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Police repeatedly warned attacker

"She's going to be dead, and I'm going to be dead, and that's it," he told police at a day-care center before they shot him.

By Patricia Simms and Barry Adams Wisconsin State Journal

It took less than a minute for Gregory Velasquez to provoke two Madison police officers into killing him Tuesday in front of frightened preschoolers.

On a tape of 911 calls from the Red Caboose Day Care Center released Thursday, Madison police are heard repeatedly shouting at Velasquez to drop his knives.

Velasquez, armed with two meat cleavers, says, "I want this to be over. She's going to be dead, and I'm going to be dead, and that's it."

Madison police say the 39-year-old Velasquez, who had threatened suicide in the past, stood about three feet away from center director Wendy Rakower, holding a meat cleaver above his head while officers yelled at him and children whimpered.

Rakower had been accidentally knocked to the floor behind the door to the Bumblebee Room when police kicked the door in, Rakower said through a spokeswoman Thursday.

About 22 preschoolers

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Bombs kill 192 on Madrid trains



Paul White - Associated Press

Firefighters carry a body out of a bomb-damaged passenger train Thursday in Madrid, Spain. At least 192 were killed and 1,400 injured in Spain's worst terrorist attack.

Basque separatists and al-Qaida-linked group suspected

By Mar Roman Associated Press

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 while wounding 1,421.

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.

Police found a stolen van with seven detonators and an Arabic-language tape parked in a suburb near where the stricken trains originated.

Panicked rush-hour commuters trampled on each other, abandoning bags and shoes, after three of the bombs went off in one train in the Atocha station in the heart of Madrid. Train cars were turned into twisted wrecks and platforms were strewn with corpses.

"March 11, 2004, now holds its place in the history of infamy,"

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Jose Huesca - Associated Press

Two people injured by an explosion in a train Thursday wait for aid outside the train station of Atocha in Madrid, Spain.

Blasts rock Madrid train stations

At least 192 people died and more than 1,400 were wounded when 10 bombs tore through three Madrid train stations during rush hour Thursday morning.



SOURCES: ESRI, AND, TeleAtlas; Associated Press

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Steve Apps - State Journal

Sen. Tim Carpenter, D-Milwaukee, the Senate's only openly gay member, listens as Sen. Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, defends his proposal to amend the state's constitution to limit marriage to unions of one man and one woman.

Senate OKs ban on gay marriage

By Phil Brinkman Wisconsin State Journal

A state constitutional ban on gay marriage moved a big step closer to becoming law early today, as the Senate voted to change Wisconsin's charter to limit marriage to a union of one man and one woman.

The 20-13 vote came in a hastily called "extraordinary" session to extend the Legislature's regular floor period, which expired Thursday. Before it can take effect, however, the resolution must pass the next Legislature, which won't be sworn in until January, and be approved in a statewide referendum, perhaps as early as next spring.

The vote followed a lengthy, sober and mostly civil debate over a question members on both sides called one of the most important they'll ever face. Supporters said the resolution was urgently needed to prevent "activist judges" from

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◆ California court halts San Francisco same-sex marriages/A3

Chula Vista will build \$100 million condo project

By Richard W. Jaeger Wisconsin State Journal

The Chula Vista Resort, a convention resort north of the city of Wisconsin Dells, plans to build a \$100 million condominium project.

Construction on the first phase of the 200-unit project along River Road, overlooking the Wisconsin River, is slated to begin this fall with 50 units to be completed by spring 2005.

The Chula Vista development is one of a number of condo projects in the Wisconsin Dells area.

Two other resorts, the Kalahari and Wilderness, have several hundred units built or being built.

Todd Nelson, owner of the Kalahari, which is completing 120 condo units that will open adjacent to the resort's hotel and convention center the first week in June, welcomed the competition.

"They have a beautiful location out there. I wish them well," Nelson said. He did, however, express surprise

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UW scientists find microbes in flooded mine

By Susan Lampert Smith Wisconsin State Journal

The zinc and lead in the old Piquette mine beneath the village of Tennyson played out long ago, but divers and scientists are discovering new treasures in the slimy deep.

An article in today's issue of the prestigious journal Science describes long, willow crystals produced by a newly discovered microbe that lives down in the flooded mine in far southwestern Wisconsin.



De Stasio

The discovery could lead to a better understanding of biomineralization, the process by which living organisms create hard substances such as bone, shell and teeth. Shell is 3,000 times stronger than the minerals it's made from, and no one has been able to duplicate the process in a laboratory.

"It is unlikely that crystals like this could be made by existing inorganic or laboratory methods," said the article's author Jill Banfield. "Understanding of the fundamental process of how microbes cause formation of these structures" may give scientists ideas for how to fabricate them in the lab.

Co-author and UW-Madison physics professor Gelsomina "Pupa" De Stasio said UW-Madison's high-resolution SPHINX microscope made it possible to identify both the "soft part," the long strands of polymer produced by the microbes, and the "hard part," the crystal that

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Today Partly sunny. High 32°. Winds: WNW 7-14 mph.



Tonight Partly cloudy. Low 22°. Details/back of Local

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American accused of spying for Iraq Susan Lindauer was charged with accepting \$10,000 for work with the Iraqi Intelligence Service. Lindauer was turned in by White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, a distant cousin.