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Revisiting the past



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Des Moines County Sheriff Mike Johnstone, front, Investigator Brett Grimshaw and Investigator Mark McIntyre look at the area where the body of Mary Bernice Lange was found beside a one-lane bridge on Agency Road west of the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in rural Des Moines County in 1970.

CASES UNSOLVED

Decades-old murder cases remain open for local investigators

By DOROTHY de SOUZA GUEDES
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Unsolved murders

Cracking a decades-old homicide case doesn't happen like it does on television. There, a dedicated — and good-looking — team of highly trained homicide detectives works full time with an always available high-tech lab to re-open cold case files and crack them before the closing credits roll.

In real life, there are few dedicated "cold case" teams, but detectives busy investigating current crimes might sneak a few hours — if they're lucky, a few days — away from their busy schedules to dust off an old box and pull out files from long-unsolved cases.

Maybe another set of eyes scanning a suspect's interview transcript or exploring physical evidence with modern high-tech forensic techniques will piece together enough clues to nail a killer. Maybe.

The Burlington Police De-

partment has one unsolved homicide; the Des Moines County Sheriff's Office has two.

The county's most compelling unsolved murders occurred within months of one another more than 30 years ago.

They remain unsolved despite intensive investigations at the time of the crimes and many return trips to reopen those thick files.

Both involved working mothers at a time when women were just beginning to move from the more traditional role of housewife. The

Southeast Iowa has its own unsolved murders. The most notorious reads like a bad movie script: a real-estate agent was found stabbed to death in 1969 in the closet of a Burlington home. A year later, a local court clerk left a party and was found two days later floating in a creek near Danville. While authorities were stringing together clues from those disconcerting cases, Des Moines County's sheriff's daughter and son-in-law were found dead in a Missouri field. They are some of the area's unsolved homicides Dorothy de Souza Guedes reopens.

Christmas 1970.

Clues were gathered, dozens of interviews were conducted, thousands of hours were spent trying to find the women's killers. No one was charged in either crime.

"We'd like to solve them all. The reality is they don't all get solved," said Lt. Darren Grimshaw, head of the police department's Criminal Investigation Unit. "One unsolved homicide in Burlington in 40 years is not too bad of a track record."

Still, it bothers investigators to have unsolved cases on their books. Some cases just get under their skin.

Dorothy Miller

Say "unsolved murder" to any longtime Burlington resident, and they'll probably start talking about a real estate agent who was found stabbed to death in a closet.

On Tuesday morning Aug. 19, 1969, Dorothy Miller, 48, was found stabbed 22 times in an upstairs bedroom closet of 118 Grand St.,

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Intelligence chief Allawi urges Egypt to stand fast

Sept. 11 commission's proposal for new cabinet post has pros and cons.

By KATHERINE PFLEGER SHRAEDER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It won't be easy to decide whether it's appropriate to create a Cabinet-level official to oversee the nation's vast intelligence community. Look no further than former CIA Director Jim Woolsey. He is 60 percent in favor and 40 percent against the move recommended by the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I don't think this is one of those issues which is absolutely clear-cut. I think there is a risk of layering and adding an added bureaucracy," he told the Senate Intelligence Committee last week. On the other hand, he said, "I believe the job could be done by one individual in ideal circum-

stances."

The proposal for a single, stronger intelligence chief is not new: A presidential advisory board and an earlier congressional inquiry into the Sept. 11 attacks also floated the idea. And two California Democrats in Congress — Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Jane Harman — have introduced separate, but similar, legislation to better centralize the intelligence community under one office, intended to improve information sharing, coordination and decision-making.

President Bush has said he is studying the commission's recommendations. But acting CIA Director John McLaughlin has warned that major structural changes could disrupt the agency's work in the war on terror. Officially, the agency is open to considering any proposed changes.

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Diplomat's kidnapping prompts request from Iraqi prime minister.

By RAVI NESSMAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi urged Egypt on Saturday to stand fast in the face of the kidnapping of one of its diplomats and ignore militants' demand that it abandon any plans to lend security assistance to Iraq.

■ 'Coalition of the Willing' dwindles

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"It is time for us to close ranks to fight terrorism. There is no way to budge to terrorists and give them what they want," Allawi said in Damascus, Syria. "The only way to deal with terrorism is to promote justice and to close ranks, and we hope Egypt and the Egyptian government will act accordingly."

