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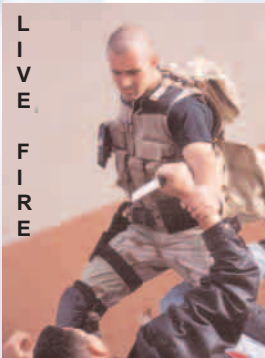
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From the Editor

By Jane Eden

Ever since the creation of **The Congressional Edge** Hock and I have been wrestling with the idea of producing a four-color publication for our readers.

Unfortunately the cost was just too prohibitive. Until now, the closest we'd been able to come was in the production of **Close Quarter Combat Magazine** which we printed with four color front and back.

This issue, we are proud to present the first four color publication

of **The Hochheim Group Report**.

We hope the color process will enhance your reading and training experience.

We've also made the publication smaller to make it easier to carry with you, read and store as a collector's item.

One of the chief complaints we've received from our readers over the years was that to order, they had to chop out the order blank and deface the magazine. We've also solved that problem as well this issue by printing the catalog separate from the magazine.

We hope you like the new design, find it easier to read and store and will continue to look forward to the articles and stories we work so hard to bring to you in each issue.

Please feel free to write us with your comments and suggestions about our books, dvds, and **The Hochheim Group Report**. We

look forward to hearing from.

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Hock's Upcoming Seminars

Oct 16 -17 Romeoville, IL:
Ground Fighting, Stick and Knife

Oct 23 - 24 Denver, CO
Hand, Stick, Knife, Gun Ground Fighting

Oct 29 - 31 Florence, KY/
Cincinnati, OH area: CQC and (PAC Friday night.)

Nov 6 - 7 San Francisco, CA: CQC and PAC

Nov 13 - 14 San Antonio, TX:
Worst Case Scenario Seminar

Nov 20 - 21 Raleigh /Durham, NC: Worst Case Scenario Seminar

Dec 4 - 5 Under Construction (possibly back at Valdosta, GA!)

Dec 11 - 12 Los Angeles, CA: CQC Group and PAC



Exoskeletons, Coming Soon!

By Jane Eden

Exoskeletons that will allow soldiers to carry large pay loads of equipment into remote areas may become a reality in the not-so-distant future. A program by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is hard at work to make the exoskeletons the workhorses of warfare, but cautioned reporters recently that the skeleton is not ready for front line battle at this time.

The goal is to allow a single man to carry up to 200 lbs. of equipment, food or other items necessary to soldiers on the front lines at a speed and endurance that surpasses normal capacity. The gas-powered skeleton won't allow soldiers to jump tall buildings or run effortlessly without tiring. Such fantasies are largely the product of Science Fiction Writer Robert Heinlein. In the real world the much less glamorous job of carrying things around will be far more helpful.

In 2001, DARPA's job was to prove that such a device could be produced and that machine muscle and a portable energy source that worked could be combined. That done, in 2003 the University of California-Berkeley and Sarcos Research Corp were chosen to create the system. Locust USA Inc., of Miami and TIAX LLC, of Cambridge will design and produce the actual power source. While it's too early to tell what all the real-world applications will be, military personnel are watching the program closely. *

STICK/COUNTER-STICK!

The SDMS Invasion Series
By W. Hock Hochheim





The action begins with this high backhand reference point.. He could strike at your. You could strike at him. Either way, the reference point has been achieved. The four step series covers:

- Series 1) He doesn't block your pommel strike.*
- Series 2) He blocks half way.*
- Series 3) He grabs your incoming wrist.*
- Series 4) He over blocks.*



In the first series, he fails to block your invasion. You invade in by taking your empty hand and slapping hard on his elbow, to clear his arm out of the way. This allows your pommel to invade in and strike to hit the neck or face. try to keep pressure on his arm. Keep hunting the newly stunned opponent.

In the second series, he blocks your invasion about half way, to the center of his chest or what some experts refer to as "center-line." This is not a grab yet, just an open hand reflexive block. All at once you will:

- Twist your torso as you,*
- Elbow strike his upper arm*
- Your free hand will slap clear his block*
- You continue to hit him.*



Keep that elbow driving into the arm and body as you strike with the shaft or the pommel. Continue to strike this stunned man until the fight is over.



In the third series. He grabs your incoming invasion. There are several options. In this one, you raise your trapped elbow. You roll that elbow over the top of his arm. Then you elbow strike down on the arm. With your weapon limb now free. You strike until the fight is over.

In this last series, he over-blocks your anticipated attack. He passes his center line. Your first slap contact now rises up and hooks the block, pulling it aside. The critical strike comes.



There are many options to use off of this basic 4 step premise. Deeper studies and counters to these are taught in seminars and are captures in DVDs.

KNIFE/COUNTER-KNIFE By W. Hock Hochheim

Our Knife/Counter-Knife course contains three main combat modules, **The Spartan**, **The Chain of the Knife** and **In The Clutches OF**. Remember that these three modules transcend simple knife vs knife combat. Each module represents three major close quarter combat probabilities when facing impact and cutting weapons, be they knives, axes, sticks, clubs, whatever. These protocols work with and against these weapons. Each module consists of solo command and mastery movements, skill developing drills and combat scenarios.

In the **Spartan** drill, your hard impact on the opponent's weapon-bearing limb succeeds. He drops the weapon, and you finish the enemy in lethal or less-than-lethal means as needed. In the **Chain**, the impact doesn't work!

Then you must try to seize his weapon-bearing limb and fight on from there. **In the Clutches**, you seize his weapon arm and he seizes your weapon arm! In this issue I will demonstrate one combat scenario from The Spartan Module.





1) Knife vs. knife. This photo depicts someone standing in the en guard, ready position, or someone slashing downward, or someone attacking you with a downward back hand slash. You move your body to properly evade the knife.

2) You deliver a hacking, harsh impact on the arm. In the Spartan Study Series, it is so debilitating he drops the knife.



3) In a lethal force situation, such as in military combat or perhaps a civilian fighting to survive against multiple opponents for just two more common examples, you immediately attack the throat or eye area of the enemy. If you are successful, this REALLY diminishes the opponent.



