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Air Force Maj. Gen. Gile Vanderhoof, Nevada National Guard's adjutant general, on Thursday presents the flag that was draped over the casket of Mike O'Callaghan, to his widow, Carolyn, during services at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City.

Nevada remembers O'Callaghan

Tears flow as friends, family bid farewell to the man who touched thousands

By FRANK GEARY

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Incense circled upward, bagpipe music filled the air and fighter jets soared overhead Thursday as thousands of Nevadans bid farewell to one of the most beloved public servants in state history.

With heroic tales of turmoil and triumph, a Jewish prayer, a 21-gun salute and humor, politicians, veterans, friends and strangers alike recalled the strength, compassion and inspiration that the former governor and Las Vegas Sun Executive Editor Mike

U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., takes a moment to compose himself Thursday as he addresses a crowd of about 2,000 at a memorial service for Mike O'Callaghan.



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O'Callaghan bestowed on all he touched.

More than 2,000 people attended a midday funeral at the

Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, near the Strip and Tropicana Avenue.

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In the shadow of the tourist paradise O'Callaghan helped cultivate, tears were as plentiful as the memories conveyed about the devout Catholic, loving husband, war hero, advocate for Israel and champion of the little guy.

"I grew up in Las Vegas and he was a big part of our life growing up," said Rob Rovere, an official with the state

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SYNCHRONIZED BLASTS

Spain left reeling by attack

Methods used in deadly bombings raise competing theories about who is to blame

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MADRID, Spain — The size and savagery of Thursday's synchronized train station bombings suggest a significant shift in tactics by Basque separatists or the work of an entirely new terrorist player in Spain.

Spanish authorities are wrestling with competing theories about who was responsible for the attacks that killed at least 192 people and wounded more than 1,400 others.

The most devastating terrorist attack in Spanish history sent the capital into convulsions of shock and horror three days before a national election.

A makeshift emergency hospital was set up alongside the tracks at the station, just south of the Prado Museum. Buses were hurriedly converted into ambulances. The walking wounded were asked to make it to hospitals on their own and leave vehicles available for the more severely injured.

Authorities immediately blamed the Basque separatist group ETA, but top officials by the end of the day were forced to acknowledge that they were pursuing a more complex investigation.

U.S. officials cited circumstantial evidence that Islamic terrorists might have been behind the bombings, but they cautioned it was too early to tell whether al-Qaida or one of its affiliates was responsible.

Spain has worked closely with the United States in the war against terrorism and has 1,300 soldiers in Iraq. Spanish officials also have rounded up



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Rescue workers on Thursday remove a victim from a train in Madrid, Spain, after a series of explosions.

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a score of suspects alleged to be al-Qaida, who were thought to be operating a terrorist cell in the country.

The attacks, in which 10 bombs exploded in trains and stations along the commuter line, bore several hallmarks of Osama bin Laden's network or its allies, including the synchronized nature of the explosions and the clear targeting of civilians, counterterrorism officials said.

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California court blocks gay marriage

Rush to altar ends in San Francisco as Massachusetts legislators take up debate

By DAVID KRAVETS

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — 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 gay marriages in the only state where they have 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 past 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 a license. "It's heart-breaking. I don't understand why two people in love should be prevented from expressing it."

Although Thursday's court action might seem like a setback to those who favor same-sex marriage, one Las Vegas

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Patrick Barresi holds a sign Thursday in San Francisco stating, "Married this Morning. Disenfranchised this Afternoon." Barresi was married Thursday, prior to the California Supreme Court ordering a halt to gay marriages.

County's largest nonprofit must repay state \$2.1 million

By JULIET V. CASEY

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Clark County's largest nonprofit agency will have to pay back \$2.1 million in state funds that it cannot account for, according to the state Department of Human Resources.

The money was intended to help the Economic Opportunity Board's child care subsidy program with cash flow problems.

"We advanced the cash flow but then determined that the advance had been misplaced, manipulated or whatever," said Mike Willden, director of the state's Department of Human Resources.

The mishandling of the

state money was just one of the accounting problems state officials have found that prompted Willden to suggest a federal "strike team" be called to intervene and "help right any wrongs that have occurred."

Willden said state auditors earlier this week also found minor discrepancies in the accounting for a \$2.3 million federal community services grant.

A memo to Clark County officials, based on conversations between Economic Opportunity Board administrators and the county community resources manager, described the financial woes of the group that could result in a

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