Allawi spoke just hours after



The Associated Press

Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi visits the scene of a car bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq, in this July 14 photo.

gunmen dressed as police snatched the leader of an Iraqi government-owned construction company.

The brazen attacks suggested insurgents were growing bolder, particularly since kidnappers scored a stunning victory by forc-

ing the Philippines to withdraw troops to save the life of a Filipino truck driver last week. The violence also cast a pall over Allawi's tour through the region to persuade reluctant Arab and Mus-

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Vote gap eyed

Bush holds slight lead as Kerry seeks to round up electoral votes.

By RON FOURNIER
The Associated Press

BOSTON — John Kerry narrowly trails President Bush in the battle for the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House, as he makes his case at the Democratic National Convention this week to topple the Republican incumbent.

Tall hurdles remain in his path, including Electoral College math that favors Bush.

"It's a tough, tough map. I think it's going to be a close race," said Democratic strategist Tad Devine, who helped plot Al Gore's state-by-state strategy in 2000 and plays the same role for Kerry.

"But looking back four years, we're much stronger now. I think we're going into this convention in great shape," he said.

With three months remaining in a volatile campaign, Kerry has 14 states and the District of Columbia in his column for 193 electoral votes. Bush has 25 states for 217 votes, according to an Associated Press analysis of state polls as well as interviews with strategists across the country.

Both candidates are short of the magic 270 electoral votes. The margin of victory will come from:

■ Toss-ups — Bush and Kerry are running even in 11 states with a combined 128 electoral votes. Florida, Ohio, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Michigan and West Virginia are the toughest battlegrounds. Two other toss-ups, Pennsylvania and Oregon, could soon move to Kerry's column.

■ Lean Kerry — Maine, Minnesota and Washington (a com-

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Unsolved

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which was vacant and on the market at the time. Her hands were tied in front of her.

The primary suspect was a man who told Miller, a real estate saleswoman, that his name was Robert Clark. Miller had an appointment to show him the house a second time the night she disappeared.

Her death remains the only unsolved homicide at the Burlington Police Department.

Miller had been with Bolick Realty Co. about two years and had met Clark the previous Friday. The Des Moines man was looking for a house to buy in Burlington.

Miller's husband of 29 years, Fred Miller, accompanied his wife to the first showing of the Grand Street home that Friday night.

The Millers picked up Clark on Maple Street near the Maple Leaf Tavern and took him to the Grand Street house. Clark said he wanted to show pictures of the house to his wife and requested a Saturday-night appointment, which Dorothy Miller declined because of a conflict. An appointment was made for Monday night.

At 6:30 p.m., Miller met with a couple to show another house. She had a 7:30 p.m. appointment with Clark.

Clark gave her the tavern's phone number to call before the appointment. People at the tavern later said a man fitting Clark's description received a call from a woman around 7 or 7:30 p.m. He left the bar, got into a black pickup truck, removed something, then walked down Maple Street. Miller picked up Clark in her car outside the old Riepe Pharmacy, 918 Maple St.

Neighbors on Grand Street saw a light-colored vehicle pull up to 118 Grand St. at about 8 p.m. and watched a man and a woman go into the house. No one recalled seeing them leave.

Fred Miller, a truck driver, went to bed at 8:30 p.m. and did not realize his wife had not returned home until his alarm clock woke him up at 5 a.m.

He called their only daughter, then 27, and the two went to where they knew Dorothy Miller had planned to meet Clark. They searched the area and found her car — unlocked and with the keys in the ignition — in the 900 block of Elm Street. Miller went to the police to report his missing wife.

Police began searching the car for clues; her purse was missing and an unused camera flashcube was found on the front seat.

Police inspectors found Patton and Gene Loose went to 118 Grand St. because of the appointment Dorothy Miller had set. The house was locked except for the back door. Miller was found in a second-floor bedroom closet.

Investigators later said she probably was struck in the head shortly after entering the house. The killer tied her hands, removed her undergarments and raped her. After she was placed in the closet, she was stabbed 22 times in the face, neck and back. The bedroom was otherwise clean.

The hunt was on for Clark. Fred Miller and other witnesses provided a description.

The man who gave his name as Clark was described as a good-looking, clean-cut man with a medium complexion, between 20 and 30 years old, 5-foot-9 to 5-foot-11 and about 175 pounds. He was driving a dull black cab-over-engine pickup truck. Harold B. Lee, a psychiatric social worker for the Southeast Iowa Mental Health Center, did a sketch based on eye-witnesses descriptions.