4) Attack the stomach with a stab. A few naive knife instructors think they should cut the opponent's chest along the way. But look at the multi-layered clothing Randy Roberson is wearing. Think of military gear. Jackets. Even a slash across the chest is nothing compared to the stomach stab. This is a waste of precious time with little-to-no reward. Look at the possibility of a forearm strike to the neck, or an elbow strike to the jaw and neck.



5) The stomach stab should evoke a bend in the enemy. With your free hand strike to enforce this bend. Now take your forearm or pommel strike and hammer down on the back of the neck, even the back of the head.



6) Fire multiple blows as need until he drops. Look at Randy's clothing. Will his hood pad and protect him against the strike? What is your enemy wearing? *



The Military Dive

By W. Hock Hochheim

In the 1950's and 1960's several experts in U.S. Army combatives developed some counter-pistol tactics in the case of being captured by the enemy. Many of these solutions involved diving onto the arms of the enemy. While this left the unarmed soldier grounded and temporarily immobile, they were powerful movements.

In the last ***Hochheim Group Report*** we studied a diving counter to a low, single hand grip pistol attacker. In this issue we will look at a response versus the opponent holding a two handed grip high and with arms extended.





You are confronted by an untrained enemy, who holds his pistol in two-hands, too close to you.

At a moment he becomes distracted, you grab the weapon. Turn his hand so that one of his elbows is up and pointed at you.

Next, engulf his arms with yours and leap!



Crash down hard on the elbow. This is very destructive. All the while pull on the gun in the direction that best benefits the disarm.



*Get the gun.
Fire elbow strikes. **

Sudden Chest Blows

Sometimes Fatal

By Jane Eden



Despite chest protection, cardiac concussion may still occur.

The recent death of Cornell men's lacrosse player George Boiardi from *commotio cordis* or cardiac concussion has brought attention to bear on this rare, but deadly syndrome.

You see it in football games. Someone's head impacts another person's chest. In basketball maybe an elbow slung backward to guard the ball impacts the center of a player's torso. In martial arts, it could result from a badly timed front snap kick to the chest. Even light sparing might result in sudden death if the timing of a blow to the chest happens at just the wrong time. These dangers exist with high contact sports for sure, but even low contact sports may share a risk for significantly more than sprained wrists and ankles.

since 1998, 156 people have died from *commotio cordis*. This happens when a combination of events result in a person's heart stopping, sometimes from a sudden blow to the chest.

Not a lot is known about this syndrome. Sports experts are struggling to learn more so they can work with manufacturers to improve chest protection for individuals involved in contact sports.

Commotio cordis results when an individual receives a blunt impact to the chest during a 20-millisecond window of the heartbeat, throwing that person into cardiac arrest. Once this happens, only 15 percent of reported victims survive. The typical victims are young, male and by all standards of measure, in good health. Frequently the impact appears almost insignificant leaving no telltale marks. Sometimes it occurs despite the victim wearing chest protection. It is the timing that's critical.

While rare, the number of events is rising. Often they are recorded inaccurately as sudden death or accidental death. While Boiardi's incident took place during lacrosse, basketball provides the largest number of deaths due to *commotio cordis*. Sixty-three deaths occurred in basketball since 1998, 14 in softball and ice hockey combined, 12 in football, eight in soccer, and five in lacrosse. Boiardi did not receive an autopsy but medical authori-

ties suspect *commotio cordis* was to blame.

Sports authorities are working hard to address the issue. Currently under consideration would be to change the blocking rules in many games to make blocking shots illegal. New rules would also prohibit players from cutting off large sections of their padding because they feel it's restrictive. Unlike athletic helmets, there are no guidelines and almost no medical input for the manufacturing of chest protectors. If you read the websites of manufacturers who produce safety gear it's easy to determine they make only conservative promises about any equipment. Most chest protectors are made with primary emphasis placed on looks not function.

Many think simple awareness of the risk may decrease its occurrence. Safety officials are doing their part to advise players of the danger beforehand. Better response equipment should not be overlooked. Having a defibrillator at sporting events and using it within the first three minutes may significantly reduce the death rate. When *commotio cordis* strikes, there is not time for an ambulance.

Coaches feel the best away to prevent sudden death may be to teach players to turn away from high pitches or not come up behind batters while fielding. In lacrosse, blocking shots should be discouraged. Most of the power to reduce the number of deaths rests with coaches. *

Sizing Each Other Up

By Steven Pinker

Fighting every contest to the bitter end is a poor strategy for an animal, because chances are its adversary has evolved to do the same thing. A fight is costly to the loser, because it will be injured or dead and hence worse off than if it had relinquished the price from the start. It also can be costly to the victor because he may sustain injuries in the course of victory. Both parties would have done better if they had assessed who was likely to win beforehand and if the underdog simply conceded. So animals size each other up to see who is bigger, or brandish their weapons to see whose are more dangerous, or wrestle until it's clear who is stronger. Though only one animal wins, both walk away. The loser concedes because he can seek his fortunes elsewhere or bid his time until circumstances are more propitious. When animals size each other up, they evolve ways to exaggerate their size: ruffs, balloons, manes, bristling, rearing, and bellowing, whose low pitch shows off the size of the resonating cavity in the animal's body. If a fight is costly and a winner unpredictable, the face-off may be decided by an arbitrary difference such as who arrived first, in the same way that human rivals may settle a dispute quickly by flipping a coin. If the animals are closely matched and the stakes are high enough (such as a harem), an all-out fight may ensue, sometimes to the death.

If both creatures walk away, they may remember the outcome and thereafter the loser will defer to the winner. When many animals in a group spar or size one another up in a round-robin, the outcome is a pecking order, which correlates with the probability that each animal would win an all-out duel. When the probabilities change-say, when a domi-

nant animal gets old or injured or an underling gains in strength or experience-the underling may mount a challenge and the rankings may change. In chimpanzees, dominance depends not only on fighting prowess, but rather on political acumen: a pair in cahoots may depose a stronger animal going it alone. Many group-living primates settle into two dominance hierarchies, one for each sex. The females compete for food; the males compete for females. Dominant males mate more often, both because they can shove other males out of the way and because the females prefer to mate with them, if for no other reason than that a high-ranking sex partner will tend to sire high-ranking sons, who will give the female more grandchildren than low-ranking sons.



