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Lead singer of Cross Canadian Ragweed held a signing after performing live at Cody Cross and the members of the band Hastings Thursday.

## Spain

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by the shadowy Brigade of Abu Hafs al-Masri, was received at the newspaper's London offices and said the brigade's "death squad" had penetrated "one of the pillars of the crusade alliance, Spain."

"This is part of settling old accounts with Spain, the crusader, and America's ally in its war against Islam," the claim said.

Spain had backed the U.S.-led war on Iraq despite domestic opposition, and many al-Qaida-linked terrorists have been captured in Spain or were believed to have operated from there.

Spain's government is studying the reported al-Qaida claim but still believes ETA is more likely responsible, a senior official in Aznar's office said.

Spain's security forces were not ruling out "any line of investigation," Interior Minister Angel Acebes said.

The United States believes Al-Masri sometimes falsely claims to be acting on behalf of al-Qaida. The group took credit for blackouts in the United States and London last year.

The purported al-Qaida statement also claimed the terror group would soon hit the United States with a major attack.

"The expected strike against America is now at its final stage — 90 percent ready," it said.

Some officials think Spain, along with Germany, was an important staging ground for the Sept. 11 attacks. Since then, Spain has arrested more than 40 al-Qaida suspects.

If the attack was carried out by ETA, it could signal a radical and lethal change of strategy for the group that has largely targeted police and politicians in its decades-long fight for a separate Basque homeland.

But after police found a stolen van with seven detonators and the Arabic-language tape parked in a suburb near where the stricken trains originated, Acebes said: "I have just given instructions to the security forces not to rule out any line of investigation."

A top Basque politician, Arnold Otegi, denied ETA was behind the blasts and blamed "Arab resistance," noting Spain's support for the Iraq war.

The government said ETA had tried a similar attack on Christmas Eve, placing bombs on two trains bound for a Madrid

station that was not hit Thursday.

"ETA had been looking for a massacre," said Acebes, the interior minister. "Unfortunately, today it achieved its goal."

The Interior Ministry said tests showed the explosives used in the attacks were a kind of dynamite normally used by ETA.

The bombers used titidine, a kind of compressed dynamite also found in a bomb-laden van intercepted last month as it headed for Madrid, a source at Aznar's office said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Officials blamed ETA then, too.

In a break with past ETA tactics, there were multiple attacks and no advance warning. ETA has usually gone after one target at a time and the largest casualty toll was 21 killed in 1987.

ETA has claimed responsibility for more than 800 deaths since 1968.

Sympathy

poured in from capitals worldwide, led by Spain's partners in the 15-nation European Union, and neighboring France raised its terror alert level.

In Athens, security also was tightened at train stations and the Spanish Embassy, although overall plans for the Aug. 13-29 Olympics will not change, officials said.

The United States, Britain and Russia said the attacks demonstrated the need for toughened resolve against terrorists.

President Bush called Aznar and Juan Carlos, saying he expressed "our country's deepest sympathies toward those who lost their life."

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U.S. president

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The U.S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution expressing outrage and urging Bush to "provide all possible assistance to Spain" in pursuing the terrorists.

Aznar was a staunch supporter of U.S.-led war that ousted Saddam Hussein and Spain sent 1,300 troops to Iraq.

Aznar, who himself survived an ETA car bombing in 1995, will step down when a new government is formed after the elections.

Revelation over the attack could benefit Aznar's ruling conservative Popular Party because of its hard-line stance against ETA.

Both the Popular Party and the opposition Socialists ruled out talks with ETA during the campaign.

## Relief

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Indian community closer to the rest of the Aggie community.

"We wanted everyone in the community to come together, especially for a good cause," Josan said. "We want to promote unity among the Indians and the rest of the community through our music."

Often, when students want to aid the cause of overseas child relief, they don't know where to look, Josan said.

"People often want to help out, but they don't know how to go about it,"

Josan said. "I also wanted to help out, so I decided to provide my services to the event. Even though it is in another city, I wanted to help the cause."

Krishna Paliwal, a 2003 graduate of the University of Houston, donated time and funds to the event, even though he said he will be unable to attend it.

"Even though I live in Houston, I wanted to help out," Paliwal said. "A worthy charity event is still worthy regardless of where it is held."

Anand said the complete proceeds of the event will go to the head center of CRY in Medford, Mass.

"After each event, funds are turned

over to the main branch, and the money is put into programs beneficial to underprivileged children, such as building new schools and hospitals where they are needed," Anand said.

Though the organization, formed in 1979, initially focused solely on child relief in India, Anand said CRY has expanded its reach to other parts of the world, including America.

The event is co-sponsored by Multicultural Services and the Department of Student Activities. Tickets are available for \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door from the MSC Box Office or at the event.

## Latinos

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Holding the first position on the list is Stanford University, followed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University.

Two other schools in Texas that joined A&M on the list were Rice University ranking eighth on the list with 11 percent of Hispanic students and University of Texas-Austin, ranking 11th with 14 percent.

Hispanic President's Council (HPC) President Sarah Pena said that although ranking 13th isn't great, it "does shed light on our university."

"Hopefully, more of the Hispanic community will become aware of the benefits of attending Texas A&M," Pena said.

The HPC is composed of 16 Hispanic organizations which include fraternities and sororities, professional societies and cultural associations.

"It (HPC) seeks to promote awareness of the existing Hispanic organizations available to the student body of Texas A&M University, serving as an 'umbrella' support group for these organizations," Pena said. "Although the presence of Latinos at Texas A&M is (still) small, the students try their best to share the importance of their culture."

Characterizing A&M for the "camaraderie among Aggies, passionately held traditions and unsurpassed school pride," the magazine reported that these attributes helped "shrink this colossal campus to a friendly size."

## Break

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Department of Residence Life, worries more about what students do when they are away for break than what goes on at their homes while they are away.

Lt. Mark Langwell of the College Station Police Department said he urges students to remain safe wherever they travel over the vacation by staying with their groups during spring break, not leaving luggage unattended and not drinking and driving.

"We educate kids on the dangers of alcohol and driving," Sasse said, "and also just stress the simple measures like letting people know where you are going and when you will be there."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Former aide accused of being a paid Iraqi agent

NEW YORK (AP) — 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 — the White House chief of staff — to alter U.S. policy.

Susan Lindauer, 41, was taken into custody in her hometown of Takoma Park, Md., and

made a brief court appearance in Baltimore, where lawyers argued over whether she should be granted bail.

She was charged with conspiring to act as an unregistered agent of the Iraqi Intelligence Service and with engaging in prohibited financial transactions with the Iraqi government. The indictment makes no mention of her congressional staff work. She was not directly charged with espionage.

She could get up to 10 years in prison on the most serious charge.

# Worship Directory

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Sunday School 9:00  
www.betheltemplebcs.com

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Bill Van Winkle: 774-3059  
college@fellowshipfwb.org  
http://www.fellowshipfwb.org

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www.aggiecatholic.org

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