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 One day after apologizing for his ferocious hit, hockey player Todd Bertuzzi was suspended for the rest of the year.
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SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS IN SPAIN
 KILL 192, WOUND OVER 1,400

AL-QAIDA-LINKED GROUP TAKES CREDIT, SAYS U.S. ATTACK IS NEXT

TOTAL CHAOS

Mar Roman
 Associated Press Writer

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 two 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 on 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 19 backpack bombs exploded in a 15-minute span, starting about 7:29 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 also found and detonated three other bombs.

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

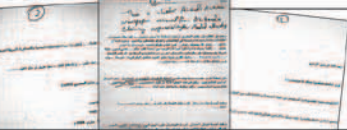
Worst hit was a double-decker train at El Pozo station, where two bombs killed 70 people, fire department inspector Juan Redondo said. One corpse was blown onto the roof.

At the Santa Eugenia station,



AP/JOSE HUESCA

TWO PEOPLE INJURED by an explosion in a train wait for aid outside the train station of Atocha in Madrid, Spain, on Thursday. At least 192 were killed, and more than 1,200 were injured when explosions tore apart four trains in Madrid.



WHO'S TO BLAME?

WAS IT BASQUE SEPARATISTS OR A GROUP LINKED TO AL-QAIDA? | C1

Stem cells give hope

April Johnston
 Times Staff

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio — John and Angela Lovther met as children at the Church of God in Brighton Township, a structure that Angela's great-grandfather built and preached in for 65 years.

They sat together during Sunday service and flirted when the preaching was done. When he was 12, John asked Angela to be his girlfriend.

She said yes, but as they got

older, Angela's affection fizzled out. She lived in Ohio and John in Pennsylvania. She wanted a boyfriend she could see every day, not just on Sundays.

So she strayed, meeting and dating other boys. She eventually married one of them and had his baby, her now 13-year-old daughter, Anna.

John thought he'd lost her forever, but when Angela's marriage ended in 1991, the childhood sweethearts got

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WALL STREET RELAPSE
 The stock market took a nosedive Thursday, falling nearly 170 points and washing out a month of gains.

Mom wants cop off the force

Officer now at Findlay Twp. barracks involved in fatal standoff

Joe Mandak
 Associated Press Writer

RECTOR, Pa. — Trooper Francis J. Murphy III is still on duty, more than 10 years after he ended a police standoff by fatally shooting a distraught, shotgun-wielding man in the back from 80 yards away.

And that's just not right, says the dead man's mother, whose attorneys hope to resurrect her wrong-fatal-death suit against Murphy, this time before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit.

"It's not that I want revenge," said Sally Bennett, 63, of Rector. "I don't want it to happen again and I really would like to see Murphy off the force."

Murphy, now a criminal investigator out of the Findlay barracks in Allegheny County, didn't return a call for comment.

In January 1994, David Bennett

COP FILES
 Trooper Francis J. Murphy III was the subject of six investigations in the 22 months after the shooting.

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MADNESS OF MARCH
 PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH
 PITTSBURGH WINS FIRST GAME IN BIG EAST TOURNAMENT.

ST. JOE'S PROVES NOBODY'S PERFECT.

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County putting inmates to work

Prison crew to clean roads in Aliquippa

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 Times Staff

BEAVER — The Beaver County Commissioners on Thursday approved the first agreement that would put county jail inmates to work in a local community.

Aliquippa is set to become the initial municipality to use inmates from the Beaver County Jail as part of a work release program. The agreement, which expires at the end of the year, comes at no cost to the city.

Private organizations can also seek to use inmates for work, said Commissioner Charlie Camp.

Thomas Stoner, Aliquippa's city administrator, said city officials chose to enter into the agreement because inmates are nearby — the Hopevelt Township jail sits adjacent to the West Aliquippa area — and there will be a "real benefit" to the city.

Aliquippa will use the inmates to clean streets, Stoner said. They probably will first be assigned to Franklin and Sheffield avenues downtown and near the Route 51 ramps. A city street department employee will supervise the inmates "at all times," Stoner said.

The inmates are already approved for the county's work-release program and will not otherwise require supervision by the

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