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Iran accused in plot to kill Saudi envoy



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CAPITOL HILL RESTAURANT TARGET OF BOMBING, U.S. OFFICIALS SAY

Seattle Times news services

For the first time in more than a generation, a foreign power was accused Tuesday of plotting a political assassination in the U.S. capital, an allegation that stunned analysts who said it would seem to be an incredibly incautious move and

a mark of desperation, if proved true.

Attorney General Eric Holder announced charges against two Iranian-backed emissaries accused of arranging a restaurant bombing that would target Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United

States, Adel Al-Jubeir.

Holder said the suspects were connected to the Quds Force, part of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards. The attorney general said they met in May in Mexico to hatch the plot, which Holder said in-

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A courtroom sketch Tuesday shows, from left, defense attorney Sabrina Shroff, defendant Manssor Arbabsiar and an unidentified federal marshal.

Poll: Gay marriage growing on public

RELIGIOUS GROUP'S SURVEY FINDS 48% OPPOSED

Lawmakers consider push to make it legal in state

BY LORNET TURNBULL
Seattle Times staff reporter

A poll conducted for a religious conservative group that has worked to defeat gay-rights laws in Washington state found fewer than half of voters surveyed last month say they oppose same-sex marriage.

The results represent the first time that support for Faith and Freedom Network's position on the question of marriage equality in Washington slipped below 50 percent.

The findings come as some state lawmakers consider a push for same-sex marriage and a consortium of religious conservatives gears up to fight them.

The telephone survey of 408 registered voters, conducted for Faith and Freedom by Elway Research, asked respondents: "Do you support legalizing homosexual marriage in Washington state?" — language gay-rights groups call jarring enough to turn some people off.

Pollster Stuart Elway said the word "homosexual" was the group's choice — not his. The results showed 48 percent of respondents answered "no" to the question, and 44 percent answered "yes."

Two years ago, when another
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SAM'S SHINING NEW EXHIBIT



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Catherine Roche, Seattle Art Museum's interim assistant curator of Asian art, walks through Korean Do Ho Suh's multimedia installation at "Luminous: The Art of Asia." The exhibit, featuring pieces from 12 countries and spanning millennia, runs from Thursday until Jan. 8.

Seattle Art Museum holds more than 7,000 works of Asian art in one of North America's most highly regarded collections, yet it never has mounted a major show of its holdings in its downtown space.

Until now.

Nearly 200 of the museum's treasures make up "Luminous: The Art of Asia" (Thursday through

Jan. 8) in SAM's fourth-floor galleries. Curated by art historian Catherine Roche, the museum's interim assistant curator of Asian art, the exhibition showcases works from 13 countries and spans thousands of years.

For a review, see Friday's edition of Weekend Plus. Information: seattleartmuseum.org.

Melissa Davis, Seattle Times assistant arts/entertainment editor

Pair charged in 4 slayings sought 'to kill more Jews'

BY MIKE CARTER
Seattle Times staff reporter

An Oregon white supremacist and his girlfriend linked to four slayings in three states, including two killings in Everett, were driving to Sacramento, Calif., to "kill more Jews" when they were arrested by police, according to charging documents.

The documents, filed in Snohomish County, allege that David Joseph Pedersen, 31, and his girlfriend, Holly Ann Grigsby, 24, had killed Pedersen's father and



David Joseph
Pedersen
in court
on Tuesday



Holly Ann
Grigsby,
girlfriend
of Pedersen

stepmother in Everett, then drove in the dead man's car to Oregon, where Grigsby said they shot and killed 19-year-old Cody Myers and stole his car.

Grigsby told police they shot Myers "because his last name made them think he was Jewish," according to the charging documents. Prosecutors said Grigsby claimed

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Republican contenders try to halt Cain's momentum, 9-9-9 tax plan

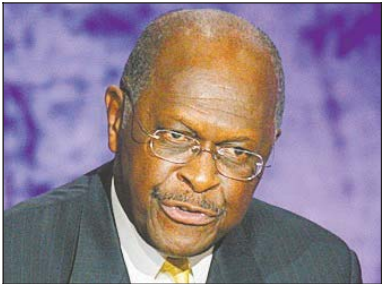
PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

New Hampshire event first since businessman's surge into top tier of candidates

BY DAVID LIGHTMAN
AND STEVEN THOMMA
McClatchy Newspapers

HANOVER, N.H. — Surging Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain came under fire for his 9-9-9 tax plan in a debate Tuesday night, as rivals sought to slow his sudden momentum into the top tier of contenders.

"I thought it was the price of a pizza," former Utah Gov. Jon



DANIEL ACKER / ASSOCIATED PRESS
Former Godfather's CEO Herman Cain insists his 9-9-9 tax-code overhaul would pass Congress.

Huntsman said of the proposal for Cain, a former CEO of the Godfathers pizza chain. "We need something that's doable, doable, doable."

Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann warned against giving Congress another pipeline for revenue. "Once you get another revenue stream," she said, "you're never going to get rid of it."

Bachmann also joked that the plan, when turned on its head, looks like 6-6-6, a representation of Satan. She said "the devil's in the details" and isn't a viable option.

Noting that New Hampshire has no state income tax, former Penn-

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