Humans don't have rigid pecking orders, but in all societies people recognize a kind of dominance hierarchy, particularly among men. High-ranking men are deferred to, have a greater voice in group decisions, usually have greater share of group's resources and always have more wives, more lovers, and more affairs with other men's wives. Men strive for rank, and achieve it in some ways that are familiar from zoology books and other ways that are uniquely human. Better fighters have higher rank, and men who look like better fighters have higher rank. Sheer height is surprisingly potent in a species that calls itself the rational animal. The word for "leader"

in most foraging societies is "big man" and in fact, the leaders usually are big men. In the United States, taller men are hired more, are promoted more, earn more (\$600 per inch in annual salary), and are elected president more, the taller candidate won twenty of the twenty-four elections between 1904 and 1996. A glance at the personal ads shows that women want taller men. As in other species whose males compete, the human male is bigger than the female, and has evolved ways of appearing bigger still, like a low voice and a beard (which makes the head look bigger and has

evolved separately in lions and monkeys). Leonid Brezhnev claimed that he got to the top because of his eyebrows! Men everywhere exaggerate the size of their heads (with hats, helmets, head dresses, and crowns), their shoulders (with pads, boards, epaulettes, and feathers), and, in some societies, their penises (with impressive codpieces and sheaths, sometimes a yard long).

But humans also evolved language and a new way of propagating information about dominance: reputation. Sociologists have long been puzzled that the largest category of motives for homicide in American cities is not robbery, drug deals gone sour, or other tangible incentives. It is a category they call "altercation of relatively trivial origin: insult, curse, jostling, etc." Two young men argue over who gets to use the pool table in a bar. They shove each other, and trade insults and obscenities. The loser, humiliated before onlookers, storms off and returns with a gun. The murders are the epitome of "senseless violence," and the men who commit them are often written off as madmen or animals.

Daly and Wilson point out that these men behave as if a great deal more is at stake than the use of a pool table. And a great deal more is at stake:

Men are known by their fellows as "the sort who can be pushed around" and "the sort who won't take any shit," as people whose word means action or people who are full of hot air, as guys whose girl friends you can chat up with impunity or guys you don't want to mess with.

In most social milieus, a man's reputation depends in part upon the maintenance of a credible threat of violence. Conflicts of interest are endemic to society, and one's interests are likely to be violated by competitors unless those competitors are deterred. Effective deterrence is a matter of convincing our rivals that an attempt to advance their interests at our expense will lead to such severe penalties that the competitive gambit will end up a net loss, which should never have been undertaken.

The credibility of the deterrent can be devalued by a public challenge that is not taken up, even if nothing tangible is at stake. Moreover, if a challenger knew that his target was a cool calculator of costs

and benefits, he could extort him into backing down with the threat of a fight that was dangerous to both. But a hothead who would stop at nothing to preserve his reputation (a doomsday machine) is unextortable.

The ghetto gang member who stabs the guy who dissed him has honorable counterparts in all the world's cultures. The very meaning of the word honor in many languages (including one of its senses in English) is a determination to avenge insults, with blood shed if necessary. In many foraging societies a boy achieves manly status only after he has killed. A man's respect increases with his verified body count, giving rise to charming customs like scalping and headhunting. Dueling between "men of honor" was tradition in the American south, and many men rose to leadership with the help of their success in duels. The man on the 10-dollar bill, Secretary of Treasury Alexander Hamilton, was killed in a duel by Vice President Aaron Burr, and the man on the 20, president Andrew Jackson, won two duels and tried to provoke many others. *

Editor's Note: Reprinted w/permission of Norton, **How the Mind Works** by Steven Pinker presents unique views on human survival.



Breast plates like the one this Indian is wearing make the chest appear larger and may provide a psychological advantage over the opponent.

Tips He May Attack

By W. Hock Hochheim

When a person becomes stressed, his body undergoes a series of physiological changes. Here are some changes that research, history and experience indicate may be linked to a sudden attack upon you.

Head

His eyes bulge.
He has that 1000-yard stare.
He ignores you.
He squints.
He assesses your body parts and gear as potential targets.
His mouth becomes dry.
His teeth clench.
His voice changes.
He actually, clearly voices violent intentions.
His words become spastic and distracted.
He twitches.
His nostrils flare.
His breathing increases.
He takes one big sudden breath.
His face color changes, maybe reddens or pales.
His veins bulge.
His chin tightens, or drops.
His neck tightens.

Hands and Arms

His fingers and fists clench (blood leaving the extremities)
His fingers drum surface tops.
His hands shake.
His hands and arms travel to pre-flight positions:
- near possible weapons on or near him
- rises up to seemingly innocent, high positions as in a fake head scratch, a yawn or a stretch

Body

He rises from a seated positions.
He tries to wander.
He gets too close.
His body blades away from you.
He takes off his shirt or jacket.
He bends at the knee.
Heel and toe tapping
Positions near potential weapons
Positions himself very near you *



U.S. Army Plans to Boost Supply of Small Cal Ammo and Weapons

Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan are consuming small caliber ammunition at rates the U.S. Army has not seen in years. "Troops will be using approximately 1.5 billion small caliber rounds a year for the next several years," says Kevin Fahey, deputy program executive officer for ammunition.

"For urban battles, the most needed ammunition ranges from the .50 caliber, 5.56 mm, 7.62 mm to 40 mm," Fahey says.

"We are not using a lot of large calibers, like tank and artillery rounds," he told reporters recently. "We are using some mortars."

Training requirements also add to the growing demand. "The first goal is to give them enough ammunition to train. That is our number one priority," he says.

The PEO Ammunition is "having trouble just keeping up" with the most pressing needs, Richard Audette, deputy program executive officer for soldier systems, said in a recent interview.

Fahey denied that the Army is facing ammunition shortages in conflict areas. The challenge, Fahey acknowledged, is to triple the peacetime production.

"We have the capability, but whenever you ramp up from 500 million to 1.5 billion, it takes time," he says. "What happens is that war reserve goes down as you ramp up."

The M67 hand grenade, for example, proved to be critical in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to Fahey. At the time of the attacks in September 2001, the M67 grenade had not been produced for seven years.

