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# UNDER SIEGE

*Bush puts military on high alert and vows full inquiry*

NEW YORK (AP) — In one of the most audacious attacks ever against the United States, terrorists hijacked two airliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center in a coordinated series of blows today that brought down the twin 110-story towers.

A plane also slammed into the Pentagon, bringing the seat of government itself under attack.

Thousands could be dead or injured, a high-ranking city police official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Authorities had been trying to evacuate those who work in the twin towers, but many were thought to have been trapped. About 50,000 people work at the Trade Center, and tens of thousands of others visit each day.

**Four crashes:** American Airlines said its two hijacked planes were carrying a total of 156 people. Two United airliners carrying a total of

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**SECOND ATTACK:** A jet, part of which can be seen behind the building on the left, crashes into one of the towers of the World Trade Center. The tower at right was the first victim of the apparent terrorist attack. Both towers later collapsed into heaps of rubble, trapping thousands of workers.



**ZEROING IN:** A plane flies toward the World Trade Center, heading for the tower behind the smoking building that had been hit by a plane a few minutes earlier.



**COLLISION:** On impact, the plane explodes. One of the planes that crashed into the Trade Center was American Airlines Flight 11, hijacked after takeoff from Boston.



**PENTAGON BURNS:** Flames and smoke pour from a building at the Pentagon.

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**A SCENE OF CHAOS IN MANHATTAN**  
Eyewitnesses in Manhattan milled about in stunned disbelief as panic and chaos engulfed New York City.

A newsman described the scene after the first collapse of a World Trade Center tower: "People walked around like ghosts, covered in dirt, weeping and wandering dazed." **A3**

**WORLD REACTION:**  
**PALESTINIANS CHEER**

PLO leader Yasser Arafat condemned the attacks, but in the West Bank town of Nablus, thousands of Palestinians poured into the streets to celebrate. Leaders of major countries expressed their shock and sorrow as well as their resolve to fight terrorism. **6 EXTRA LOCAL RESIDENTS WATCH IN HORROR**  
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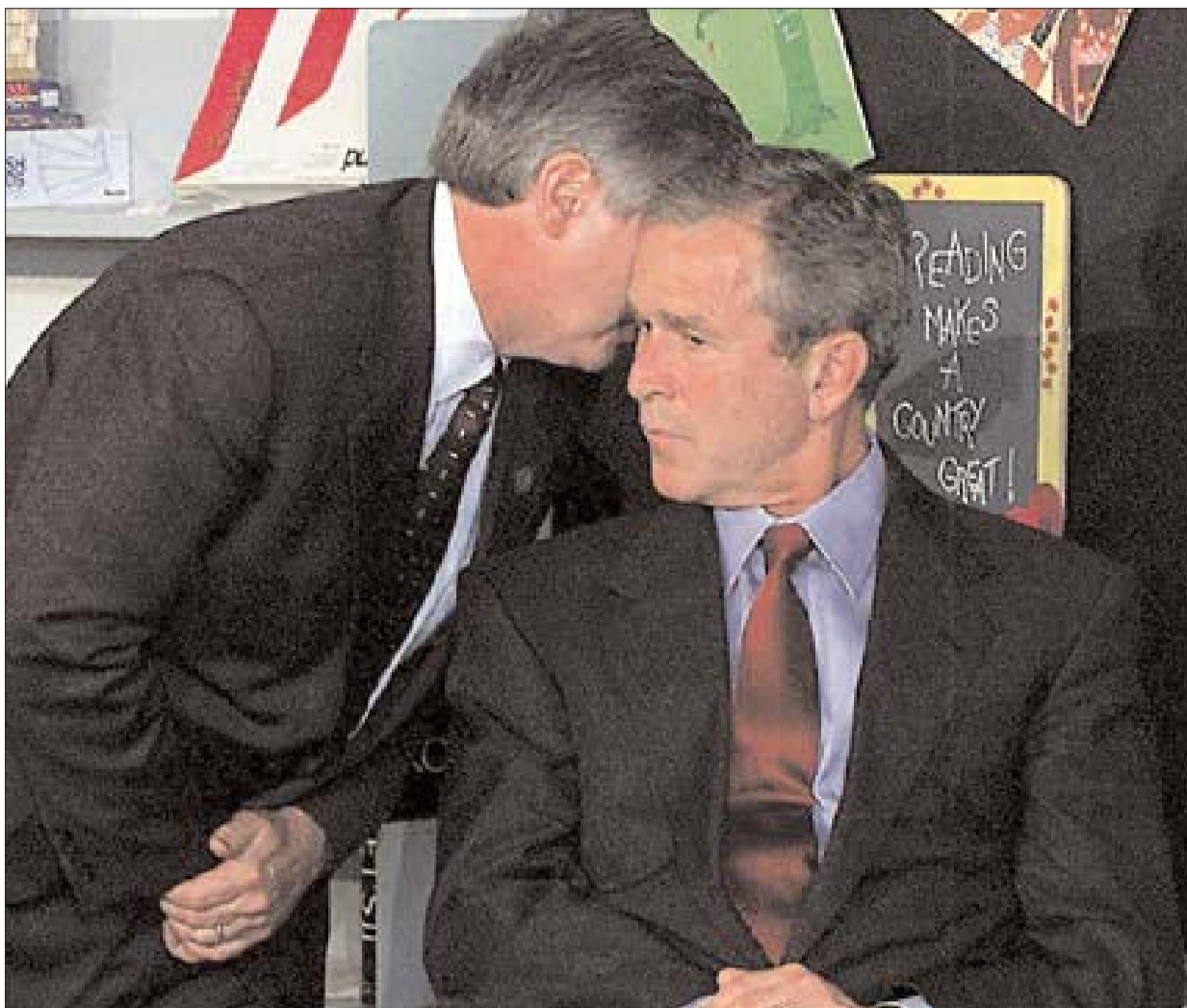
Valley, people were glued to television sets as the news of the attacks unfolded. The Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna increased its security level. **A5**  
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U.S. UNDER SIEGE



HORRIFYING SCENE: Plumes of smoke pour from the World Trade Center buildings in New York. Planes crashed into the upper floors of both World Trade Center towers minutes apart today in a horrific scene of explosions and fires that left gaping holes in the 110-story buildings. Both towers later collapsed.



BAD NEWS: President Bush's chief of staff, Andy Card, whispers into the ear of the president to give him word of the plane crashes into the World Trade Center. The president was visiting the Emma E. Booker Elementary School in Sarasota, Fla., today.



SHOCKING SIGHT: People in front of New York's St. Patrick Cathedral react with horror as they look down Fifth Avenue toward the World Trade Center towers after planes crashed into their upper floors.

Trading halts as U.S. financial markets close

Repercussions rippled through world markets. All eyes were on New York.

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. financial markets came to a halt today after two separate planes crashed into the World Trade Center and similar assaults were reported in Washington in what President Bush called an apparent terrorist attack. The Securities and Exchange Commission said all exchanges had decided to close. The announcement followed a suspension of trading on the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq Stock Market. The American Stock Exchange had already decided to close for the day. "As a safety precaution the tragic events of today are sorted out, the securities markets have decided not to open for trading today," SEC chairman Harvey Pitt said in a statement. "We strongly support that decision."

The reports of attacks on the State Department and on the Pentagon in Washington and the collapse of both of the World Trade Center skyscrapers added to the paralysis and terror already engulfing the financial district. "The two explosions were incredible and at the point of explosions, all you could see outside were personal belongings and office supplies raining outside," said Bob Rendine, an American Stock Exchange spokesman, whose office is down the block from the NYSE. "We're staying here. We think it's safer to stay inside than go outside at this point." Much of the downtown district, including the World Trade Center and nearby World Financial Center, which houses the NYMEX, were evacuated. It was also difficult to make phone calls to the downtown business district and throughout Manhattan. Crowded streets: Thousands of companies sent their employees

home for the day, putting tens of thousands of New Yorkers into the streets after public transportation was shut down as a precaution against further attacks. Business and trading in other parts of the country also were affected. The Chicago Board of Trade also suspended all trading effective, 10:15 a.m. Overseas, the London Stock Exchange evacuated its building but said trade will continue from an alternate site. The Toronto Stock Exchange ended its trading in mid-morning. Around the country and world, the investment community was focused on the fate of people working in the World Trade Center affected by the apparent terrorist attacks. There were reports of people jumping out of buildings. "I'm just worried about people who are there," said Robert Harrington, head of listed block trading at UBS Warburg's office in Connecticut.

Witnesses describe chaos and horror

In shock, people milled about as dust and debris fell around them.

