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South Carolina stops Arkansas 91-81 in SEC Tournament. - Sports, 1C





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shreds trains

at rush hour

BY MAR ROMAN

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

of bombs hidden in backpacks

exploded in quick succession

Thursday, blowing apart four

commuter trains and killing at

least 192 people and wound-

ing more than 1,400. Spain at

first blamed Basque sepa-

ratists, but a shadowy group

claimed responsibility in the

name of al-Qaida for the worst

terrorist attack in Spanish his-

muters trampled one anoth-

er, abandoning their bags and

of the bombs **BOMBINGS**

turned into nose dive on

with corpses. Cell phones rang

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its place in the history of in-

famy," Prime Minister Jose

days ahead of Spain's general

election on Sunday. A major

campaign issue was how to

deal with ETA, the Basque mil-

itant group that is seeking

"March 11, 2004, now holds

The bombing came three

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Maria Aznar said.

Panicked rush-hour com-

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over terror

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were **DOW TAKES**

MADRID, Spain — A series

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In the news

- Sandra Anderson, a trainer and handler of cadaver-sniffing dogs who has been featured on Unsolved Mysteries, pleaded guilty in Detroit to federal charges in the planting of bones and evidence such as bodily fluids on the job.
- Manuel Noriega was denied early release from a Miami prison by the U.S. Parole Commission despite a letter from his federal sentencing judge, William Hoeveler, who said the former Panamanian dictator has spent enough time behind bars for his 1992 drugtrafficking conviction.
- Anthony Raimondo, the chief executive of Nebraska's Behlen Manufacturing Co., withdrew himself from consideration to become President Bush's point man on manufacturing amid Democratic questions about his stance on shifting U.S. jobs to foreign countries.
- Robert Lee McKiernan, 35, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was arrested on drug and theft charges when sheriff's deputies tracing who stole Hostess Ho Hos and Cinnamon Crumb Cakes from a barn at an Amish farm near Hazleton said they found the snacks and materi-

als to make methamphetamine

in his car.

- Mikhail Khodorkovsky, former head of Russia's Yukos oil company, and 20 of his associates were targeted by Swiss banking officials who froze \$5 billion in accounts as part of a Russian probe into money-laundering allegations.
- Melissa Ann Rowland. 28, was charged with murder in Salt Lake City after prosecutors accused her of ignoring medical warnings to have a Caesarean section to save her twins, one of whom was stillborn, because she didn't want surgery scars.
- Robert Creamer, 56, the husband of Democratic Rep. Jan Schakowsky of Illinois, was indicted in Chicago on federal charges regarding check-kiting schemes that defrauded banks out of about \$2.3 million.
- Jack Whittaker, who hit the \$314.9 million Powerball jackpot on Christmas 2002, was in one week the target of an office burglary in which police said he lost \$2000, a property theft from his vehicle and was sued by a racetrack employee who said he assaulted her.
- **Bruce Jermaine Hall**, 26, has pleaded guilty to drug possession in Blaine, Minn., after showing up at the Northtown Mall security office just as guards were opening the duffel bag he lost there a year earlier, finding marijuana, cash and Hall's ID cards.
- **Tom Ridge**, the homeland security secretary on a visit to Bangkok, praised Thailand for helping Washington's war on terrorism, as the country agreed to adopt a U.S.-promoted computer system that scans travel records for terrorism suspects.

WEATHER

ARKANSAS

Today Sunny to partly cloudy

High In the mid-50s to low 60s. **Tonight** Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers to the west. **Low** Upper 30s and low 40s.

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Justices put halt to gay 'nuptials'

'Licensing' ceases in San Francisco

BY DAVID KRAVETS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court on Thursday ordered an immediate halt to gay "marriages" in San Francisco.

The court did not rule on their legality, and justices indicated that they would decide in the coming months whether San Francisco's mayor had the authority to allow them. The dispute began Feb. 12,

when Mayor Gavin Newsom ordered his administration to issue same-sex "marriage licenses." A stream of gay couples from around the country responded to the offer. By Thursday, more than 3,700 couples had taken part in such ceremonies. The action by California's

highest court came two weeks after state Attorney General Bill Lockyer and a conservative group asked the seven justices to immediately block the ceremonies.

The justices ruled unanimously that Newsom must "refrain from issu-



tificates not authorized" by California marriage laws. Thev restored order to

chaos in San

Francisco," said Ioshua Carden, an attorney with the conservative Alliance Defense Fund.

Newsom's spokesman, Peter Ragone, said the city would comply with the ruling as soon as officials receive the order.

Jon Davidson, an attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gayrights legal aid group, said the ruling simply puts the issue on hold for now.

"The court has put everything on pause rather than stop," he said. "They are saying that until we hear this, you are on pause."

Had the court declined to intervene, the legal battle over gay marriage in California would have taken years as gaymarriage lawsuits traveled through the state's lower courts.