"We are now in the process of producing the

grenades and getting more and more money for them every day," he said to a recent National Defense Industrial Association International Armaments Symposium. *(reprinted w/permission National Defense)*

Wearing the Gauntlet



Fifty American soldiers in Iraq are now testing the Gauntlet, a new protective armor designed to reduce the number of arm, hand, neck and shoulder injuries from explosions and rocket propelled grenade attacks. The Kevlar sleeves and armor plates are the brain child of retired Army colonel who currently works as a scientist for Sandia National Laboratory in Albuquerque, NM. Sandia is a government laboratory whose purpose is to invent and test safety equipment for soldiers. The results of their second attempt at producing the devices have been shipped off to Iraq for real-life testing with the troops. If all goes well, another fifty will be sent before the end of the year.

The Gauntlet consists of six layers of Kevlar, which blocks heat, and a carbon composite armor plate shield that protects forearms and biceps. The sleeves weigh about 4 lbs. each, and are designed to work without interfering with the operations of machine guns and other equipment. The goal is to allow soldiers who stand in the cupola, the circle shaped opening in the Humvee, to be less vulnerable to blasts. Blasts to these personnel may result in lost limbs, and burned skin, muscle and tendon.

Using the legs from dead pigs inserted into the vests performed preliminary testing labs subjecting them to blasts. The pig legs remained virtually unscathed despite significant blast exposure from anti-tank rounds detonated from 2 ½ feet away. *



Sidetracking the IED Risk

Body armor attachment protects shoulders, underarms

Soldiers in Iraq will soon receive special attachments for their body armor to provide more protection against roadside bombs. The Deltoid and Axillary Protector (DAP) is a removable attachment to Interceptor Body Armor that covers the shoulder and underarm, areas especially vulnerable when soldiers ride in convoys. Improvised explosive devices often hit the sides of

vehicles, injuring soldiers. Currently, the interceptor vest protects the neck, torso and groin against fragmentation and 9mm ammunition. The system's removable front and back ceramic plates protect against 7.62mm NATO rounds. The DAP attachment would protect against fragmentation and 9mm caliber ammunition.

Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division in Iraq came up with the idea, developed a design and hired a private company to ship them a custom-made version. Since late March, body armor experts at Program Executive Office Soldier have looked at nine different prototypes and selected one that should provide protection without severely hampering mobility, they said. "Everything is a balance. We want every soldier to come back without injury, but we also want these guys to be effective on the battlefield," says PEO Soldier Commander Brig. Gen James Moran at a recent meeting with reporters. "We are going to give [soldiers] more protection, but it's going to come at a cost," says Moran, explaining how the DAP makes the body armor hotter and heavier to wear. As always, weight is a key concern in the development of any soldier equipment. The Interceptor, with plates, weighs about 16 lbs. The DAP attachment on each shoulder will jack that up to a total of 22 lbs. Based on the funding available this fiscal year, the Army plans to field 50,000 sets of the DAP to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The goal is to field about 138,000 by January. *



Citizen's Self-Defense League

When they heard two fugitives were on the loose in their **Paradise Valley, WY** neighborhood, Eugene Summers and his stepson, Bobby Allison, armed themselves with a shovel and a gun and took a look around Summers' property. They discovered two men hiding under a tarp in Summers' shop. One of the crooks snatched a crowbar off the wall and swung it at Summers, who responded by hitting the man in the head with his gun. When the accomplice approached Summers' stepson, Allison whacked him with his shovel. "They minded a lot better after that," Summers reported. Police arrived soon after and led the pair of criminals away in handcuffs. The men, identified as Christopher Sylvester and Joel Schott, were charged with buying and receiving stolen property and criminal entry. - **Casper Star Tribune, Casper, WY**

A female employee at the Tobacco Rack was in the back of the store when she heard someone enter about 7:15 a.m. The woman looked toward the entrance and saw a man holding

a shotgun, pointing it down toward the floor, and possibly loading it. The employee drew a revolver and demanded the intruder leave the store. The gunman pulled his jacket hood down to cover his face, saying, "I'm going, I'm going," and left the premises. Police were looking for the suspect, who was wearing a baby blue, hooded jacket. - **Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock, AR**

Three men entered the Mount Vernon Liquor store in **Colton, CA** and attempted to rob the store. One man jumped over the counter and approached the owner's mother, who was standing there. Fearing his mother would be shot, the owner, Mr. Lee, fired at the bandits, striking all three. Police arrived to find one of the suspects dead in the doorway. His two accomplices were apprehended and taken to a hospital for treatment. No one else in the store was injured. Despite that robbery and one the previous year, the Lees said they planned to keep the store open as they felt an obligation to the community. - **The Sun, San Bernardino, CA**

During the entire robbery in **Toledo OH**, Habib Howard focused on the gun pointed at him. The intruder had entered Howard's Carryout just moments before, walked to the back, picked up a 12-pack of beer and brought it to the cash register where Howard had just relieved a female employee. Before Howard could ask for an ID required to purchase the beer, the man drew a handgun, pointed it at Howard and demanded

money. Howard complied, opening the cash register and trying to back away. The robber demanded Howard place the money on the counter. Again he complied and then stepped back. As he took the money and began backing out of the store, the robber raised his gun. Howard responded by drawing his own gun and shooting the gunman, who fled the store. The gunman and an accomplice, identified as Jose Custodia-Mota and Alberto Martinez, respectively were apprehended and charged with aggravated robbery. - **The Blade, Toledo, OH**

A 63-year-old **South Phoenix** homeowner was alarmed to see his living room window shatter and an arm come through the opening during an attempted break-in. Aware of other burglaries in his neighborhood, the resident feared for his safety and fired at the intruders, killing one-identified as Ronald Freese. The other burglar, Freese's brother, Rudy, ran to a relative's nearby home seeking help for Ronald. Rudy Freese was arrested and charged with attempted burglary when he returned to the scene. He faces first-degree murder charges if found guilty of a crime that resulted in a death. - **The Arizona Republic, Phoenix, AZ**

