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Airport arrests are false alarms

10 of Mideast descent cleared

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WASHINGTON — Travelers of Middle Eastern descent who were detained at two New York airports have been cleared of any connection with Tuesday's terrorist attacks, Sen. Joseph Biden said today.

Biden was told by the FBI that about 10 travelers were questioned and found to have no connection to the attacks, according to the senator's chief of staff, Alan Hoffman.

An FBI spokesperson, who spoke on condition of anonymity, indicated the same. "We investigated the incident in New York and resolved it to our satisfaction," the spokesperson said.

Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told CNN the arrests were based on suspicions that the men were linked to the attacks. Those connections turned out to be "totally, totally coincidental," he said.

One man was arrested because he was belligerent, and the others were merely detained and questioned, Hoffman added. A source with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said all but one of the group had been released.

Biden said there were explanations for the suspicions. One man was originally thought to be traveling with a fake pilot's license. Biden said the man was a pilot who "coincidentally had his brother's identification as well."

"His brother happened to live in an apartment complex that was one in Boston where some of these people had actually been. Totally, totally coincidental," said Biden, D-Del.

Biden added that others were traveling to a Boeing Co. conference, either because they work for the airline manufacturer or were invited.

'Black boxes' recovered: Meanwhile, searchers found today the flight data and cockpit voice recorders from the hijacked plane that flew into the Pentagon and exploded three days earlier, Department of Defense officials said.

The two "black boxes," crucial to uncovering details about the doomed flight's last moments, were recovered at about 4 a.m., said Army Lt. Col. George Rhynedance, a Pentagon spokesman.

Investigators in western Pennsylvania, where another of the four planes hijacked Tuesday went down, found that plane's flight data recorder Thursday.

Rhynedance said that the recorders were in the possession of the FBI and that officials from the National Transportation Safety Board were providing technical assistance in reading any data they contain.

Dick Bridges, deputy manager for Arlington County, Va., said the voice recorder was damaged on the outside and the flight data recorder was charred. But he said the FBI still was confident the data can be recovered from both devices.

Bridges said the recorders were found "right where the plane came into the building."

Cruise passengers detained: The Coast Guard detained two cruise ship passengers today as their ship approached port after a four-day trip, and the pair was turned over to immigration and FBI agents.

Law enforcement agencies and Carnival cruise line would not say whether the detentions were tied to Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

Immigration and Naturalization Service agents were questioning the detained people, whose names were not



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HONORING VICTIMS: A large U.S. flag is unfurled in the rotunda of the Mahoning County Courthouse to remember the Americans who lost their lives in terrorist attacks this week. A memorial service for the victims took place Thursday afternoon at the courthouse. The flag is brought out on special occasions.

City firefighters say prayers for fallen brethren

Safety forces in the county are collecting money to help victims' families.

By PEGGY SINKOVICH and AMANDA C. DAVIS
VINDICATOR TRUMBULL STAFF

WARREN — To many, the firefighters who responded during Tuesday's terrorist attacks died performing heroic acts.

But to those firefighters, it was likely a case of "just answering another call."

Orneil Heller, Warren Fire Department captain, made that statement Thursday during a prayer service outside the fire department.

He said safety personnel on the scene of the World Trade Center tragedy weren't seeking notoriety, but instead concentrated on doing their jobs the best they could, Heller said.

"We can't begin to understand the loss and suffering their loved ones are now dealing with," he explained during the ceremony to honor all victims who died during the attack.

Call for unity: Standing in front of the fire department, surrounded by more than 50 firefighters from surrounding departments, Heller said it's time for all Americans to pray together.

"We know there is a God and we ask God to heal



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LIGHTING CEREMONY: Warren firefighter Shawn Peura takes the top off a candle as he and Lt. Paul Lamosek light it during a ceremony at the South Street station. The candle, lighted Thursday, will burn until all firefighters in New York have been either rescued or laid to rest.

Bush activates 50,000 reserves

No area military units affected

COMBINED DISPATCHES

WASHINGTON — The nation on maximum alert, President Bush is activating up to 50,000 members of the National Guard and Reserve in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, and the Senate voted by a resounding 98-0 count to authorize military force to fight terrorism.

Bush acted on the recommendation of Donald H. Rumsfeld, defense secretary, who presented the proposal during a Cabinet meeting at the White House today.

Bush had planned to announce the move after the Cabinet meeting, but the photo opportunity was canceled at the last minute. Two government officials familiar with the president's plans said he still planned to go forward with the move.

Purpose: They stressed that the call-up was not part of a military mobilization aimed at the terrorists who struck Washington and New York on Tuesday. Instead, Rumsfeld wants the troops, the largest number called up since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, to support air patrols over New York and Washington and remain alert elsewhere in the country.

The troops also would help with homeland defense, the officials said, such as recovery and security efforts in the affected areas.

Air National Guard reserve pilots are needed for fighter jets that are on 15-minute alert at 26 bases across the country to protect commercial planes.

Rumsfeld said combat planes are flying over the New York-Washington corridor to protect flights.

No reserve units from the Mahoning Valley have been called up as yet, according to a spokesman at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna.

Military considerations: Bush prepared for the call-up as the Pentagon weighed how to eradicate the terrorists who hit New York and Washington, along with the states and organizations that supported the terrorists.

The military strike options go far beyond the short-term cruise missile assaults of years past in Afghanistan and Sudan and isolated airstrikes against sites in Iraq.

Officials have said, more explicitly than before, that they are planning a sustained campaign — including large-scale military options — to destroy terrorist organizations such as those responsible for Tuesday's attack on the Pentagon and World Trade Center.

Complications: As the Bush administration began weighing strikes against terrorist havens in Afghanistan, defense officials and military experts said Thursday that major operations in the rugged terrain could require months of preparation and would probably entail U.S. casualties.

Because of a primitive infrastructure and the hostility of many Afghans, a major ground campaign would require a lead time long enough to allow several divisions of troops and their supplies to reach the region, experts predicted. An assault by special operations forces would probably lead to some U.S. casualties because of the difficulty the units would face trying to wend their way across the rugged, heavily armed region, they said.

And an air campaign, though easier in several respects, would have marginal value unless the U.S. forces had the kind of timely intelligence that it has often lacked about Osama bin Laden, experts said.

One military officer, noting that

The Western Reserve Flag Co. experienced about a tenfold increase in sales due to demand for American flags. A3

After walking an estimated 120 New York City blocks in high heels, lugging a laptop computer, Esther Washburn considers herself to be very lucky in spite of her blisters and bruises. A4

The airline industry is expected to cut fares to lure travelers back to the skies. B5

Players support the NFL's decision not to play games in the wake of terrorist attacks. Sports, C1

TODAY'S UPDATE

To report gas gouging to the Ohio Attorney General's Office, call (800) 282-0515 or access www.ag.state.oh.us/consumer/howhandl.htm.

The American Red Cross asks those who wish to donate blood to contact their local Red Cross chapter.

Help fallen firefighters and their families by donating to the International Association of Fire Fighters' Emergency Fund, 1750 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006

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CONGRESS

Senate OKs emergency aid request

The \$40 billion package was twice what President Bush had requested.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved \$40 billion in emergency aid to help the victims and hunt down the perpetrators of this week's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

The House was also voting on the spending bill, but wouldn't announce its final tally until after a noon memorial service for the victims of last Tuesday's attacks.

The 96-0 Senate vote today came just hours before President Bush, accompanied by a contingent of New York lawmakers, was to visit the site in New York where two hijacked jets rammed into the World Trade Center towers, destroying them. Another commandeered airliner was crashed into the Pentagon.

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., lauded the rapid-fire work that brought agreement on both the spending and a separate measure authorizing use of force. The Senate began voting on that immediately after approving the \$40 billion.

"These are different times," Lott told colleagues. "And we have got to act decisively. The American people expect it of us, and they will accept nothing less."

"It is the down payment on providing the resources necessary to rebuild this nation," said Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee. The \$40 billion package was double what the White House originally requested from Congress.

Delayed vote: House plans to pass the spending bill Thursday night had to be put off when the White House asked for more control over how and when the money would be spent. "It was a principled debate about the prerogatives of the branches," White House budget chief Mitchell Daniels said shortly after midnight when the two sides finally shook hands on the package.

The bill provides an immediate \$10 billion to be used to respond to the attacks, counter domestic and international terrorism, increase transportation security and repair damaged facilities.

Another \$10 billion would be made available 15 days after the White House informs Congress of a plan for its use. The remaining \$20 billion would be included in spending bills for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

Under the agreement reached with the White House, at least half the \$40 billion will go to disaster recovery activities in New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania, where a fourth hijacked plane crashed Tuesday.

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NEW YORK

Rain hampers recovery efforts

False reports and false hopes compound the anxiety at the trade center site.

COMBINED DISPATCHES

NEW YORK — Rescuers racing against the clock in a desperate attempt to find survivors in the World Trade Center's rubble faced a new obstacle today: rain.

"Three's no question they're hampered by it," said Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. "But there's still a strong hope we'll be able to find people, recover people and save them."

Rescue teams have been digging through the massive ruins since Tuesday's terror attacks, but hopes of finding survivors are dwindling. There are 184 confirmed dead, and more than 4,700 were reported missing.

The rain fell off and on, often heavily, throughout the morning today.

"The rain made the footing a little more dangerous," said Richard Coppo, a rescue volunteer. "We thought that maybe the rain would settle the dust and make things better, but actually it stirred it up."

