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Limit set on planes landing at PBI

Takeoffs by private jets are causing delays for commercial flights.

By DEANA POOLE
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It happens every Sunday when tourist season peaks — an exodus of private aircraft clogging the runways at Palm Beach International Airport, delaying commercial flights packed with vacationers.

“Everybody loves Palm Beach in the wintertime,” said Tony Askew, local representative for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

But it’s gotten so bad this year that the Federal Aviation Administration has stepped in. Through Easter, only 24 aircraft an hour will be allowed to land on Sundays. Normally, 36 are allowed to land each hour.

The intent is to clear the way for outbound jets, to get them off the ground more quickly, said FAA spokesman Christopher White. It’s the first time that a landing restriction has been imposed at PBI, White said.

That’s good news for travelers leaving on Sunday afternoons, but bad for arriving passengers. Incoming jets stack up, typically causing 20- to 30-minute delays.

The worst month is March, the height of tourist season. All but two of 113 flight delays reported in the first week of March were attributed to runway gridlock at PBI, according to the

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Sheriff to captains: Want a demotion?

Ed Bieluch talks tough after a captains’ meeting on salaries.

By BILL DOUTHAT
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Sheriff Ed Bieluch, upset by reports that captains were making disrespectful remarks behind his back, offered to demote the lot of them during a staff meeting last week.



Bieluch walked around a conference room last Friday handing out personnel forms and inviting each to request demotions if they were unhappy in their rank of captain, several witnesses said.

The ploy apparently was the sheriff’s way of expressing displeasure over a meeting held by captains three days earlier over salary concerns.

“He read us the riot act,”
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THE TOLL: At least 192 killed, 1,400 wounded
THE CLAIMS: Al-Qaeda affiliate claims responsibility

Bombs blast Spanish trains



Rescue workers cover up bodies alongside one of the bomb-damaged passenger trains following the series of highly coordinated explosions Thursday in Madrid.

Worst attack on Europe soil since WWII

10 bombs in 15 minutes

Backpack bombs exploded aboard commuter trains at three Madrid stations Thursday morning at rush hour.



Sources: El Mundo; The Associated Press

By DON MELVIN
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MADRID — A coordinated series of 10 terrorist bombs hidden on trains in Madrid exploded Thursday morning, killing at least 192 people and injuring 1,400. It was the worst terrorist attack in Spain’s history and the deadliest on the ground in Europe since World War II.

Immediately after the explosions, which turned Thursday’s rush hour into a massacre, officials speculated that the Basque separatist group ETA, which has long campaigned for an independent homeland in northern Spain, was responsible.

But as the day wore on, an unsubstantiated claim of credit received by an Arabic newspaper and the discovery of a stolen van containing detonators and Arabic-language tapes of Quranic verses began to turn attention to the terrorist organization Al-Qaeda.

Other than Britain, Spain was America’s most

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Who’s behind the bombings?

Basque group suspected: Immediately after the blasts, Spanish authorities blamed ETA, a Basque separatist group that has waged acts of terror in the past, though on a much smaller scale.

Al-Qaeda takes blame: This is part of settling old accounts with Spain, the crusader, and America’s ally in its war against Islam, the group said in an e-mail. It also claimed an attack on the U.S. is in the works.

■ More on the ETA and Al-Qaeda’s claim, 12A

Minds behind Kravis, Gates’ home to design Scripps

By DAVID SEDORE
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The architect of the Kravis Center and the firm that planned Bill Gates’ Seattle home will team to design The Scripps Research Institute, Scripps officials announced Thursday.

The Zeidler Partnership of Toronto and the design firm Bohlin Cy-

winski Jackson were selected from more than 20 architectural teams — many with world-class qualifications — to design Scripps’ signature building on the 2,000-acre science complex planned for the Mecca Farms orange grove in northwestern Palm Beach County. The Scripps building will cover 364,000 square feet — about 1½ times the average

Wal-Mart Supercenter — and is estimated to cost \$140 million.

“Unbelievable,” said Mike Nelson of Zeidler’s West Palm Beach office. “This is one of those projects of a lifetime.”

Zeidler designed the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach and subsequent additions, including the \$31 million Co-

hen Pavilion. That experience helped convince one member of Scripps’ selection team that Zeidler was the right firm for the job.

“I think they have performed beautifully for the Kravis Center,” said Alex Dreyfoos, chairman of the center’s board and its single largest

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Ex-congressional aide charged with Iraq link
Susan Lindauer helped Iraqi intelligence before the war, investigators say. **Story, 3A**

Mary Hooks called ‘mentor, role model’
Hundreds gather to mourn the former West Palm and state official. **Local, 1B**

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