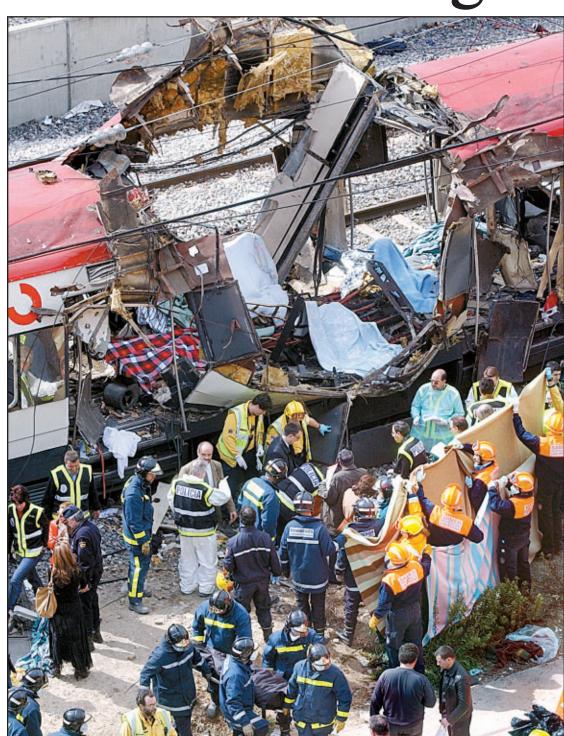
Newsom's defiance of California law prompted a few other cities across the nation to follow suit, and President Bush last month said he would back a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex mar-The California court's ac-

tion came as Massachusetts lawmakers reconvened Thursday to consider a ban on gay marriage. They gave preliminary approval to a proposal that would ban gay marriage but allow civil unions

Massachusetts' highest court ruled in November that it was unconstitutional to prevent gays from marrying — a ruling that sparked a legislative scramble to amend the state constitution. Under that decision, which

was reaffirmed in February, gay marriages will become legal in See HALT, Page 3A

Madrid bombings kill 192 Terror attack



Firefighters carry a body on a stretcher from a bomb-damaged passenger train after a number of explosions in Madrid, Spain, on Thursday The terrorist attack, which killed more than 190, was Europe's worst since the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people.

clared.

greater autonomy. Campaigning for the election was called off, and three days of mourning were de-

The bombings occurred ex-See **BOMBINGS**, Page 8A

Bush keeps 9/11 at heart of campaign

Kerry refuses to back off calling GOP critics 'crooked ... lying group'

BY JENNIFER LOVEN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST MEADOW, N.Y. -President Bush defied criticism and kept the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks at the center of his re-election campaign Thursday, somberly helping dedicate a new memorial to victims with a spade of dirt and hugs for the still grieving. Meanwhile, Democratic pres-

idential candidate John Kerry rejected demands that he apologize for calling his critics in

I've ever seen." Kerry, just a handful of dele-

gates shy of the number needed to win the Democratic nomination, returned to Capitol Hill on Thursday to meet privately with House and Senate Democrats, including one-time rival John Edwards. Drawing more attention, however, was reaction to his offhand remark while campaigning Wednesday in Chicago. Republicans quickly defor a presidential candidate.

"I have no intention what-

soever of apologizing for my remarks," Kerry said during a news conference on the Senate side of the Capitol. "I think the Republicans need to start talking about the real issues before the House Speaker Dennis

Hastert, R-Ill., meeting with other GOP leaders in his House office, said the remark offended

the Republican Party "the most crooked, you know, lying group mark they said was unbecoming off on the wrong foot in this campaign by name-calling," Hastert said. "We're not lying when we start saying that Sen. Kerry is the old-time Democrat

of tax and spend." Kerry said he was referring to Republican critics who dis-

tort his record. "There is a Republican attack squad that specializes in trying to destroy people and be nega-

tive," he said. "I haven't said any-See CAMPAIGN, Page 5A

Gear for 'Go, Wes, Go' to be going, going, gone

Sale today closes Clark-campaign chapter The auction is another in a

BY ANDREW DEMILLO ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Just a few months ago, the rallying cry for Wesley Clark's presidential campaign was "Go, Wes, Go.' Now, it's "Everything must

Remnants of the retired general's thwarted presidential aspirations, ranging from computers to candy bars, will go on the auction block this morning in downtown Little Rock.

long series of steps to dismantle the Arkansan's campaign operation. Money raised from the auction will help pay down the debt incurred during Clark's sixmonth campaign. Clark, who launched his campaign for the Democratic

presidential nomination in September, bowed out Feb. 11 after losses in the Tennessee and Virginia primaries See **AUCTION**, Page 10A



Rita Wooley with Wooley Auctioneers takes inventory Thursday at the former Clark for President campaign headquarters at Union Station in

Little Rock. Today, everything from computers to phones, staplers and all sorts of Clark memorabilia will be auctioned.

On-air indecency would draw \$500,000 fine under House-passed bill BY JONATHAN D. SALANT proved 391-22, broadcast comincluded provocative dancing do much to change the behavior - and every American who

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The

House voted overwhelmingly Thursday to dramatically increase fines for broadcast indecency on the heels of public anger over a Super Bowl half-Under the legislation, ap-

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panies and entertainers could be fined up to \$500,000 per indecent event, a huge jump from the current \$27,500 for license holders and \$11,000 for performers. The Federal Communications Commission has received more

than a half-million complaints

about the halftime show, which

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and sexually explicit lyrics in addition to the much-publicized exposure of Janet Jackson's breast. That is more than twice as many complaints as the FCC received in all of 2003. Rep. Mike Ross, D-Ark., was among those who voted for the

bill. "A fine of \$27,500 may not

he said.

of a broadcaster or entertainer who has millions, but I can assure you that half a million will," Republican Rep. John Booz-

man and Democratic Reps. Marion Berry and Vic Snyder of Ar-

deserve this bill," said House Majority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo. 'It's time to return the public airwaves to the taxpayers who support them." The measure now goes to the Senate, where the Commerce

turns on a television or radio -

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kansas also voted for the bill.

"Parents, families, educators