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Ex-reporter charged as an Iraqi agent

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 — White House chief of staff Andrew Card — to alter U.S. policy. Susan Lindauer, 41, was arrested in her hometown of Takoma Park, Md. *Story on A5.*

Bush backtracks on planned nomination

WASHINGTON — President Bush killed the planned nomination of a Nebraska executive to lead administration efforts to restore manufacturing jobs. The nominee-to-be, Anthony Raimondo, opened a factory in China. Sen. John F. Kerry called the businessman a "poster person" for policies "that have affected millions of Americans negatively." *Story on A9.*

House approves bill raising indecency fines

WASHINGTON — Spurred by public outrage over the Super Bowl halftime show, the House voted Thursday to dramatically increase fines for broadcast indecency. Under the bill, broadcast companies and entertainers could be fined up to \$500,000, a huge jump from the current \$27,500 for license-holders and \$11,000 for personalities. *Story on A6.*

Bush TV ads debut, attack Kerry as 'wrong'

WASHINGTON — President Bush unleashed his first paid television attack Thursday against his presumed Democratic foe, John F. Kerry, with an advertisement that calls the senator "wrong on taxes and wrong on defense." Kerry, in reply to the attack, told reporters that Bush was ignoring issues such as education, health care and jobs. *Story on A6.*

High-income taxpayers targeted for IRS audits

WASHINGTON — The IRS increased its audits of individuals and couples making more than \$100,000 last year, focusing most of the extra attention on people making \$250,000 or more. Still, even high-income taxpayers faced low odds of being called upon to document their income. *Story on A6.*

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"The train was cut open like a can of tuna. ... People were scattered all over the platforms."

Train bombings rock Spain

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Silence, then fire and fear

Terrorists on Thursday unleashed on Spain what one anguished firefighter called "butchery on a brutal scale."

From News Wire Services

MADRID, Spain — They had shoved their way onto the morning train, some headed for work and others to school.

The first blast stunned passengers into a momentary silence. Seconds later, the next explosion hurled people to the ground and shredded their bodies. Smoke, fire and screams filled the air.

Those who could, ran. They scrambled on top of each other, escaping through windows, over the dead.

The Atocha train terminal, one of Spain's busiest, became a zone of horrific destruction when the first blasts Thursday morning tore into two trains, crushing their midsections and transforming their windows into a million tiny diamond-sharp fragments.

Explosions at two more stations followed, killing, in the end, nearly 200 people and injuring about 1,400 others.

As recounted by dozens of survivors and witnesses, panic set in gradually: The shock of what was happening seemed so great.

"I got out as I could, crawling on all

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Rescuers line up bodies beside a bomb-damaged passenger train at Madrid's Atocha station Thursday. The coordinated attacks came during the morning rush hour. *Associated Press*

Al-Qaida link claimed in attack fatal to 192

By TRACY WILKINSON
Los Angeles Times

MADRID, Spain — In the most devastating terrorist attack in Spanish history, 10 bombs that detonated minutes apart ripped through crowded commuter trains at three Madrid stations early Thursday, killing nearly 200 people, wounding 1,400 and sending this capital into convulsions of shock and horror three days before a national election.

Spain at first blamed Basque separatists, but a shadowy group claimed responsibility in the name of al-Qaida for the carnage and warned the United States would soon face attack.

Interior Minister Angel Acebes initially said it was "absolutely clear" that the Basque ETA was responsible. Late Thursday, however, he went before reporters to say police had recovered a stolen van with seven bomb detonators and a tape recording of Quranic verses read in Arabic. The van was found in a suburb where the targeted trains originated, he said.

A short time later, an Arabic-language newspaper in London said it had received a letter purporting to claim responsibility for the bombings in the name of al-Qaida, having "infiltrated the heart of Europe."

President Bush expressed sympathy and solidarity with Spain as U.S. officials worked with Spanish officials to try to determine who might be behind the terrorist bombings.

"We weep with the families," Bush said.

The bombings occurred exactly 2½ years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist at-

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SAME-SEX UNIONS

California high court halts gay marriages

By DAVID KRAVETS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court ordered an immediate halt to same-sex weddings in San Francisco on Thursday, while on the other side of the country Massachusetts lawmakers gave preliminary approval to a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages in the only state where they have been ruled legal.

The Supreme Court decision stops, at least for now, the wave of same-sex marriages here that inspired local leaders in other states to officiate at gay weddings. Gay and lesbian couples from across the nation have flocked to San Francisco to be married in recent weeks. After the court's ruling, city officials here stopped issuing marriage licenses, leaving tearful gay couples lined up at City Hall.

But the high court did not void the more than 4,161 marriage licenses that San Francisco has issued to same-sex couples since Feb. 12, as the California attorney general had requested. Rather, in its unanimous ruling, the seven-member panel said it would let those on both sides of the issue argue their cases as early as May.

Massachusetts legislators, meanwhile, returned to the Capitol to consider a constitutional amend-

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CORRECTIONS

Stewart in for rude awakening

By MATT APUZZO
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — The Danbury Federal Correctional Institution has next to nothing in common with Martha Stewart's world of porcelain pudding bowls and Egyptian cotton bedding.

The millionaire who taught America how to make buckwheat

pillows and decorate with doilies is expected to spend 10 to 16 months sharing a toilet and working for about 12 cents an hour at the minimum-security women's prison, where the walls are drab concrete and the 1,300 inmates wear starched khaki jumpsuits.

"There's nothing soft or colorful or pleasant in the whole environment," said Caryl Hartjes, 68, a Catholic nun from Wisconsin

who served three months at Danbury for trespassing during a protest against the U.S. military.

Stewart, who has a home and a TV studio in Westport, could be sent to any of several women's facilities when she is sentenced in June for lying about a stock sale. But the Bureau of Prisons tries to place inmates within 500 miles of

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Martha Stewart is likely to serve her sentence in Danbury Federal Correctional Institution.

FOCUS: CANCER RESEARCH

First line of defense

A shift in cancer research seeks to prevent the disease rather than treating it after it appears

By HENRY L. DAVIS
News Medical Reporter



HARRY SCULL JR./Buffalo News
 Pat Dean is in a study on whether the osteoporosis drug raloxifene is as effective as tamoxifen in cutting breast cancer risk.

Richard Napora is a 66-year-old Cheektowaga retiree who likes to say he has 34 years to go.

He just may make it, too. Napora is in such good shape that he can't recall once in his life ever having a headache.

Now he's hoping to avoid something really serious.

For more than two years, he has been taking pills as part of the largest-ever study of whether prostate cancer can be prevented in healthy people.

"I have so many friends who disregard medical problems until it's too late. I wanted to do something to stay healthy as long as possible," said Napora, who worked for the Harrison Radiator Division of General Motors Corp.

Cancer research has mostly focused on the endgame of a process that takes years to unfold, creating therapies to kill malignant tumors after they appear. But a fundamental change is under way.

If drugs can treat cancer when it is obvious, an increasing number of doctors say it's reasonable that drugs or nutrients can be found to hinder cancer's progress, reverse its course or prevent it.

"The biggest problem in cancer is that when patients show up, their cancer often has far advanced. You are limited in what you can do," said Dr. Raymond DuBois, director of cancer prevention at the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center.

Like preventing a fire before it starts, stopping cancer early depends on identifying clues to what can cause the problem.

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