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Natalie MacMaster always feels at home with a fiddle in her hands.

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## Spain bombs kill 192

### Blasts on four Madrid trains wound 1,400

By MAR ROMAN  
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 more than 1,400. Spain at first blamed Basque separatists but a shadowy group claimed responsibility in the name of al-Qaida for the worst terrorist attack in Spanish history.

Panicked rush-hour commuters trampled on each other, abandoning their bags and shoes, after three of the 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 as the bodies of the dead as frantic relatives tried to call them.

"March 11, 2004, now holds its place in the history of infamy," Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar said.

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 that is seeking greater autonomy.

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

The bombings occurred exactly 2½ years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States, and was Europe's worst since the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people.

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. On Friday, Tokyo stocks opened sharply lower.

The 10 backpack bombs exploded in a 15-minute span, starting about 7:39 a.m., on trains along 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 famed Prado Museum. Police

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*'An act of barbaric terrorism has engulfed Spain with profound pain, repulsion and anger.'*

JUAN CARLOS  
KING OF SPAIN



PAUL WHITE / Associated Press



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Above, firefighters carry out a body on a stretcher from a bomb-damaged passenger train after explosions on trains in Madrid just three days before Spain's general elections. The bombs killed 192 people and wounded more than 1,400 in Spain's worst terrorist attack. At left, rescue workers line up bodies beside a bomb-damaged passenger train at Atocha station in Madrid.

## Police may have slain civilians

► The possibility exists that Iraqi security forces could have turned to violence against the occupation.

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Real Iraqi police — not just impostors in Iraqi uniforms — may have been behind the killing of a former Tulsa attorney who was working for the coalition authority, the top U.S. general in Iraq said Thursday.

Fern Holland, along with another American and their Iraqi translator, were the first civilians from the U.S. occupation authority to be killed in Iraq.

Holland's family in Oklahoma doesn't believe she was the victim of random violence. It could have been a targeted assassination, meant to silence a strong voice for women's rights.

Often working through the night and into the early morning hours, Holland spent the Christmas holidays in Oklahoma City writing

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Fern Holland

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## Senate gets workers comp bill

► The House-approved measure could save businesses \$100 million, an area lawmaker says.

By MARIE PRICE  
World Capitol Bureau

OKLAHOMA CITY — Legislative authors of a workers compensation reform measure praised the 95 House members who voted for the bill Thursday.

Rep. Ron Peterson, R-Broken Arrow, said the National Council on Compensation Insurance estimates that House Bill 2619 may save businesses \$100 million.

"This is just the first step in a long process here at the Capitol," said Peterson, who termed the measure "historic."

The House has done its duty, he said. "Now it is time for Governor Henry and the Senate

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Rep. Ron Peterson

"Now it is time for Governor Henry and the Senate leadership to follow the bipartisan leadership of the House ..."

## Two men killed in hostage situation

► A source identifies the dead as a man and his stepfather; police call it "murder-suicide."

By NICOLE MARSHALL  
AND MATT ELLIOTT  
World Staff Writers

A man who killed one person and took at least one hostage turned the shotgun on himself after holding po-

lice at bay Thursday afternoon.

Detective Harry Hunt described the deaths of the two men as a "murder-suicide."

Marvana Hodges, a friend of the shooter's, identified him as Mark Anthony David-

son. The other man, whom Davidson reportedly referred to as his stepfather, was not released late Thursday.

Hodges said Davidson had run out of anti-depressants and was distraught over his inability to find work.

"He just unraveled and unraveled and unraveled," said Hodges, sobbing uncontrollably. "I knew it was going to

end like this."

Hodges said she was told that Davidson accidentally killed his stepfather.

Officers did not confirm that account and released few details about what sparked the events.

Police were first called to the duplex at 1214 S. 73rd

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Mark Anthony Davidson

## Jury selected for Nichols trial

► Six men and six women are chosen on the ninth day of questioning.

By BARBARA HOBEROCK  
World Capitol Bureau

McALESTER — A jury of six men and six women will decide the fate of Terry L. Nichols on state murder charges stemming from his role in the Oklahoma City bombing.

After meticulous questioning, District Judge Steven Taylor seated the jury Thursday, the ninth day of jury selection.

More than 100 potential jurors had fielded questions ranging from their thoughts about the death penalty to how much they knew about the

bombing.

Some were dismissed because they said they couldn't consider the death penalty if Nichols is convicted.

Others were excused because of beliefs that Nichols is guilty or medical or financial hardships.

Opening statements are scheduled for March 22.

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Terry L. Nichols

## OKC now showing interest in snaring bronze sculpture

By P.J. LASSEK  
World Staff Writer

Oklahoma City has decided it is interested in the proposed monument "The American," and has set up meetings with the artist to discuss potential sites, City Manager Jim Couch said Thursday.

Billed as the world's largest free-standing bronze, the 17-story sculp-

ture by Osage artist Shan Gray depicts an Indian warrior with the wind blowing his hair across his face and an eagle landing on his arm.

A four-story limestone-concrete base would bring its total height to 21 stories.

Although the monument had been proposed to the Native American Cul-

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