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KU FIRE COULD HOLD CLUES TO AREA ARSONS



Rescue workers searched the wreckage of a commuter train devastated by a bomb blast during the morning rush hour in Madrid.

Bombings kill more than 190 in Spain's capital

By MATTHEW SCHOFIELD
Knight Ridder Newspapers

First glance

- Bombs detonated on trains in Madrid kill more than 190 people and injure at least 1,200.
- An al-Qaida group claims responsibility for the blasts, but the government suspects the Basque separatist group ETA.

out by the al-Qaida terrorist network but provided no evidence. The letter, which dubbed the explosions Operation Death Trains, called the attacks "a way to settle old accounts with Spain, crusader

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American accused of spying for Iraq

By SHANNON McCAFFREY and
RON HUTCHESON
Knight Ridder Newspapers

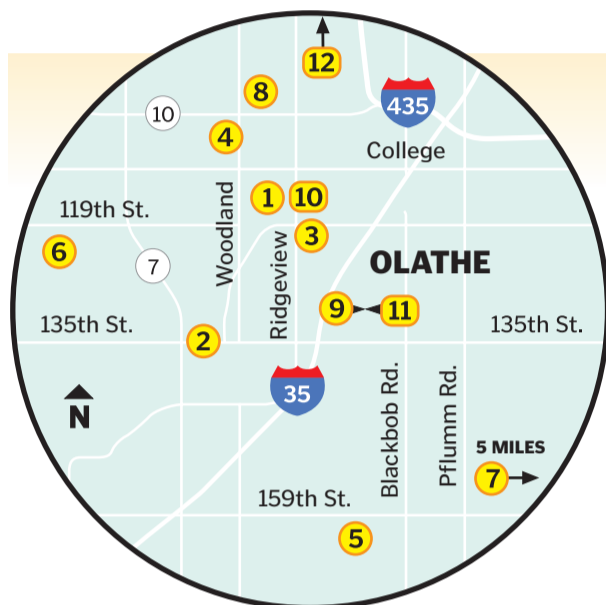
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- A former congressional aide and relative to the White House's chief of staff is indicted as an Iraqi spy.
- She is thought to be the first American charged with spying for Iraq.

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Lindauer is a one-time journalist and press aide to four Democratic members of Congress. She appeared in federal court in Baltimore on Thursday and was being

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THE SERIES OF FIRES

Authorities are investigating 12 fires in Johnson County since Saturday, with damage exceeding \$8.5 million.

Anyone with information should call (816) 474-8477 or the Olathe arson and explosives report line at (913) 971-5060.



SOUGHT FOR QUESTIONING: Officials released a computer-generated composite of a white man, 27 to 30, with red hair. He is about 5 feet 7 inches tall with a heavy build.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	STRUCTURE	DAMAGE
1	Saturday 2:02 a.m.	18754 W. 115th Terrace, Olathe	House	\$270,000
2	Sunday 1:13 a.m.	805 E. Santa Fe St., Olathe	Quik Cash	\$100
3	Sunday 4:09 a.m.	1855 N. Ridgeview Road, Olathe	Millcreek Woods Apartments	\$2,000
4	Monday 12:56 a.m.	19656 W. 105th St., Olathe	House under construction	Minimal
5	Monday 1:30 p.m.	16150 S. Bradley Drive, Olathe	House under construction	Minimal
6	Wednesday 10 a.m.	21347 W. 120th St., Olathe	House under construction	\$500
7	Wednesday 1:30 a.m.	3610 W. 155th St., Overland Park	House under construction	\$200,000
8	Wednesday 1:36 a.m.	19416 W. 98th Terrace, Lenexa	House under construction	N/A
9	Wednesday 10 p.m.	133rd and Arapaho, Olathe	Brougham Senior Residences	Minimal
10	Thursday 2 a.m.	11599 S. Ridgeview Road, Olathe	Security Savings Bank	N/A
11	Thursday 2:20 a.m.	133rd and Arapaho, Olathe	Brougham Senior Residences	\$8 million
12	Thursday 3 a.m.	15525 W. 87th St. Parkway, Lenexa	Capitol Federal Savings and Loan	At least \$50,000

INVESTIGATING ARSON

Arson investigators generally use the following techniques when looking into a suspicious fire:

- ▶ Check the outside and inside of the structure to check for fire damage. The area with the most damage usually is the point of origin.
- ▶ Use of dogs, trained to work around physical obstacles and discriminate scents of various accelerants used to start fires.
- ▶ Take photographs of the scene and the damage. Sift through debris for evidence and clues.
- ▶ Collect samples to be shipped to a lab for processing. Sensitive lab equipment can help determine what started a fire.
- ▶ Interview any witnesses.

