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Inquiry examines failure of steel

Pieces of metal go to lab for analysis

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Investigators are focusing on failed steel as a possible cause for the deadly I-280 truss crane collapse last month, and have sent several pieces to a laboratory for analysis, The Blade has learned.

Jule Jones, head of the Toledo office of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said yesterday that investigators sent "fairly large pieces" of fractured steel to Lehigh University in eastern Pennsylvania earlier this week.

The Lehigh laboratory specializes in testing the integrity of steel structures.

"Obviously there was a failure and we need to determine through testing and interviewing and investigative techniques what failed first," Ms. Jones said. She emphasized investigators have not ruled out other causes.

"At this point," she said, "we just need to get input from the expert metallurgists."

Four men were killed and four others were injured after one of two 1.8-million-pound

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Spain terror blasts kill 192



Emergency workers unfurl blankets to cover victims alongside a bomb-damaged passenger train in Madrid. A series of explosions killed scores.

Group linked to al-Qaeda says it bombed trains

LOS ANGELES TIMES
MADRID — In the most devastating terrorist attack in Spanish history, 10 bombs that detonated minutes apart ripped through crowded commuter trains at three Madrid stations early yesterday, killing nearly 200 people, wounding 1,400, and sending this capital into convulsions of shock and horror three days before a national election.

Authorities immediately blamed the Basque separatist group ETA for the deadliest acts of terrorism seen in Europe in almost two decades. But the scale of carnage went far beyond anything the separatists had ever carried out and led to speculation that other groups might be responsible. Interior Minister Angel Acebes initially said it was "absolutely clear" that ETA was

responsible. Late yesterday, however, he went before reporters to say police had recovered a stolen van with seven bomb detonators and a tape recording of Qur'anic verses read in Arabic. The van was found in a suburb where the targeted trains originated, he said. "I have instructed security forces not to discard any line of investigation," Mr. Acebes said.

A short time later, an Arabic-language newspaper in London said it had received a letter purporting to claim responsibility for the bombings in the name of al-Qaeda, having "infiltrated the heart of Europe." The rush-hour blasts paralyzed Madrid. Political parties canceled what remained of

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Relatives of bombing victims gather outside Madrid's Gregorio Maranon hospital.

Probe's focus shifts when van is found

Separatists were initially blamed

WASHINGTON POST
WASHINGTON — U.S. officials cited circumstantial evidence yesterday that Islamic terrorists may have been behind the bombings in Madrid, but cautioned it was too early to tell whether al-Qaeda or one of its affiliates was responsible. The attacks, in which 10 bombs exploded in trains and stations along a commuter line in Spain's capital city, bore several hallmarks of Osama bin Laden's network or its allies, including the synchronized nature of the explosions and the clear targeting of civilians, counterterrorism officials said.

Spanish officials, who initially placed blame for the bombings on the Basque separatist group ETA, said later in the day that new lines of investigation were opened after police discovered a van with detonators and an audiotape of verses from the Qur'an. The vehicle was parked near a station where three of the targeted commuter trains had originated. In addition, a shadowy group affiliated with al-Qaeda, the Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades, sent e-mails to two Arabic newspapers in London claiming responsibility.

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FORMER NRC OFFICIAL Davis-Besse woes rated among America's worst

By **TOM HENRY**
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WASHINGTON — Former President Jimmy Carter's point man at the scene of the Three Mile Island meltdown in 1979 yesterday said he ranks the near-rupture of Davis-Besse's reactor head in 2002 as "the second most important event in the history of [U.S.] nuclear safety."

Harold Denton, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's nuclear reactor regulation chief in 1979, ranked the 1985 Davis-Besse shutdown because of reactor coolant as the third

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Former congressional aide accused of helping Iraqi spies

NEW YORK TIMES
WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors charged a former congressional aide yesterday with working with Iraqi intelligence before the war. Investigators said she had tried to influence U.S. policy toward Iraq by presenting herself as an intermediary to a highly placed relative, Andrew Card, Jr., the White House chief of staff. The woman, Susan P. Lindauer, 40, was arrested by federal agents at her home in Takoma Park, Md., outside Washington. In New York, federal prosecutors unsealed an



Lindauer

indictment that said she had repeatedly with representatives of the Iraqi intelligence service starting in 1999 and that she had traveled to Baghdad in 2002 for meetings with Iraqi intelligence officials. Speaking to television news reporters as she was led away from an FBI office outside of Baltimore, Ms. Lindauer

described herself as an anti-war activist and said she was innocent. "I did more to stop terrorism in this country than anybody else," she said. She was later released on \$500,000 bond after a bail hearing at the U.S. District Court in Baltimore. She faces arraignment on Monday in New York on charges of conspiring to act as an unregistered agent of a foreign government, acting as an unregistered agent, and illegally accepting money from the Iraqi government, including \$5,000 given to her

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