Americans briefly shut their embassy doors to the public in Saudi Arabia today on rumors of a Riyadh explosion that turn out to be false. Security was increased near the already heavily guarded embassy in downtown Cairo, and protesters were chased away from the embassy in Bahrain. 3 killed in Iraq BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) Insurgents attacked a U.S. military patrol west of Baghdad early today and an ensuing fight left three civilians dead and two U.S. soldiers injured, the U.S. military and Iraqi hospital officials said. The fighting came after assailants shot at a van carrying police recruits south of Baghdad, killing nine, while gunmen killed two policemen in the north. The slayings Tuesday were the latest to target police and other Iraqis who work with the U.S.-led occupation. FBI clears 2 Saudis WASHINGTON (AP) Dispelling a theory raised by congressional investigators, the FBI has concluded that two Saudi men questioned about the Sept. 11 hijackers were not intelligence agents for their country or aiding the terrorist plot, officials said. After conducting additional interviews and reviewing documents, FBI agents recently closed down their investigation into Omar al-Bayoumi and Osama Basnan, two friends who raised suspicions because one briefly lent money to two of the 19 hijackers while the other received money from the Saudi royal family. Accident kills Afghans KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) Four soldiers from the U.S.-trained Afghan National Army were killed by an accidental explosion during a training exercise, the American military said, in the deadliest incident yet involving the fledgling force. Five more Afghan soldiers and four U.S. soldiers were injured in Tuesday's blast near Gardez, 60 miles south of the capital, Kabul, in eastern Paktia province, spokesman Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty said. Israel defends killing UNITED NATIONS (AP) Israel's need to defend its citizens forced it to kill Hamas leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the Israeli ambassador told the U.N. Security Council, while other countries and the Palestinians said the assassination pushed Mideast peace further from reach. Speakers at Tuesday's open Security Council meeting repeatedly urged the Israelis and Palestinians to refrain from further violence and adhere to the road map peace plan which calls for a separate Palestinian state living alongside Israel. Powell visits Spain MADRID (AP) Secretary of State Colin Powell was meeting today with Spain's outgoing and incoming leaders during a visit to pay tribute to the 190 victims of this month's terrorist bombings. Powell planned a meeting before the state funeral with Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, one of America's strongest allies in the counterterror war and the war in Iraq. 6 trapped in cave CUETZALAN DEL PROGRESO, Mexico (AP) Emergency teams were converging on a remote cave system in central Mexico Tuesday where flood waters had trapped five British military divers and their guide for nearly a week. Members of the expedition had said six Britons were trapped in the Alpazat system, near this town some 110 miles northeast of Mexico City, but authorities said late Tuesday night it was unclear where the guide was from. Blair to visit Libya LONDON (AP) Prime Minister Tony Blair will hold talks this week in Libya with Moammar Gadhafi, British officials said today, marking improved relations as Libya scraps its banned weapons programs. DeEd

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3 taken off ballot HARRISBURG (AP) A Commonwealth Court panel Tuesday threw three Republican state representatives off the April 27 primary ballot because they failed to list their legislative jobs as sources of income on their financial-disclosure statements. Two of the three panelists ruled against the lawmakers Reps. Kerry Benninghoff of Centre County, Chris Ross of Chester County and William Gabig of Cumberland County while Judge Mary Hannah Leavitt argued in a dissenting opinion that the court lacked jurisdiction to decide the case. Illness closes schools CORAOPOLIS (AP) A mysterious illness that has sickened dozens of students at a school district outside Pittsburgh forced administrators to cancel classes for about 800 students at least until next week. Classes were canceled Friday at the Cornell School District when a large number of students grew ill, and many of them remained home Monday. There were 55 high school students and 79 elementary school students sickened with flu-like symptoms. Liberty Bell security PHILADELPHIA (AP) The National Park Service has a new security plan at Independence Mall to go into effect on Monday that will disrupt traffic and walking routes on Sixth and Chestnut streets. Under the plan, visitors to Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell will go through security in the old Bell pavilion on Market Street, rather than in two current locations. Once screened, visitors will have to remain in a secure area and cross streets to other park buildings in quarantined groups.

