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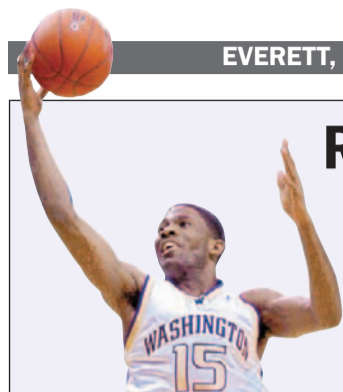


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Answers sought in Spain blasts

Nearly 200 are killed and more than 1,400 are injured as bombs explode on four trains.

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 the first three bombs went off in one train in the Atocha station in the heart of Madrid. Seven other bombings followed on other trains.

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 bombings 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.

The bombings occurred exactly 2½ years after the Sept. 11,

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Venezuelans with Spanish flags gather at the entrance of the Spanish embassy in Caracas, Venezuela, on Thursday.

Spy charges shock former colleagues

The FBI alleges a woman who worked for The Herald in the '80s accepted money as an Iraqi agent.

By SCOTT NORTH
Herald Writer

Susan Lindauer is a bright woman with passionately held views and an approach to the world that sometimes left those around her scratching their heads.

Still, many of those who know the one-time editorial page employee for The Herald were stunned to learn Thursday that she'd been charged with taking treasonous steps to assist Iraqi terrorists.

Lindauer, 40, worked at The Herald from August 1987 to July 1989. She was then in her mid-20s, and just beginning a career. She was "brilliant but somewhat erratic" and subject to mood swings, said Lou Wein, editorial page editor at The Herald from 1979 to 1988.

Wein, who now runs an antiques shop in Snohomish, said Lindauer was a liberal in her political views, but he couldn't recall whether she ever expressed an opinion about politics in the Middle East.

"I could see that she had the type of makeup to be a true believer, yet it's hard to believe that she could do such a thing because she was so smart," Wein said. "I find it hard to believe that she'd go beyond legitimate political activity. Civil disobedience? Protests? Yeah, that I could see. But this is tantamount to betraying her country."

Lindauer is accused of cooperating with Iraqi intelligence agents in January 2003 by delivering a letter to the home of a relative, White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, urging the Bush administration to hold off its invasion of Iraq so weapons inspectors could continue their work.

She was arrested at her Takoma Park, Md., home by FBI



Susan Lindauer of Takoma Park, Md., is led from the federal courthouse in Baltimore by her lawyers following her hearing on Thursday.

"I'm an anti-war activist, and I'm innocent. ... I did more to stop terrorism in this country than anybody else."

Susan Lindauer



Snohomish antiques dealer Lou Wein was the editorial page editor of The Herald in 1987. He supervised Susan Lindauer, who was arrested Thursday in Maryland on charges of spying for Iraq.

I-5 plan makes it by a nose

Lawmakers' final act means work on the Everett project will begin sooner.

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AND ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLYMPIA — Lawmakers ended their session late Thursday with a visit from the governor and a flurry of actions including revival of a hotly disputed transportation measure that speeds up a much-needed widening of I-5 through Everett.

Passage of the supplemental transportation bill marked a stunning 24-hour turnaround — Senate and House leaders declared it dead Wednesday — and a huge victory for Snohomish County commuters.

Agreement on the transportation bill had been held up while

Inside

- The Legislature's budget includes funding for projects such as a training center for Boeing workers and a gym for the Boy & Girls Club in Lake Stevens. **Page A9**
- The Senate gave new life to bills aimed at combating mad cow disease and reviving the Washington beef industry. **Page B5**

House and Senate leaders debated a separate but related bill dealing with the Regional Transportation Investment District.

House members wanted more authority for RTID financing, but when they lost that effort they agreed to compromise on the larger bill.

"It's a miracle," exclaimed a jubilant state Sen. Mary Margaret Haugen, D-Camano Island, vice-chairwoman of the Senate Transportation Committee. "I never would have said we could have done this."

As a result, work on the Everett

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What happened

Susan Lindauer, a former editorial writer for The Herald in the late 1980s, was arrested Thursday on charges that she was acting as an agent for the Iraqi government of former dictator Saddam Hussein.



Susan Lindauer, shown in this 1987 Herald photo

What's next

A federal magistrate in Baltimore, Md., on Thursday ordered a psychiatric evaluation and released Lindauer to a halfway house, pending the posting of \$500,000 bail.

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