The entire financial district of lower Manhattan has been closed since the attacks, but Wall Street plans to reopen Monday. The mayor also said the Staten Island ferry, which serves the southern tip of Manhattan, would resume service Monday.

Confusing reports and worries of new terrorist threats have compounded New York's misery and anxiety.

Ecstatic reports of rescued firefighters proved wrong. Anxious rescue workers fled and returned on a tide of conflicting reports of collapsing buildings. Fake bomb threats poured in.

"There was a lot of misinformation today," a grim Giuliani said Thursday evening in a televised conference. "There were false reports of two buildings' collapsing. We've experienced a number false bomb threats, over 90."

To the callers, he promised prosecution: "This is a warning."

False hope: Today's storm followed a disappointing 24 hours. No

survivors were found, only false hope. Reports of five firefighters recovered alive in a buried SUV were carried by television stations and news agencies, including The Associated Press. Authorities were ecstatic. But the story wasn't true.

The accurate report: Two firefighters had been temporarily trapped in an underground air pocket and freed by other rescue workers.

Volunteers, already running on adrenaline and faith, were evacuated from a damaged office tower across the street from the Trade Center when the top 10 stories appeared unsteady. Workers fled, sprinting down the street.

No buildings fell. Giuliani said inspections Thursday found the buildings still standing were structurally sound.

At another spot, a chain of about 100 workers passed buckets of debris. A shout went up — a search dog had heard something.

"Quiet! quiet!"
Wheezing workers lowered their buckets and turned.

Seconds passed. A minute went by. Then, those at the front of the line picked up their buckets, turned their faces, and went back to work.

Painstaking effort: Enveloped in a smoky haze, wearing surgical masks and in some cases respirators, hundreds of men in hard hats formed several lines that snaked up the rubble piles as they passed buckets of debris from one to another in the painstaking effort to clear the area and find out what was below.

Smoke still billowed from the rubble, and just below the peak of the highest pile of debris, flames were visible. Frequently, the men in the lines waved their arms and called for quiet so they could use a listening device if they thought they had detected a sound coming from the shattered remnants of the Trade Center's twin 110-story towers. Nearby machinery was turned off, but the careful monitoring did not discover any survivors.

More than 48 hours after the familiar twin towers disappeared in a thunderous collapse, it was the hope of survivors, however improbable, that was driving the rescue teams. It

is an unspoken if dwindling hope across the city.

Keep working: The memory of fallen mates now keeps hundreds of firefighters working 20 hours a day, and they are joined by fellow firefighters from Lebanon, Ill., Newport, R.I., Ottawa, Canada, and elsewhere. No distinction is made between local and outsider save one: When rescuers come across the remains of a firefighter, only the New Yorkers step forward. They gather around the body and wrap it and place it in an ambulance.

"If you're not a New York firefighter, you just keep quiet and fall back," said Chad Aloj, a volunteer firefighter from Gaithersburg who has worked 24 hours in the smoke and dust. "We let them go in and handle their own."

As the exhausted rescue workers feverishly worked at the southern tip of Manhattan, aftershocks from the terrorist attacks added to the disruptions to daily life here.

Evacuations: Worries spurred evacuations across the city — at Grand Central Terminal, the Port Authority Bus Terminal and CNN's midtown offices, among other locations.

Tens of thousands of residents in lower Manhattan remained homeless. From trendy TriBeCa to working-class Chinatown, investigators turned the five-square-mile area into a giant crime scene. Some lucky residents were allowed to retrieve a few belongings before being hustled out because of safety concerns and power outages.

But at an armory, in hospitals and on the streets of Manhattan, thousands of distraught families searched for the missing.

Almost every sentence began the same: "Have you seen ..."

And nearly every plea ended the same: "If you know anything, please call ..."

Driven by desperation, more than 2,500 people stood in line at the armory on 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, waiting to complete missing-persons reports. At St. Vincent's Hospital, where many of the victims from Tuesday's World Trade Center attacks were taken, relatives waited to find out if their loved ones had been admitted.

EUROPE

A continent shares America's grief

In addition to expressing sorrow over the U.S. victims, many nations lost citizens of their own at the World Trade Center.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

LONDON — For the first time in British history, and by order of the queen, the guards at Buckingham Palace played the "Star Spangled Banner" on Thursday, a day on which America, still reeling from the devastation inflicted by its enemies, could be reminded also that it has many friends in the world.

Under a prematurely wintry London sky, thousands of people who had gathered at the gates of the palace for the traditional changing of the guard ceremony joined in an impromptu singing of the U.S. national anthem. It was just one of many gestures, great and small, inspired by the torrent of grief and sympathy sweeping Europe in the wake of Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

Today has been declared an official day of mourning in Europe. The entire continent was to observe a three-minute silence at 10 a.m., and special church services are planned, underlining the depth of the bonds that tie the United States to many countries around the world, and especially Europe.

Other countries: But most people couldn't wait until today to convey their sorrow. Germans observed a five-minute silence, Finnish radio stations went off the air, and buses and trams in Denmark came to a halt. Hungarian firetrucks flew black flags and Polish ones tooted their horns, a tribute to the firefighters of New York.

In the Czech Republic, people lit candles at a vigil, and Portugal declared two days of mourning. In London, thousands lined up in pouring rain to sign a book of condolences and lay flowers beneath a statue of Franklin D. Roosevelt opposite the U.S. Embassy.

From Dublin to Moscow, Paris to Warsaw, flags are flying at half-staff, and the gates of American embassies have been turned into impromptu shrines by people coming to lay flowers.

"This isn't just America; it affects everybody's hearts," said Angela Dee, a London store detective who came alone to lay a single flower alongside the mountain of floral tributes piling up opposite the U.S. Embassy. She knows no Americans. "It's just so sad, so horrific," she said.

International victims: America's tragedy is also turning into a global tragedy. The World Trade Center housed a number of international companies, and many foreigners are among the dead. At least 100 Britons have been confirmed dead, and sev-

eral hundred are missing, making this Britain's worst terrorist disaster, as well as America's.

One British company, Risk Waters, said 180 of its staff attending a conference on the 106th floor were unaccounted for. The French bank Credit Agricole said 92 of its employees are missing. Three Chinese, 50 Bangladeshis, 40 Indians, 27 South Koreans, 85 Australians, seven Taiwanese and six Zimbabweans are among those missing.

American culture: Even before news of these casualties broke, people had been consumed by the catastrophe. The power and influence that made the United States a target for fanatics also makes it the country many people around the world identify with most, whether they have relatives there, do business there or even simply watch television.

A TV diet of "Sesame Street" and "Friends," consumption of Coca-Cola or even just the occasional visit to the movies guarantee that most foreigners are likely to be more familiar with U.S. culture than any other beyond their own borders — and certainly more than most Americans are with any single foreign culture.

"I just want Americans to know we care," said Paul Smith, 16, who was among those who waited in line to pay respects in London. "Also, that we're with them, whatever they decide to do. This kind of thing, it's got to be stopped."

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Coming together in prayer

Members of the Islamic Center of Long Island will have their second service for victims today.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

At the Dallas Baha'i Center, they will recite a "Prayer for America." On the corner of Valley and Hopyard avenues in Pleasanton, Calif., they will wave flags and sing "God Bless America."

At the Islamic Center of Long Island, N.Y., they will say prayers for the dead and missing.

Across the country, Americans of many faiths planned services and vigils today, joining President Bush in a national day of remembrance for the victims of the terrorist attacks.

"We want people to feel empowered. We want them to feel positive," said Janis Mulhall, an evangelical Christian organizing the memorial in Pleasanton.

Mulhall has been scouring stores for tiny American flags — buying about 300 so far — and plans to dis-

tribute them to everyone who attends.

Proclamation: In proclaiming today a national day of prayer and remembrance, Bush urged community groups and places of worship nationwide to have noontime memorial services, ring bells and set aside time for candlelight vigils. He also encouraged employers to let their workers off to attend.

"All our hearts have been seared by the sudden and senseless taking of innocent lives," Bush said. "We pray for healing and for the strength to serve and encourage one another in hope and faith."

In Dallas, people will be asked to hold hands and sing at the Baha'i Center and recite the prayer that a Baha'i leader wrote after he visited the United States in 1912. It asks God to "confirm this revered nation" and "make it precious and near to thee."

"All the members who are moved to say prayers can stand and say prayers," said Kambiz Raftaf, a Baha'i spokesman. The religion, with roots in Iran, focuses on spiritual growth and solving society's ills.

BUSH | Use of force authorized by Senate

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Afghans had defeated powerful intruders for more than 1,000 years, said the country "may be the worst place on Earth to do one of these things."

Pentagon officials said that over the past several years they have drafted various plans for possible operations in Afghanistan because of their concerns about bin Laden and other terrorist groups in the country. And U.S. intelligence has some familiarity with the region because of the aid the U.S. government offered Afghan rebels in their fight against the Soviet Union in the 1980s.

Yet they acknowledged that any effort would be hindered by a shortage of usable airfields, poor roads and faulty communications and utilities. Even the difficulty of local dialects will make it tougher for ground forces to make their way through the country.

Neighboring nations: Another major obstacle to a military campaign is America's poor relationship with most of Afghanistan's neighbors.

State Department officials, including Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, have spent long hours this week trying to persuade the Pakistanis to cooperate with the new counterterrorist effort. But though the Pakistanis have sought to appear cooperative, experts predicted that it would be difficult to persuade them to allow the United States to open any staging base in their country for a military effort in Afghanistan.