After news of the brutal slaying hit the streets, tips and leads poured into the police department. There was a house-to-house canvass of both the Grand Street neighborhood and Elm-Maple street area. During the initial investigation, more than 200 interviews were conducted. Evidence was submitted to the FBI lab in Washington for testing. The Iowa State Patrol and Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation (now the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation) were



Carla DePoyster/The Hawk Eye

Dorothy Miller's body was found in a closet at 118 Grand St. on Aug. 19, 1970. The case remains unsolved.

called to help and eventually the BCI took over the case.

Miller, a grandmother of two, also was a former Iowa Army Ammunition Plant worker and Burlington Hawk-Eye Gazette proofreader. A \$1,000 reward was offered for information leading to the conviction of the killer, with the newspaper and Burlington Board of Realtors each offering \$500.

Still, the trail quickly went cold.

Police soon believed that Clark's name and all the information he provided were made up. Lee and investigators eventually surmised Clark was a psychopath who had killed before and probably planned to kill again.

Homicide investigations are more intense than other crime investigations. Investigators try to cover all the bases in all cases, but sometimes time just won't allow.

"In a homicide case you make every effort possible," Patton said in a recent interview.

He and several other Burlington officers worked on the Miller case for weeks. Their reports, typed on onion-skin paper, are 2 inches thick.

"That's all we lived and worked," said Patton, who eventually became police chief before retiring in 1994.

Jim Schreiner, who retired from the police department in 1991, recently recalled that in 1969 Miller was the only female real estate agent in town. Perhaps Clark saw her name in an advertisement and zeroed in on her, he said.

Schreiner believes Clark drifted into town during the week of the Hawkeye Fair, which began about two weeks before Miller was found dead, and left after the killing.

"Perhaps this guy was a serial killer," Schreiner said. "Maybe he killed before he came into Burlington — and after."

Schreiner wasn't a lead investigator on the Miller case, but like everyone else in the department, he had some involvement. Every lead was followed, particularly with people who said they may have seen Clark.

In every homicide, family members — particularly spouses and lovers — are looked at first as suspects. Eighty percent of the time, the killer is well known to the victim.

"It's cases like Miller, those 20 percent, that you really hate to let get away from you and go unsolved," Schreiner said.

Mary Lange

The community, still reeling from Miller's brutal slaying, was shocked by another woman's murder less than a year and a half later.

Floating in a brook, her hand seemed to wave from her watery grave to the farmer who found her.

Mary Bernice Lange, 37, had been missing about two days when her fully clothed body was found Dec. 19, 1970, floating in Long Creek along a seldom-used road nine miles west of Burlington.

Lange was married to Marvin Dale Lange, 50, and they had three children, Connie, 18, Danny, 14, and Diane, 11. All lived in their home on Washington Road. Her children last saw her on Dec. 16, 1970, a Wednesday.

At about 7 or 7:30 a.m., Danny, a student at Apollo Junior High, got his mother's permission to go to the YMCA that night.

Sixth-grader Diane returned

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home from school at about 4 p.m. and her mother prepared supper. Mary Lange then left at 7:30 or 8 p.m. for an office Christmas party.

Marvin Lange picked up Danny at the YMCA at about 9 p.m., then drove a cousin, Bill Lange, to Beaverdale Road. Marvin and Danny returned home at about 9:30 p.m. The Lange children, including Connie, a junior college student, stayed up with their father, who eventually went to bed at about 10:30 p.m. Connie wasn't certain when she went to bed.

Mary Lange, a clerk in the municipal court office, was at a party for city employees at Memorial Auditorium. At 8:45 or 9 p.m., she left and met with Charles Robert Hutson, 42, a married man from Galesburg, Ill.

Hutson later told police that after he met Lange, they drove to the Palms Restaurant in Fort Madison for three or four drinks. They left and headed back to Burlington, but pulled off onto a gravel road and parked.

Later, Lange drove to downtown Burlington and dropped off Hutson at about 2:45 a.m. near Fourth and Washington streets before saying she was going home. Hutson walked two or three blocks to his car and drove to the Voyager Motel where he stayed the night.

None of Lange's children heard any noises in the night, and when they awoke the next morning, their mother was not home. Marvin Lange told his children that their mother did not come home, and the three children left for school.