Sources: Det. Craig Hubbell, with the Kansas City Police Department's Bomb and Arson Unit; State Farm Insurance

DAVE EAMES/The Kansas City Star

Crews cleared still-smoldering debris from the site of the latest arson fire in Johnson County, an assisted living center under construction near 135th Street and Brougham Drive in Olathe.



FRED BLOCHER/The Kansas City Star

Medicare agency relents on Truman

Federal officials — with encouragement from Sen. Kit Bond of Missouri — on Thursday backed off a plan that might have cost Truman Medical Centers as much as \$57 million in Medicaid funding. **B-1**

Gay marriages hit legal wall

By DAVID KRAVETS
The Associated Press

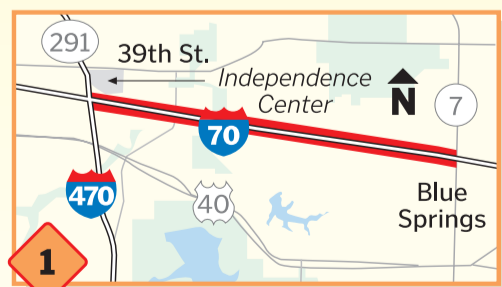
SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court on Thursday ordered an immediate halt to gay marriages in San Francisco. The court did not rule on the legality of gay marriages. Justices indicated they would

decide in the coming months whether San Francisco's mayor has the authority to allow the weddings, which conservatives have fought to block. In Massachusetts, state lawmakers reconvened Thursday to consider a ban on gay marriage. They gave preliminary approval to a proposal that would ban gay mar-

riage but allow civil unions. Massachusetts' highest court ruled in November that it is unconstitutional to prevent gays from marrying — a ruling that sparked a legislative scramble to amend the state constitution. Teary-eyed couples were

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SIGNIFICANT AREA HIGHWAY WORK IN 2004

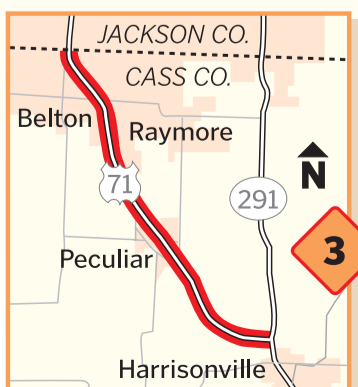


THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION will be slimming down a section of Interstate 70 between Interstate 470 and Missouri 7 for massive highway reconstruction. The Department of Transportation will restrict traffic to two eastbound lanes and two westbound lanes. The department is aiming to redo the 5-mile stretch of highway from the bottom up. Because the reconstructed highway will have a lifespan of 35 years, officials are promising no more potholes for a long time.

"Two years ago, we couldn't keep up with the pothole claims (on Interstate 70)... Some of the original pavement is from the '60s."
— Missouri Dept. of Transportation engineer Chris Redline



AT THE TRIANGLE, Department of Transportation road crews will build nine new bridges and remove 11 old ones. Additionally, the department plans to open new northbound lanes at Interstate 435. **IN CASS COUNTY,** crews will remove the asphalt from U.S. 71 and replace it with upgraded materials. The 12½ miles of work will stretch from the Jackson-Cass county line to Missouri 291 near Harrisonville.



Nonprofits try out for-profit enterprises

By DIANE STAFFORD
The Kansas City Star

First glance

Many area nonprofit agencies are putting out the word: They are open for business. Yes, for-profit business. Squeezed by the recent recession, and under greater financial scrutiny by potential donors, nonprofit organizations are trying to determine how to bring in money outside of charitable appeals — while not losing sight of their nonprofit missions. At the YWCA in downtown Kansas City, Kan., money is beginning to trickle in at a coffee shop on its premises, owned and operated as part of the YWCA's mission. At the Rehabilitation Institute, trainee/employees are working at a business set up within the Kansas City facility to scan corporate documents onto computer disks.

Major funders urge nonprofit agencies to "be entrepreneurial" — to operate efficiently and to find ways to generate earned income. Some area nonprofits are starting money-making ventures, but revenue covers only small fractions of their operating expenses.

At the Women's Employment Network, staff members are taking their work-readiness training expertise into the paying, corporate market.

The three enterprises are among a growing number of income-producing ventures launched or under study by area nonprofit agencies.

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