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WEATHER

Mostly sunny.
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NATION & WORLD

President pushes his jobs plan

A day after addressing a joint session of Congress, President Barack Obama heads to Virginia to drum up support for the \$447 billion measure intended to get Americans back to work. **PAGE A10**

SPORTS



One bad pitch buries Brewers

Shaun Marcum pays dearly for his one big mistake — giving up a three-run HR to the Phillies' Ryan Howard in the first inning — in the Brewers' 5-3 loss Friday night. **PAGE B1**

LOCAL

Man charged in fatal crash

A Portage man is charged in Dane County Circuit Court for allegedly running down a Madison woman shortly after he took methadone. **PAGE A3**

BUSINESS

Woes in Europe drag on Wall St.

Fears about Europe's debt crisis helped send U.S. stocks tumbling and sent the yield on the 10-year Treasury note to the lowest level in 50 years. **PAGE D1**

COMING SUNDAY

More conflicts on the court?

The Supreme Court may be unable to decide any proposed discipline stemming from the June 13 fracas in their offices.

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NYC ho-hum on 'credible' threat



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An Amtrak K-9 police officer checks bags Friday as commuters get ready to board their train at Pennsylvania Station in New York. The city is deploying additional resources and taking other security steps in response to a potential terror threat before the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Police on high alert; residents take it in stride

By COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Security worker Eric Martinez wore a pin depicting the twin towers on his lapel as he headed to work in lower Manhattan on Friday, unfazed by a report of a credible but unconfirmed terror threat before the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

He worked downtown then and lived through it. He still works there — and didn't hesitate to take the subway.

"It's the only way you can get to work. If something's going to happen it's going to happen. You just have to deal with it," he said. "This is the time we live in. If you're going to be afraid, you're just going to stay home."

Once again, New Yorkers dealt with an ominous-sounding report of a possible threat against the city by taking it in stride. To them, the inconveniences of snarled traffic, bridge checkpoints and train station bag searches have become routine.



A New York City police officer checks vehicles passing on 59th Street and Park Avenue on Friday at a vehicle checkpoint in New York. U.S. counterterrorism officials are chasing a credible but unconfirmed al-Qaida threat to use a car bomb on bridges or tunnels in New York or Washington.

U.S. officials said Thursday they were chasing a credible but unconfirmed al-Qaida threat to use a car bomb on bridges or tunnels in New York or Washington.

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WHAT'S NEXT

Sunday: An 8-page special section recalls that fateful day.

Inside: Local events commemorating Sept. 11. **PAGE A4**

REMEMBERING SEPT. 11 >> 10 YEARS LATER

> Last in a daily series of stories marking the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks

When, how might next attack happen?

"It may be next week, it may be 10 years from now."

By CAL WOODWARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The question has never stopped being asked since the morning of Sept. 11, 2001: What next?

Billions of dollars and the efforts of untold thousands of people around the clock are aimed

squarely at finding the answer.

The next big terrorist attack could be cooked up in a lab, giving new meaning to technology at the cutting edge. It could come again from the sky, in a frighteningly similar way. Or in some completely new way. Even now, officials are chasing a "specific, credible but unconfirmed" threat of a car-bomb attack in New York or Washington, timed to coincide with the 9/11 anniversary.

Everyone knows plotters are dreaming of a new strike. The necessary presumption, even if it never happens, is that it will.

"It may be next week, it may be 10 years from now, we just don't know," Lee Hamilton, top Democrat on the commission that studied the 9/11 attacks, told The Associated Press.

As Sunday's 10-year anniversary

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COUNTY BUDGET

Parisi: Program cuts will be painful

Proposed reductions would hit emergency homeless shelter, assistance for disabled.

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Emergency shelter for homeless families, medical help for the dangerously drunk and assistance for the disabled are among the services that would be reduced or at risk in the initial draft of Dane County's 2012 budget.

County Executive Joe Parisi instructed department heads to submit budgets cutting up to 10 percent in the face of state aid reductions, limits on tax revenues and a sluggish economy.

"It's hard to plug an \$8 million hole without anyone feeling any pain," Parisi said Friday.

Spending restraints are needed to balance the budget and focus scarce funds on the most effective solutions to social problems while county workers hustle to find new state and federal money

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dane County departments have submitted proposed budgets to the county executive for review.

IF YOU GO

Meetings on the 2012 Human Services Department budget
6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Alliant Center Exhibition Hall, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way
Meetings on the rest of the budget
5:30 p.m. Thursday, Electronic Theatre Controls, 3031 Pleasant View, Middleton
6 p.m. Sept. 19th, Stoughton Senior Center, 248 W. Main, Stoughton

WHAT'S NEXT

Oct. 1: County Executive submits budget to County Board

MANAGED FORESTS

Bill would allow land to be leased

Participants in the program get tax breaks for protecting property.

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Landowners who get tax breaks for protecting forestland could soon begin leasing that land again for recreational activities such as hunting, fishing and hiking, according to a bill making its way around the Capitol.

The Managed Forest Law bill, introduced in the Senate in August, is expected to become a topic of debate when the Legislature returns next week. The new bill would again allow landowners to lease forestland in the program but increases the taxes they would pay.

State Rep. Fred Clark, D-Baraboo, who served on the

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'MONKEY'

Alligators, snakes before baboon

Man who had primate in his basement had other run-ins with police over exotic animals.

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A Madison man found last month to be housing a baboon in his basement had previously been investigated for keeping alliga-

tors and large snakes at his East Side home, which he shares with a young daughter, Madison police records show.

Two years ago, concerned for the welfare of the child and possibly other children, an anonymous tipster called police to report Ryan Sopko was keeping alligators and snakes at his Camden Road home.

In a Sept. 11, 2009, police report, Sopko admitted to Officer Nicholas Eull that he had the ani-

mals. Sopko said he had a 5-year-old alligator, which was nearly 6 feet long, and a smaller, younger alligator. He also said he had two boa constrictors that were owned by a relative.

Sopko acknowledged to Eull that his daughter, who was 2 at the time, lived in the home but said she didn't have access to the exotic animals, which were kept in locked cages in the basement,

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Monkey the baboon was housed in a reinforced dog kennel at the Dane County Humane Society.