

For our purposes, as a story, it's very important to know whether ETA or Al Qaeda was responsible for the Madrid bombings. For the victims the distinction is minimal. Terrorism is international, and the United States is the leader of the coalition to stamp it out. That's the tone we want to impart throughout the day. We are beefing up our staffing there and will stay with the story through the weekend.

Scary thought of the day: what if it's a consortium of terrorist groups working together?

Spain's neighbor, the ever-superior France, had its own spate of railway terrorist warnings last week, though it's not clear that those were in any way related to the Madrid bombings.

The President is on the stump, this time for women's rights. His remarks may be worth dipping into and then getting out.

John Kerry may wish he'd taken off his microphone before trashing the GOP. Though he insists he meant republican "attack squads," his coarse description of his opponents has cast a lurid glow over the campaign.

There's a court hearing for Susan Lindauer, accused of selling out her country to Iraq for handful of silver. For the record, Lindauer worked at Fox News (among several other news organizations) in the 90s and was terminated.

Should the border with Mexico be subject to environmental standards, or is its main purpose to keep the nation secure? It's a question the California coastal commission is forcing to a head. Adam Housley looks at both sides.

Kofi Annan always defended the UN's oil for food program in the runup to the Iraq war. Now, it appears his son may have had a role in the company that ran the program, which as we now know was used by Saddam to buy cooperation from influential people. Eric Shawn is pieces together the puzzle.

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