After a chance conversation that afternoon between Mary Lange's sister, Dorothy Malloy, who worked in the courthouse cafeteria, and her sister's coworker, Malloy reported Lange, a normally punctual employee, missing to police.

Police began searching for the woman, described as an attractive brunette, with light brown hair, blue eyes, 130 pounds, wearing a white dress, brown kerchief, two-tone shoes and black fur coat.

Her car was found before she was.

The white 1966 Chevrolet Impala was parked and locked on Smith Street, near Plane and Division streets. It was found at 12:37 a.m. Friday and police said it may have been parked there

early the previous morning.

Inspector James Ewing was in charge of the investigation. Police found blood inside the car and a white shag rug that usually was on the Lange's back porch was folded up in the back seat. Police and Explorer Scouts combed a nearby wooded area, but didn't find anything.

William Moore, a rural Danville farmer, found Mary Lange's body the next day.

Gravediggers from Long Creek Cemetery had left a pile of dirt on the seldom-used road — a popular lovers lane — near Long Creek United Methodist Church and Moore drove a tractor from his nearby farm Saturday morning to spread out the dirt. On his way over the bridge, he noticed a coat caught on a submerged fence and checked it on his way back home. Moore said he saw a hand floating in the creek like it was waving at him. Knowing Mary Lange was missing, he called the sheriff's office.

Lange was fully dressed in clothing that matched those she was last seen wearing. Initially, her purse and a left shoe were not found.

An autopsy determined that she suffered three blows to the head from a blunt object and was unconscious when she was dragged into the creek, probably within an hour of being hit. Investigators surmised the body was taken from the trunk of a car and carried to the creek and dumped into the water.

Drowning was listed as the cause of death, but no time was determined because the body had been in cold water for so long. Lange hadn't been sexually assaulted but did have sexual intercourse shortly before her death.

The road was muddy Wednesday night following a daytime snow storm and a number of foot prints and tire tracks were found in the frozen mud Saturday morning.

Some of her belongings were found along country roads, her black purse in a ditch along Iowa 79 and some items along Skunk River Road. Her purse, which contained an uncashed payroll check and other money, was found west of Middletown along the blacktop leading to Geode State Park.

Thirty-one items, including four sets of fingerprints, were sent to the FBI lab in Washington. Tests were performed on blood, fingerprints, mud and the rug found in her car.

Investigators were careful not to name anyone as a suspect, but Hutson initially was the target.

He denied any knowledge of Lange's disappearance or death. The day after her body was found, the Galesburg man was given a polygraph test by a BCI agent in Cedar Rapids. The test determined he was telling the truth.

Through 1972, investigators spoke with more than 175 people about Lange.

When police asked Marvin Lange why he did not report his wife missing, his attorney, T.K. Ford, noted that she hadn't come home at night on two previous occasions.

Marvin Lange had filed for divorce the previous June, and sought custody of the three children. Mary Lange filed a cross petition. Newspaper stories from the time described Marvin Lange as a wealthy farmer and said a large money settlement was expected.

Ford advised his client not to be interviewed or polygraphed. The Lange farm was searched, but a warrant was not requested.

Marvin Lange knew about Hutson and had several conversations with Hutson's wife. Police asked him about \$2,000 withdrawn from an Illinois bank account about the time of his wife's death.

Don and Ivan Gugeler were interviewed and told police Marvin Lange called them to his house early on Dec. 17. That wasn't all that unusual because during the divorce proceedings, Marvin

Dorothy Miller timeline

Friday, Aug. 15, 1969

Dorothy Miller, a real estate saleswoman, and her husband, Fred, show Robert Clark the house at 118 Grand St.

Monday, Aug. 18

6:30 p.m. Dorothy Miller shows a home to another couple.
7 or 7:30 p.m. Robert Clark receives a call at the Maple Leaf tavern from a woman, walks out of the bar, gets something out of a black truck, then heads down Maple Street.

7:30 p.m. Dorothy Miller picks up Robert Clark outside Riepe Pharmacy, 918 Maple St.

8 p.m. Neighbors see Dorothy Miller and a man go into the house at 118 Grand St.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

5 a.m. Fred Miller awakes to his alarm and realizes his wife is not home; he calls their daughter.

Dorothy Miller's car is found in the 900 block of Elm Street, the keys in the ignition. Miller reports his wife missing to police.

