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### Janitors, teachers, sports hit in budget

By Lee Sensenbrenner  
*The Capital Times*

With the proposed elimination next year of more than 100 jobs in the Madison Metropolitan School District, many schools will be cleaned half as often, class sizes will grow and athletics will become costlier and more exclusive.



Rainwater

In all, the district is facing nearly \$10 million in cuts to next year's \$308 million budget. Like most other Wisconsin school districts, it is again feeling the pinch

of state-imposed caps that, since 1994, have restricted tax increases to below the rate of inflation.

Superintendent Art Rainwater said the budget he proposed Monday would protect essential educational programming, but that "we're pretty much at the end of really and truly being able to protect our core."

The chops fall hardest on custodians, teachers and support staff. But they also take a significant toll on high school athletics, including big fee hikes, fewer teams and coaching positions as well as the elimination of all high school athletic directors.

No upper level administrators would be affected by the proposed cuts.

In all, the equivalent of 138.7 full-time jobs would be lost under the administration's recommended budget, which will get three public hearings this month before it goes to the Madison School Board for approval.

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## Fans cheer at girls tourney



Top: Milwaukee King fans cheer on their team, which lost Thursday to Oshkosh West, 52-39, in quarterfinal competition in the girls state basketball tournament at the Alliant Energy Center Coliseum. Right: Milwaukee King cheerleader Rashawn Campell salutes the flag. For details, see Sports.



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## Marriage ban gets first OK

### Amendment targets gays

By JR Ross

*Associated Press*

A proposed amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution that would define marriage as a union between a man and woman and bar civil unions has cleared its first hurdle with passage by the full Legislature.

The Senate approved the measure, 20-13, early today, following the Assembly's passage, 68-27, after an all-night session last week.

"This amendment today is not about race and it's not about discrimination. It's about preserving the definition of marriage," said Sen. Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau and the amendment's sponsor.

Opponents countered it was a spiteful attempt to divide people and write discrimination into the state constitution. Sen. Chuck Chvala, D-Madison, compared the amendment to laws years ago that banned interracial marriage.

"Are we prepared to make the same kind of mistake?" Chvala said.

The proposed amendment says only a marriage between one man and one woman will be valid in Wisconsin. It also would prohibit any legal status "identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals."

Sen. Tim Carpenter, D-Milwaukee, the only openly gay member of the Senate, told of the discrimination that he and his friends faced over the years, as he urged senators to reject the amendment. "It is wrong. It is wrong. It is wrong," Carpenter said.

Members disagreed over the second section of the amendment addressing civil unions. Fitzgerald said the provision would not prevent municipalities or the state from granting some rights to gay couples as long as those benefits were not similar to a marriage.

But Sen. Fred Risser, D-Madison, said the language was so muddy that he feared the courts could rule any legal arrangement for gay couples was unconstitutional under the amendment.

The city of Madison and Dane County released letters this week from their lawyers saying the amendment could bar them from offering health insurance benefits to domestic partners, something they do now.

Still, the Senate rejected an attempt to strip the second section from the amendment.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

January 2005: When the next two-year session of the Legislature convenes, both houses will vote again on the amendment.

April 2005: If the measure passes the Legislature a second time, this is the soonest it could go to voters statewide. It would require a simple majority for approval.

## Madrid bombing theories emerge

By Sebastian Rotella and Tracy Wilkinson

*Los Angeles Times*

MADRID, Spain — The size and savagery of Thursday's synchronized train station bombings suggests a significant shift in tactics by Basque separatists — or the work of an entirely new player in Spain.

Spanish authorities are wrestling with competing theories over who was responsible for the attacks that killed nearly 200 people and wounded approximately 1,400 others. Swift to blame ETA militants fighting to secede from Spain, top officials by the end of the day were forced to acknowledge that they were pursuing a more complex investigation that included the possibility of action by al-Qaida.

The method of attack also fed a third theory: that the coordinated strikes resulted

from an alliance of Basque and Islamic networks.

Forensic evidence, including the type of explosives used, and the arrests in recent weeks of purported Basque terrorists armed with powerful bombs point to ETA as the prime suspects in Thursday's massacres, investigators said in interviews, echoing Interior Minister Angel Acebes.

ETA purportedly planned a Christmas Eve bombing at another Madrid train station, which was foiled by police. Recent intelligence reveals that a young, ruthless generation of Basque militants has been pushing since the summer to pull off a spectacular blow, according to a senior Spanish law enforcement official.

But the well-coordinated multiple strikes aimed at mass civilian casualties are ele-

MADRID, Spain (AP) — The armed Basque separatist group ETA today denied responsibility for the Madrid terrorist attacks, according to Gara, a Basque-language newspaper.

The pro-Basque daily told The Associated Press a caller claiming to represent ETA telephoned its newsroom to deny government allegations that the group was behind Thursday's bomb blasts.

ments out of character with ETA's three-decade-old armed campaign. ETA traditionally has targeted the symbols of Madrid's power, such as police and politicians, or its economic base, with hits on tourist resorts.

The methods Thursday recalled the brutal

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## 'Look, I'm not afraid, look'

By Judith Davidoff

*The Capital Times*

As Madison police officers demanded repeatedly that Gregory Velasquez drop the meat cleavers he was holding, Velasquez yelled back what turned out to be his final words.

"Look, I'm not afraid, look," Velasquez is heard saying on a 911 tape just before he was shot and killed Tuesday morning by police officers at the Red Caboose Day Care Center.

The tape, released Thursday, also records Velasquez threatening center director Wendy Rakower.

"She's going to be dead and I'm going to be dead," Velasquez is heard saying above the shouts of the police officers.

More details of the morning terror at Red Caboose were provided by police officers at a community meeting Thursday night at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center.

## Details of day care threat, death released

The meeting was called to give staff and parents from the day care and members of the general community a chance to ask questions and begin to heal from the trauma, city officials said.

Why Velasquez chose to stage his assault at a day care center or, for that matter, at Red Caboose, remains a mystery.

"We will never know what ultimately his motive was because he's not here to talk about it," said Capt. Luis Yudice.

Not surprisingly, the police were asked why it was necessary to use deadly force on a man who appeared to be suicidal.

Yudice said police had to shoot Velasquez because he made a "threatening ges-

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The first officer on the scene, Jean Papalia, embraces Red Caboose worker Olga Ennis during Thursday's meeting at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center.