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## Pennsylvania to participate in anti-huff program

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pennsylvania will be among six states that will participate in an anti-huffing program for teenagers who use inhalants to get high.

The experimental program was to be announced Tuesday in Washington, D.C., the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported, and will provide schools with information about inhalant abuse.

The Alliance for Consumer Education and the American School Counselor Association are sponsoring the program. The organizations estimate that nearly half of parents mention the abuse of inhalants — more commonly known as huffing — when discussing drug abuse with their children.

About one of every five students has abused inhalants by eighth grade, according to the Alliance for Consumer Education. Though deaths are relatively rare, huffing can cause brain, heart, lung, kidney and liver damage.

Pennsylvania was chosen in part because the state's new driving under the influence law addresses huffing, according to program spokesman Edward F. Tate III.

"We wanted a state that had an awareness of the problem and a strong interest in it," said Tate.

C. Stephen Erni, executive director of the Pennsylvania DUI Association, said the group supported the addition of inhalants to the recent DUI law revisions. The group is scheduling workshops to teach law enforcement officers how to detect inhalant abuse.

"Unless the suspect is vomiting or there is a strong chemical odor, inhalant abuse is hard to spot," Erni said.

Ohio, Virginia, Texas, Alabama and Alaska will also participate. As many as 90 percent of elementary-school children in Alaska have at least tried huffing, according to some estimates, Tate said.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Preventable obesity deaths on the rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are sitting around and eating themselves to death, with obesity closing in on tobacco as the nation's No. 1 underlying preventable killer.

The government is offering constructive, even lighthearted, advice to fight what it calls an epidemic of expanding waistlines. Americans will be told in a new ad campaign they can lose midsection "love handles" and double chins one step at a time if they eat less and exercise more.

## Pakistan tests missile capable of reaching India

By Paul Haven  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan on Tuesday test-fired the most advanced missile in its arsenal, capable of delivering a nuclear warhead deep inside rival India.

Although advance word to India averted a crisis, the launch of the Shaheen 2 is a vivid reminder of the stakes at play as South Asia's traditional enemies try to cement a fragile peace.

The missile has a range of 1,250 miles, meaning it could easily hit Bombay, New Delhi, Lucknow, Jaipur and other major Indian cities.

"Pakistan today successfully carried out the maiden test fire of the Shaheen 2 surface-to-surface ballistic missile," a military statement said.

Pakistan made certain to inform India in advance, and the test was not likely to damage relations that are rapidly improving. India's external affairs and defense ministries declined comment on the test.

The timing seemed more linked to internal Pakistani politics, with President Gen. Pervez Musharraf facing anger at home over an investigation into a black market run by rogue Pakistani scientists that allegedly sold nuclear know-how to Iran, Libya and North Korea.

Many Pakistanis feel the scientists have been scapegoats and accuse Musharraf of jeopardizing the nation's nuclear program under pressure from the West.

The president, a key ally in the U.S.-led war on terror, announced plans to test-fire the Shaheen 2 at the same Feb. 5 news conference in which he pardoned Abdul Qadeer Khan, the father of Pakistan's nuclear program, who

#### Pakistan tests long range missile

On Tuesday, Pakistan tested its Shaheen 2 surface-to-surface ballistic missile, capable of carrying a nuclear warhead and hitting targets deep inside India.



SOURCES: ESRI; GlobalSecurity.org

confessed to heading the nuclear proliferation ring.

Khan has been under virtual house arrest since the pardon, and at least six other scientists and administrators are in custody.

"This is internal politics," said Shahid ur-Rehman, the author of a widely read book about Pakistan's nuclear program. "It was basically aimed at quieting the Pakistani people who have been accusing Musharraf of rolling back the nuclear program."

The tests did cause uneasiness abroad, however.

Japan said it "regrets" Pakistan test-firing a ballistic missile amid the international community's efforts to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles," the Kyodo news agency reported.

There was no immediate reaction in Washington or Israel. Jerusalem is 2,200 miles from Islamabad, almost twice as far as the range of the missile.



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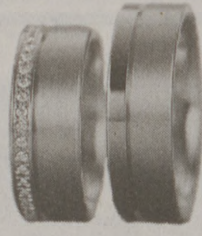
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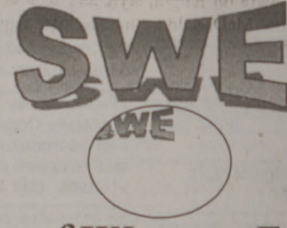
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Application forms should be picked up and returned to Dell Bornsquia, Student Media business coordinator, in Room 011A Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: noon Tuesday, March 23, 2004. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Media Board Meeting beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 25, 2004, in room 221F Reed McDonald.

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