Police find Dorothy Miller's body in a closet in the second-floor bedroom at 118 Grand St..

Friday, Aug. 22

2 p.m. Dorothy Miller's funeral is held.

Mary Lange timeline

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1970

7:30 or 8 p.m. Diane Lange said her mother left for a Christmas party at Memorial Auditorium.

8:45 or 9 p.m. Lange leaves the party early and meets with Charles Robert Hutson. They go to Fort Madison, then head back to Burlington.

Thursday, Dec. 17

2:45 a.m. Lange and Hutson part ways near Fourth and Washington streets.

3 a.m. Brothers Ivan and Don Gugeler are called by Marvin Lange to his home to wait for Mary Lange's return. They leave about 5:30 a.m.

That afternoon, Dorothy Malloy, Mary Lange's sister, reports her missing to police.

Friday, Dec. 18

12:37 a.m. Mary Lange's white 1966 Chevrolet Impala is found, locked, parked on Smith Street, just off Plane Street. Police believe the car was parked there early Thursday morning.

Saturday, Dec. 19

10:05 a.m. Farmer William Moore finds Mary Lange's clothed body floating in Long Creek near a bridge in rural Danville about nine miles west of Burlington.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Mary Lange's funeral is held.

Lange would have people follow his wife. The Gugeler brothers occasionally would come to witness when Mary returned home as information for the divorce.

The night Mary Lange disappeared, the Gugelers were at her home.

Investigators say Marvin Lange called the brothers at their homes at about 2:30 a.m. Dec. 17. They arrived separately, hiding their vehicles down the road, then walking to the Lange home where they met Marvin Lange in a darkened kitchen.

Sitting quietly in the dark, the brothers said they left around 5:30 a.m. when Marvin Lange said his wife probably wasn't coming home that night.

The Gugelers were pallbearers at Mary Lange's funeral a week later.

Then-sheriff Merritt Quick endured a lot of criticism about the case.

"It's a case where all the time in the world is on our side," Quick was quoted in the Burlington Hawk-Eye Gazette. He said he would rather the case go unsolved than charge an innocent person.

The sheriff said authorities were waiting for one good piece of evidence, but he wouldn't say what it was.

The spring of 1971, Moore said he found a mystery book where

he found Lange's body. It was opened to "Murder Against My Will."

Cold case, open case

Quick, who is retired and lives in the Quad Cities, still thinks about Mary Lange, even though he met her only once and most of what he knew about her came from talking to other people after her death.

From the day Lange was found until he left office in 1972, the case was worked on almost daily.

"Somebody was working it practically constantly," Quick said. "It was pretty well covered."

Thirty years ago, the sheriff's office didn't have any detectives. Investigators from the Burlington Police Department and BCI joined deputies on the case.

"Anybody we could get to do something," Quick said.

Lange was the only one of six homicides in 1970 that the state BCI did not solve.

Evidence collection was relatively primitive and there was little to be gleaned from items sent to the FBI lab.

"It was mostly just what you could collect at the scene and people you talked to, trying to come up with a pattern," Quick said.

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bined 25 electoral votes) favor Kerry over Bush by a few percentage points. Gore carried them in 2000.

■ **Lean Bush** — North Carolina, Colorado, Louisiana, Arizona, Virginia, Arkansas and Missouri (a combined 73 electoral votes) give Bush modest leads. He won all seven in 2000.

All total, 21 states are in play. Some will bounce between "lean" to "toss-up" throughout the campaign.

Seeking numbers

Four years ago, Bush won 30 states and their 271 electoral votes — one more than needed. Gore, who won the popular vote, claimed 20 states plus the District of Columbia for 267 electoral votes.

Since then, reapportionment

added electoral votes to states with population gains and took them from states losing people. The result: Bush's states are now worth 278 electoral votes and Gore's are worth just 260.

Even if Kerry consolidates Gore's states, no easy task, the Democrat must take 10 electoral votes from Bush's column to close the electoral vote gap.

Kerry's best prospects may be in the five toss-up states won by Bush in 2000: Ohio, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire and West Virginia.

Winning either Ohio's 20 electoral votes or Florida's 27 would do the trick.

Bush easily won Ohio in 2000, but its lagging economy puts the state in play. Kerry must still reduce Bush's advantages among conservative, rural voters. Florida should favor Bush a bit more than in 2000, partly because of its relatively strong economy, but the war in Iraq has helped keep the race close.