As her ex-boyfriend proceeded to kick in her back door, a **Manor Township, PA** woman called police and then ran upstairs. Fearing help would not arrive in time, the woman locked herself in a bedroom and grabbed a rifle from under the bed. The man entered the home and raced upstairs where he began pound-

ing on the locked door. When the woman's warnings to stop went unheeded, she fired a shot and injured him. Police arrived as the man was leaving and placed him under arrest. Said one investigator, "he wasn't there to deliver flowers. She was defending herself." - **Lancaster New Era, Lancaster, PA**

Andrew Atkinson was looking for trouble one Wednesday night as police were called to investigate a disturbance he caused at a **Malta, Montana** tavern. Still on the scene at the tavern, police were then called to a nearby home where an intruder had been reported. Robert Taylor said that a man, later identified as Atkinson, had forced his way through Taylor's front door. After a fierce struggle, the 59-year-old homeowner shot Atkinson in the leg. Both men were hospitalized, and Taylor was released with minor injuries. Upon his release from the hospital, Atkinson was arrested and charged with burglary, according to Phillips County Sheriff Tom Miller. - **Great Falls Tribune, Great Falls MT**

A **Cambridge, MN** man awoke to the sound of breaking glass. He retrieved a shotgun and began checking rooms where he encountered three men who had entered his home. Two of the intruders fled, but the homeowner held the third man, later identified as Robert Hanson, at gunpoint while he awaited the arrival of police. The other two suspects were apprehended, and the three were charged with aiding and abetting felony first-degree burglary. - **Isati County News, Cambridge, MN**

A man approached the clerk at Forest Service Center in **Lowell, MS** and asked for change. When he approached the clerk a second time, he brandished a knife, pointed it at the clerk and said, "don't do anything stupid, and give me all the money." The clerk responded by drawing a handgun and ordering the would-be bandit out of the store, reported Lowell Police chief Bernard P. Nally. - **Lowell Sun, Lowell, MA**

Four armed men wearing masks robbed the Central Mart in **Pomona, CA**. One of the robbers fired several shots at the grocery's owner when the owner and his wife refused to open the store's safe. The owner fired back at the gunman who limped along with his accomplices as they ran from the store. One of the robbers fired a second time at the owner when he went outside to check on his wife who was lying on the ground. The owner returned fire, but the gunman got into a blue van and drove off. Neither the store-owner nor his wife was injured in the incident - **Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, Ontario, CA**

Shop Rite clerk Abdrab Ashishi was preparing to close the convenience store for the night when a man dressed in black and wearing a white Halloween mask moved behind the counter. The masquerader, later identified as career criminal David Billups, pointed what appeared to be a gun at Ashishi, who retrieved a handgun and fired several shots at Billups, killing him. Hamilton County prosecutor Mike Allen commented that Ashishi was

within his rights. "He did what he had the legal right to do: He got his weapon and fired," says Allen. - **Bangor Daily News, Bangor, ME**

A man attempting to carjack a Cadillac DeVille from a gas station was shot and killed by the car owner. Brian Dean told DeKalb County, GA police that when he stopped at a gas station in Glenwood Road about 3 a.m., an armed man approached and attempted to steal his car. Dean drew his own gun and shot the would-be carjacker, later identified as Banarrek Von Clayton, in the leg. Von Clayton managed to drive a short distance in the Cadillac, but succumbed to his wounds and crashed into a utility pole a few feet away. - **The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Atlanta, GA**

Three people in a black Cadillac pulled into the Fuel-N-Go in **Coburg, OR** about 11:35 p.m. One man got out of the vehicle and entered the convenience store. Motioning as through he had a gun in this sweatshirt; he demanded money from the store clerk, who gave him about \$200 in cash. Apparently dissatisfied, the robber threatened to kill her. The clerk then drew her own gun, and the man ran out to the parking lot where he fought with a male attendant. Meanwhile, the clerk followed the thug outside and, when he motioned again to indicate he was armed, she fired a shot that blew out the Cadillac's back window. The robber then jumped into the car, and the threesome took off as remnants of their ill-gotten gains floated through the air. Two men and a

woman surrendered to a police canine unit soon after. Knives were seized during their arrest, and the three faced first-degree robbery charges. - **The Register-Guard, Eugene, OR**

Samuel "Lucky" Parker didn't live up to his name when he was shot and killed during a store robbery- his second of the night. Parker had robbed a Texaco station just a half hour before entering the Sunrise Mart. Near closing time, Tamer Abdulwahab and his cousin, Parker entered wearing dark clothing, a facemask and a single glove. Abdulwahab thought it was some sort of prank until the masked man pulled a gun, aimed it at his cousin and

demanded money. Abdulwahab slipped out of sight long enough to draw his own gun and point it at Parker. Zeidan had been frozen behind the register, but when Parker cocked his gun, Zeidan slipped and fell. Parker then fired several shots, which hit the cash register just above Zeidan's head. Abdulwahab fired at Parker, striking him twice. Realizing his luck had run out, Parker fled the store. Authorities later found his body in a nearby ditch. Neither cousin was injured, and when police recovered Parker's pistol, they found it had jammed after he fired five rounds. "He was shooting at my cousin, my blood," says Abdulwahab. "We are lucky to

be here." - **The Town Talk, Alexandria, LA**

A **Bergen, NY** homeowner returned to his house around 10 a.m. to discover two men and a woman in process of burglarizing his home. The resident drew a handgun on the trio. When the men attempted to escape in a van, the homeowner punched out one of its windows. One of the men then threw gasoline at him from a can and the men took off. The homeowner continued to hold the woman at gunpoint until police arrived. Police later arrested the two men, and all three suspects were charged with burglary. - **Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, NY ***



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President Bush has Saddam's Pistol

The pistol that deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein clutched when U.S. forces pulled him from his hiding hole is now in the custody of President George W. Bush. The military had the pistol mounted and privately presented to the Commander-in-Chief. It now resides in the small study next to the Oval Office and is shown to select visitors by the president. - *Time Magazine*

Intelligence Hiring Spree

The nation's intelligence agencies have been on a hiring spree since 9/11, with one major placement firm reporting that its intelligence job listings have jumped from 900 to more than 3,000 today. One placement officer says, "If you live and breathe, can spell your own name, and have a top secret clearance, it's impossible to be unemployed." - *U.S. News and World Report*

Railroad Crossing Accidents

Since 2000, about 1,600 people have been killed in railroad-crossing accidents in the U.S., more than twice the number killed in commercial plane crashes. - *New York Times*

Marines Shifting Non-Combat Jobs to Civilians

The Marine Corps will reassign up to 4,000 jobs currently performed by active-duty troops to government employees and contractors. The move is intended to free up more Marines for combat duty, says Lt. Gen. Robert Magnus, deputy commandant for programs and resources. "Because of the war, we've been looking at rebalancing the force," Magnus says. With 25,000 troops in Iraq, 4,000 in Afghanistan, 1,500 in Haiti and several hundred in the Horn of Africa, the Corps cannot afford to keep too many Marines in support or administrative jobs at a time when they are badly needed to fill the battalions and squadrons. Marine units in Japan also are considering hiring contractors for duties that don't require a Marine or a U.S. citizen with a security clearance. The Corps, for example, needs more law-enforcement help. It is now short about 800 military police troopers.

