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**FRIDAY**

**Bombs kill 192 in Madrid**



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Rescue workers cover bodies by a bomb-damaged passenger train after explosions in Madrid, Spain, on Thursday, three days before Spain's general elections. More than 1,400 were wounded in Spain's worst terrorist attack ever. Below right, an injured man walks outside the Atocha rail station.

**Officials blame ETA, then say al Qaida group claimed attack**

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**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 Spain's history.

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muters trampled 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. Cellular phones rang unanswered as the bodies of the dead as frantic relatives tried to call them.

“March 11, 2004, now holds



Associated Press photo by J.J. Guillen

Panicked rush-hour com- ■ **See Spain, Page A4**

**\$1.5B. bond could break N.J. credit rating**

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**TRENTON** — New Jersey borrowed more money to balance its budget over the past three years than any state except California, according to a report released Thursday by one of the three major Wall Street rating agencies.

Moody's Investors Service placed New Jersey's bond rating on the watchlist for a possible downgrade, a move that could cost the state millions in higher premiums paid to investors. The downgrade is likely, Moody's said, without a "significant change" in the proposed budget or state revenues.

The report warned that the state's proposal to balance its budget with a \$1.5 billion bond — added to last year's decision to borrow \$3.1 billion from a tobacco settlement — could leave New Jersey with prolonged budget problems even after other states recover from an improved economy. “The budget proposal con-

templates a relatively buoyant level of state spending and a substantial additional installment of long-term bonds to pay operating expenses,” the report said. “In light of this, and likely continued spending pressures next year, the state's budget problems could extend

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**TRENTON** — The federal government ordered companies Thursday to stop selling the over-the-counter dietary supplement androstenedione, commonly called andro, unless they can prove it is safe.

The Food and Drug Administration is concerned that andro, which helps the body create testosterone, carries the same health risks as anabolic steroids. The agency warned 23 andro manufacturers to cease sales or face federal seizure of their products and other penalties.

“Anyone who takes these products in sufficient quantities to build muscle or improve performance is putting himself or herself at risk for serious long-term and potentially irreversible health consequences,” FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan said Thursday.

Among the risks FDA cited are heart and liver damage, and some gender-specific prob-

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**Police arrest 10 in Atlantic City-NYC drug ring**

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**ATLANTIC CITY** — Dealing a defeat to an alleged drug cartel that reportedly trafficked as much as about \$1 million in cocaine from New York City every month, authorities announced 10 arrests and a hefty drug seizure Thursday.

The suspects would cook the cocaine into crack before selling it here at the Stanley S. Holmes Village housing project, according to police.

Authorities started an intensive investigation into drug sales at the midtown complex, a cluster of low-rise brick buildings off Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Baltic



**Aaron Laramore, left, Frank Watson, center, and Eddie Davis are arraigned in Superior Court in Mays Landing on Thursday. Twenty more suspects still remain at large.**

Staff photo by Scott E. Stetzer

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The cash register does the talking at Pleasantville's Rainbow Cleaners.

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