Nevada and West Virginia have a combined 10 electoral votes, enough to close the gap. New Hampshire, which neighbors Kerry's home state of Massachusetts, has four.

West Virginia voted Democratic for decades until Bush made values an issue in 2000; Kerry is stressing the theme this year. In Nevada, an influx of Hispanics and the administration's push to use Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste site make the state tougher for Bush than in 2000.

Six of the 11 toss-up states were won by Gore: Pennsylvania, Oregon, Michigan, Iowa, New Mexico and Wisconsin. But the margin of victory was just a few thousand votes in Iowa, New Mexico and Wisconsin — meaning Kerry has his work cut out to keep them.

Of the three, Bush likes his chances best in Wisconsin, where he is targeting rural voters in a bid to widen the electoral gap by 10 votes.

Working strategies

Flush with money and leading a united party, Kerry increased his odds by expanding the playing field into a handful of GOP states that Bush easily won in 2000, including Arkansas, Louisiana, Arizona, Virginia and Colorado. Results have been mixed.

After testing the waters, Kerry pulled his ads from Arkansas and Louisiana, and downgraded his focus on Virginia and Arizona. Hispanic voters make Colorado a prime target, but Democrats acknowledge it's a tough state to win.

"The race is still fundamentally tied, and the Electoral College map reflects that," said Bush strategist Matthew Dowd. "But there is beginning to be a slight tilt toward us with Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri and Arizona no longer being seriously contested."

Kerry added another Republican-leaning state to his target list

when he chose Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina as his running mate. Aides are divided over whether North Carolina will remain a battleground through November, but its 15 electoral votes are too tempting to ignore.

Missouri, a traditional battleground, recently moved to the Bush-leaning category and is being written off by some Democrats. The Kerry campaign reduced its ad campaign in the state after polls showed him consistently 4 to 6 percentage points behind Bush, with little room for improvement.

Republican advantages in rural Missouri and the fast-growing exurbs make the state tough for Democrats, but Kerry likely will keep it on the table through November in case the political winds shift. Besides, abandoning a traditional battleground would be embarrassing.

The four-term Massachusetts senator has begun to gather strength in traditionally Democratic states such as Maine, Min-

nesota and Washington. All were toss-ups in the spring, but now lean toward Kerry. A good convention could push Pennsylvania and Oregon into the lean-Kerry category.

Recent polls give Kerry an edge in both states, but strategists for Kerry and Bush say the races are still toss-up.

"There is an angry feeling toward the incumbent because of Iraq," said David Sweet, who managed Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell's 2000 campaign. "I think Kerry will win in the end, but that's partly based on an assumption of things to come. It's close."

Of the states won by Gore, Pennsylvania is by far Bush's top target. The president has spent millions of dollars in the state on commercials and has visited it more than any other contested state — 30 trips since his inauguration.

For Kerry, losing Pennsylvania would create a virtually insurmountable electoral vote gap.

Chief

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As with most reforms, there are pros — and cons.

Today, based on the 1947 National Security Act, the CIA director not only heads his own agency but also oversees the intelligence community, which has grown to 15 agencies. But the director has neither budgetary authority nor day-to-day operational control of the other agencies, most of which are part of the Defense Department.

Opponents have a long list of reasons why they advise caution. One is that the CIA director's job was created intentionally to insulate it from the politics of policymaking that could intrude if the person sat on the Cabinet.

"A Senate-confirmed intelligence director sitting in the White House would be in the hip pocket of the president," said Anthony Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union. "That individual would not have the kind of independence you need in that kind of role."

Critics also worry about new

layers of staffing and bureaucracy that likely would come with creation of the new job.

"I can guarantee you would have a staff of hundreds in short order," said Lee Strickland, who retired from the CIA in December after 30 years and now teaches at the University of Maryland.

Key congressional intelligence leaders are skeptical — at a minimum. Senate Intelligence Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., says any changes must be carefully considered.

And House Intelligence Chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla., said no

matter how wonderful the proposal appears, turf wars will interfere. "In Washington, it won't work. It's impractical," said Goss, who has proposed alternate legislation that would give the CIA chief more power.

Still, those who favor the new intelligence chief idea say the current system simply isn't working. Created after the Cold War, when the intelligence community was much smaller, the CIA director's job has grown into a massive undertaking.