#BRIEFS.M24#Accident kills soldier BEDFORD (AP) A Pennsylvania soldier who re-enlisted after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks died from injuries he suffered when an Iraqi road gave way, sending his Bradley Fighting Vehicle tumbling 60 feet into a river, his family said. Spec. 4 Clint Matthews, 31, of Bedford, a soldier with the 18th Infantry, based in Schweinfurt, Germany, died Saturday in a hospital in Germany, according to his brother, James Matthews and his father, Rick Thomasich. Epidemic of obese kids WASHINGTON (AP) An obesity epidemic threatens to wipe out other improvements in childrens health and safety over the past three decades, a new Duke University report says. About 15.6 percent of American children between 12 and 19 were obese in 2002, up from 6.1 percent in 1974, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 532 downloaders sued LOS ANGELES (AP) The recording industry has sued 532 people, including many using computer networks at 21 universities, claiming they illegally shared digital music files over the Internet. The latest wave of copyright lawsuits brought by the Recording Industry Association of America marks the first time the trade group has targeted computer users swapping music files over university networks. Overtime pay fight WASHINGTON (AP) A Senate battle on overtime pay is erupting in the midst of a corporate tax bill designed to end a trade dispute with Europe and cut taxes for American manufacturers. Democrats want to use the bill to combat the administrations effort to rewrite rules that outline when businesses must give their employees overtime pay. Republicans, trying to shut down any opportunity for that debate, have scheduled a vote today that could block unrelated items from the tax bill. Generic Oxycontin OKd WASHINGTON (AP) The first generic versions of the potent painkiller Oxycontin have been approved for market, a move likely to help patients with long-term pain save money on the drug that has been illegally used by drug abusers. Oxycontin is a long-lasting version of oxycodone, a narcotic considered important therapy for many

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patients suffering long-term, severe pain from illnesses such as cancer. The tablet, when swallowed whole, provides 12 hours of pain relief. Teens taunted gorilla DALLAS (KNS) A zoo visitor saw two teen-age boys throwing rocks or ice at Jabari the gorilla shortly before he escaped from his exhibit Thursday and attacked three people at the Dallas Zoo, officials said. Mammal curator Ken Kaemmerer said the man told zoo officials that he warned the teens not to taunt the gorilla and was walking away from the exhibit when he heard someone yelling that the animal had escaped. The 13-year-old gorilla injured two women and a 3-year-old boy before being fatally shot by police. Identical quads born BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) Naturally conceived quadruplets born at UAB Hospital are believed to be identical. Doctors said the four girls have identical blood types. Dr. John Hauth, chairman of the hospitals Ob/Gyn department, said the mother had virtually no complications with the rare delivery. Each baby weighed at least 2 pounds, 3.25 ounces at birth March 18. No casino on ballot WESTON, W.Va. (AP) The Lewis County Commission says it won't put a casino referendum on the May primary ballot. Mountaineer Group LLC, which is developing the former Weston Hospital property as a resort, had sought the referendum. A 1999 state law allows table-game casinos in historic structures, if voters approve. No county has approved a casino since the law was passed. U.S. closes embassy DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) The U.S. Embassy in the Emirates closed today after receiving a specific threat against it, while anti-American protests in the Mideast and fears of a terror attack on U.S. interests prompted beefed-up security near potential targets. The Americans briefly shut their embassy doors to the public in Saudi Arabia today on rumors of a Riyadh explosion that turn out to be false. Security was increased near the already heavily guarded embassy in downtown Cairo, and protesters were chased away from the embassy in Bahrain. 3 killed in Iraq BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) Insurgents attacked a U.S. military patrol west of Baghdad early today and an ensuing fight left three civilians dead and two U.S. soldiers injured, the U.S. military and Iraqi hospital officials said. The fighting came after assailants shot at a van carrying police recruits south of Baghdad, killing nine, while gunmen killed two policemen in the north. The slayings Tuesday were the latest to target police and other Iraqis who work with the U.S.-led occupation. FBI clears 2 Saudis WASHINGTON (AP) Dispelling a theory raised by congressional investigators, the FBI has concluded that two Saudi men questioned about the Sept. 11 hijackers were not intelligence agents for their country or aiding the terrorist plot, officials said. After conducting additional interviews and reviewing documents, FBI agents recently closed down their investigation into Omar al-Bayoumi and Osama Basnan, two friends who raised suspicions because one briefly lent money to two of the 19 hijackers while the other received money from the Saudi royal family. Accident kills Afghans KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) Four soldiers from the U.S.-trained Afghan National Army were killed by an accidental explosion during a training exercise, the American military said, in the deadliest incident yet involving the fledgling force. Five more Afghan soldiers and four U.S. soldiers were injured in Tuesday's blast near Gardez, 60 miles south of the capital, Kabul, in eastern Paktia province, spokesman Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty said. Israel defends killing UNITED NATIONS (AP) Israel's need to defend its citizens forced it to kill Hamas leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the Israeli ambassador told the U.N. Security Council, while other countries and the Palestinians said the assassination pushed Mideast peace further from reach. Speakers at Tuesday's open Security Council meeting repeatedly urged the Israelis and Palestinians to refrain from further violence and adhere to the road map peace plan which calls for a separate Palestinian state living alongside Israel. Powell visits Spain MADRID (AP) Secretary of State Colin Powell was meeting today with Spain's outgoing and incoming leaders during a visit to pay tribute to the 190 victims of this month's terrorist bombings. Powell planned a meeting before the state funeral with Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, one of America's strongest allies in the counterterror war and the war in Iraq. 6 trapped in cave CUETZALAN DEL PROGRESO, Mexico (AP) Emergency teams were converging on a remote cave system in central Mexico Tuesday where flood waters had trapped five British military divers and their guide for nearly a week. 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Why Bush won't win a second term