Putting Military Skills to Civilian Use

Mexican authorities are not pleased with a growing trend of army deserters finding work with drug gangs as enforcers and assassins. One gang operating near the San Ysidro border between the United States and Mexico appears to be made up of troops who had been training to fight drug trafficking but are putting what the military taught them to use as they evade authorities and punish competitors.

- *Associated Press*

Mexican Crackdown

The Mexican military, like its U.S. counterpart, has many members

whose military pay and benefits do not measure up to the private sector. Mexico hopes a crack-down on criminal elements will discourage desertions for financial reasons. But the crackdown brings with it a new risk - troops trained to track down the rogue paratroopers and intelligence specialists now working for the drug gangs also will end up having skills marketable on the outside if they're willing to break the law. - *Associated Press*

NYC Budget

The New York City Police Department's \$4.4 billion annual budget is larger than that of all but 19 of the world's standing armies - *New York Times*

Total Deaths Due to War Decline

Last year, around 20,000 people worldwide died in battle, the lowest number in post-World War II era, reports the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. There were 19 major wars in progress in 2003, compared with 33 a decade ago - *Associated Press*

Pirate Attacks Overall on Decline

Pirates killed 30 seafarers worldwide in the first six months of the year, the highest toll in more than a decade, a maritime group recently announced. The 30 killings, compared with 16 during the same period last year, came despite an overall decline in the number of pirate attacks, the British-based International Maritime Bureau said in a report recently released by its Piracy Watch Center in Kuala Lumpur.

The number of casualties reported was the most for the first half of any year since the Maritime Bureau began keeping records in 1993.

Fifteen deaths occurred in Nigerian waters, where pirates armed with automatic weapons have launched 13 attacks this year on commercial ships and passenger ferries plying the coast.

Most of the other fatalities were in Indonesia, Vietnam, Bangladesh and the Philippines. Indonesia alone had 50 pirate attacks, the most of any country. Other piracy-plagued nations include Ghana and Venezuela, which each suffered five attacks. Brazil, Colombia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam reported three attacks apiece. The total number of pirate attacks worldwide fell to 182 so far this year from 234 in the first half of 2003.

No Agents Here

The Central Intelligence Agency has fewer than 1,100 clandestine intelligence officers stationed throughout the entire world. The FBI has more agents in New York City alone. - **New York Times**

More Bullets, Please

The U.S. Army's sole supplier of bullets, Alliant Tech Systems, can't keep up with the surging demand. The Army this year wants 2 billion rounds; up from 1 billion last year-but Alliant can only produce 1.2 billion. -

Bloomberg News

Kids Party in New York

When police responded to a

complaint about a drunken house party in the wealthy suburb of Rye, N.Y., the 50 high school students inside responded by locking the doors and going on with the party for three hours. Many of them were the children of attorneys, and they knew police couldn't enter without a search warrant. "It was a scene with parents knocking on the windows, saying, "You'll never drive again,"" one mother says. When the kids finally emerged, police found beer cans and liquor bottles in every room.

Buy Bullet-Proof Cars

British drivers are becoming so worried about their safety from armed carjackers that they are buying bulletproof cars. Carjackings are becoming more common in Britain, with thousands of cars stolen by force by robbers with guns or knives last year. Often the cars will be stolen to order. Police and motor- ing organizations say that the level of violence is increasing and urge drivers to be on their guard.

Because of increased security in cars, thieves now find it easier to steal a car if the owner is in it rather than if it was unattended. Last month a Jaguar driver had a lucky escape when he was shot at as he drove along a motorway in Leicester. The bullet missed him by inches and lodged in his car's boot. In Manchester alone carjackings have been taking place at the rate of one a day since the start of this year. The vehicles stolen have a combined worth of more than £24 million. In London, there were 1,300 reported carjackings during 2002

and 2003. In response to demand, manufacturers such as Mercedes-Benz and BMW have introduced security models to Britain. BMWs X5 Security car, for example, made of Kevlar matting and carbon fiber with extra thick windows, is designed to absorb bullets, minimizing the risks of deflection.

Cause of Employee Deaths

The leading cause of on-the-job deaths in the American workplace is homicide, usually committed by employees who've been demoted or fired. - **The Kansas City Star**

Soldier Stress

About 17 percent of the soldiers who've served in Iraq have admitted to symptoms of "traumatic stress, depression, or anxiety," an Army report says. That means that more than 42,000 soldiers may be suffering from what the military calls "combat fatigue." - **Salon.com**

Gullible

Nigeria announced that it had arrested more than 500 suspected con artists for sending the ubiquitous e-mails that promise a share in a recovered fortune in exchange for an advance fee. More than \$500 million in loot was recovered.

Idiot

This year, thousands of thrill seekers raced ahead of five bulls in the annual drunken stampede through Pamplona's streets. Somehow, no one was gored. "I was about five feet away from them, and I was really thinking I was going to get it in the back,"

says Brian Barnes, a 27-year-old engineer from Chicago.

Prude

Fifty mothers held a "nurse-in" protest at a Houston shopping mall after security guards told a breast-feeding woman that she was making people uncomfortable.

Australians

Drought-crazed kangaroos in Canberra went on a rampage in which they killed a pet dog and attacked a woman. "The kangaroo just stared back at us," says one witness, Christine Canham. "I will never forget that."