"I have to believe they would be very unenthusiastic" about permitting use of their territory as a base for a military strike, said Teresita

Schaffer, a South Asia specialist and former U.S. ambassador, even though the Pakistanis are under strong pressure now to help the United States against terrorism.

Experts said they thought that the U.S. government's first choice would be to have Pakistan pressure the Taliban into forcing withdrawal of bin Laden's network from Afghanistan. If that effort were to fail, U.S. special forces could be sent to Afghanistan seeking to kill or capture bin Laden and other key figures in his network.

But experts said the long distances involved and rugged terrain would raise risks for the special forces and the helicopters that would carry them.

"You're taking chances with those long distances and possible maintenance problems," said retired Marine Lt. Gen. Anthony Zinni, the last commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East. The capabilities of special forces units are better than they were in 1980, when President Carter's commando mission to rescue Iranian hostages failed. Yet, he added, "you face the same sort of circumstances."

Additional options: Military experts said that if the Pentagon does not want to go with a small special forces unit to try to track down individual terrorists, the next best choice would be to go with a very large force, of perhaps several divisions. That is needed, they said, so that the troops would have all the force protection and logistic support needed in the difficult environment of Afghanistan.

"You can go small, or you can go big, but you don't want to have a force that's in-between," said retired Army Lt. Col. Ralph Peters.

POLICE | Airport arrests a false alarm

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released.

No arrests had been made about three hours after the ship docked, agency spokeswoman Judy Oriheula said. The agency did not initiate the boarding request, she said.

In Daytona Beach, about 240 miles north, a strip club manager interviewed by the FBI said that three men spewed anti-American sentiments in a bar and talked of impending bloodshed the night before terrorists struck New York and Washington.

Investigation widens: Investigators broadened their investigation, sweeping into Germany and Canada.

German authorities have released an airport employee detained in the city of Hamburg in connection with this week's terror attacks in the United States, the federal prosecutor's office said today.

Spokeswoman Frauke Scheuten said the man was released overnight, adding that his had been the only arrest in Germany — contrary to reports in the German press of further detentions.

Investigators in Hamburg detained the man, whose name has not been released, when they combed apartments in the city the previous night looking for any evidence linked to the attacks.

Federal investigators said Thursday that three suspected terrorists aboard the hijacked planes once lived in Hamburg and were part of an organization formed this year to

destroy symbolic U.S. targets.

German authorities, acting on tips from the FBI, said they were searching for another man as the investigation into Tuesday's attacks spread across Europe.

The FBI searched for possible suspects who had recent flight training, ties to the hijackers or their backers, or attempted to enter the United States recently, according to four officials who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Agents have been examining manifests of flights that were not hijacked Tuesday to find matches with people who fit this profile, the officials said.

Continuing threat: The concerns are also being driven by fresh intelligence suggesting a continuing threat, the officials added. The information "suggests we haven't seen the end of this current threat," one U.S. official said.

Signs of concern were evident. The Capitol was evacuated for a suspicious package Thursday, and a security ring around the White House was widened.

A number of people questioned in connection with the plot have been arrested for immigration violations and were in the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Justice Department said.

In Minnesota, the possibility emerged that the FBI knew before Tuesday's attack of at least one Arab man seeking the type of flight training the hijackers received.

Neshannock doctor is cleared in probe

The doctor was working in a clinic on an Indian reservation in New Mexico on Tuesday.

STAFF/WIRE REPORTS

NEW CASTLE, Pa. — The FBI has cleared an Arabic-speaking physician who was questioned as part of the nationwide investigation into terrorist attacks.

The bureau's Albuquerque, N.M., office released a statement Thursday night saying that the doctor, Dr. Basem Hussein, is not a suspect in the investigation.

Suspicious package: Within hours of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., the Pittsburgh FBI had called the Youngstown Police Department bomb squad to assist in checking out a suspicious package at Hussein's apartment in The Meadows, an upscale complex off Mitchell Road in Neshannock Township. No bomb was found, and officials wouldn't say what, if anything, had been found.

A spokeswoman at Jameson Hospital in New Castle said that Dr. Hussein had physician privileges there for three to six months but left in January 2000.

Hussein also worked at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, where he had a fellowship in neuro-radiology from July 1997 to July 1999, said spokesman Tom Chakurda.

Chakurda said federal authorities made inquiries at the hospital about Hussein this week. He would not say what type of information federal au-

thorities were seeking. Dr. Hussein also worked for an Indian hospital system in New Mexico.

Jenny Notah, spokeswoman for the Navaho Area Indian Health Service, said Hussein was sent to Shiprock, New Mexico, by a temporary staffing service. He worked as a radiologist at a Navaho medical center from Sept. 4 through Tuesday, she said.

Hadn't been seen: The manager at the New Castle apartment complex told WPXI-TV in Pittsburgh that she checked on the unit Tuesday because she hadn't recently seen the tenant. The TV station reported that she spotted what she described as Arabic literature, flight manuals and computer software related to flying commercial aircraft in the apartment and called authorities.

Investigators were camped out on the lawn near Hussein's apartment Tuesday evening and most of Wednesday waiting for federal search warrants to be issued.

They entered his apartment sometime Wednesday evening and had cleared the area by 11:30 that night, neighbors said.

Hordes of television cameras, reporters and gawkers camped out on the lawn in front of the complex Wednesday night waiting for word on the investigation.

Police guarded the front entrance, permitting only residents inside.

There were few signs Thursday morning that federal agents had visited the apartment complex, only some discarded ice on the lawn behind the searched apartment and a water bottle left next to the garage door.



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SHOWING SUPPORT: Bill Pastor, an employee of Life-Time Truck Products, Inc., in Canfield, hangs a banner Thursday to show support for the families of those killed in Tuesday's terrorist attacks. The banner was hung on the front of Life-Time Truck Products' building on state Route 224.

Area's patriotism is alive

Western Reserve Flag Co. experienced about a tenfold increase in sales because of demand for American flags.

By JoANNE VIVIANO
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CANFIELD — Anna Kasten shows black-and-white photos that tell the story of the day her father, a helicopter pilot, was shot down as he served America during the Korean War.

She also recalls the day, when she was 7, that she learned her uncle had been killed while serving in Vietnam. Maybe that's why her patriotism has her flying 23 flags and two bunting at her home on West Main Street.

Or maybe it's because she and husband Kraig feel safe in a neighborhood where their children can ride their bikes in the street. Maybe they are thankful that their children can grow up and become anything they want to be.

Additional meaning: But the flags have even more urgency now as the Kastens — like much of America — search for some way to show support for their country and concern for victims of the Tuesday terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

"I do think people are patriotic," Anna said. "I think something like this happens and it really pulls them together."

Signs of patriotism are popping up all over the Mahoning Valley, from cars and semi-trucks with flags waving from antennas to business signs that have stopped advertising to say, "God Bless America," "One Nation Under God. Indivisible," or "Please Pray for Fellow Americans." Newspapers are running cut-out flags. Radio stations are playing patriotic songs.

Homeowners, schools, government offices and business are hanging patriotic decals in windows, flying new flags and raising banners.

At Hayes Middle School in Youngstown, pupils have crafted a 12-by-5-foot flag with painted stripes and white construction paper stars. It reads "God Bless America." Teachers laminated the flag and it hangs out a third-floor window.

"It's so big. It's touching," said teacher Denise Zordich. "We're hoping it inspires everybody to hang out their flags."

Pupils at Hayes, fifth through eighth graders, have always said the pledge of allegiance each morning before classes start.

"The kids, they still have such big hearts," Zordich said. "As much as the people who did this want us to fall apart as a nation, it makes us



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PUPILS' EXPRESSION: A large American flag and sign made by pupils hang from window of Hayes Junior High School in Youngstown while the American flag in front of the school is being flown at half-staff.

stronger, even in our communities."

Buying the flag: At the Western Reserve Flag Co., 7301 West Blvd., an estimated 800 flags — ranging in size from 4-by-6-inch to 6-by-10-foot — were sold by 2 p.m. Thursday, said Cathy Lind, company president. She said it is about a tenfold increase in sales; about the same amount was sold during the two weeks around July 4. She said the company is nearly sold out and suppliers are saying that placed orders may not be filled.

Lind is also president of the Youngstown Area Grocers Association, and all flag sale profits go to the association's college scholarship fund.

She said her traditional customers are senior citizens and war veterans, but "now we're seeing everybody, from local businesses who have never displayed a flag to young people and mothers bringing in their children."

She said the show of patriotism is "long overdue."

"Let's hope it lasts long after and

people realize how lucky we are to be here," she added.

At Wal-Mart stores nationwide, more than 200,000 American flags were purchased on Wednesday, said spokeswoman Sharon Weber. More than 115,000 Americans bought flags on Tuesday. That compares to 10,000 flags sold on Sept. 13, 2000, she said.

Butch Lukehart of Mineral Ridge has hung a "God Bless America" banner in front of the Triumph Auto Glass store he manages in Boardman. He's hung an identical sign in his yard at home, decked out with lights. He said the terrorist attack has awakened American patriotism.

"It just took a little shot in the arm," he said. "Everybody's going to rally behind any decision that's made. ... You can't come into our house and push us around."

Showing support: At Life-Time Truck Products Inc. in Canfield, workers have hung a flag above a warehouse and hoisted up a banner reading, "God Bless America. Pray for the Victims."