Associated Press Americans watched in horror today as New York turned into a crumbling, smoking nightmare in the wake of an apparent terrorist attack. "I just saw the building I work in come down," said businessman Gabriel Iano, shaking in shock outside City hall a cloud of smoke and ash from the World Trade Center behind him. "I just saw the top of Trade Two come down." Nearby a crowd mobbed a man on a pay-phone, screaming at him to get off the phone so that they could call relatives. Dust and dirt flew everywhere. Ash was 2 to 3 inches deep in places. People wandered dazed and terrified. Sights and sounds: "I was in the World Financial Center looking out the window," said one woman. "I saw the first plane and then 15 minutes later saw the other plane just slam into the World Trade Center." Another eyewitness, AP newsman Dunstan Prial, described a strange sucking sound from the Trade Center buildings after the first building collapsed. "Windows shattered. People were screaming and diving for cover. People walked around like ghosts, covered in dirt, weeping and wandering

dazed." "It sounded like a jet or rocket," said Eddie Gonzalez, a postal worker at a post office on West Broadway. "I looked up and saw a huge explosion. I didn't see the impact. I just saw the explosion." Morning commuters heading into Manhattan were stranded as the Lincoln Tunnel was shut down to incoming traffic. Many left their cars and stood on the ramp leading to the tunnel, staring in disbelief at the thick cloud of smoke pouring from the top of the two buildings. On the streets of Manhattan, people stood in groups talking quietly or watching on television at ground-level network studios. From New Jersey: Joan Goldstein, communications project leader for The Associated Press, was on a bus from New Jersey at about 8:50 a.m. when she saw "smoke pouring out of the World Trade Center building. We said, 'Oh, my God! The World Trade Center's on fire!'" Perhaps 10 minutes later, "All of a sudden, there was an orange plume, a huge explosion. It shot out the back of the building. Everybody on the bus was just moaning and gasping," said Goldstein, who wept and trembled as she spoke. The plume was from the second plane, but she didn't see the plane because of the thick smoke. She tried to call friends who work there, but couldn't get through. "It was the most horrible thing I've ever seen in my life," said Goldstein.

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## HOW WE SEE IT

### Terrorists' act of war demands swift American response

The attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon today can be seen as nothing less than an act of war.

It is too early to take seriously a claim of responsibility by any specific terrorist group. It's even unlikely that the people who have struck these blows against our nation are going to make themselves easy targets. But this was such a sophisticated operation that U.S. intelligence sources will surely be able to assign responsibility.

When that happens, the United States will be justified in responding with the full force of this nation's military power.

At this writing it is still too early even to estimate the toll that these attacks have taken. The death toll will almost certainly include hundreds of passengers in the hijacked airplanes, other hundreds or even thousands in the Trade Center towers or on the ground and unknown civilian and military workers in the Pentagon.

The toll will also include, at least in the short term, the American way of life.

Today, office buildings are darkened in major cities from coast to coast, America's political leaders have been evacuated to safe havens, all commercial airliners have been grounded. A nation that suffered through an earlier attack on the World Trade Center and saw the front ripped off the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City now has a new and painful appreciation of the toll that terrorism can take.

And it is going to have to resolve to respond to this attack with all of its might.

Other democratic nations that value their way of life should see this attack on American soil for what it is, an attack on freedom-loving nations and open societies everywhere. All the world's citizens should recognize as pure barbarism the hijacking of airplanes and crashing them into buildings full of people who did nothing more than get up that morning and go to work, each with the expectation that they would see their loved ones at day's end.

Those who have declared war on the United States and the American people with these attacks should stifle any urge to celebrate. They have numbered their own days, because today's carnage will not go unavenged.

### The calendar says summer, but football makes it autumn

Ohio State's 28-14 victory over the Akron University Zips wasn't the highlight of Jim Tressel's coaching career, nor was it the best football the Ohio State Buckeyes have ever played. But the boys of autumn sang OSU's alma mater after a game they won, 102,602 fans filled the renovated Ohio Stadium, and enough marching band alumni showed up to join the band in writing Script Ohio four times on the well-manicured field. So even if starting quarterback Steve Bellisari lacked luster, it wasn't the end of the world.

Meanwhile, back in Stambaugh Stadium, Youngstown State University's Penguins were continuing their winning ways under new head coach Jon Heacock.

The sports press has been uncommonly kind to former Penguin Coach Tressel — more than willing to give him the benefit of the doubt in his first game in Columbus. Tressel is, of course, an uncommonly nice guy, but if this nice guy finishes last — or even loses a couple of games along the way — he'll learn how quickly his warm welcome will wear out.

Still, Tressel inherited quarterback Bellisari from former OSU Coach John Cooper, so he can't be held totally responsible for Bellisari's four fumbles and an almost-intercepted pass that bounced out of the hands of Akron fullback John Fuller and into the hands of Buckeye receiver Chris Vance who scored on the play.

Even if redshirt freshman Akron quarterback Charlie Frye wasn't able to win one for the Zippers, the score was still way too close for many Buckeye fans.

Heacock, on the other hand, as the beneficiary of YSU's Tressel years, is off to a good start with a 2-0 record. Saturday night's 44-0 game against Clarion University gave the Penguins a chance to shine before an enthusiastic home crowd. This Saturday he'll have the opportunity to put his own stamp on the team when they travel to Toledo to take on the Division 1-A Rockets, who've already crushed Minnesota and Temple in the first two games of their season. Heacock says he has a lot of faith in YSU football. Based on the Penguins history, he has reason for optimism.

There has to be less optimism in the ranks of the local favorite professional teams. The Cleveland Browns lost to the Seattle 9-6, on a Seahawk field goal with only three seconds on the clock. At least the Browns scored six points, which is more than can be said for the Steelers, who managed to eke out one measly field goal in the opening minute of the second quarter.

## A Page of Opinion



## HOW YOU SEE IT

### Public needs better education about wolves

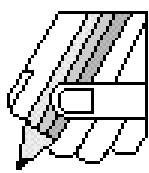
EDITOR:

I have been following *The Vindicator's* wonderful coverage of the Richard Flauto Wildlife Foundation's plight of needing to raise funds to purchase at a sheriff's auction the 80 acres of property where the wolf sanctuary is located. The foundation was successful in purchasing the land to save the wolf sanctuary, home for 25 wolf hybrid, and one of its goals is to build a public education center. Those of us who love animals and wolves, in particular, hope that they succeed.

In the meantime, I would like to make the public aware of a non-profit wolf education center that is currently in operation. Wolf Timbers is located in Bolivar, Ohio (slightly south of Canton) — only a 90-minute drive from Youngstown. There are three live 100 percent pure North American Gray Wolves in a large wooded enclosure. Visitors, after walking down a 1000-foot long nature trail, are presented every Sunday afternoon. For more information and directions, visit their web site [www.wolftimbers.org](http://www.wolftimbers.org) or call toll-free 1-866-VS4-WOLF.

The mission of wolf education centers is to re-educate the public about the true nature of wolves, an endangered species, to prevent possible extinction of these beautiful animals, who hold a very important position in our ecosystem. If we educate the mind, we save the environment.

JUDY KOVALAN  
Lake Milton



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### A garden of beauty is a joy forever

EDITOR:

If the world will be saved by beauty, as Dostoevski taught, Youngstown has a beginning with the two beauty spots on the east and west ends of Rayen Avenue. A monumental cross and a beautifully landscaped hillside raises the eyes, the mind and heart as one drives by.

More impressive still is the gift of Mill Creek Park with Fellows Riverside Garden. If paradise is a garden, as scripture suggests, then a short visit to heaven is available here in the center of the city.

If the political, economic and moral atmosphere of the area blankets you with a black night of the spirit, flee to Mill Creek Park. A sunny afternoon spent there amidst the tall trees, the babbling waters, and the gorgeous flowers relieves the oppressive moral minimalism, the accepted mediocrity, the spun lies of which the devil is the father. (John 8:44)

Most especially does the munificent gift of Mr. D. D. Davis, his wife and associates give cause for rejoicing. The magnificent Garden Center with which they have blessed the community is more than a lasting tribute to their generosity. It is superb. It is reason for gratitude. It is proof that God, by good angels, can inspire great men and great women to begin to build His Kingdom here. To become truly great, we must seek true greatness. To this we are all called.

FATHER WILLIAM J. WITT, M.A., M.Div.  
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## HOW HE SEES IT

### A dangerous world of perception

By JAMES P. PINKERTON  
LONG ISLAND NEWSDAY

Here's something new: Colin Powell getting bad press.

He's on the cover of *Time* magazine, but the headline telegraphs the bad ink within: "Where Have You Gone, Colin Powell? The secretary of state isn't the foreign policy general everyone thought he'd be. What's holding him back?" What's holding him back, the newsweekly answers, is President Bush and all the conservatives around him. As a result, a weakened Powell is "absent from the big issues of the day."

But the big issues, as revealed last week most glaringly in Durban, South Africa, may be more complicated than either Powell or *Time* realizes. The traditional game of statecraft is getting harder — three times harder.

*Time*, of course, wants Powell to move left. As the cover story argues, the secretary of state is destined to leave "shallow footprints" unless he can emancipate himself from right-wing "unilateralists" in the Bush administration. This is the not-so-subtle system of carrots and sticks that's implicit in much reportage: Do things our way, and you'll be rewarded with nicer coverage.

**Salvation:** Indeed, *Time* offers a salvation-scenario for Powell, putting its institutional-ideological wish in the mouth of an unnamed "pal," who says: "His idea is to wait until the conservatives screw up, and then take over." But take over what? Traditionally, the game of statecraft consisted of diplomats dealing with other diplomats. And no doubt Secretary Powell can keep busy, clinking glasses with foreign ministers from Brussels to Beijing. But this familiar game of nations is changing as the nation-state is changing — dissolving even.

The visit of Mexican President Vicente Fox to Washington underscores a new reality: that the United States and Mexico are slow-motion merging. Indeed, *Time* magazine put "Amexica" on its cover in June; the headline read, "The border is vanishing before our eyes, creating a new world." In other words, diplomacy is colliding with demography as the United States and Mexico morph into an Anglo-Hispanic federation.

And a second tranche of diplomacy continues to expand: the higher realm of international, even supranational, organizations. The United Nations was just an

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overture to an ever-louder crescendo of world-girdling entities. And regions, too, are now organizing themselves into multinational blocs. The European Union, having killed the proposed merger between two American companies, GE and Honeywell, is currently scrutinizing the alliance of Hewlett-Packard and Compaq. Moreover, German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, occupying the diplomatic vacuum left by the United States, is conducting his own negotiations in the Middle East. What would happen if he comes up with a deal that calls for NATO peacekeepers in the West Bank?

**NGO influence:** And a third stratum of international affairs is increasingly visible: the proliferation of non-governmental organizations, or NGOs. These private groups, from the World Council of Churches to the Grupo de Lesbianas Feministas, have collectively played a leading role at the World Conference on Racism

in Durban. What was originally a single conclave of nations, with NGOs as sideline observers, instead became two meetings, one starring 163 nation-states, the other starring the 3,000 or so NGOs.

The government vs. non-government schism came when two nations, the United States and Israel, walked out in reaction to the anti-Western anti-Semitism so visible at the conference. But tellingly, almost all the NGOs stayed put, as prominent NGOists, such as Jesse Jackson, denounced the United States for leaving.

Colin Powell now faces a three-dimensional chessboard, as other players maneuver above, and below, the United States. In the wake of the *Time* cover story, the nation's top diplomat may be tempted to conciliate his critics, but since they are now spread over three levels, he'll first have to figure where they all are.

Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service

## WHO SAID SO?

**"This was a modest and important step in a global journey toward human rights for all."**

Wade Henderson  
Executive director of the U.S.-based Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, at the world racism conference in South Africa.

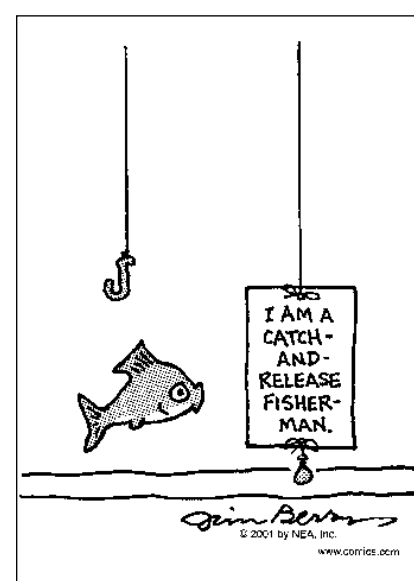
**"It was an elegant and beautiful victory."**

Alexander Lukashenko  
After claiming a sweeping win Sunday in Belarus' presidential elections.

**"At this time we don't know the motive for the shooting. Obviously this person is probably not in a right frame of mind."**

Sgt. Daniel Hahn  
Sacramento Police spokesman, after a suspended security guard allegedly killed three co-workers and a fourth man.

## BERRY



GEORGIE ANNE GEYER

### Many in Americas being left behind



MIAMI — For the past decade, new truths about development seemed to be sweeping inexorably across the hemisphere. Democratic governance was inevitable. Free markets were the "only way." Pragmatic leaders, freely elected at last, would lead the long-struggling peoples of all the Americas.

No one should deny the reality of that historic and optimistic portrait. But the picture is also becoming fuzzy and blurry, as was shown all-too-clearly by one of the most accurate indicators of change, the annual *Miami Herald's* Americas Conference at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables.

One surprising revelation of the conference, attended by the leaders and interpreters of U.S. and Latin American politics, business and media, was the apparent agreement on the degree to which the hemisphere is presently divided along geopolitical lines.

"Increasingly, we don't live in the Americas," said panelist Riordan Roett, the distinguished director of the Western Hemisphere program at Johns Hopkins University. "We have a North America and a South America — and Mexico is de facto and de jure now part of North America. This means we run the danger of being so focused on Mexico that we risk not seeing what is happening in the Andes, in Brazil and in the other countries."

**What about the rest?** These words reflected a lingering — and often half-expressed — resentment that Mexico has been receiving so much euphoric attention from Washington that Mexican President Vicente Fox is being treated like President Bush's interlocutor to Latin America. A new acronym is even floating around: The other countries are "ROLA," the neglected "Rest of Latin America" (not good).

Meanwhile President Fox was in Washington insisting that the two countries' immigration problems be solved before the end of the year. (Since he is too smart not to know that this is impossible, one surmises that, with his reforms momentarily stymied, he is playing the old Mexican populist card.)

Another indicator of the changes percolating inside the hemisphere is the widespread criticism of globalization — and its effects on the poor and even the middle classes.

Don Evans, the Bush administration's secretary of commerce, presented the prevalent view in Washington. "Never before in the history of the world," he told the group of approximately 700, "have we engaged in the highest calling in life. We'll look back and be very proud of what we did (in spreading free trade throughout the Americas) and see what we did to improve life for everybody."

Yet the idea of trade as the sacred calling — and as the answer to everything — was no longer in vogue at this conference, and speaker after speaker confirmed and elaborated upon the sense of unease and dispiritedness throughout a hemisphere where many fear a return to leftist, emotional policies.

"A recent poll showed a decline in support for democracy in almost every country in the region," said Thomas "Mack" McLarty III, now vice chairman of Kissinger McLarty Associates. "As frustration mounts, so does the appeal of reckless fixes. Leaders must find a way to soften the rough edges of reform so that more people feel the benefits of change."

**Small businesses:** Many of these efforts, however well-intended, toward globalization of the economies and toward democratically elected governments and free markets, have left many people behind and have destroyed small local businesses and initiatives.

"Like the industrial revolution, globalization has produced social unrest," said Salvadoran President Francisco Flores in a keynote speech. "Certain sectors of society, particularly those involved in the new technologies, have experienced exponential growth, while others, more involved in a traditional economy, have seen their profits dwindle."

But even McLarty's moderate ideas for responses to the brewing crisis are still far from being implemented in any of the troubled countries. Mexico, for instance, has no unemployment insurance, although it routinely demands such social safety nets even for Mexicans illegally in the United States.

The belief eight or nine years ago was that Latin America would keep marching forward hand-in-hand with the modern triumvirate of new democracy, free enterprise and globalization. That is not happening.

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## SCRIPTURES



**He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.**

Isaiah 53:7 NIV



# Ripples are felt across Valley

Some area parents removed their children from schools, and a 911 center was flooded with calls from area residents wanting to know what security measures were being taken locally.

VINDICATOR STAFF REPORT

YOUNGSTOWN — Area residents and officials were horror-struck this morning as news spread of apparent terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., and government facilities, even locally, went on alert or closed.

The Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna Township, home of the 910th Airlift Wing, increased its security measures in the wake of the disasters at the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

"We're at our highest level of security now," said Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple, a station spokesman. "It means that now all of the nonessential personnel, nonmilitary, are being sent home. All the buildings are secured with entry limited to a single point in each building. People are staying put. We will be maintaining Delta until Air Force Command Center determines it's safe ... however long that takes."

Delta is the highest threat condition and is normally reserved for such hot spots as the Middle East, said Lt. Brent Davis, another station spokesman.

"We have a good training program as far as security measures go here in the wing, and everyone feels safe," Ripple said. "No one is acting panicky. You have to feel safe or you can't do your job. We got a big eye-opener today."

The air base was initially put on Alpha alert about 9:30 a.m., after planes first crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City.

The air base, which has 500 employees there today, is at normal threat condition most days.

**Standing by:** State Rep. John Bocchieri of New Middletown, an Air Force reservist who served during the Persian Gulf War, said he was called by the base to be on standby.

"They asked me if I was available to fly, and I'm heading over there now," Bocchieri said this afternoon. "They didn't want to discuss it. They didn't want to talk about it."

This strike is something that people of this generation will remember forever, Bocchieri, D-57th, said.

"When I heard about it, I got that sick feeling like, where were you when Pearl Harbor was bombed," he said. "This is extremely significant. Am I concerned this will have a collateral or cascading effect? Absolutely. It's one thing to target the United States military. It's entirely another thing to target innocent women and children."

The Ohio Legislature canceled its sessions for the rest of the week. Bocchieri arrived about 10:25 a.m. today in Columbus for House sessions through the week. He turned around for the Mahoning Valley about 30 minutes later, when the legislative sessions were canceled.

Davis said the mood at the air base is near shock.

"It's incredible," he said. "Everyone's glued to the news. We're doing what we're told."

**Preventive measures:** The terrorist attack has heightened awareness of vulnerability and may provide the catalyst to create a Homeland Defense Agency, an idea that has been tossed around for some time, said Walter M. Duzzny, executive director of the Mahoning County Emergency Management Agency.

"If you look at that cloud in lower Manhattan, you know it takes money to support the type of training needed to deal with that kind of disaster," Duzzny said. "We'll now start to see the money flow for training and equipment."

Duzzny said local targets of terrorists would be the U.S. District Court in Youngstown, the water



Associated Press

**PALL OVER MANHATTAN:** Smoke billows from the towers of the World Trade Center in New York today. Planes crashed into the upper floors of both World Trade Center towers minutes apart this morning.

## THREAT CONDITIONS

### Military facilities

*The Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna Township, home of the 910th Airlift Wing, was put today on Delta threat condition, the highest condition in the military system. Most of the time, the base is on normal threat condition. As the concern and/or threat of safety increases, so does the threat condition, from Alpha to Bravo to Charlie to Delta. Being on Delta threat condition means:*

**Identify all** vehicles within operational or mission-support areas.

Search all vehicles and their contents before allowing entrance to the installation.

Control access and implement positive identification of all personnel.

**Issue weapons** to guards.

Search all suitcases, briefcases, packages etc. brought into the installation.

**Limit access** points to an absolute minimum. Strictly enforce control of entry.

**Make frequent** checks of the exterior of buildings and of parking areas.

**Minimize all** administrative visits.

Consult local authorities about closing public and military roads and facilities that might make sites more vulnerable to attacks.

**Examine** mail.

**Check all** deliveries and advise dependents to check home deliveries.

**Increase surveillance** of domestic accommodations, schools, messes, clubs and other soft targets to improve deterrence and defense, and to build confidence among staff and dependents.

**Move cars** and objects at least 25 meters from buildings, particularly those of a sensitive or prestigious nature.

**Consider** centralized parking.

**Keep all personnel** responsible for implementing anti-terrorist plans at their places of duty.

Source: Department of Defense

source at Meander Reservoir, schools and power companies.

"I hope it doesn't, but this will generate the wannabes, the ones who can say, 'This is what you can do to get attention,'" Duzzny said. "We've got to take these people to task."

**Keeping watch:** At a Trumbull County government building on North Park Avenue in Warren, employees were clustering around a big-screen TV to watch news of the disaster. There was an atmosphere of shock and disbelief among the 14 people.

"It is unbelievable," said Mark Zigmont, a planner with the Trumbull County planning commission, who had just come out of a routine meeting about 9:30 a.m.

"It makes what we just did seem kind of trivial, doesn't it?" he said.

Upon hearing news of the Pentagon bombing, a secretary, Mitzi Sabella, immediately jumped on the phone to try to get news of her brother, who lives in Virginia and works at the Pentagon. Phone lines were jammed and she was unable to get through.

She was close to tears.

"It's a big, humongous place. I hope it will be all right," she said.

Similar reactions were occurring at the county courthouse and other county offices.

"It's devastating," said Judge W. Wyatt McKay, who along with several attorneys and courthouse personnel spent most of the morning glued to a television set.

"It is very scary," said Miriam Fife, a victim-witness advocate with the Trumbull County prosecutor's office. "With all the security the United States has, I don't understand how this happened."

**Downtown Youngstown:** The atmosphere at the U.S. Courthouse in downtown Youngstown was similar, said Anthony Traficanti, regional director for U.S. Rep. James A. Traficant Jr. of Poland, D-17th, whose main regional office is located there.

"I'm sitting here stunned in amazement," he said. "It's terrible. I can't believe I'm seeing this on TV. Our country is not prepared for this. We have never had this happen on our shores. We are not prepared to handle an internal disaster such as this. We're going to have to change our policies."

Delores Sheck cried, tears streaking down her cheeks, and held her hands to her face.

"My God," whispered Sheck, 20, a senior political science major at Youngstown State University. "My God. My God."

That was the general reaction on campus as the news spread this morning.

YSU trustees were discussing building a new student recreation center when a staff member interrupted the meeting to break the news. The discussions continued momentarily, then trustees agreed to postpone the meeting.

"This is an enormous national tragedy, and I find it difficult to think on these matters before us," Larry Esterly, a YSU trustee, said.

YSU and Kent State University's Trumbull Campus closed at noon but planned to reopen

Wednesday morning.

"Incredible," said YSU junior Randy Mott, 20, of Colorado. "I thought it was a joke when I first heard it. My God. I can't believe it."

Linda McDonald, a YSU student who has three small children at home, said she was terrified.

"The first thing I did was call home," she said outside YSU's student center this morning. "I wanted to make sure my kids are all right. I know that sounds kind of silly, but it's just terrifying."

**Islamic Society:** Mustansir Mir, a spokesman for the Islamic Society of Greater Youngstown, said, "I urge people to openly condemn this. There can't be two opinions about this. This is not subject to argument."

Mir said the actions would appear to have a Middle East connection.

"This is tragic. I don't have the words to describe this," Mir said. "The people who have done it have hurt their own cause. Taking the lives of human beings, and flying people into the structure of the World Trade Center? This is abominable. There are no words that can describe the appalling nature of this. This should be condemned roundly by all people in the world. I don't think [the people responsible] will find any sympathy, as they shouldn't. There's no excuse for it, really. I don't think it can be justified."

**Fielding questions:** Tim Gladis, director of Trumbull County 911, said the center has received "about 100 calls" this morning from residents asking if there have been any evacuations and what type of security measures they should be taking.

Gladis also said he was told that all federal buildings in Akron and Cleveland are being closed for the day.

**GM:** The General Motors' Lordstown Assembly Plant was on a "security alert" today but still operating, said Tom Mock, a plant spokesman.

He said all trucks entering the plant grounds and all packages are being checked closely.

Ann Cornell, a spokeswoman for Delphi Packard Electric Systems, said the maker of wiring products is confirming the location of its executives who are traveling.

Operations at area plants are continuing as normal, she said.

All library branches in the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County system closed at noon.

**Pupils:** At schools throughout the region, pupils huddled around television sets to watch the tragedy.

"Everyone is absolutely shocked," said Kathleen Good, principal of Mary Haddow Elementary School in Youngstown.

Marilyn Mastronarde, principal of Volney Rogers Junior High School in Youngstown's West Side, said she made a general announcement to pupils about the situation.

The parents of one pupil came to the school this morning to remove their child. Mastronarde said the family has a relative who works in the World Trade Center.

"They're terrified," she said. "They haven't been able to reach him."

At Lakeview High School in Cortland, the atmosphere among teachers and pupils was anger and disbelief, said Matthew Chojnacki, schools superintendent.

He likened the attack to Pearl Harbor.

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**COLLISIONS:** Above, smoke billows from the two World Trade Center towers in New York. Terrorists hijacked two airliners today and crashed them into the buildings within minutes of each other. Both towers collapsed after the collisions. Below, people cover their faces from debris as one of the World Trade Center towers in New York collapses. Both towers collapsed today after hijacked airliners crashed into the buildings.



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**LOCAL REACTION:** Kathleen Good, principal of Mary Haddow Elementary School, watches a news broadcast in a teacher conference room at the school this morning.



# Jet forced to land at Vienna

**The Youngstown Police Department bomb squad was called out as a precaution.**

VINDICATOR STAFF REPORT

VIENNA — A Continental Airlines flight bound from Newark, N.J., to Denver had to land at Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport, one of at least six flights forced from the sky before noon today.

Airport manager Tom Nolan stood in the main concourse and announced that shuttle service would be provided to local motels for all stranded passengers, and that the airport was trying to make other travel arrangements.

Nolan said baggage would have to stay on the aircraft for now.

The FBI, the Youngstown Bomb Squad and several local and state law enforcement officials were investigating a Continental plane traveling from Hawaii to Newark, N.J., for possible suspicious package, police said. Passengers on the flight were initially taken by bus to a local hotel and then returned to the airport for questioning, police added.