Pacifists

Minnesota Twins handed out G.I. Joe action figures for Armed Forces Appreciation Day. Because the Metrodome has a policy against guns, the 4-inch toys were disarmed before distribution, though they were allowed to keep their hand grenades.

Without the U.S. Coast Guard

Seventy-five percent of the U.S. population lives within 100 miles of the coast. And all of those people - 219,248,698 men, women and children - are open targets if we were under attack. The U.S. Coast Guard plays a key role in protecting America. Through a layered defense strategy, the Coast Guard detects and deters threats far offshore. Before they pose a danger to us, with expanded command and control capability and new, more capable ships and aircraft.

Africa's Other Scene of Misery

Ugandans are feeling "terribly let down," says the *Kampala*

Monitor in a recent editorial.

They don't want to begrudge the Sudanese their good fortune in finally attracting the attention of the international community. The ethnic cleansing in Darfur, in western Sudan, is horrific. Tens of thousands of people are dead and a million have been forced to flee, and it's encouraging that the U.N. is finally rousing itself to get involved. But Sudan isn't the only humanitarian disaster in Africa. For close to two decades, rebels from the Lord's Resistance Army have been marauding across northern Uganda, slaughtering villagers and kidnapping children. The boys are forced to become rebel soldiers, the girls kept as sex slaves. Over a million Ugandans have been driven from the area and are now living "in pathetic conditions" in refugee camps. The crisis is at least as bad as that in Sudan, and has been going on far longer.

Ugandans support intervention in Sudan. But "they would be right in demanding to know why their plight has not attracted similar attention." - *Kampala Monitor*

Rape as a Weapon

Pro-government Arab militias are systematically raping black women and girls in Sudan as part of their campaign of ethnic cleansing, Amnesty International charged recently. The group's report said that the rapes were not the actions of undisciplined troops, but rather a calculated tactic to drive blacks out of the Darfur region. Hundreds of women told Amnesty of being gang raped by the militias, known as the Janjaweed, night after night. "My husband could not forgive me after this," one woman

told researchers. "He disowned me." The victims said Arab women singers often traveled to black villages with the Janjaweed performing racist songs encouraging rape and killing.

Soldiers vs. Sand Flies

Troops stationed in Iraq have another hazard to worry about: the Baghdad boil. So far, 653 U.S. soldiers have been diagnosed with the disease, which causes ulcerous boils that can linger for months and even years. The condition, formally called *leishmaniasis*, is spread by parasite-carrying sand flies when they bite. Only 20 soldiers contracted the ailment during the first Gulf War. But for the current conflict, American forces arrived during peak sand-fly season and have stayed in the field much longer. Most cases affect only the skin, but a more rare and deadlier type also attacks the spleen, liver, and other organs. No treatment is available in Iraq, so all infected soldiers are flown to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in Washington, D.C. The sores are not contagious, but can leave permanent, burn like scars. "This is really the largest outbreak in the history of the military since World War II," Lt. Col. Peter Weina of Walter Reed tells States News Service.

Russian Nukes

Russia still has 8,200 nuclear warheads, and most of them are aimed at targets in the U.S. Each one is roughly 20 times more powerful than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima. - *Los Angeles Times*

Private security contractors hired

by the Pentagon have had about 50 employees killed in action in Iraq—more deaths than any U.S. ally has suffered during the occupation. - **Salon.com**

Airbags

A deployed air bag adds \$2,000 to the cost of repairing a crashed vehicle. That's often enough for insurance companies to declare the car "totaled." - **Business Week**

Police Chases

Since 1994, police chases in the U.S. have resulted in 3,146 deaths according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. About a third of those killed were innocent bystanders. - **Seattle Post-Intelligencer**

Veterans Risk Lou Gehrig's

Men who served in the U.S. military during the last century have an unusually high risk of developing Lou Gehrig's disease, says a new study. Harvard University researchers studied some 270,000 veterans, from World War I through the Vietnam War, and about 125,000 nonveterans. The veterans were 60 percent more likely than nonveterans to get the rare but often-fatal illness. The disorder, formally called *amyotrophic lateral sclerosis* (ALS), destroys nerve cells and muscle tissue. Two previous studies found that Gulf War veterans had twice the risk of ALS as nonveterans; the latest results suggest that the disease is not unique to the Gulf War. Experts aren't sure why military service would increase the risks of ALS. But researcher Marc Weisskopf

tells reporters that some possibilities include increased exposure to lead and other heavy metals, infections that occur more often in the military, and extreme physical exertion. - **Associated Press**

Homeland Security

Congressional investigators found that 28 senior federal employees, including an assistant secretary of defense and an official in the Transportation Security Administration, had bogus college degrees from mail-order "diploma mills."

Training Spies

The Central Intelligence Agency is training more new case officers than at any period since the Vietnam War, but it will still take five years to rebuild a spy network dismantled over decades of budget cuts. The agency now has 1,100 clandestine officers abroad. Deputy Director James Pavitt says the CIA needs 30 to 35 percent more to adequately confront the threat of global terrorism.

India Legal Issues

In India, where the backlog of legal cases is nightmarish, it would take 300 years, at the current pace, to clear the nation's civil-court dockets. Some 20 retired judges have been enlisted as mobile magistrates, bouncing around neighborhoods to dispense instant verdicts on infractions like poor sanitation and blocked public sidewalks. Magistrate Arya Vir averages 20 cases per hour and can clear nearly 300 of them a month. "We keep in mind our priority, to reduce the burden on the regular courts," he says. "And the peo-

ple are very happy with this quickie justice."

Suspected Islamic Militants Flee in Philippine Jailbreak

Recently after breaking up an alleged cell of the Islamist group Abu Sayyaf, the Philippine government suffered a setback when several militants escaped. The military said it warned local officials that detained militants were plotting an escape in the southern Philippines. More than 50 inmates, led by suspected Abu Sayyaf guerrillas, used a smuggled pistol to flee recently from a jail in southern Basilan Island's capital, Isabela. Officials say 11 escapees had been recaptured and eight others were killed. Security forces continued a hunt for the escapees, who took two rifles and a shotgun and wounded at least three guards.

148 Officer Deaths in '03

For the second straight year, in service law enforcement deaths fell well below the decade-long average of 166 officers.