"Our employees said, 'What can we do?'" said owner Shirley Freed-Matula. "We all had a big desire to do something."

Besides the banner, the company will introduce new "God Bless America" mud flaps with an American flag and eagle.

She said he tragedy has stirred up patriotism and Americans' reactions will show young people what patriotism really means.

Struthers High School students are planning a salute to America at 7 tonight, before the varsity football game. Choir student Amanda Cappitte, a senior, said students will pull out a flag nearly the size of the football field and unfurl it across the gridiron as the band plays patriotic music.

"A lot of people have put their lives on hold," Cappitte said. "We thought we should do something out of respect."

Armed forces: Patriotism is also alive and well at the Navy recruiting center in Boardman, said Chief Richard Delisio. He said calls and visits to the center have increased fivefold. While he may have received three or four inquiries per day before the tragedy, he now receives 20 or more. Many are veterans who want to return to serve. Others are young people, both men and women, wanting to enlist.

Several local radio and television stations plan a "Celebrate America" gathering at 3 p.m. Saturday at Southern Park Mall. The event will feature music, speakers, prayer and discussion. Personalities from WQXK-FM 105, WYFM-FM 103 and WHOT-FM 101; and WKBN-TV 27; will serve as hosts. Also participating is WYFX-TV 17/62.

Back at Kasten's home is an example of the American dream. The couple purchased a wonderful home; Kraig is a skilled trades painter at GM Lordstown and has started his own painting contracting business; they have four children — two boys, two girls — ages 9 through 22.

Anna has given the youngest daughter a small flag to decorate her locker at school. She said she never thought her children would see a war.

Younger generation: Kraig, 40, said he'd be willing to fight for America if felt he could help. But what about the couple's 19 year old son? "It would sadden me, but I would support him," Kraig said.

As for Anna, her first reaction, she said, would be to find someone for him to marry.

Then she paused and sighed. "We've had fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers fighting for our freedom," Anna said. "And he would be honoring them to go and fight for what they fought for."



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ONE NATION, INDIVISIBLE: Kraig and Anna Kasten, top, stand near some of the 23 flags and two bunting they are displaying at their 102-year-old home on West Main Street in Canfield. They are among many Mahoning Valley residents expressing their patriotism through by displaying flags in the wake of Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. Left, the Kastens' stars-and-stripes bunting is clearly visible to motorists driving down West Main Street.



GAIL WHITE

A generation learns that freedom has a price



The year I graduated from high school, in 1985, I attended the graduation ceremony of a friend from Bristolville.

Barry Barbe was an excellent singer and was chosen to sing to his classmates of Bristolville High School.

Barry had picked a hip, popular song of that time.

His music instructor insisted on a different selection.

I remember his being perturbed with his teacher at the time. He wanted to sing the song he had chosen.

She told him, "This is the greatest hope you can give your classmates."

Barry serenaded his classmates out into the world with, "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

Lack of significance: Being young, unworldly and spoiled, probably not one of the students in the Bristolville auditorium, myself included, understood the significance of Barry's song.

Our lives, up to that point, had no memories of the ravages and sacrifices of war.

We knew of these horrors. Most everyone had relatives who had fought in our country's battles. We had heard the stories and seen the movies.

But we looked at them as "stories" and "movies."

Our only knowledge of hard times came from grandparents reprimanding us when we didn't finish all the food on our plate.

"During the Depression, we didn't have anything to eat," they told us. Tales of dandelion soup and watercress salads followed. We rolled our eyes and angrily stuffed the food into our mouths.

Spoiled kids: "Crisis" in the '80s was not getting the car for the night, not having a certain label on our jeans.

We strolled out into the world, often disturbed with the harshness of it and sometimes pouting over its unfairness.

A generation before, we would have been waving goodbye to our classmates as they went to fight overseas.

I never heard a story from a veteran complaining about how unfair that was.

Desert Storm brought a reminder of our freedom. But our day-to-day activities were not affected.

The speed in which we conquered that enemy added to our belief of America's invincibility.

A decade of a bull stock market and low interest rates has our generation living the American dream.

Our lives have been spent enjoying the

fruits of the labor that generations before us made possible.

Because of their sacrifices, our generation has had the privilege of growing up in a time of peace and prosperity.

I don't believe we ever fully understood the privilege.

We are beginning to understand.

Reality sets in: The events of the past few days have brought the precious fragility of that dream to reality.

Our eyes have been opened to how quickly the dream can become a nightmare.

In one insane moment, our focus and direction have been changed.

Our generation has been called to action.

Just as the men and women of generations past fought to establish and maintain this democracy, so must we rise to preserve its future.

Some of this generation will be called

upon to determine a plan of action. Others will be required to implement the actions.

Many will give time and money. Some may be called to give their lives.

It is time for our generation to repay the gift of freedom we have been given and have so richly enjoyed.

We must stand at our borders, patrol our skies, and police the oceans relentlessly to preserve our precious liberty.

We must rise out of the rubble with a resolve that the United States of America will prevail.

There will be no faltering.

Not in this generation.

Not on our watch.

We will do whatever it takes to pass the gift of freedom on to the next "spoiled, unworldly" generation.

Always, with the hope of peace on Earth.

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EYEWITNESS TO DISASTER

120-block trek follows trade center trip

The woman said she could see debris raining down outside the building.

VINDICATOR STAFF REPORT



Washburn

Tom Williams of Canfield, is a sales engineer for KANA Software and was in the lobby of World Trade Center Building Two (South Tower) when the North Tower was struck by a hijacked jet Tuesday morning.

The University of Indiana graduate, whose parents, the Rev. Philip and Nancy Washburn, live in Scarsdale, N.Y. (about 15 miles north of Manhattan), was making a sales call at the Trade Center.

"I was scheduled to meet with a prospective client at 10 a.m. on the 32nd floor," said Washburn, whose office is in the midtown section of Manhattan. "It's unusual for me to be

in the financial district" in lower Manhattan.

Begins her day: Washburn took the subway from her apartment on West 76th Street to the World Trade Center, arriving about 10 minutes before the attack.

After buying coffee in the mall area under the lobby of the 110-story building, she walked up to the lobby and was waiting for a colleague next to the security booth.

Plastic photo ID cards are required for all visiting sales representatives. "There's a lot of [red tape] involved in getting into that building," she said.

When the building began to shake, "We thought it was a bomb," Washburn said. "It wasn't until we got outside that we heard about a plane."

Washburn said that as she glanced out the nearest exit, she could see "raining debris outside," so security personnel started herding people to another exit across the building.

"The immediate assumption was that it was a bombing," said Washburn, noting a chaotic scene in which some people were walking and others running.

While walking, Washburn used her cell phone to call the sales representative she was to meet and left "a panicked voice mail."

"It was very scary," she said, so she called her father, who was unaware of the attack. "I had a frazzled moment, so he told me to stay calm, to

"We thought it was a bomb. It wasn't until we got outside that we heard about a plane."

Esther Washburn
Was in World Trade Center Building Two

walk, not run, and to keep my head. It was nice to feel that I was with someone, but it probably wasn't as good of an experience for those on the other end of the cell phone."

Exit closed: The first exit she was sent to was closed off, creating more chaos among those looking for a way out.

Washburn returned to the lower mall area and found an open exit. She went to an adjacent building and watched television news reports with others.

She noticed a varied reaction among those outside. "Some were taking photos, some were running, some were crying."

Washburn decided to walk east toward the East River away from the congestion of the trade center. "You really can't get too far walking west. Walking toward the water just made sense."

She had gone about two blocks when the tower she had vacated was struck by a second hijacked jet.

"My first thought was 'Oh God, it's like a war. It's a nightmare.'

"I don't know exactly what a bomb sounds like, but it was one loud boom," Washburn said of the second impact. "With the second one, you knew it was an attack."

Heard about plane: "People who lived in the nearby buildings were coming outside and said they heard from newscasts that it was a plane," Washburn said. "We figured it must have been a small craft [off course]. No one imagined it was anything the size of a jet."

Although her father had suggested that she "could stick around" to help, Washburn chose to follow the stream of people heading east, then north.

An avid runner since high school, she walked passed Chinatown and the East Village in her exodus to midtown.

"I was dialing constantly." But she couldn't get phone service, she said. She eventually tried calling her parents from a pay phone but couldn't get through because of the overload of calls.

She said the panic was probably

worse for those trying to call people in the city. She considered ditching her laptop during the long trek, but she didn't.

Once in midtown, she learned from someone carrying a Walkman television that the towers had collapsed.

She returned to her apartment on West 76th Street around 2 p.m., and she called her parents, then watched the news.

"I'm sure they spent the rest of the day worried, wondering whether I stuck around [to help]," Washburn said.

Got out: In the evening, she and her sister, Susan, went to Grand Central Station and took a commuter train to Scarsdale.

"It was like walking through a ghost town," she said of their trek from West 57th to 42nd. "But fortunately, there were a lot of police around. The trains were limited and very crowded."

Washburn said she's not sure when she will return to Manhattan. "Everything is shut down."

The Washburns don't know yet if anyone they know was killed in the attack, but they won't be surprised to find out if someone from Scarsdale, an affluent community that is home to many business people who work in Manhattan, are victims.



Associated Press

SURREAL CITY: Pedestrians walk through the ash-covered streets of New York City after the attacks on the nearby World Trade Center towers. The picture was shot by John Labriola, who had an office on the 71st floor of one of the buildings. He escaped with no injuries.

YOUNGSTOWN

Federal funds may be pulled, officials realize

Nobody doubts that Congress could pull the arena money to pay for the high cost of terrorism.

By ROGER G. SMITH
CITY HALL REPORTER

YOUNGSTOWN — Officials always knew federal funding for the proposed downtown arena project could be one national disaster away from coming apart.

Tuesday's attacks redefine the term disaster.

"The word catastrophe probably pales," said the Rev. Edward P. Noga, an arena board member.

Local officials said Thursday there is good reason to fear that the project could be in jeopardy when numbers like \$20 billion for security and recovery costs are bandied.

Terrorism costs, combined with a slowing economy and a treasury gutted by tax cuts, makes the project's \$26.8 million ripe for recall, said board member Gil Peterson.

"I think there's a real chance it could happen. I really do," he said.

Congress: The money is safer than a routine federal grant because Congress made the appropriation, board Chairman Leonard Schiavone. Pulling the money would take an act of Congress.

But no arena board member doubts that could happen in a heartbeat.

Other federal funding for the area, such as \$2.5 million set aside for re-opening Federal Plaza, is in jeopardy, too, said Claire Maluso, an arena board member and aide to U.S. Rep. James A. Traficant Jr. of Poland, D-17th.

The city hasn't drawn yet on the first \$1.8 million of the arena grant,

"I think there's a real chance it could happen."

Gil Peterson
Arena board member

said Jay Williams, director the city Community Development Agency, which handles federal money. The city has been fronting the money and expecting reimbursement and that first transaction should happen in a week or two, he said.

Land: Buying land between the Market Street and South Avenue bridges for the arena could happen soon, too.

Nonetheless, even spending a fair portion of the money doesn't keep the money safe with needs of this magnitude, board members agreed. Until something changes, however, the project will press ahead.

Also Thursday, the board:

- Approved a conflict of interest policy.

The policy says the board will not do business with other members or employees, their spouses, children or nonprofit businesses where any member has an ownership interest or is an officer. The prohibition extends to subcontractors.

•Decided that picking a project director will be done by the entire board rather than a committee because the choice is important. Applications are being accepted through the end of the week.

•Took a moment of silence to remember victims of the terrorist attacks.

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YOUNGSTOWN



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STUDENTS GATHER: Duane Shavers of Warren, a freshman at Youngstown State University, sings "Amazing Grace" with other YSU students during a candlelight vigil. The event took place Thursday night at Christman Commons on campus.

Hundreds gather for vigil at YSU

One student hopes the vigil strengthens her prayers.

By PAUL WHEATLEY
VINDICATOR STAFF WRITER

YOUNGSTOWN — Hundreds of people, most of them Youngstown State University students, gathered Thursday night for a candlelight vigil despite bone-chilling rain.

Sponsored by YSU student government, the event was supposed to be an outdoor affair, but was moved inside to the Christman Commons — a cafeteria area situated near dormitories — because of uncooperative weather.

Rain didn't dampen the mood of students, who said they attended to show their support for people in New York and Washington, D.C., and for those who lost loved ones after Tuesday's terrorist attacks there.

"I think it's a good way to bring everybody together," said student Brent Code, 20, who compared bringing together a college campus to bringing together the world.

Religious leaders led the crowd through prayers before lighting candles.

Organizers were shocked by the



PRAYER: Joe Long, YSU student body president, Mollie McGovern, center, and Alyssa Finamore, both YSU seniors, participate in the candlelight vigil for those lost in the terrorist actions in New York City, Washington, D.C., and western Pennsylvania.

"It still feels like a dream, that none of this is going on, and every channel we turn on feels like a movie."

Abbey Beach
YSU freshman

turnout. Candles and holders were distributed to the crowd by student government members. Black ribbons were also distributed in remembrance of the victims.

Students' thoughts: "I'm really proud of America," one student

leader said to the crowd. "Especially this part of America for coming here tonight despite the rain."

Nine students from the 4-East floor of Lyden Hall attended. Abbey Beach, 19, a freshman on the floor, said the gathering gave her hope that

things will get better. "It still feels like a dream, that none of this is going on, and every channel we turn on feels like a movie," she said.

Beach's floormate, Leigh Donatella, 18, said she thought the vigil would help her prayers be heard.

Their other floor mate, Lindsey Willman, 18, simply found value in gathering so many different people together despite their differences.

"We have to come together and be a community," she said.

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MAHONING VALLEY

MVSD, other plants take security measures

An Army Corps of Engineers spokeswoman said everything that needs to be done is being done.

By DENISE DICK
VINDICATOR TRUMBULL STAFF

MINERAL RIDGE — Area water and energy providers are mum about what if any security measures are being taken in the wake of this week's terrorist attacks.

Some reports have speculated that terrorists might target water sources and power plants in the United States.

"We have a heightened awareness of what's going on and we're taking a look at other options," said David Tabak, chief engineer at the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District.

He declined to elaborate.

MVSD supplies water from Meander Reservoir to about 300,000 customers in Mahoning and Trumbull counties through member cities Niles and Youngstown.

During Gulf War: Tabak said U.S.

involvement in the Gulf War produced similar actions at the facility.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Pittsburgh had a similar response.

"We can't really comment on security," said Liane Freedman. "Everything that needs to be done is being done."

The Army Corps oversees Berlin Reservoir in Mahoning County, Mosquito Lake in Trumbull and the Michael Kirwan Reservoir in Portage.

Power plants: First Energy company operates 16 power plants in Ohio and Pennsylvania, including the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in Perry, Ohio, and the nuclear plant in Shippsport, Pa.

"We have taken additional steps to enhance security at all of our facilities including the nuclear facilities," said Ralph DiNicola, company spokesman.

He declined to detail those steps but said the company has stepped up security many times for a variety of reasons.

"We're in contact with federal and state authorities," DiNicola said.



SALEM

A mother holds on to hope

Eleanor Salter's daughter was working in the World Trade Center's South Tower during Tuesday's attack.

By NORMAN LEIGH
VINDICATOR SALEM BUREAU

SALEM — Eleanor Salter says everyone is remarking on her composure in confronting a mother's worst nightmare, a missing child.

In Salter's case, it's her daughter Catherine Salter, 36, who cannot be found.

The 1982 Wellsville High School valedictorian was last heard from as she prepared to flee the office in which she worked on the 92nd floor of the World Trade Center's South Tower.

The 110-story structure was the second of the twin buildings slammed into by a hijacked airliner Tuesday morning.

Employer: Catherine, an office manager for Anon Corp., a law firm, has been missing since the horrific assault.

"I have a strong faith in God," Eleanor Salter said this morning as she explained her composure in

handling the torturous days she's spent worrying about her daughter, one of six children.

"We're still waiting. We're still hoping," said Salter, who lives in Rogers and is a cashier at East Liverpool City Hospital.

Despite Tuesday's events, she has still been reporting for work.

"I come to work because the people here at the hospital are very caring," Salter said.

But despite the support she's getting from family and co-workers, the waiting is difficult.

"The strain of not knowing is really eating me up," Salter said.

Seeing the images of the plane's impact, the fireball that followed and the building crumbling to the ground "tears your insides apart," she added. "It's like somebody took everything out of me. I don't feel whole any more."

Last conversation: Salter has learned from family members that Catherine's former boss called Catherine moments after a plane smashed into the World Trade Center's North Tower.

Catherine told him they were evacuating and hung up. About 18 minutes later, United Airlines Flight 175 hit the South Tower, damaging

floors 87 through 93.

Salter is praying Catherine found a way to get out.

Her boyfriend is in New York searching for her, hoping to find her among the survivors, Salter related.

Catherine was transferred from Anon's Cincinnati office to its New York operation in January 2000. She was thrilled at the opportunity to work in the city, Salter recalled.

She described her daughter as warm, caring and family-oriented. "She's just a beautiful person," Salter said.

She last saw Catherine at a family gathering in October.

"I hugged her and kissed her and said I loved her," Salter remembered.

In the days since the assault, Salter has been trying to grasp the acts of terror that have claimed so many lives.

"All they've done is unite this country to the point where it will go to war over it," Salter said. "I don't want war, but I don't want this happening again."

Tuesday's acts "cannot go unanswered," she added.

SHARON, PA.

Man's daughter remains missing

Rebecca Koborie worked on the 97th floor of the first World Trade Center tower hit by a hijacked airplane.

By HAROLD GWIN
VINDICATOR SHARON BUREAU

SHARON, Pa. — John Koborie may be going to New York City to look for his daughter, missing since Tuesday when a hijacked airliner slammed into the World Trade Center where she worked.

Koborie and his wife, Julianne, of Trumbull Drive, last spoke with their daughter two weeks ago and have been unable to contact her since the terrorist attack that destroyed the World Trade Center in Manhattan.

Rebecca Koborie, 48, who now

lives in New Jersey, was last seen by a neighbor leaving for work Tuesday morning.

Employer: She was employed by Marsh Inc. Insurance Agencies and worked on the 97th floor of the World Trade Center.

Her office was in the tower struck by the first airplane, her father said. "All we heard is that she's missing, but we already knew that," Koborie said, explaining that he and his wife got a call from their daughter's employer telling them she was among the missing and that they might want to go to New York to look for her.

Koborie said he planned to call a New York missing person hot line number provided by his daughter's employer today to begin searching for her. Depending on the results of that call, he may go to New York City, he said.

Public pleas: If he does, he will be among hundreds of people walking the streets of Manhattan carrying pictures of missing loved ones and asking for help in finding them. Some of them have managed to make their pleas on national television while being interviewed by reporters on the scene.

Family and friends have been checking in but no one has heard from Rebecca and no one has been able to reach her, Koborie said.

During a telephone conversation with his daughter two weeks ago, she told him she planned to come home for a visit Oct. 17, he said.

She only gets back to Sharon once or twice a year, he said, noting she last visited for two weeks in February when he underwent surgery.

Rebecca Koborie, who is divorced, has no children. She is a 1971 graduate of Sharon High School.

PLANE TRAVEL

Airport opens with more security

The airport has beefed up security with concrete barriers.

By STEPHEN SIFF
VINDICATOR TRUMBULL STAFF

VIENNA — The Federal Aviation Administration lifted the remaining restrictions on aircraft travel at 11 a.m. Thursday, allowing stranded passengers across the country to begin their trips home.

More than 100 baggage-laden customers waited in the usually sleepy Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport as crews prepared their jets — unexpectedly grounded since terrorist attacks Tuesday — to continue flights to their scheduled destinations.

Security at the airport was heightened, with additional officers from the Vienna Police Department joining the one police officer usually on

duty.

Officials present: Airline officials wearing badges from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport directed travelers through the airport's lone metal detector. The line was slow, but no unusual searches or security checks were in evidence.

"I'm just so eager about getting home I'm not thinking about [being] scared," said Nicole Yamamoto, a junior at the University of California at Santa Cruz, who said she was normally afraid of flying. Her flight, a TWA originating in Boston, resumed its trek to St. Louis midafternoon.

"No one has said what is going on in St. Louis," said Yamamoto, whose original plan was to catch a connecting flight to San Francisco. "No one has given me any idea yet."

Crews continued placing highway barriers on the median strip separating the airport parking lot from the airport even after the first of six

stranded jets, an empty American Airlines Saab 340, departed for Albany, N.Y., at 11:30 a.m.

The next flight out was a C-130 military aircraft based in Minneapolis, which was diverted to the Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station Tuesday, a base spokesman said.

A Continental DC-10 going from Honolulu to Newark, carried only 48 passengers, about one-third the number that disembarked Tuesday. Many found their own way home by car or bus.

Good place: "Of all the places to stop, we were happy to stay here," said Miriam Settles, a money manager from Norfolk, Va., before reboarding the plane to Newark with her husband, an Air Force major. They reasoned that it would have been much more difficult to be stuck at a major airport.

"We were lucky," she said.

United Airlines will compensate victims' families

Travelers caught off guard by terrorist attacks can change itineraries without incurring penalties.

at 7:58 a.m. headed for Los Angeles but was diverted to New York, where it crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center at 9:03 a.m. Flight 93, a Boeing 757, left Newark, N.J., en route to San Francisco at 8:01 a.m., was diverted south and crashed in rural southwest Pennsylvania.

Flight 175 had 65 people on board: 56 passengers, seven flight attendants and two pilots. Flight 93 had 45 people on board: 38 passengers, five flight attendants and two pilots.

Refunds offered: Passengers rescheduled for travel through Sept. 25 — any itinerary worldwide — may choose to have their tickets refunded without penalty.

Those holding tickets for domestic travel through Sept. 25 may postpone their trips or reticket to a new

itinerary, the release states. Differences for lower-priced fares will not be refunded, but passengers will be responsible for differences if fares are higher. They will not pay penalty or service charges.

The same is true for passengers holding tickets for international travel. Ticket holders may postpone their trips or reticket to a new itinerary without incurring penalty or service charges. They will not receive refunds for lower-priced fares but will be responsible for differences in higher priced fares. Passengers are urged to reticket by Sept. 25 and must complete travel by Sept. 30.

Information about arrangements for American Airlines passengers could not be obtained.

FIREFIGHTERS | Say prayers for fallen brethren

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the pain because man alone can't," Heller said. "We are indeed one nation under God and may God bless America."

The firefighters also lighted a candle that, Lt. Fel Romain said, will remain aflame until all firefighters are either rescued or laid to rest.

"We send our prayers to all the families of the victims," Romain said.

Ready if needed: Mayor Hank Angelo said 11 city firefighters are willing to go to New York to volunteer as soon as they are needed.

"We can send 11 and still be able to operate our departments," Angelo said. "If we could send all of them, I bet all would go. They all want to help."

Lt. Jeff Younkins said he volunteered to go and spoke with a union representative for New York fire-

fighters, who said officials are trying to better organize relief efforts.

Additional personnel are not needed at this time, but may be in the future, Younkins said.

The grim task of assisting cleanup and rescue efforts would be gruesome and physically challenging, but definitely worth it, Younkins said.

The candle's flame represents firefighters' continued hope and faith that their missing New York coun-

St. E's: Rumor is false

YOUNGSTOWN — Contrary to rumors, no resident doctor at St. Elizabeth Health Center was fired and turned over to the FBI for making inappropriate remarks about terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., according to a memo faxed to *The Vindicator*. The hospital wanted to report all the facts to employees via the memo, said Chris McCarty, director of communication.

Patrols around mosque

YOUNGSTOWN — The Islamic Mosque at 1670 Homewood Ave. has requested periodic checks by police. In response to the request made Thursday, Police Chief Richard Lewis assigned a patrol car to check the area every half-hour and a sergeant to check every hour.

Racial slurs alleged

GIRARD — A 46-year-old Niles man has been accused of making racial slurs against a convenience store operator of Arab descent.

Walter J. Kreczewski Jr. of North Glenwood Avenue was charged Thursday afternoon with aggravated menacing.

Sami Sahle told police Kreczewski walked into his North State Street store Tuesday afternoon after the terrorist attacks and made racial comments toward him. Sahle told Kreczewski not to patronize the store.

A municipal court spokeswoman said an arrest warrant will be issued today for Kreczewski.

Memorial ceremony

STRUTHERS — A candlelight ceremony in remembrance of those killed in the terrorist attacks will precede tonight's Struthers-Rayen football game at Struthers Stadium. Fans and players will receive candles, which will be lighted at 7 p.m.

Telethon planned

YOUNGSTOWN — News Channel 33 and ClearChannel radio will simulcast a telethon from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday to raise money for the victims of Tuesday's terrorist attacks. The money will be added to a relief fund established by WYTV and First Place Bank.

Half shifts at GM

LORDSTOWN — Workers at General Motors' Lordstown Assembly Plant are working half shifts today because of the National Day of Prayer declared by President Bush. John Mohan, shop chairman of United Auto Workers Local 1112 said the plant is scheduled to resume normal operations Monday.

Few attend forum

YOUNGSTOWN — A public forum to discuss terrorism in the aftermath of Tuesday's attack, in DeBartolo Hall at Youngstown State University on Thursday afternoon, didn't attract much attention from students. About 10 students sat through the hour-long discussion sponsored by Campus Ministry programs. About 25 faculty members and concerned citizens attended the event.

Blood donations needed

BOARDMAN — Despite collecting more than 3,200 units of blood since Tuesday in northern Ohio, officials of the American Red Cross Northern Blood Services Region say the need for blood is ongoing. Officials said our area has an optimum, three-day supply of blood in all blood types and request that people donate over the next few weeks, rather than the next few days. The Mahoning Chapter of the Red Cross is scheduled to collect monetary donations and sign up new volunteers at the Southern Park Mall's main concourse from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The blood drawing scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at YSU's Metro College at the Eastwood Mall will now be held at the Eastwood Expo Center at the site of the Fall Home Remodeling and Decorating Show. Those donating blood will be admitted to the exhibition free.

Red Cross drive

SHARON, Pa. — The Mercer County Chapter of the American Red Cross has expanded its emergency blood drive to help those injured in the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington. Those wishing to donate can visit Sharon High School on East State Street between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday or the Keystone Blind Association on

Around the Region

Stambaugh Avenue between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday. A spokeswoman said blood isn't the only thing the Red Cross needs. Monetary donations are also important, and checks should be made out to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund and can be mailed or delivered to the chapter office at 247 S. Oakland Ave., Sharon, Pa. 16146.

Warren prayer service

WARREN — A prayer service is being planned for 4:30 p.m. today on Courthouse Square to answer President Bush's call to make today a day of "prayer and remembrance." The Warren G. Harding High School choir is scheduled to perform, and an ecumenical group of religious leaders will attend, said state Sen. Tim Ryan, D-32nd. He is organizing the event with Warren Mayor Hank Angelo.

Honoring fellow officers

CAMPBELL — City police officers have placed black bands around their badges they wear on their uniforms. Officer Ed Sharshan, administrative assistant to the chief, said officers wear the bands to memorialize police and firefighters who lost their lives responding to the World Trade Center tragedy in New York City. He said the bands also show support for emergency personnel still digging through rubble in the city and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Also in Campbell, all full-time firefighters have committed themselves to assist in disaster relief if called upon, said firefighter Frank Kotsol. Mayor John E. Dill said the city would send firefighters if necessary.

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 28 also has asked Youngstown Police Department officers to wear a black band on their badges. "As police we never know just where we will be called to at any moment. Let us be grateful that we did not receive that call," FOP President Patricia A. Garcar wrote in a letter to all members.

