MORE THAN SIX-THOUSAND MIDCITY TEACHERS WENT ON STRIKE TODAY...FORCING 127 CITY SCHOOLS TO SHUT DOWN.

ALMOST 180-THOUSAND STUDENTS ARE AFFECTED.

THE TEACHERS WANT MORE MONEY...SAYING THEY’RE THE LOWEST PAID IN THE STATE.

THEY WANT AN EIGHT-PERCENT PAY RAISE BUT SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT ERIC OTTERMAN SAYS THE BEST HE CAN DO WITH THE BUDGET HE HAS...IS THREE PERCENT.

OTTERMAN SAYS HE’LL TRY FOR A SHORTENED SCHOOL DAY TOMORROW USING SUBSTITUTES, ADMINISTRATORS, AND THE FEW HUNDRED TEACHERS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE STRIKE.

A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IS AT 7:30 TONIGHT.

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A bizarre incident today at a local grocery store involving a woman…her cat…and the police…ends in death.

Midcity police say they had no choice but to shoot the woman. It all happened at the Food Basket store on West Petrie Avenue. They say the woman came in…carrying her Siamese cat…and a knife…and then sat down in an aisle.

Police say when they arrived and asked the woman to drop the knife…she refused and threatened to kill the cat. They say she then got up and started walking toward the officers. Sergeant William Briscoe says pepper spray was used to try to stop her… but she kept coming…and officers opened fire…

SOT FULL: Sergeant William Briscoe  :06
In: She raised the knife
Out: a clean shot

Authorities have not released the dead woman’s name. Officials say the Siamese cat ran away once the shooting started. And despite an extensive search…hasn’t been found.

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