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Terrorist bombs kill 192 in Spain

The Associated Press
Group claims responsibility in name of al-Qaida

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 Spanish history. Panicked rush-hour commuters trampled on 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. Train cars were turned into twisted wrecks and platforms were strewn with corpses. Cell phones rang unanswered on the bodies of the dead as frantic relatives tried to call them. "March 11, 2004, now holds its place in the history of infamy," Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar said. The bombings came three days ahead of Spain's general election on Sunday. A major campaign issue was how to deal with ETA, the Basque militant group that is seeking greater autonomy.

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Young riders belted in, ready to go

Parents reminded to install seats properly to reduce risk of injury



ANNA DEBROUX, 2, of Darboy is buckled in by her mother, Amy DeBroux, along with her brother, Adam, 3, after morning activities Thursday at the Heart of the Valley YMCA in Kimberly. Post-Crescent photo by Mike De Sisti

State Patrol cites child seat safety as 'law of the month'

By John Lee
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Stan Miller has been driving a car for about 52 years, and transporting children for Kidz Kab for five years. But even he learned some things about child safety seats at a training session this week. Appleton police Sgt. Ray Reimann talked about the need for seats to be installed tightly, the need to check labels and the ages of seats and the importance of sometimes not listening to children or parents who want the children to face the front too soon. After the presentation Wednesday at Northland Mall in Appleton, Miller and the other Kidz Kab drivers knew they were going to pay more attention to child safety seats.

On the Web
 For guidelines on child safety seats:
www.dot.state.wi.us/safety/vehicle/child/use.htm

"We've always buckled them in, but maybe we've been a little lax," Miller said. The federal National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) says incorrectly installed car seats lead to 68 child deaths and another 874 injuries each year — and most of those can be easily prevented. The Wisconsin State Patrol has made child seat safety its law of the month. Organizations like Safe Kids hold frequent safety checks to make sure people transporting

Proper use of child safety seats

Parents/caregivers must consider the weight and height of the child when selecting the proper seat. All child safety seats have weight and height recommendations from the manufacturer.



	Infants	Toddlers/Preschool	Young Children
Weight:	Birth to at least 1 year and 20 to 22 lbs.	20 lbs. to about 40 lbs. and older than 1 year	40 lbs. up to about 80 lbs. or more
Type of seat:	Infant only or rear-facing convertible	Convertible forward-facing	Belt-positioning booster seat
Seat position:	Rear-facing only	Forward-facing	Forward-facing
Always make sure:	Children up to 1 year and at least 20 lbs. in rear-facing seats in back seat. Harness straps at or below shoulder level	Harness straps should be at or above shoulders. Most seats require top slot for forward-facing	Belt-positioning booster seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belt
Warning:	Do not place infants in the front seat of cars with air bags	All children age 12 and under ride in the back seat	Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight to avoid abdominal injuries

Source: Wisconsin DOT Post-Crescent graphic by Jim Rosandick

Hockey punch has a local impact

Area players respond to NHL fine, suspension

By Ed Byrne
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The National Hockey League's decision to suspend Vancouver Canucks "enforcer" Todd Bertuzzi for his vicious attack on Colorado's Steve Moore is welcome news in local youth hockey circles. That includes young

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9, has been playing for five years and said he saw the hit replayed on TV. "It was kind of scary," Travis said. "He should be out for the remainder of the season, but I'm not sure about the next season." Matt Headley, who plays right wing for the Squirt team and once was hit from behind in a game, was worried for Moore when he saw the replay. "I got slashed in the



AP photo by Chuck Stoddy
THE AVALANCHE'S Steve Moore is taken off the ice Monday after being injured in a fight in Vancouver.

Appleton teen charged with robbery, extortion

By Dan Wilson
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APPLETON — An Appleton West High School student has up to 42 years of prison and extended supervision hanging over his head for an alleged extortion plot that netted \$100. James A. Perry, 17, 3145 N. Longwood Lane, is charged in Outagamie County Circuit Court with two counts of robbery with the threat of force and two counts of extortion for the incidents involving another teen in August of last year. An initial appearance on the charges is set for April 8. According to the criminal complaint filed Wednesday, Perry allegedly made a connection through a common acquaintance with a 16-year-old youth over an Internet chat room.