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LADIES  
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ALICIA KEYS,  
PERFORMING WITH  
BEYONCE AND MISSY  
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HER OWN RULES, 6G



CALLE  
OCHO

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CHARGED AS  
HUSSEIN SPY

A FORMER  
CONGRESSIONAL  
AIDE IS ACCUSED  
OF BEING A  
SPY FOR IRAQ

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NOTIFICATION

A VOTE IS LIKELY ON  
PARENTS' BEING  
NOTIFIED OF THEIR  
YOUNG DAUGHTERS'  
ABORTIONS

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LURE FOR FTAA:  
MORE FREEBIES

CITIES VYING TO BE  
FREE-TRADE  
HEADQUARTERS ARE  
OFFERING FREE  
HOMES AND LAND

SPORTS, 1D

PENALTY  
FOR HOCKEY HIT

TODD BERTUZZI IS  
SUSPENDED THE REST  
OF THE SEASON FOR  
A HIT THAT BROKE A  
PLAYER'S NECK

WEATHER



Lots of sun  
and low  
humidity

HIGH 78 | LOW 61 | UV 9  
Mixed sun and clouds  
over the weekend. Bryan  
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TERROR ATTACK IN SPAIN | FULL COVERAGE, 22-23A

## 'THIS IS MASS MURDER'

10 BOMBS ABOARD 4 TRAINS KILL 190 IN MADRID



PAUL WHITE/AP



JOSE HUESCA/EFE

VICTIMS: Rescue workers, above, cover bodies near one of the trains damaged in the Madrid bombings. Two of the injured, left, wait for help near the Atocha station.

### Separatists, al Qaeda suspected

■ Bombs rip through passenger trains during Madrid's morning rush hour in the bloodiest such attack in Spain's history.

BY MATTHEW SCHOFIELD  
Knight Ridder News Service

MADRID — The bombs were hidden in backpacks.

Then, just as workers and students in Spain's capital began their daily commute, 10 terrorist explosions blew apart trains. The blasts killed more than 190 people, wounded some 1,400 and left a scar on a

nation's psyche.

Now the world wants to know: Who did it?

Government officials quickly blamed the attack, which came three days before national elections, on the Basque separatist group ETA.

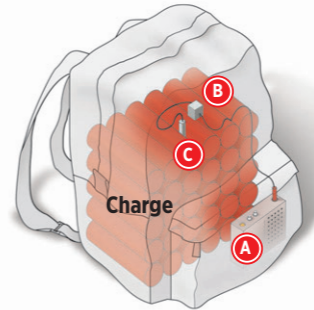
The group has waged a bloody 40-year campaign for independence. However, a letter sent to an Arabic-language newspaper in London later claimed that the attacks were carried out by al Qaeda but

• TURN TO MADRID, 23A

### Deadly backpacks

The 10 bombs exploded in a 15-minute span.

- A Radio control mechanism receives remote signal.
- B Detonator activated.
- C Detonator sets off explosive.



- POSSIBLE SUSPECTS: AL QAEDA HAS LONG HISTORY IN SPAIN, 22A
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### Where backpack explosions occurred on the Atocha station train

Destination: Alcalá de Henares-Alcobendas



SOURCE: El Mundo

EL MUNDO, HERALD STAFF

### PRESCRIPTION BENEFITS

## Medicare drug costs ordered withheld

■ A White House health-cost estimator says he would have been fired if he had told Congress of higher costs for a prescription-drug benefit.

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WASHINGTON — The government's top expert on Medicare costs was warned that he would be fired if

he told key lawmakers about a series of Bush administration cost estimates that could have torpedoed congressional passage of the White House-backed Medicare prescription-drug

plan.

When the House of Representatives passed the controversial benefit by five votes last November, the White House was embracing an estimate by the Congressional Budget

• TURN TO MEDICARE, 2A

### CRISIS IN HAITI

## Fatal ambush cuts off voyage to escape slums

■ Witnesses say gunmen killed up to 15 Haitians in a group of 115 trying to board a boat to escape the Port-au-Prince slums for Miami.

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PORT-AU-PRINCE — Under the cover of darkness they trudged out across a wasteland of burning trash that juts into the sea. They handed over the savings they had scraped together and stepped aboard a waiting boat — 115 desperate people ready to set sail for Miami.

The bullet-riddled bodies began

floating up the next day.

"I was just trying to take a boat to anywhere because this country is hopeless," said Alex Sano, 19, who survived the Feb. 23 ambush in the Port-au-Prince slum of Wharf Jérémie by swimming into the night.

Sano and a second witness said a group of thugs from the neighboring slum of Cité Soleil had stolen their money, then opened fire.

• TURN TO AMBUSH, 14A

■ HAITI'S NEW PRIME MINISTER BEGINS PICKING CABINET, WHILE ARISTIDE MAKES PLANS TO VISIT JAMAICA, 14A



PETER ANDREW BOSCH/HERALD STAFF

WHARF JEREMIE: Boat people were robbed, shot in the bay below.

### THE COURTS

## Same-sex marriages halted in California

■ California's Supreme Court orders a halt to same-sex weddings in San Francisco. In Massachusetts, lawmakers give preliminary assent to a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage but allow civil unions.

BY DAVID KRAVETS  
Associated Press

The California Supreme Court ordered an immediate halt to same-sex weddings in San Francisco on Thursday as Massachusetts lawmakers gave preliminary approval to a constitutional amendment to ban marriage for gays in the only state where it has been ruled legal.

Tearful couples were quickly turned away at San Francisco's City Hall, where 4,161 gay couples have tied the knot in the last month.

"We were filling out the application and they told us to stop," said Art Adams, who was the first to be denied as he and partner Devin Baker sought

• TURN TO MARRIAGE, 2A

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE