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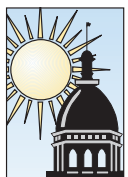
Matt Kenseth is showing he can do more than score points.

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Peter Dejong/The Associated Press

Emergency personnel work inside the wreckage of a car at the Atocha train terminal in the heart of Madrid.

# Massacre in Madrid

## Bombs kill 192, injure 1,400

By MAR ROMAN  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADRID, Spain — A series of bombs hidden in backpacks exploded in quick succession Thursday, blowing apart four commuter trains and killing at least 192 people and wounding 1,400. Spain blamed Basque separatists, but a shadowy group claimed responsibility in the name of al-Qaida.

Panicking commuters trampled on each other, abandoning their bags and shoes, after the first three bombs went off in one train in the Atocha station in the heart of Madrid. Train cars were turned into twisted wrecks and platforms were strewn with corpses. Cell phones rang unanswered on the bodies of the dead as frantic relatives tried to call them.

"March 11, 2004, now holds its place in the his-

tory of infamy," said Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar.

The bombing came three days ahead of Spain's general election on Sunday. A major campaign issue was how to deal with ETA, the Basque militant group.

Campaigning for the election was called off, and three days of mourning were declared.

It was Europe's worst terrorist attack since 1988, when the bombing of a Pan Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, killed 270 people. It was the worst ever in the history of Spain.

The attacks also reawakened terrorism fears among investors. Stocks fell in London and in New York, where the Dow Jones industrial average dropped nearly 170 points. Today, Tokyo stocks opened sharply lower.

The 10 backpack bombs exploded within 15 minutes, starting about 7:40 a.m., on trains along



Jon Dimis/The Associated Press

Emotions register on the faces of Spaniards who gathered Thursday in Pamplona after the bombings in Madrid.

nine miles of commuter line from Santa Eugenia to the Atocha terminal, a bustling hub for subway, commuter and long-distance trains just south of the Prado Museum. Police also found and detonated three other bombs.

"An act of barbaric terrorism has engulfed Spain with profound pain, repulsion and anger," King Juan Carlos of Spain said on national television.

Worst hit was a double-decker train at El Pozo station, where two bombs killed 70 people, fire department inspector Juan Redondo said. One

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# Emergency center to go on Dirksen

By DOROTHY SCHNEIDER  
STATE CAPITOL BUREAU

A new State Emergency Operations Center will be built just north of the Illinois Department of Transportation building on South Dirksen Parkway.

"The site is ideal because of its close proximity to a major highway and because it's quickly and easily accessible to all state agency representatives that will be reporting to the center in the event of an emergency," Gov. Rod Blagojevich said Thursday in a news release an-

nouncing selection of the site.

Extra space at the new center will allow representatives from all state response agencies to work under one roof. Those agencies include the State Incident Response Center, the State Terrorism Intelligence Center, the Illinois Terrorism Task Force,

the Radiological Emergency Assessment Center and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

The current facility, in the basement of the IEMA building, is too

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Don Wright/The Associated Press  
Susan Lindauer comes out of court after her arraignment Thursday night in Baltimore. At right is attorney Joseph Evans.

# Alleged agent of Iraq charged

Distant cousin of Bush's chief of staff once worked for Braun

By LARRY NEUMEISTER  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NEW YORK — A former news reporter and press secretary for four members of Congress was charged Thursday with being a paid Iraqi intelligence agent and trying to contact her distant cousin — the White House chief of staff — to alter U.S. policy.

From January 1996 to September 1996, Susan Lindauer was a press secretary for Carol Moseley

Braun, then a Democratic U.S. senator from Illinois.

Lindauer, 41, was taken into custody in Takoma Park, Md., and made a brief court appearance in Baltimore, where a federal magistrate ordered a psychiatric evaluation and released her to a halfway house, pending the posting of \$500,000 bail.

"I'm an anti-war activist and I'm innocent," Lindauer told WBAL-TV outside the Baltimore FBI office. "I did more to stop terrorism in this country than anybody else. I have done good things for this country. I worked to get weapons inspectors back to Iraq when everyone else said it was impossible."

Neither Lindauer nor her two

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# Memo case to be sent to Justice

But senators split on wording request

By DORI MEINERT  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee agreed Thursday to ask the Justice Department to determine whether any crime occurred when two Republican staffers secretly accessed 4,670 mostly Democratic computer files, including nearly 2,000 belonging to Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

But late-night negotiations reached only limited agreement on the specifics of that request.

Three Republicans and three Democrats out of 19 committee members signed a letter asking Attorney General John Ashcroft to appoint a special counsel to investigate the theft and dissemination of Democrats' computer files.



Durbin

Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, left the negotiations without agreeing to sign.

Nevertheless, Durbin said, "we will have a good, positive impact because we have three senators from each side of the aisle. I hope the Department of Justice will take that seriously."

Durbin said other Republicans refused to sign because they didn't want an investigation to include those who received the stolen memos.

"If they're stolen property and they receive them, that's a crime," Durbin said. "The reason they didn't want to follow up is they know that the groups that received them are some of their strongest supporters."

Republican opponents of the letter were not available for comment.

In addition to Durbin, the letter was signed by: Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.; Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.; Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga.; Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.; and Mike DeWine, R-Ohio.

Earlier in the day, Republican and Democratic members alike said they wanted to present a unified front in responding to the breach of trust and confidentiality they say occurred.

The committee's referral for possible criminal prosecution took place one week after it received a report from Senate Sergeant-at-Arms William Pickle detailing how two former GOP committee staffers deliberately and secretly accessed thousands of computer files, mostly belonging to Democrats. The memos discuss political strategy for blocking judicial nominations.

Concluding nearly four months of investigation, the report states that others may have had access to the computer files. But Senate investigators don't have subpoena powers to compel testimony as a grand jury would.

Durbin said he wanted to request a special counsel — someone with a reputation for independence such as U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald of Chicago — to avoid any partisan conflicts.

"If Patrick Fitzgerald calls me and tells me there is nothing to prosecute, then I'll accept that," Durbin told his fellow committee

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## CORRECTIONS

■ A caption accompanying the photograph of people at Wednesday's Historic Sites Commission meeting gave an incorrect name for the attorney pictured. His name is Patrick Joyce. The photograph appeared on page 5 of Thursday's State Journal-Register.

■ A malfunctioning sprinkler system at Sangamon Auditorium did not dampen the audience attending an Illinois Symphony performance. The word "not" was omitted from a description of the event in Thursday's State Journal-Register.

The newspaper apologizes for the errors.