What's the difference between Richard Nixon and George W. Bush?

Their economic policies are almost identical. Nixon had the largest expansion of federal domestic spending in U.S. history - even greater than "Great Society" Lyndon Baines Johnson. During Bush's first three years in office, discretionary, nondefense spending will rise 18 percent after inflation. If Bush's new "prescription drug" benefit is enacted, it will be the largest new "entitlement" since Medicare. Then Bush, not Nixon, would become the biggest domestic spender in U.S. history.

Nixon had his small tax cut, too. He let LBJ's "surcharge" on income taxes expire, but that small savings was eaten up by bracket creep as inflation pushed taxpayers into higher tax brackets. Bush's gimmicky cuts are going to be overwhelmed by state and local tax increases.

Nixon inherited a war from a Democratic president and made it worse trying to win "on the cheap" with "Vietnamization" He started the policy of "detente," which propped up the chief allies of North Vietnam, Russia and China. The result was a debacle that wasted the lives of more than 50,000 Americans and let the communists kill millions more in South Vietnam and Cambodia. Bush may have been forced to clean up the mess Bill Clinton made ignoring Muslim terrorism, but Bush made the situation worse by trying to win this war "on the cheap" going after minor sponsors of terror (Iraq and the Taliban) and not the real heavyweights - China, Pakistan, Iran and, especially, Saudi Arabia, the paymaster.

I see only three major differences between Bush and Nixon. Despite a Democratic Senate, Nixon fought for his judges even if he didn't get all of them approved. Bush and a Republican-controlled Senate are letting Democrats filibuster Bush's judicial nominees, forcing an unconstitutional 60 percent approval vote.

The growth of jobs under Nixon was feeble, but it was there. Nixon also didn't allow millions of illegal immigrants to stream into the country. More than 2.5 million jobs have been lost in Bush's term and his response is one-sided "free-trade" agreements and a proposal to make millions of illegal immigrants new citizens, which will only encourage more illegal immigration.

The biggest difference between Nixon and Bush? Nixon won his second-term election before his terrible economic and foreign policies caught up with him. There is no way Bush is going to "solve" our Middle East mess like Nixon "solved" Vietnam before the 1972 election. The Democratic opponent will be far stronger than the hapless George McGovern, and our economy is far more vulnerable to foreign panic and debt collapse than the 1970s.

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Like his father, Bush will be another one-term president because he ignored the lessons of the most successful Republican president in modern times. Ronald Reagan held the line on domestic spending and government regulations, cut taxes broadly and fought our enemies indirectly by cutting off their funding and weakening them internally with indigenous revolts.

George W. Bush's policies remind me of two other presidents - Jimmy Carter and Herbert Hoover. As a Republican and an American, I am not looking forward to the same sort of destruction they wrought on their parties and the U.S. economy.