According to a report compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington D.C., 148 law enforcement officers across the country were killed in the line of duty in 2003. The deaths are listed in the NLEOM "Fallen Heroes Report." California had the highest number of deaths with 18, Georgia had 10, Texas had 10, Virginia had 8, and Florida, Louisiana and Tennessee each had seven police deaths.

Of the 148 officers killed in the line last year, the report shows that 53 died in automobile acci-

dents, 52 were shot to death, 13 were struck by vehicles while they were outside their cruisers, 11 died in motorcycle accidents, six succumbed to job related illnesses, two fell to their deaths, four drowned, two suffered fatal beatings, one was stabbed to death, one died in an aircraft accident, one was electrocuted one was strangled, and one was hit by a train.

Hitman Shot Hired in Willy

A gunman's hit turned to farce when he shot one of the men who hired him in the willy, a court heard in England recently. Arthur Pattinson, 42, allegedly planned to assassinate Stanley Creswell in a drive-by shooting. The jury was told that one of the men behind the hit, Tommy Anderson, was acting as his "spotter" and phoned Pattinson when the target arrived at home. The alleged plot followed a family feud - and after getting home Mr. Creswell, 36, went to Anderson's house nearby to confront him in his garden.

Pattinson followed and fired from his Ford and the bullet went through Creswell's arm then a garden gate and finished up hitting Anderson in the groin. Chris Knox, prosecuting, told Newcastle Crown Court, "by that time it hadn't sufficient force to do him much harm, but he was in fact one of the conspirators." He says the plot was drawn because of money owed to Anderson's nephew William, Mr. Knox says, "The family set about frightening, then threatening, and then ultimately trying to assassinate Mr. Creswell." - **Alastair Taylor** *

Liquid Body Armor

By Sandra I. Erwin

After two decades of research, Army engineers may be getting closer to developing "liquid armor," which one day could be used to make military bulletproof garments.

By combining a liquid composite substance-known as shear thickening fluid-with Kevlar fabric, Army researchers have created a stab resistant material, although it is not yet robust enough to halt bullets.

"Engineers hope, however, that this liquid armor eventually will be bulletproof," says Eric Wetzel, who heads the project at the Army Research Laboratory. The novel composite material could provide a more flexible and less bulky alternative to Kevlar fabrics, Wetzel told National Defense recently. Although this material has been investigated academically for a couple of decades, it is only now getting renewed attention as the Army struggles to come up with alternatives to heavy ceramic body armor, which adds 17 to 24 lbs. of extra weight to the average soldier's load. About two years ago, the Army enlisted University of Delaware researchers to help with the project.

"In its current state, the liquid armor combined with four layers of Kevlar fabric can stop an ice pick puncture," Wetzel says. That would make the material potentially useful for prison guards who get stabbed with handmade sharp instruments, for example, Wetzel says. If this technology ever succeeds as an alternative to conventional armor, the Army would use it to protect soldiers' extremities. Currently, soldiers' arms and legs go unprotected because conventional body armor, with ceramic tile inserts, is too bulky and stiff for extremities. The liquid armor could change that, although any breakthroughs are, according to Wetzel, "a few years down the road."

The shear thickening liquid is polyethylene glycol that is "very deformable," he noted. When intense pressure is applied, it transitions to a rigid material, which would, in theory prevent a bullet from penetrating it. To make liquid armor, the material is soaked into the layers of a Kevlar vest, then handled just like any other fabric. *





Simply the Best

In the spirit of many magazine ads-asking famous people what their likes and dislikes are, **HGR** decided to interview the Buffalo to get his opinion on the finer things in life...

Q: Best whiskey?

A: Whiskey.

Q: What kind of whiskey?

A: Any whiskey.

Q: Best cigar?

A: Fuck cigars.

Q: Best female actress?

A: Rita Hayworth.

Q: Best male actor

A: Clark Gable. All male movie stars are mere replicants and shadows of the Gabe, in lesser degrees. Unless they are gay actors, in that case then they are replicants of Carroll Channing.

Q: Last fiction book read?

A: *Valley of the Dolls*.

Q: Last non-fiction book read?

A: *My Life as a Pinata*, by Maximellio Bentballs. It is the sad, sad story of a Mexican who is beaten daily by his mother with a baseball bat. One day she swings, misses, and hits his father in the head while he is reading the cheat-sheet of the Monterrey horse races. The padre dies, but not before spilling hundreds of candies from his pockets as he falls. She realizes too late, she was beating the wrong family member. She is imprisoned for murder. Max becomes the President of Mexico, but with a lisp. At the end of the book, his top cabinet members assassinate him, on the Ides of March. They are armed with knives, and oh-the irony of ironies-Louisville Sluggers. He looked at his closest aid and says, "E tu? Juan?" I cried my friggen' eyes out.

Q: Last movie seen?

A: Gigli. Great flick. With "Jenafleck." Me and nine people saw it. I like my privacy that much.

Q: Best War Movie?

A: The Diary of Anne's Frank. It

is the story of a kosher hot dog company in World War II Europe.

Q: Best Western?

A: That's a hotel you idiot.

Q: Best vacation spot in the world?

A: My house. I am tired of the world. I have traveled to exotic places, met exotic people...and killed them. Now, I like my living room. It is painted in light colors that, well...calm me.

Q: Favorite car

A: The Maserati Spider 5000 Jet Star Convertible. Naah, I'm just kidding. But I have a patent on converting my living room lounge chair into small, battery-powered transport. Think about it. You're watching the Pats on Monday night Football and there's a commercial. You flip open the arm rest to the joystick and drive it into the kitchen. Open the frig, get grub, K-turn and be back in your living room, carpet imprints in a flash. Oh, I've got big ideas for it. Bedpan. 2-way radio. Garbage disposal. GPS alert for when my wife comes near. I plan on making it sidewalk-worthy too. So when I get too old to drive, I can stick a yellow flag in it and get down to the corner drugstore for my psychotropic drugs. No seat belts, no tax, title, license or insurance for the Buffalo Barka-Mobile.

Q: Favorite hobby?

A: Tormenting idiots

Q: Thanks. Any last words?

A: You are a nosy bastard. Tell everyone *bye-bye* for me.

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