

PREP FOOTBALL: WEEK 4

Memorial tops Chi-Hi, now 2-0 in Big Rivers.

SPORTS/1C



Among Friday night's other winners:

- Altoona
- Menomonie
- Rice Lake
- Osseo-Fairchild
- Stanley-Boyd
- Mondovi
- Bloomer
- Durand

See **SPORTS** for full list, game details

FALLING NUMBERS

Outdoors magazine analyzes hunting's decline. **Inside Today's L-T.**

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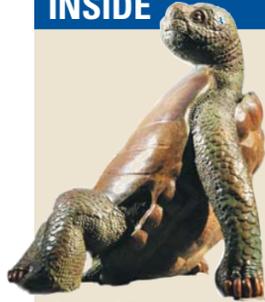
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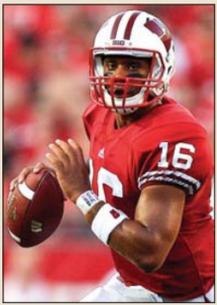
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Tonight **57**
Details, **6C**

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Sculptures attract visitors to downtown Eau Claire. **1B.**



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Badgers vow to not take Oregon State lightly. **1C.**

Nation/World
GOP says it's ready to work with Obama on jobs bill. **3A.**

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Business owners gripe about Hastings Way.



HONORING THE FALLEN



Staff photo by Shane Opatz
Cassy Ostrowski, an 18-year-old UW-Eau Claire student, prepared for an English class Friday morning on lower campus. Members of the UW-Eau Claire College Republicans and Conservative Union placed nearly 3,000 American flags on the campus mall Friday to honor those who lost their lives during terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. To view more photos go to LeaderTelegram.com/photo.

World Trade Cross symbol of hope, loss

Crossbeam, a source of inspiration in days after 9/11, now draws controversy

By Sally Jenkins
The Washington Post
NEW YORK — The shape was oddly identifiable in the blasted wreckage of the World Trade Center, standing upright amid beams bent like fork tines and jagged, pagan-seeming tridents. A grief-exhausted excavator named Frank Silecchia found it on Sept. 13, 2001, two days after the terrorist attacks. A few days later, he spoke to a Franciscan priest named Father Brian Jordan, who was blessing remains at ground zero.

"Father, you want to see God's House?" he asked. "Look over there."
Father Brian peered through the fields of shredded metal. "What am I looking for?" he asked. Silecchia replied, "Just keep looking, Father, and see what you see."
"Oh my God," Father Brian said. "I see it."
As Father Brian stared, other rescue workers gathered around

him. There was a long moment of silence as he beheld what he considered to be a sign. Against seeming insuperable odds, a 17-foot-long crossbeam, weighing at least two tons, was thrust at a vertical angle in the hellish wasteland. Like a cross.

Ever since the two jets had slammed into the twin towers on Sept. 11, leaving 2,753 dead, Father Brian had been asked by countless New Yorkers, "Why did God do this?" He would reply tartly, in his Brooklyn-born accent: "It had nuttin' to do with God. This was the actions of men who abused their free will." Now here was God explaining Himself. It was a revelation, proof that "God had not abandoned ground zero," even as the awful excavations continued.

Silecchia said worriedly, "Father, they might put this in some dump heap."

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9/11 10 YEARS LATER

What you will find in **Sunday's Leader-Telegram** on the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks:

- Reflections of **family members of the two Chippewa Valley natives who died** in the attacks.
- Profiles of **local residents with a special connection** to that infamous day.

COMING SUNDAY IN L-T

- Firsthand accounts of **area residents detailing how they learned about the attacks** and how they feel about the tragedy a decade later.
- Reflections from **families of area soldiers who died in the wars** resulting from the attacks.
- How **Altoona middle schoolers** are learning about Sept. 11 and its legacy.
- An editorial sadly reflecting on how **post-Sept. 11 national unity** has been forgotten.
- A **Parade magazine "Day of Remembrance"** special issue.
- A **special section examining how the attacks unfolded**, how they changed our country and how Americans have coped.

STATE CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES

Group: New law hurts providers



Staff photo by Steve Kinderman
Chippewa Falls child care center owner Bobbi Hibbard says a new state law might discourage day care providers from accepting children who attend facilities with state subsidies.

By Chris Vetter
Chippewa Falls News Bureau

CHIPPEWA FALLS — A new state law aimed to reduce child care subsidy fraud hurts providers and won't save the state any money, contends Bobbi Hibbard, president of the Wisconsin Family Child Care Association.

Hibbard runs a certified day care in Chippewa Falls. She fears the new law, which only pays daycare providers when children actually attend, will mean a 5- to 7-percent reduction in salary for many providers.

"It will affect a lot of providers in the state," Hibbard said. "It's not going to save money (for the state). It's not going to help low-income families that need to go to work."

The law, which went into effect Aug. 28, also might discourage day care providers from accepting children who attend facilities with state subsidies, she said.

"A lot of providers are going to choose to not take

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NYC, DC aware of threats, unafraid

Security ramped up in cities as officials scramble for intel

By Eileen Sullivan and Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Undaunted by talk of a new terror threat, New Yorkers and Washingtonians wove among police armed with assault rifles and waited with varying degrees of patience at security checkpoints Friday while intelligence officials scrambled to nail down information on a possible al-Qaida strike timed to coincide with the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

Counterterrorism officials have been working around the clock to determine whether the threat is accurate, and extra security was put in place to protect the people in the two cities that took the brunt of the jetliner attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon a decade ago. It was the worst terror assault in the nation's history, and al-Qaida has long dreamed of striking again to mark the anniversary. But it could be weeks before the intelligence community can say whether this particular threat is real.

Security worker Eric Martinez wore a pin depicting the twin towers on his lapel as he headed to work in lower Manhattan on Friday where he also worked 10 years ago when the towers came down. "If you're going to be afraid, you're just going to stay home," he said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, too, made a point of taking the subway to City Hall.

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Former track star brings message for teen athletes

By Jon Swedien
Leader-Telegram staff

A former All-American track star and Olympic trainer, John Underwood has a message for Chippewa Valley parents and student-athletes: When teenagers drink, they're undermining their own success.

Underwood will speak at Augusta, Altoona and Eau Claire schools from Monday through Wednesday.

"What we're trying to do is impact these kids' choices" by providing them and their parents with information, Underwood said.

Underwood is the president and founder of the American Athletic Institute, which has started Life of an Athlete programs that aim to guide student-athletes to success.

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