Complaints to police

STRUTHERS — Police received five complaints Tuesday related to customers lining up at gas pumps in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., police reports show. At about 8:15 p.m., the owner of Rip's Tavern on Youngstown-Poland Road reported that vehicles were parked in his lot as they waited to get gas at a nearby station.

Less than 15 minutes later, officers were requested at Morgan Oil on Lowellville Road. At about 8:50, police received a complaint of a traffic jam at the Shell station at 5810 Poland-Struthers Road. An employee of the Fast Check Food Mart there called police at about 10:30 to report a fight. Officers discovered irate customers waiting at the gas pumps. Shortly before 10 p.m., the Kwik Fill on Youngstown-Poland Road reported to police that cars were lined up as employees were trying to close.

Gas prices stabilize

SHARON, Pa. — Gas prices were back to normal Thursday at the FuelMart gas station on U.S. Route 62 in Brookfield Township. The station, at the direction of its corporate owners, raised prices twice Tuesday. Regular gasoline jumped from \$1.55 to \$1.99 per gallon during the course of the day. FuelMart is owned by Ports Petroleum Corp. Stan Goleb Jr., station manager, said the decision was made to lower the price back to \$1.55 at 11 a.m. Wednesday after a nearby competitor did the same. Meanwhile, other stations in the Shenango Valley continued to hold their gasoline prices, and several reported getting in new supplies of fuel for their customers.

Firefighters volunteer

STRUTHERS — Mayor Daniel C. Mamula said city firefighters have volunteered to assist with disaster relief in New York City and Washington D.C. Those who are trained in such efforts would be sent if needed, Mamula said. Other firefighters have offered to cancel vacations to fill any voids in scheduling that might result if the city does send personnel out of state.

Program change

CUYAHOGA FALLS — Legacy, which planned to perform a family program Saturday at Blossom Music Center, has changed its purpose to a "Sacred Assembly" in the wake of Tuesday's attacks. The list of performers and speakers is also un-

known due to air travel delays. Gates open at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$15. Call (440) 746-2200.

Cruise canceled

YOUNGSTOWN — New Beginnings Outreach Ministries has canceled the Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise today, due to the terrorist attacks Tuesday. Refunds will be given next week. People should bring their tickets. For more information, call (330) 743-9910.

Program postponed

POLAND — Holy Family Parish's garden guild has postponed its "Art in the Garden" program set for this Sunday. It has been rescheduled for noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 7. The event has been renamed "Gallery in the Garden: An Art Festival." It will also feature herbal teas and homemade pies.

VA facilities stay open

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi has directed the VA to adopt a special "continuity of operations" plan because of Tuesday's terrorist attacks. Under the plan, all VA facilities remain open to provide care for veterans and to provide medical backup when community resources are overwhelmed.

The VA's headquarters near the White House was evacuated Tuesday morning and key management personnel shifted to an undisclosed location.

VA facilities in northern Ohio include the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center, Brecksville, and Wade Park Medical Center, Cleveland; and outpatient clinics in Youngstown, Warren, East Liverpool, Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Lorain, Mansfield, New Philadelphia, Painesville, Sandusky and Ravenna.

Fund for victims

YOUNGSTOWN — The Navy League of the United States has established a fund for military victims of Tuesday's attacks. The league is a 75,000-member civilian organization that supports sea services.

The Navy League Life Ring Fund will assist military victims and their families. Donations can be sent to Navy League Life Ring Fund, P.O. Box 656, Merrifield, Va. 22116-0656. More information is available by calling (800) 356-5760.

New Castle memorial

NEW CASTLE, Pa. — A gold-framed picture of the Lower Manhattan skyline accompanied by a bouquet of flowers lies beneath a flagpole in the center of downtown's Kennedy Square as a makeshift memorial to the victims of terrorism at the World Trade Center. With the U.S. flag flying at half-staff above it, a hand-lettered cardboard sign attached to the picture urges passers-by to "Pray for Them."

Race to run as planned

CLEVELAND — The Komen Race for the Cure will take place as planned Sunday at Wade Oval in University Circle. Officials of the Northeast Ohio affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation said they wanted to give the community a positive event to focus on in the aftermath of Tuesday's catastrophe. The race will incorporate a moment of silence and a performance of the national anthem before race events begin. Late registration is scheduled for 7 a.m.

Special service

AUSTINTOWN — St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church will have a divine liturgy at 8:30 a.m. next Friday for those injured or killed in the plane attacks, and to comfort the distressed.

Courthouse on alert

MERCER, Pa. — Mercer County Courthouse remains on high alert due to national terrorist attacks, although those entering the courthouse did not have to pass through a metal detector Thursday, as they did the previous two days. Gene Brenneman, county commission chairman, said Thursday that although the Mercer courthouse was not closed, only one entrance was open and those entering had to pass through metal detectors manned by deputy sheriffs. In addition, he said, 24-hour security has been increased. Commissioners also changed plans to conduct Thursday's meeting at Greenville High School because they felt they should stay close to the courthouse, Brenneman said.

FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER

When I am called to duty, God, Wherever flames may rage; Give me the strength to save a life, Whatever be it's age; Help me embrace a little child before it is too late; Or save an older person from the horror of that fate; Enable me to be alert and hear the weak est shout; And quickly and efficiently put the fire out; I want to fill my calling, to give the best in me; To guard my friends and neighbors and protect his property; And if according to my fate I am to lose my life; Please bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife.

COURTS

MAHONING COUNTY

Marriage licenses
Richard L. Stacy, 34, of 14674 Youngstown-Pittsburgh Road, Petersburg, and Michelle P. Day, 31, of 2660 Columbiana Road, New Springfield.
Bryan A. Ladd, 36, of 327 Rebecca Ave., Hubbard, and Cristina M. Kobus, 29, of 2415 Trussitt Ave., Youngstown.
David A. Williamson, 28, of 1069 Mt. Jackson Road, New Castle, Pa., and Teri L. Black, 25, of same.
Dominic DiNello, 31, of 545 Wilcox Road A, Austintown, and Tracy L. DiPasqua, 29, of 8590 Chesterton Drive, Poland.
William J. Craven Sr., 57, of 1348 Powersdale Ave., Youngstown, and Anastasia Bonetti, 29, of same.
Dimitrios Kavouras, 24, of 448 Sanderson Ave., Campbell, and Stacie N. Varga, 25, of 41 Walnut St., Struthers.
George H. Wray III, 27, of 2144 Thomas Road, Hubbard, and Carisa L. Neider, 33, of 616 1/2 Elm St., Struthers.
Divorces asked
Jeffrey Liller, 60 Steel St., Youngstown, vs. Sherry Liller, 60 Steel St., Youngstown.
Flo Etta Kidd, 153 W. Delason Ave., Youngstown, vs. Darryl E. Kidd, 73 E. Judson Ave., Youngstown.
Tuniesha M. Gibson, 417 Falls Ave., Youngstown, vs. Rodney L. Gibson, 642 Cassius Ave., Youngstown.
Gail D. Minotti, 2509 Oakwood, Youngstown, vs. Herman J. Minotti, 2324 Roy St., Youngstown.
Diane L. Greenwall, 5013 Winthrop Drive, Austintown, vs. Lloyd D. Greenwall Sr., 3861 Cumberland, Austintown.
New complaints
Leland W. Scott vs. Sheriff Randall Wellington, habeas corpus.
Wendy Strong-Mileto vs. Youngstown Thermal LP et al, money.
Mitchell G. Tucker vs. Guardian Industries Corp. et al, workers' compensation.
Sky Bank vs. Raymond L. Harper III, money.
JCI Inc. vs. Village of Andover et al, money.
John R. Collins et al vs. Western Reserve Health System et al, money.
Conseco Finance Servicing Corp. vs. Julia Myers et al, foreclosure.
Thomas A. Mock, admin. vs. Deanna M. Theodore et al, money.
Bobby D. Associates et al vs. Willie E. Harris et al, money.
Mary R. Gianakos et al vs. Keith Tincher et al, money.
Huntington Mall Co. vs. Ronald Forth dba Color-flow, money.
The Marion Plaza Inc. vs. Joseph E. Gehl, money.
Cafaro Co. vs. Jewelry Repair Enterprises Inc. et al, money.
Altegra Credit Co. vs. William C. Wilson et al, money, foreclosure and relief.
Sky Bank et al vs. Pangio's Supermarket Inc. et al, money.