"The community's head — the Director of Central Intelligence — has at least three jobs: run-

ning the CIA, coordinating the 15-agency confederation and being the intelligence analyst-in-chief to the president. No one person can do all these things," the Sept. 11 commission said in its final report released last week.

Because of limitations on the CIA director's control over the intelligence community, the commissioners worried that the president ultimately winds up overseeing intelligence — along with his vast domestic and foreign policy portfolio.

"The answer to the question that I repeatedly asked and

numbers of us asked in our hearings — 'Who is in charge? Who is our quarterback?' — was almost uniformly the president of the United States," said commission member Jamie Gorelick, a Democrat. "But this is not his full-time job. And it is an impossible situation for that to remain the case."

Advocates for the new position also dispute the idea that it would be too political. They note that the chairman of the Joint Chiefs, all the military combat commanders and the existing central intelligence director are appointed by the president.

Allawi

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lim countries to send troops here.

Militants grabbed Mohammed Mamdouh Helmi Qutb, described as the third-ranking diplomat at the Egyptian mission here, as he walked out of a mosque Friday. In a video released by "The Lions of Allah Brigade," the militants said they had taken Qutb to deter Egypt from sending troops.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit appealed to the kidnappers Saturday to show mercy and said his government was working quietly to free Qutb and an Egyptian truck driver held by other militants.

"We will not abandon Egyptian citizens in that way," he said, adding that "it is a very sensitive situation."

Early Saturday, gunmen grabbed Raad Adnan, general director of Al-Mansour Contracting

Co., in an audacious daylight operation in southeastern Baghdad.

The kidnappers, wearing police uniforms, set up a fake checkpoint in the Zaieuna neighborhood and stopped Adnan's car, taking him and his driver hostage, according to police Sgt. Ahmed Ismael. Adnan's driver was quickly released, Ismael said.

Al-Mansour is a government-owned construction company that does building work for Iraq's ministries. Adnan, a construction engineer, was a member of the Baath party and helped build some of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces.

The 15-month-old insurgency, punctuated by the kidnappings, almost daily bombings, attacks and sabotage, has badly damaged Iraq's efforts to rebuild the country after years of war and sanctions.

On Saturday, gunmen in three cars attacked a convoy carrying west Baghdad's police chief as he

passed near the town of Mahmudiya south of Baghdad. Two bodyguards were killed, but the police chief, Brig. Sabah Fahad, escaped unharmed, said Mahmudiya hospital director, Dawoud al-Taie.

Attackers in two cars opened fire on a group of policemen at a checkpoint in the al-Shurta district of Baghdad on Saturday, injuring seven policemen, the Interior Ministry said.

A rocket exploded in the downtown Jubairya district in the northern city of Samarra killing one man and injuring three other civilians early Saturday, police Maj. Sadoun al-Dulaimi said.

In volatile Anbar province west of Baghdad, a U.S. Marine died Saturday of wounds sustained during "security and stability operations" Friday, the military said.

And late Friday, saboteurs set off two explosions on an oil pipeline about 12 miles south of Samarra, police Capt. Khaled Abdul-Amir said Saturday. The

pipeline stretches about 124 miles from al-Dora oil refinery in Baghdad to Beiji, north of Samarra. The extent of the damage was unclear.

Allawi was defiant in the face of new violence.

"We are not going to give up. We are going to win, we assure you. We will prevail and the terrorists will be brought to justice," Allawi said Saturday.

But Qutb's kidnapping already has hurt the government.

Egypt said earlier this week it would consider sending troops here after Iraqis restored calm, but after Qutb's abduction, Aboul Gheit said that "sending troops or Egyptian military personnel to Iraq is not an issue on the table at all for Egypt."

Iraqi officials said Saturday they were working furiously to secure Qutb's release.

"We will spare no effort to free the Egyptian diplomat," Iraqi Deputy Foreign Minister Hamed al-Bayati said.

Meanwhile, officials continued to work to free three Kenyans, three Indians and an Egyptian held by a different militant group.

That group, "The Holders of the Black Banners," demanded Wednesday that the truck drivers' company stop doing business in Iraq and their countries withdraw their citizens or it would begin beheading hostages Saturday night.