**Nationwide call:** The airport had been notified to accommodate unexpected flights this morning in response to a nationwide call for all planes to land after two planes crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City in an apparent terrorist attack.

An American Eagle jet en route from JFK Airport to the Cleveland Municipal Airport was one of the first flights diverted here, around 10:30 a.m. today.

A flight attendant on the plane said it was ordered to land at the Vienna Township facility with 28 people aboard, and the passengers were waiting for buses to transport them to Cleveland.

Three Mathews School District buses were at the airport.

**Crowds afterward:** Soon after, lines were 15 deep at the car rental counters. Other passengers were seen using every available phone and likely emptying the ATM machine of cash.

Gene and Joen Ferrari of Morristown, N.J., were on the Continental flight bound for Denver, which was supposed to leave Newark at 8:10 a.m., but got off the ground at 8:45 a.m., Ferrari said. Once airborne, the Ferraris saw fire and smoke coming off the top of the World Trade Center. The couple said they planned to attend their son's wedding Saturday in Vail, Colo.

The Continental pilot told passengers that there was a weather problem in Denver and they had to stop in Youngstown to top off fuel. When the flight landed, the pilot told passengers that a terrorist attack had occurred and the FAA had ordered all commercial flights to land.

Ferrari said that the pilot's first announcement prevented panic and that he would have done the same thing.

**'No joke':** Stephen Kendall, a passenger on a TWA flight from Boston to St. Louis, said the pilot on that flight announced that never in 17 years had he been told to get out of the air immediately, and said "This is no joke."

At first they thought the flight would land in Cleveland, then it landed in Youngstown, Kendall said.

Kendall noted that the man behind him in line at Boston airport changed his mind and decided to get on an earlier, 7:30 a.m. flight out of Boston, which is reportedly the flight that was hijacked and crashed into the World Trade Center.



**BLESSED:** Lynne Mawyer hugs her husband, Greg, at Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport while waiting for their luggage. The couple, of Cuyahoga Falls, were returning from a holiday in New York City and were to land in Cleveland on this morning, but their plane was diverted to Youngstown. "We feel blessed we're not there," she said, referring to New York City.



**GETTING HOME:** Passengers from the diverted Cleveland-bound American Eagle flight board buses outside the Youngstown-Warren terminal to go to local hotels. Some passengers left the airport, while others remained, as they waited to make other arrangements to get to their destinations.



**NO FLIGHTS:** Passengers and airline crew members pick up luggage and make phone calls as they wait for buses inside Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport. All flights this morning were ordered to land at the nearest airport by the Federal Aviation Administration.



**PASSENGER HELPED:** US Airways Express crew help a disabled passenger off the plane at the airport. At least six flights were forced to land at the Vienna facility before noon today after the FAA order to clear the skies.

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## REACTION | Ripples felt across Valley

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So far this morning, a handful of parents have called and asked to pick up their children from elementary school.

"I think that is overkill, but we have no objections to it," he said.

At Champion High School, principal Thomas Harrison said classroom televisions were turned on after the second plane struck the World Trade Center.

Harrison said he will get on the public-address system late in the morning and ask pupils to pay their respects for the dead.

Also, he will assure pupils not to become concerned because this area of the country is not a target.

Harrison said people will always remember where they were when the attack was initiated, in the same way many recall the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

At Warren G. Harding High School, most students spent the morning glued to televisions that are in most classrooms. An announcement was made at 10:40 a.m. that the attacks had taken place.

Reaction varied. Teachers say some students began crying when they heard the news.

"Some are afraid, and some have relatives and know people who work in New York and who may have actually been in the buildings when it happened," said principal Bill Mul-lane. "Some are really afraid, and some are not sure if what they see is real or not." Others were unaffected.

"It has nothing to do with me; it is way far from here," said Kami Tursack, a senior.

**Visited center:** "The first time I saw it, I thought it was a bad joke," said Peter Ullmann, a senior exchange student from Germany.

Three weeks ago, Ullmann was in the World Trade Center.

Joseph Johns walked into his third-period class and saw on TV that one of the buildings was on fire. Soon after, he saw another plane crash into the building.

"It didn't seem real," he said. "I was hoping it was just computer generated."

It still hasn't sunk in, Johns said. "It won't for several weeks."

After the news got out, security guards stopped traffic in and out of the school parking lot. Only parents picking up their children and people making deliveries were allowed through.

"The people say it brings them back to World War II," said Todd Hughes, a security guard at the school. "A lot of them say they are going to church like they did [then]."

By noon, about 15 parents had picked up their children from the high school. Students weren't released because of questions about where they would go, he said.

**Closures:** The federal courthouse in downtown Youngstown was evacuated shortly before 11 a.m., and all Youngstown and Mahoning County government buildings were closed shortly after.

Duzzny said all county offices will be closed at least through today.

"We don't know about tomorrow yet," he said. "We're trying to everyone calmed down, and the best way we can do that is to get everyone home."

**Tall buildings:** An employee for Baker & Hostetler in downtown Cleveland reported that some of the city's tallest downtown buildings were being evacuated in that city this morning out of concern.

In downtown Youngstown, Cambridge Management closed the 12-story Stambaugh Building, one of the city's largest, at about 10:30 a.m. today. A spokeswoman said officials decided to close the building because some local school districts were allowing parents to pick up their children from school. The closing was not related to a concern about attack, she said. The Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce is located on the top floor of the Stambaugh building.

Gary Roberts, president of Metropolitan National Bank, said late this morning that there were no plans to evacuate the bank's 17-story building in downtown Youngstown.

"I think probably for major cities, it makes sense," he said.

There had been no requests from any government officials to evacuate.

**'I was shocked':** People at Niles Municipal Court monitored television reports of the moment-to-moment details of the carnage.

"I was shocked," said Paul Lawrence, clerk of courts, who learned of the attack shortly

after it occurred. "I couldn't believe it when I first heard it, and the more I heard, the more unbelievable it became."

Sherri Chalker, head of security at the court and a McDonald police officer, agreed.

"It makes me think of the way security is here and how we have to better it," she said.

Chalker, of Niles, also worried about the proximity.

"It's too close for comfort," she said.

Her mother and stepfather returned late last night from a conference in New York City, and Chalker talked to her this morning. The building where the conference was conducted is right across the street from the World Trade Center.

"She's really breathing a sigh of relief," Chalker said. "She's scared."

Nick Terbovich of Lordstown, who was at the court this morning when he heard of attack, worries about terrorism filtering into schools around the country.

"It's just devastating," he said.

North Perk Cafe, downtown Warren, was empty after the news of the attacks this morning, with employees clustered around a radio at the front counter.

"It seems like everyone's gone home today," said Holly Zoba, the cafe's owner, who moved from Washington, D.C., a year and a half ago.

**Traveling:** She's still planning a weekend trip to the nation's capitol.

"They win if you [cancel]," she said. "But I'm sure I'm not going to go visit the White House."

Others say they're canceling even local trips.

Glen Wells, a 21-year-old delivery boy at North Perk, said he had just found out about the attacks but that he wasn't surprised.

"I don't know what's going on, but it's all scriptural," he said. "The end of the world is what it's all about."

Jen Ladon, 19, of Struthers, said, "It's the first thing we [our generation] have lived through that's really bad that's happened." She is concerned that if a war results, she and her friends would get drafted.

She mentioned that something similar to the tragedy might happen close to the Valley. "Cleveland is an hour away," she said.

Diana Davis, 22, of Canfield, said she prays that the firefighters she saw rescuing people on television would be safe, adding, "I'm praying for everybody." She added that she was afraid to travel through the air and that "I'm not going to New York for a while."

Both work at the Koffee Korner in Canfield. Ted Wellendorf, 46, of Canfield, said he wasn't sure what to make of the disaster. "I've never seen anything like this."

Nancy McPeak, an employee of the Trumbull County Educational Service Center, said she had just gotten off the phone with her 20-year-old daughter, trying to persuade her not to take the risk to drive from her home in Cortland to Kent State University today.

"Our nation is under attack," she said.