Grant D. Noble

Lake Forest

Hanania utilizes misleading statistics

Ray Hanania is still up to his old antics ("Israeli occupation generates lots of violence of its own," Sept. 1). He tries to claim that Israel has killed 2,216 Palestinian "civilians" in the past three years. Hanania and the Palestinians like to claim that since there is no official "Palestinian army" that all Palestinian deaths are innocent civilians in a systemic Israeli campaign to destroy the Palestinian population.

What actually is the composition of these Palestinian deaths? A study in March by the Ha'aretz newspaper listed the casualties as 441 members of Hamas, 324 of Fatah, 69 of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, 329 members of various Palestinian security forces and 417 members of other terrorist groups including Islamic Jihad. Only 365 were innocent civilians, or about 15 percent, compared to 78 percent of Israeli victims being civilians.

A similar study by the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism showed that 267 of the Palestinian deaths were caused by their own side, including all the suicide bombers. Less than 5 percent of Palestinian deaths were female. Israel does not deliberately target civilians, and this statistic alone would bear this out. You never hear of Israel blowing up Palestinian buses.

It is a war crime for combatants to hide among the civilian population. It is not unlawful under international law for opposing forces to still target these groups, and the liability for civilian casualties lies with the unlawful terrorists. It is not state "terrorism" but rather a prime obligation of the state for Israel to go after terrorists who have just committed an act of terrorism, had planned it or were in the process of trying to carry out a new act. Our country is waging the same battle now. Unfortunately, our forces have killed far more civilians in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Inadvertent civilian casualties in a war are far different than the intentional slaughter of as many civilians (including women and children) as possible.

Steven Peck

Riverwoods

Traffic facility would need backup plan

Traffic congestion in Lake County stinks, and according to every survey, it is the No. 1 issue with Lake County voters. People are tired of sitting in traffic, and by all accounts, traffic is only going to get worse as Lake County continues to grow. The debate over extending Route 53 is now well into its third decade with no resolution to the controversy in sight.

One thing all parties in the Route 53 debate can agree on is the fact that improving existing roads and signal timing throughout the county is a logical and immediately attainable solution. Our county board is debating whether or not to place a quarter of 1 percent sales tax increase referendum on the March primary ballot or wait until November. This tax increase, if passed, will increase funding for countywide road improvements by \$15 million to \$20 million per year.

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But, of course, this increased tax is only part of the solution to the traffic problems facing Lake County motorists. Recently, it was announced that a county panel gave the green light (pun intended) to the implementation and construction of a centralized traffic-signal synchronization program. This new program will give traffic managers the option of real-time information and allow them to adjust the timing pattern of all the traffic signals at all county intersections. The announced benefit of this single-source control will be to facilitate the movement of traffic on our already overburdened roads. The facility required to coordinate all this traffic will be built in Libertyville and will cost millions of dollars.

While at first glance the idea sounds great, my problem is that now all our traffic will be linked together at one facility. What are the backup plans to ensure that if the computers at this one facility go down chaos on the roads of Lake County will not ensue?

We are all familiar with the frequent storms and power outages that occur during the summer. I would like people to remember the 300,000 gallons of raw sewage that leaked into Lake Michigan earlier this summer because of a power outage at one of the sanitary district's treatment sites.

The pollution released was made worse because traffic woes created by widespread power outages meant a backup generator did not get to the treatment site for at least three hours. Because of budget constraints, there was no permanent backup generator at the site of the outage.

Can you imagine what will happen if this centrally located control over all the traffic signals in Lake County goes off-line because of a power outage?

Before we accept this program, we need to ask our leaders some questions regarding the fail-safe provisions of such a system, like: Will this system have a backup, independent power source to ensure the control systems never go off-line? What sort of redundancy systems will be built into the programming to ensure that software errors do not throw the traffic throughout the county into chaos? What other communities in the United States already are using this system and what is their success, error or failure rate?

If the system does go off-line, then what type of manual overrides will be built in so signal control will still be possible?

I think it is great the county is moving forward on improved traffic signal coordination, but putting all one's eggs into one basket could have catastrophic results if that one basket fails.

And if that basket does fail, what good will it do to point fingers after the fact?

Steven Skinner

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