In a new video Friday, it upped those demands, saying their employer must pay compensation for those killed by U.S. forces in the city of Fallujah and demanding the release of all Iraqi detainees in Kuwaiti and U.S. prisons. It gave a 48-hour deadline, but it was unclear if the deadline had been changed to today or if the tape was old.

Though the new conditions were unlikely to be met, Indian officials said they were optimistic.

"The indications from our

diplomatic missions in Iraq, Kuwait and Cairo are that possibly this problem will be resolved soon," Indian External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh told reporters in India.

Singh said the kidnappers did not appear to be political, but rather "irresponsible people who take such steps for money."

Militants in recent months have kidnapped roughly 70 foreigners in their campaign to force countries to withdraw troops and to scare away contractors working on reconstruction projects. At least three hostages have been beheaded, a practice that has stirred opposition from many Iraqis.

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Bringing It Home

Cases

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As for who was — and still is, in his mind — the prime suspect, Quick said he wouldn't say because the case still is active.

"Knowing and proving is two different things," Quick said.

Today, investigators turn to DNA and other techniques to help solve crimes. For example, tests could have determined if Mary Lange's blood was in the car and on the rug. Back then, only the blood type could have been determined. With today's technology, police may have been able to identify the tire tracks or muddy shoe prints near the creek.

"I'm sure the crime lab back in 1970 and 1971 wasn't near as advanced as they are today," said Mark McIntyre, one of two detectives currently at the sheriff's department.

The box that holds the files, yellowed pages and fading photographs on the Mary Lange case would take at least a month just to review, McIntyre said.

The department's other de-

tective, Brett Grimshaw, said many times people call with information about old cases and that's when the files are retrieved and reviewed.

"You just go back and dig out the file and read through it," said Grimshaw, Darren Grimshaw's brother.

It's difficult to drop everything and pick up a cold case. In larger departments, special teams are assigned to old cases, but with only two detectives there just isn't time.

"With everything that's going on today it's pretty much impossible," Brett Grimshaw said.

Murder cases are never closed, so any time new evidence is presented, the case is reviewed.

"This is how even somehow after 35, 40 years you might close a case," Schreiner said. "It's perhaps the only way you might close a cold case like this."

The Dorothy Miller case probably has been reopened a half dozen or so times over the years when the police either received new information or a name similar to Clark's was linked to a homicide.

Law agencies still request in-

formation about the suspect, Darren Grimshaw said.

About a year ago, he came across a case in an FBI bulletin that captured his attention. A prison inmate, then in his 60s with a name similar to Clark's, was being looked at for homicides in other parts of the country between 1967 and 1970. A transient who drove a truck and traveled extensively, the man would lure women into vacant houses and rape them. One woman nearly was killed and was left in a closet with her hands bound.

Could the inmate be Dorothy Miller's killer?

Darren Grimshaw called the FBI agent and crossed his fingers.

"Unfortunately, we were able to verify he was in jail at the exact same time (that Dorothy Miller was killed)," he said. "But for a short period of time it looked real good."

He said there probably isn't a local investigator who hasn't pulled out the Dorothy Miller case files and looked at them.

"It's one of those things where every investigator would like to be the one who cracks the case,"

Darren Grimshaw said.

Detectives hope that by talking about Dorothy Miller and Mary Lange, they might turn up some clues. Someone may have mentioned their involvement in a casual conversation. The crime happened more than 30 years ago, so maybe those involved no longer are fearful to tell about what happened to the women.

To take a cold case and solve it would be rewarding, Darren Grimshaw said. Victims often have family members still alive who would like to know what happened to their loved one.

"And we would like to solve it, although it's been 35 years. It still hasn't given any closure to the family," he said.

Marvin Lange remarried but still lives in the same house on Washington Road. When called for a comment on Mary Lange's death, he said, "I'm content to let dead dogs lay."

"You pick up the pieces and go from there. That's all I've got to say," Marvin Lange said, then put down the phone.

Next: Authorities investigating the Miller and Lange cases are confronted with another case

— one that gets even more per-

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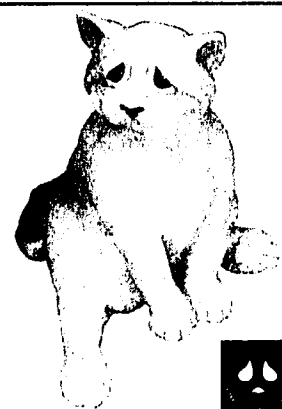
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