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'March 11, 2004, now holds its place in the history of infamy'

*The near-simultaneous attacks on four trains kill at least 192 and wound hundreds.*BY MAR ROMAN
THE 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 1,200. Spain blamed Basque separatists, but a shadowy group claimed responsibility in the name of al-Qaida for the worst terrorist attack in Spanish history.

Panicked commuters trampled 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

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ahead of Spain's general election Sunday. A major campaign issue was how to deal with ETA, the Basque militant group.

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

It was also 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 10 backpack bombs exploded in a 15-minute span, starting about 7:39 a.m., on trains along 9 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

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Bodies of victims are evacuated Thursday after a train exploded near the Atocha train station in Madrid. At least 192 people were killed and some 1,200 injured in near-simultaneous explosions on three trains in Madrid at the height of morning commuter traffic, the Spanish interior ministry said. The blasts went off on a long-distance high-speed carrier and two suburban trains packed with commuters.

Missing woman may be alive

*Police believe a soured romance may have prompted her to get on a bus heading west.*BY ELLEN JAMES
AND VINCE GUERRIERI
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Distraught over a failed romance, Tricia Cartisano may have been riding on a Greyhound bus to the West Coast Thursday night as authorities in two states continued to investigate her sudden disappearance.



Cartisano, 26, of Wheeling, W.Va., has been the subject of an intense search since early Wednesday, when her parents reported her missing after she failed to return home from her job in Pittsburgh. Pennsylvania state police found her 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier about 10 p.m. Tuesday, abandoned with the hazard lights flashing along an Interstate 79 ramp leading to a rest stop in South Fayette.

"We were thinking the worst," Ohio County Sheriff Tom Burgoyne said yesterday.

But the story took a dramatic twist. Investigators with the Ohio County Sheriff's Department, based in Wheeling, say they now believe Cartisano left the region without telling her parents or coworkers because she was upset about a broken relationship.

Lt. Joe Cuchta, of the sheriff's department, said the break in the case came with word that Pennsylvania troopers had interviewed a bus driver who said he picked up Cartisano at the Wheeling bus station Tuesday night and even chatted with her as he drove to Columbus.

Cartisano may have gotten a ride to Wheeling at around 5 p.m. Tuesday, after abandoning the car along the ramp and leaving her purse and wallet

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Investigators not sure who to blame for attacks

*Quick to name Basque terrorists, officials now consider al-Qaida after a claim and evidence.*BY DAFNA LINZER
AND PAMELA SAMPSON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spanish leaders were quick to accuse Basque terrorists for setting off Thursday's devastating attacks in Madrid.

But hours later they were less sure. A Muslim militant group claimed responsibility in the name of al-Qaida and a van found near the attacks contained detonators and tapes of Quranic verses.

Getting at the truth could

take time. Spanish officials accustomed to blaming terrorism on the Basque separatist group ETA said they were opening up several lines of investigation. As recent events have shown, it won't be easy. Other terrorist attacks carried out in the past two years in places such as Morocco and Turkey remain unsolved.

In Washington, a U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was too early to determine who was responsible for the attacks, which killed more than 190 people and wounded more than 1,000.

"We're not ruling out the possibility there was outside

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American charged with spying

*The suspect is a distant cousin of a top U.S. official and is believed to have had ties to Iraq.*BY SHANNON MCCAFFREY
AND RON HUTCHESON
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — A distant cousin of White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card was charged Thursday with working for the

Iraqi Intelligence Service, after Card turned her in to the FBI for contacting him in the weeks before the war, allegedly on behalf of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Susan Lindauer, 41, was charged with accepting \$10,000 for her work with the Iraqi Intelligence Service, according to a federal indictment unsealed yesterday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

The indictment alleges that Lindauer left a letter outside the home of an unidentified U.S. official on

Jan. 8, 2003, outlining her extensive contacts with the Iraqi dictator's government in what authorities described as an "attempt to influence United States foreign policy."

Two federal law enforcement sources, both speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the home was Card's.

"He (Card) cooperated fully with the FBI investigation. He reported the various attempts by her

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DON WRIGHT/AP

Susan Lindauer, of Takoma Park, Md., is led from the federal courthouse Thursday in Baltimore.

CMU's Sandstorm on track to lead off \$1M desert race

BY BILL ZLATOS
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FONTANA, Calif. — Sandstorm swept around the California Speedway in 6½ minutes Thursday, making it the leading contender for the pole position in a cross-desert race of robot vehicles.

Sandstorm, the unmanned robotic Humvee developed by Carnegie Mellon University's

Red Team, leads the field of 21 remaining entries trying to qualify for Saturday's Grand Challenge jaunt across the Mojave Desert.

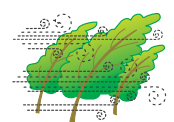
The federal Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is sponsoring the race for a \$1 million prize to speed up the development of robotic vehicles that could revolutionize

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