# Fearful Ohioans take precautions

*Airports were closed, schools were locked down, and only pedestrian traffic was allowed around federal buildings.*

COLUMBUS (AP) — Police evacuated and guarded streets around the Statehouse and other public buildings across Ohio today in a fearful, defensive reaction to the day's wave of apparent terrorism. "It's just sick. It just shows how vulnerable we really are," computer technician Keith Meyers, 39, of Westerville, said as he watched officers cordon off Columbus police headquarters. "If it's going to happen in places like New York and Washington, D.C., it could definitely happen here," said Bob Cronin, 40, a federal probation officer in Columbus. "We decided until we find out what's going on in the country with the terrorist attacks and how far spread it's going to be, to put some things on lockdown a little bit," said Co-

lumbus police Lt. Jeff Blackwell. In downtown Cleveland, authorities evacuated the Tower City complex and the Anthony Celebrezze Federal Building. Dayton police cordoned off several blocks alongside the federal building and used unmarked vehicles to block the entrances. Police in Cincinnati allowed only pedestrian traffic around the U.S. Courthouse and the Cincinnati branch of the Federal Reserve Bank. Major airports shut down, although Port Columbus International Airport was designated as one that might be used to handle flights diverted from other cities. A Boeing 767 out of Boston made an emergency landing at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport because of concerns that it may have a bomb aboard, said Mayor Michael R. White. White said the plane and airport were evacuated. Gov. Bob Taft ordered all nonessential state employees to return home, and the state canceled House and Senate sessions. House workers were told not to return to the Riffe tower,

a state office building, until Thursday, said spokeswoman Jen Detweiler. **Reactions:** "I'm very afraid," said Charlin Sims, 42, as she stood on a downtown street taking a cigarette break from her job as an administrative assistant at an appraisal company. "I don't feel safe. ... I want to hug my son." About 50 people gathered on Fountain Square in Cincinnati to watch televised reports on monitors inside WKRC-TV's first-floor studio in the Fifth Third Center. "It's just very scary that this is happening in the United States," said Larry Chiricosta, 65, of Cincinnati. "When can they do it again?" **Lockdowns:** Schools in a suburb near Toledo Express Airport locked all doors and were not allowing children outside for recess or any activities. "We've gone into a lockdown," Charles Horvath, principal of Swanton Township Elementary. **Threat received:** Although there was no official comment on who was responsible for the plane crashes in New York City or at the

Pentagon, the administrator of the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati said the center had received a telephone threat. Police surrounded the center, north of Cincinnati. "People seem to jump to conclusions before all the facts are known, such as the case in Oklahoma City," said Sister Karen Dabdoub, the center's administrator. "We do not condone the taking of innocent lives, and we mourn the loss of innocent lives." Dozens of office workers left their buildings in downtown Cincinnati. Khadijah Abdullah, 22, an information processing worker employed on the 23rd floor of the Fifth Third Bancorp's 31-story banking headquarters, said she didn't feel safe in a high-rise. She worried that if terrorists were behind today's disaster, they might move their focus into the U.S. heartland from the nation's East Coast population centers. "This is scary," Abdullah said. "It seems like it's getting closer and closer." "Those people thought they were safe," said Dana Millow-Craft, 21, of Cincinnati, an analyst

for Fifth Third Bancorp, said of the people inside the World Trade Center in New York. "It's crazy. It's so scary." **Group watching:** About 20 people gathered around big-screen televisions at The Home Theatre Inc., an electronics store in the City Center, a downtown Columbus shopping mall. "You never know what is going to happen," said Heinz Peter, 57, of Kidron in Northeast Ohio. "Obviously this country is so big we think it can't happen here." Lynn Moore, 39, of Columbus said authorities and other Americans should be vigilant. He said the country is too open. "We think that ought to start watching who we let into this country. We're just too generous," Moore said. "I think we've just become too comfortable." Mayon Hubbard, 22, also was critical of security measures. "It's scary what I've been watching. They cut people too much slack. All we can do is pray and hope to live another day," said Hubbard, of Columbus.

## Expert at YSU: U.S. is a target

*The attacks will have a significant impact on the American psyche and will produce major debates about domestic security, the professor said.*

By DAVID SKOLNICK  
VINDICATOR POLITICS WRITER

YOUNGSTOWN — A YSU associate professor who specializes in international relations said he is surprised it has taken this long for terrorists to attack this country.

"It's something that's been predicted for a long time," said Keith Lepak of the political science department at Youngstown State University. "This is a set of events that clearly indicated the vulnerability of our civilization. It's been a long time coming. An era of transoceanic travel, computers, electronics as well as radical politics and extremist political psychology, will produce something like this." **List of enemies:** The fact is the United States has a laundry list of enemies, and many people are unwilling to acknowledge that, Lepak said. "It runs the gamut of populist social movements, which are simply anti-American, to criminal and/or terrorist groups whose strategic objective is to terrorize Americans," he said.

The attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., will have a terrible impact on the American psyche, Lepak said. "The psychological effect is probably much more important than a material strategic effect," he said. Lepak said he had a lot of trouble gathering his thoughts about the impact of these attacks because the country has never experienced anything like this before.

**Emotional debate:** "It's going to produce a very animated, lively, emotional and severe debate within the country about the character of existing security measures and about the appropriate reactionary strategy," he said. Lepak has no doubt that the government will react to these attacks and may take out its anger and frustration on groups not responsible for these episodes.

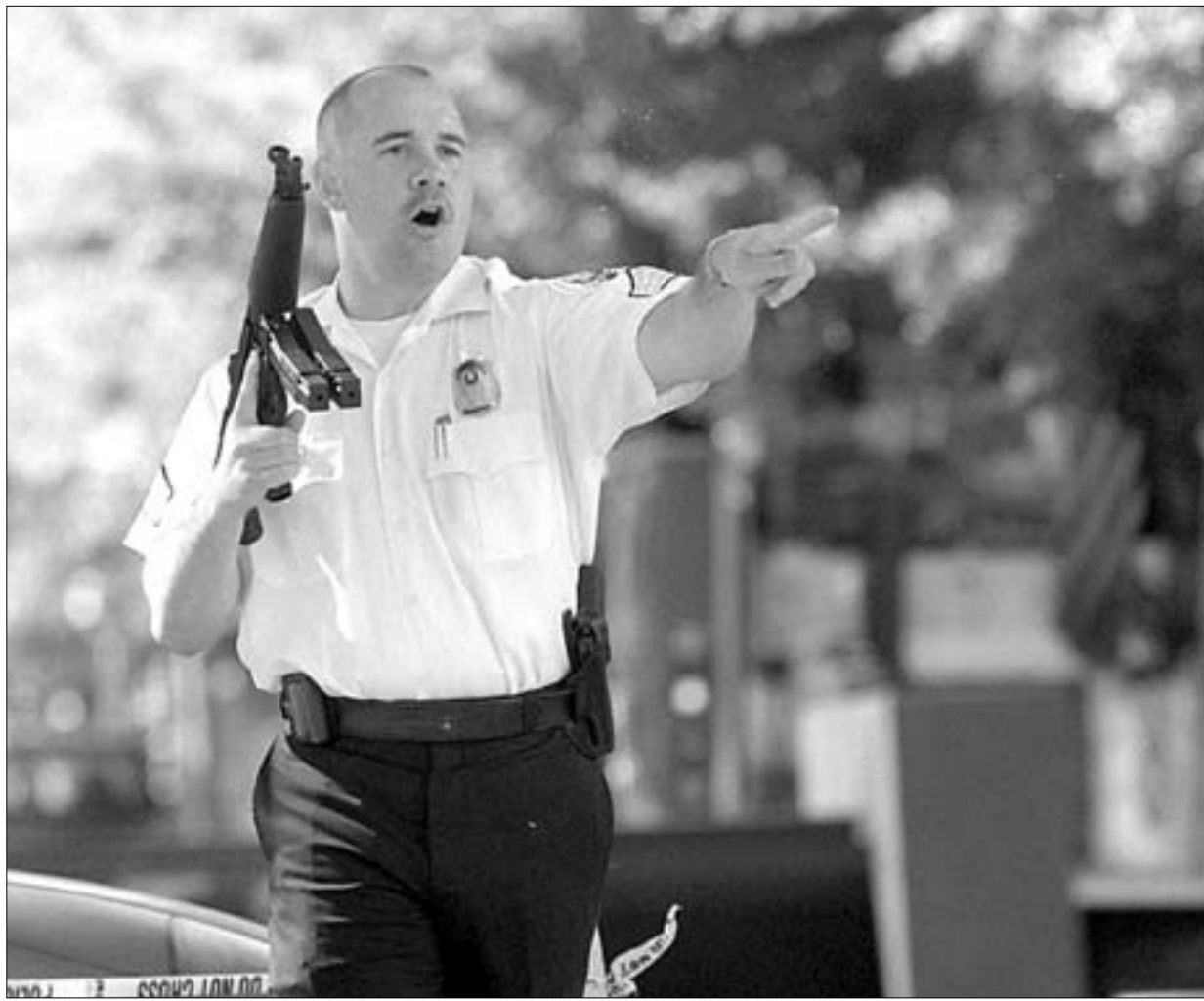
"It may be necessary to take action against a target or a set of targets which are not clearly responsible from the point of view of being able to demonstrate that one is not going to not react," he said.

**Foreign or domestic?** Lepak said it is possible, but highly unlikely, that the attacks were caused by a domestic terrorist group. More than likely, they were caused by international terrorists, he said.

