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CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2004 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s) **Project Number** Maxwell M. Mileck J1812 **Project Title Truss Bridge's Arch Enemy** Abstract **Objectives/Goals** To discover which bridge has the structural strength to withstand more weight, the arch or the truss. Methods/Materials I constructed the two bridges using paper and glue. I made two bridges of equal length. I applied sand as a weight in 150-gram increments. I added weight until the bridges collapsed. I then repaired the bridges and retested them. **Results** The truss bridge held much more weight than the arch bridge. **Conclusions/Discussion** To span gaps I would use the truss bridge, not the arch bridge, because it is stronger. **Summary Statement** Testing the strength of arch and truss bridges. Help Received