"That's because of the extent and range of what happened," he said. "You had people who were willing to commit suicidal acts, which has not been the characteristic of domestic-based terrorists."

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ON ALERT  
United States reacts



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**ON THE MOVE:** A Secret Service agent carries an automatic rifle outside the White House as that building and others were evacuated. The Capitol, White House, Pentagon and State Department were among the buildings evacuated as an apparent coordinated terrorist attack spread fear and chaos in the nation's capital.

**Precautions taken in various U.S. states in the wake of the terrorist attacks:**

**VIRGINIA:** Navy installations throughout Hampton Roads, home of the world's largest Navy base, placed under an increased security condition called Threatcon Charlie. Threatcon Charlie is implemented when an episode occurs or when intelligence is received that some form of terrorist action is imminent.

**NEW JERSEY:** Airports and river crossings to New York City closed. Traffic reported snarled on the New Jersey Turnpike. PATH commuter trains canceled. At Newark International Airport, officers with shotguns blocked the road leading to Port Authority offices and the air traffic control tower.

**MINNEAPOLIS:** Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport shut down. IDS Center in downtown Minneapolis, the tallest building in the state, evacuated.

**GEORGIA:** All flights at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, the nation's busiest, stopped. The CNN Center, world headquarters of Cable News Network, closed to the

public, although journalists at CNN and The Associated Press allowed to remain.

**MARYLAND:** Officials tightening security throughout the state. Extra security measures instituted at Andrews Air Force Base.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Military bases prepared for possible change in status. At Raleigh-Durham International Airport, spokeswoman Mirinda Kossoff said a strategy meeting was planned with the Federal Aviation Administration.

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Commercial flights from Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Pierre and other South Dakota cities grounded.

**PENNSYLVANIA:** Philadelphia International Airport closed. National Park Service officials meeting to determine whether the city's high-profile tourist attractions like the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall would be closed.

**COLORADO:** City and state officials stepped up security around government buildings. City opened an emergency preparedness office in the basement of city hall, where representatives of police, fire and health agencies, public transportation

officials, Denver International Airport and utilities were gathering.

**NEW YORK STATE:** Security clamped down across New York state. There were plans to increase security at border points. Gov. George Pataki canceled his New York City events.

**CALIFORNIA:** State put on high alert. State's Emergency Council convened as Gov. Gray Davis requested heightened security at all state buildings.

**TENNESSEE:** Department of Energy's nuclear weapons and research complex in Oak Ridge put under heightened security. All flights from Tennessee's major airports grounded. Planes were allowed to land.

**KENTUCKY:** Southern Governors' Association canceled annual fall meeting so governors of Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia could head back to their states.

**WEST VIRGINIA:** Chemical plant security heightened. Flights out of Charleston's Yeager Airport, West Virginia's largest, suspended. Source: Associated Press



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**ON ALERT:** A pair of FBI agents stand guard at an entrance to the federal building, center-rear, in the Westwood district of Los Angeles. Authorities were on alert in response to the attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

## Religious leaders urge restraint in seeking retaliation

*An interfaith service will be at 7 p.m. today at St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Youngstown.*

By D.A. WILKINSON  
VINDICATOR RELIGION WRITER

Area religious leaders expressed sadness this morning but advised caution against leveling blame at particular groups in today's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

The Rev. Daniel Rohan is pastor of St. Mark's Orthodox Church in Liberty and a U.S. Air Force reserve chaplain. He said he was on heightened alert for the reserves because of the attacks.

"From a human, Christian perspective, it's tragic to destroy human life because of political agendas for self-gratification," Father Rohan said. Prayers will be said for those who have lost their lives in today's tragedy at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the church.

"I'm shocked. I'm concerned how this was orchestrated. There had to be a lot of professional preparations for this," said Father Rohan. "I think the United States has to re-evaluate its strategic preparations for defenses. I think they were expecting chemical warfare."

He also said the U.S. may have to re-evaluate its position on civil liberties when it came to the ready access to information on making bombs, such as Internet Web sites. "It's all out there," he said.

**Retaliation:** The Rev. David Leonard is pastor of First Unitarian

Church in Youngstown, which stresses acceptance of different beliefs as long as people share the same values, such as respect for others.

"Clearly the people who did this don't. It's totally unacceptable in that sense," he said.

The Rev. Mr. Leonard said he feared the United States will fly off the handle and bomb someone in retaliation.

"It would be good if we pursued this through the world courts, but we don't even know who did this. Until we know, people are going to assume this was Muslims. And we have to wait to find out."

**Arab leader:** Husam Rafeedie, president of the Arab Community Center of Youngstown, said he was shaking like a leaf.

"This is a disaster, no doubt about it," Rafeedie said. "God only knows who did it, but this is declaring war here."

Rafeedie cautioned against immediately blaming Muslims, pointing out that they were initially suspected in the Oklahoma City bombings that were the result of Americans.

The Rev. Terry Bolds, pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church in Youngstown, also asked people not jump to conclusions.

The pastor asked for prayers for the injured as well as for God's guidance as to how people should help.

Also, an interfaith service will be at 7 p.m. today at St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Youngstown.

A prayer service for victims will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at DeBartolo Auditorium in DeBartolo Hall on the Youngstown State University campus.

## Ongoing donations of blood requested

*People who thought about delaying their blood donations for later are asked by Red Cross officials to give as soon as possible.*

By WILLIAM K. ALCORN  
VINDICATOR STAFF WRITER

Red Cross offices in the Mahoning Valley were besieged this morning with calls from people frightened for the safety of friends and relatives, wanting to know what to do if an attack occurred here, and offering help.

The phone has been ringing off the hook, said Tim Settles, director of emergency services with the Red Cross Warren Chapter.

Settles said Red Cross chapters nationwide are on standby, and about 30 people associated with the Warren Chapter have been alerted in case they are needed for disaster services such as feeding, sheltering and counseling victims.

Mike Cook of the American Red Cross in Cleveland said the American Red Cross national headquarters is coordinating the support for New York City.

Cook said there is a one- to two-day supply of blood in the national inventory, and emphasized that the need for blood will be ongoing and contin-

uous.

"For that reason, we ask people to consider donating blood over the next several days, rather than assuming they must donate right now," he said.

Another reason continuous donations are needed is that a component of blood — platelets — expire after five days. This emphasizes the fact that donations must be ongoing, Cook said.

Additionally, the Red Cross is asking people who have never donated before to consider donating blood in the days and weeks to come.

**Blood drives:** Cook said people should call (800) GIVE LIFE for information on blood drives in their areas.

The Warren Chapter, 661 Mahoning Ave. N.W., has scheduled a special blood collection from 1 to 7 p.m. Sept. 18 as a direct response to the terrorist attacks this morning, Jackie Wolf, director of development and marketing said.

She asked that people not call the Red Cross for information about friends and relatives or even to offer help at this point. She asked that they use conventional methods, such as the telephone or computer, to get information about friends and relatives.

She said the Red Cross is grateful for all who want to help, but asked them to "sit tight" for the time being. "When we need help, we will make a plea," Wolf said.

## Authorities secure buildings

By JEFF ORTEGA  
VINDICATOR CORRESPONDENT

COLUMBUS — Authorities in the state capital took steps today to secure the Ohio Statehouse in the wake of suspected terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center in New York City and a plane crash at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

The doors to the Ohio Capitol were being electronically locked after word of the catastrophes spread, said Ronald T. Keller, executive director of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board that oversees the Statehouse grounds. "We're taking steps to secure the building," Keller said.

State troopers also were being called to the building, he said. Visitors who leave the Capitol were reported-

ly not being allowed in.

The Ohio House and Senate, which had been scheduled to resume session today after summer recess, canceled business for the remainder of the day.

**Employees go home:** Employees of the Ohio House were being allowed to go home, said Laura Clemens, the Clerk of the Ohio House. Employees of the Senate also were allowed to go home, officials there said.

Elsewhere in Columbus, authorities were taking steps to secure other buildings including Columbus City Hall and the U.S. District Courthouse.

"Most of the major buildings downtown are being secured," said Sgt. Earl Smith, a spokesman for the Columbus Division of Police. "We're taking precautionary steps."



# Palestinians cheer; Arafat condemns act

In a chorus of stunned disbelief, world leaders expressed sorrow for the victims and contempt for the perpetrators.

LONDON (AP) — Astonishing terrorist strikes in the United States quickly reached a global audience today, with many around the world watching live coverage as both World Trade Center towers collapsed.

Audiences were transfixed by the awful images from New York and Washington.

Key indexes sank on world stock markets and some European airlines canceled flights to the United States and recalled planes already in the air.

Thousands of Palestinians celebrated the attacks, chanting "God is Great" and distributing candy to passers-by, even as their leader, Yasser Arafat, said he was horrified.

The U.S. government has become increasingly unpopular in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the past year of Israeli-Palestinian fighting, with many Palestinians accusing Washington of siding with Israel.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, about 3,000 people poured into the street shortly after the attacks.

Demonstrators distributed candy in a traditional gesture of celebration. Several Palestinian gunmen shot in the air, while other marchers carried Palestinian flags. Nawal Abdel Fatah, 48, wearing a long, black dress, threw sweets in the air, saying she was happy because "America is the head of the snake, America always stands by Israel in its war against us."

Arafat and his top advisers huddled at his seaside office in Gaza City, watching the events unfold on television. Arafat later emerged to speak to reporters.

"We are completely shocked. It's unbelievable," he said. "We completely condemn this very dangerous attack, and I convey my condolences to the American people, to the American president and to the American administration, not only in my name but on behalf of the Palestinian people."

**Putin, Blair:** Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed his condolences to the American people over the terrorist attacks, calling them "terrible tragedies," the Kremlin press service said.

"This mass terrorism is the new evil in our world today," said Prime Minister Tony Blair, who canceled a speech at a trade union conference.

"It is perpetrated by fanatics who are utterly indifferent to the sancti-



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**AROUND THE WORLD:** Travelers at Singapore's Changi International Airport stop to watch live pictures of smoke billowing over lower Manhattan after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York.

ty of human life, and we the democracies of this world are going to have to come together and fight it together."

**Chirac, Schroeder:** President Jacques Chirac of France, in a nationally televised statement, called the attacks in the United States "monstrous" and expressed his solidarity with the American people.

"France has just learned of these monstrous attacks, there is no other word for it, that have hit America," Chirac said from Rennes, in the western region of Brittany.

In Berlin, Foreign Ministry officials

huddled in a crisis meeting.

Virtually all German TV channels switched to live coverage. "This is pure mass murder," one commentator said.

"My government condemns these terrorist attacks to the utmost," said German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

**Ciampi, Havel:** "Italy is at the side of the United States," Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi told Bush in a telegram. "The international community must respond together to this abhorrent act."

Czech president Vaclav Havel said

in a statement that he was shocked by the attacks and was closely watching news from the United States.

Airlines including British Airways, Scandinavia's SAS and Belgium's Sabena canceled flights across the Atlantic and recalled planes that were already in the air.

**San Juan scene:** In Puerto Rico, people scrambled for news of relatives and friends in New York, where an estimated 2 million Puerto Ricans live.

Groups gathered on the corners of cobble-stoned streets in the colonial

city of San Juan, clinging to strangers in search of more details.

"Dios mio, have mercy!" exclaimed a white-haired man, making the sign of the cross as he watched the second tower explode on TV.

In Thailand, Suranand Vejajiva, a spokesman for the office of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said they were watching the news in disbelief.

A spokesman for Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said: "The president has been monitoring the events since an hour ago and she

condemns what is obviously the worst terrorist attack on a leader of civilized society."

**News coverage:** Broadcasters around the world broke into programming to show images of the disaster.

"It's incredible. I thought I was watching a Hollywood movie," said Hong Kong school teacher Doris Tang.

London's *Evening Standard*, already out of date when it hit the streets, carried a front-page photo of the burning World Trade Center and the headline "Planes Hit Skyscraper."

## U.S. TARGETS

### Other attacks

Some recent terrorist attacks on U.S. targets:

**Oct. 12, 2000:** Terrorist bombing kills 17 U.S. sailors aboard the USS Cole as it refueled in Yemen's port of Aden. The United States says Saudi exile Osama bin Laden is the prime suspect.

**Aug. 7, 1998:** Car bombs explode outside U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, within minutes of each other, killing 224 people and wounding thousands. Bin Laden is again blamed.

**June 25, 1996:** Truck bomb explodes outside the Khobar Towers in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killing 19 American servicemen and wounding hundreds of other people. Members of a little-known Saudi militant group, Hezbollah, were indicted for the attack.

**Nov. 13, 1995:** Car bomb detonates at a U.S. military headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, killing five American service personnel.

**April 19, 1995:** Bomb rips through the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 and wounding more than 500. Former U.S. soldier Timothy McVeigh is convicted of carrying out the attack; he was executed earlier this year.

**Feb. 26, 1993:** A bomb explodes in a parking garage below the World Trade Center in New York, killing six people and wounding more than 1,000. Six Islamic militants were convicted in the bombing and sentenced to life in prison.

**Dec. 21, 1988:** Pan Am Boeing 747 ex-

plodes over Lockerbie, Scotland, on a flight from London to New York, killing 270 people, including residents of the town.

**Sept. 5, 1986:** Hijackers seize Pan Am jumbo jet carrying 358 people at Karachi airport. Twenty people are killed when security forces storm the plane.

**Oct. 8, 1985:** Crippled American Jew Leon Klinghoffer is killed by Palestinian militants who had seized the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro.

**June 14, 1985:** Shiite Muslim gunmen seize a TWA Boeing 727, forcing it to Beirut, Lebanon. They demand the release of 700 Arabs held by Israel. A U.S. Navy diver is killed and 39 Americans are held until they are released July 1 after Syrian mediation.

**Sept. 20, 1984:** Car bomb at U.S. Embassy annex in east Beirut kills 16 and injures the ambassador.

**Dec. 12, 1983:** Shiite extremists set off car bombs in front of the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait City, killing five people and wounding 86.

**Oct. 23, 1983:** Shiite suicide bombers blow up the French military headquarters and a U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, killing 241 Marines and 58 French paratroopers.

**April 18, 1983:** Suicide car-bomber blows up U.S. Embassy in Beirut, killing 17 Americans.

**Nov. 4, 1979:** Islamic students storm U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran, holding 52 Americans hostage for 444 days.

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**HUSTLED OUT:** Workers leave buildings in the area near the White House in Washington, D.C. The Capitol, White House, Pentagon, State Department and other buildings were evacuated today after terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. One of the attacks was on the Pentagon; a plane crashed into it.

## Bush vows to hunt down perpetrators

The president was informed about the first plane crash just three minutes into his reading session with elementary pupils.

WASHINGTON POST

SARASOTA, Fla. — A young advance worker whisked away the easel holding a chart that was to accompany an education pep talk, a blue curtain parted and President Bush walked briskly toward the presidential podium, set up in an elementary school media center. He turned toward the audience long enough to show a stunned, wide-eyed look.

By the time he reached the podium, he looked stern and businesslike. He folded his hands. "Ladies and gentlemen, this is a difficult moment for America," Bush said, reading from handwritten notes.

"I unfortunately will be going back to Washington after my remarks.

**"May God bless the victims, their families and America."**

President Bush

Before leaving for Washington

Secretary Rod Paige and the lieutenant governor will take the podium and discuss education" he said, referring to the education secretary.

"I do want to thank the folks here at Booker Elementary School for their hospitality. Today, we've had a national tragedy," he said.

**Bitter news:** "Two airplanes have crashed into the World Trade Center in an apparent terrorist attack on our country. I have spoken to the vice president, to the governor of New York, to the director of the FBI, and I've ordered that the full resources of the federal government go to help the victims and their families and to conduct a full-scale investigation to hunt down and to find those folks who committed this act. Terrorism against our nation will not stand." He paused.

"And now, if you'd join me in a moment of silence," he said. He bowed his head for a second or two.

"May God bless the victims, their families and America. Thank you very much," he said. Then he headed for the airport, where Air Force One was scheduled to take him back to Washington.

**How day started:** Bush had begun this morning about 6:30 a.m., running 4.5 miles during a 42-minute stop at a golf course near the Longboat Key resort where he spent the night. It was dark when he started. He ran with a reporter, Richard Keil of *Bloomberg News*, and both were sopping wet after keeping a 7-minute, 20-second pace. A Secret Service agent ran with them, and they were trailed by three golf carts.

At 9:04 a.m., before his speech,

Bush went into a classroom for a brief reading demonstration. He smiled when he saw the 18 children. At 9:07 p.m., his chief of staff, Andrew H. Card Jr., leaned over and whispered to him. Bush's face suddenly went grim.

At that point, officials apparently thought the crash was an accident. Bush sat with his hands folded and his legs crossed, with a bemused look. The second-graders read so well that Bush said, "Really good readers! Whoo! This must be sixth-graders."

Bush asked his standard question about whether any of the children read more than they watch television, and was pleased to hear that some do. Their reading included the phrase "more to come." Bush asked, "What does that mean? 'More to come?'"

One of the pupils said, "Something else is going to happen."

Bush said, "That's exactly right."



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**GROUND:** Brenda Parker, left, comforts her mother Shirley Pendleton as they watch the collapse of the World Trade Center on television at the Oakland International Airport in Oakland, Calif. Pendleton and Parker, both of Clinton, Ark., were grounded due to a national FAA flight travel ban.