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota NA et al vs. Daniel L. Deemer et al, money, foreclosure and relief.
Norwest Bank Minnesota NA vs. Mark Mallen et al, foreclosure.
Sky Bank vs. Pangio's Supermarket Inc. et al, money.
Bank One NA et al vs. Helen J. Riley et al, foreclosure.
Phyllis Spagnola et al vs. Burger King Restaurant et al, money.
Double F Investment et al vs. Judith A. Carson, motion for preliminary injunction.
Patsy Valentine Sr. et al vs. Mary Ann Carnathan, money.
Stephen Eubank vs. C. James Conrad, admin. BWC et al, workers' compensation.
Felicia B. Soltis vs. Dennis S. Allen, money.
Youngstown Chiropractic et al vs. Ardeon Reed et al, breach of contract, fraud, conspiracy to commit creditor fraud et al.
Rainbow Rentals Inc. vs. Gerri Butler, possession of property.
Ralph Cooper et al vs. Donald E. Domokur et al, money.
First City Bank vs. Mark Mallen et al, money.
Charter One Bank FSB vs. John T. Hall et al, money and foreclosure.
Judith A. Jackson vs. Poulakos Bakery Inc. et al, workers' compensation.
Stacey Mayhew vs. Anthony Pesa, money.
Docket entries
State of Ohio vs. Regina J. Winphrie, violation of terms of community control; sentenced to 10 months on each count, to be served concurrently.
State of Ohio vs. Charles Gruber, violation of community control; to enter and complete program at CCA.
State of Ohio vs. Antjuan A. Adkins, sentence suspended; two years monitored community control.
State of Ohio vs. Nathan Rowe, two years monitored community control to be completed.
State of Ohio vs. Shirley North, defendant to enter and complete residential program at CCA; drivers license suspended for six months.
State of Ohio vs. Charles Winphrie III, sentenced to six months on each count, to be served concurrently.
State of Ohio vs. Wayne M. Dunning, two years supervised probation, and entry and completion of day-reporting program at CCA.
State of Ohio vs. James F. Skinner, sentenced to 1 year.
State of Ohio vs. Ronald P. Wymer, 4 years supervised community control and completion of up to six months residential program at CCA.
State of Ohio vs. Ramon Echevestre, sentence suspended; 3 years probation.
State of Ohio vs. Jovan D. Lewis, alleged probation violation; sentenced to 7 months; upon release must report to APA.
State of Ohio vs. Shawn M. Bell, sentenced to 18 months.

Sherry L. Elkins vs. Greenwood Chevrolet Inc., settled and dismissed.
Mary F. Grover vs. Integrated Health Services et al, default judgment for plaintiff.
Deborah Hall vs. Ron Joy Nursing Home et al, dismissed.
Ameriquet Mortgage Co. vs. Summer Ratliff et al, sheriffs sale.
David Dilla vs. Weather Lock Inc. et al, settled and dismissed.
Vicki Romesberg et al vs. Steven K. Serednesky Jr. et al, dismissed.
Alvena D. Winestock vs. Corrections Corp. et al, dismissed.
Owen Barham vs. USX Corp. et al, dismissed.
Guardian National Acceptance vs. Lisa M. Reynolds et al, judgment for plaintiff.
Bank One National Assoc. vs. Erika Bunch, foreclosure.
ABN AMRO vs. Joseph W. Cole et al, foreclosure.
First Resolution vs. Kathleen Shelton, judgment for plaintiff.
Free Gospel Church vs. Harvey Minich, judgment for plaintiff.
Shannon Long et al vs. Armand L. Minotti D. O., dismiss Armond Minotti D. O. only; case remains pending.
Vernetta Johnson et al vs. P and M Investment Inc., dismissed.
Real estate transfers
George Richie to James J. Shank et al, Jackson Twp., \$95,000.
Ethel M. Stephenson to Joseph A. Dambrogio et al, Poland Village, \$112,000.
Robert J. Moderalli to Bruce B. Horning et al, Boardman Twp., \$355,000.
Rose M. DeSignore to Andrew A. Horvath et al, Youngstown, \$80,500.
Joe Koch Construction Inc. to Richard S. Miller et al, Austintown Twp., \$124,855.
Gary A. Baggett to Morris Popio et al, Youngstown, \$49,000.
Connie Jackson to Kendall Investments Inc., \$5,000.
Sitter Construction Inc. to Ruth N. Craig, Beaver Twp., \$145,545.
Theresa Pangio to Thomas Inchak, Austintown Twp., \$52,000.
Gregory S. Gibson to Michael Simon, Poland Twp., \$32,500.
Lillian J. Williams to Mary Ann Gomez, Boardman Twp., \$105,000.
Metropolitan National Bank to Robert L. Newell, Youngstown, \$8,500.
Daniel T. & LuAnn Hungerman Trust to Charles D. Lasky et al, Poland Twp., \$278,000.
Zel Bush et al to Margaret A. Confer, Poland Twp., \$109,500.
G.R.P.L. Enterprises Inc. to Glen Santelices et al, Canfield Twp., \$277,702.
Richard Pezel et al to Bruce G. Hayes et al, Boardman Twp., \$84,500.
Mary Jo Sauline to Dorothy Stellmar, Struthers, \$87,000.
David C. Beil et al to Christopher Johnson, Austintown Twp., \$131,000.
Robert St. Clair et al to David C. Murphy et al, Youngstown, \$21,000.
William German et al to Thomas R. Eckman et al, Poland Twp., \$133,900.
Mashburn Tree Service to George Jeges et al, Struthers, \$32,000.
Cynthia Clapper to Thomas Huff, Milton Twp., \$65,000.
John Pelini to Ann Marie Martin, Boardman Twp., \$63,000.
Mohamad Almasri et al to Robert A. Tedde et al, Boardman Twp., \$202,000.
Robert J. Fredorn et al to William S. Herrutka et al, Craig Beach Village, \$89,000.
Edwin J. Stupka to Ronald G. Gordon, Youngstown, \$80,000.
Jose M. Reyes et al to Travis F. Bitteccuffer et al, Austintown Twp., \$114,900.
Sandra A. Rigelsky to Antoinette D'Apollito, Youngstown, \$66,500.
U.S. DISTRICT COURT
Bankruptcies/Chapter 7
Joshua C. Massek, 8026 Glenwood Ave., Boardman, sales, Home Depot; liabilities, \$23,999; assets, \$8,690.
Steven E. and Beth Ann Percy, 186 E. Oregon Ave., Sebring, he: laborer, F.E. Schumacher; she: homemaker; liabilities, \$7,234; assets, \$1,400.
Joann L. Mitzel, aka Joann Sakmar, aka Joann Abighanem, 27 Riverside, Poland, clerk, Schwabel's; liabilities, \$31,168; assets, \$1,600.
Timothy E. Walker, 7400 West Blvd., Apt. 229, Boardman, clerk, Giant Eagle; liabilities, \$10,877; assets, \$460.
Kim L. Brown, P.O. Box 134, North Lima, technician, Chem-Dry; liabilities, \$41,968; assets, \$1,960.
Ralph A. Zupo Sr. and Nancy M. Zupo, 4043 Jefferson Court, Youngstown, he: disabled; she: sausage maker, DiRusso's Sausage; liabilities, \$11,601; assets, \$59,255.
Paul E. Andrews and Kathleen D. Andrews, 7381 W. South Range Road, Greenford; he: none; she: server, Peppers Restaurant; liabilities, \$72,183; assets, \$64,230.
Terri J. Modarelli, 470 Brandon Ave., Struthers, student, liabilities, \$26,977; assets, \$3,100.
Cheryl J. Triggs, 546 W. Warren, Youngstown, laborer, B.J. Alan Co.; liabilities, \$47,362; assets, \$1,045.
Robert H. Partlow Jr., 8422 Colwyn Court, Apt. 1, Boardman, none; liabilities, \$91,186; assets, \$81,025.
Robert T. and Sherry A. Lippiatt, 11460 Smith Goshen Road, Beloit, he: horse trainer; she: bank manager, First Merit Bank; liabilities, \$382,377; assets, \$176,853.
Christopher S. and Kim L. Flak, Boardman, he: deputy sheriff, Mahoning County Sheriff's Dept.; she: per diem nurse, Center for Dialysis Care; liabilities, \$260,982; assets, \$205,021.
Bankruptcies/Chapter 13
Elinor J. Stephenson, 118 Lemans Drive, Apt. 1, Boardman, machine operator, American Paper; liabilities, \$19,885; assets, \$7,230.

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CDC

Life span racial gap is found in study

Report shows homicide and heart disease cause blacks to have a shorter life expectancy than whites.

ATLANTA (AP) — Life expectancy is about six years shorter for blacks than whites, and homicide is a leading contributor to the racial gap, a government study said.
Homicide adds about seven months to the gap, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in what it called the first report analyzing life expectancy by race and cause of death.
Overall life expectancy is about 75 years for whites and 69 years for blacks, the CDC report said Thursday.
Factors: Heart disease and cancer were the leading causes of the difference between the two races. Life expectancy for whites with each of those diseases was more than a year longer than for blacks, the CDC said.
Health officials expected that much because heart disease and cancer are the nation's two leading causes of death overall, and medical experts have long said that blacks often suffer from poorer medical care.
The next leading cause of the difference was homicide, which ranks just 13th on the overall list of causes of death for Americans.
"It's pretty dramatic," said Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, an epidemiologist in CDC's Division of Violence Prevention. "We were surprised to see that homicide is such a major player."

Improvement: Life expectancy has been rising for decades in the United States and other major industrialized nations. It is a key measure for public health officials, as well as for governments trying to figure out how much money to devote to pensions, health programs and other social spending for the elderly.
Stroke, HIV, diseases among newborns and motor-vehicle crashes all killed blacks more often or at a younger age than whites, making smaller contributions to the lifespan gap. Only suicide, more common among whites than blacks, narrowed the gap.
Health officials said the report called attention to the need to examine which violence-prevention programs aimed at youth aren't working and get rid of them. A CDC report published last year said blacks were killed six times as often as whites in homicides.
"When you're talking about a decrease in lifespan, it's a larger impact that homicide can make," Hasbrouck said. "You're talking about folks dying between ages 15 and 34, for the most part, not in their 50s and 60s and 70s."

Teen told to leave retirement community

APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz. (AP) — Rory Coriell wants to keep living with his grandparents in their Arizona retirement community, but his age might get in the way.
The 16-year-old started living with his grandparents after Oregon Child Services sent him there. The agency stepped in because Coriell was running away from his adoptive father; his mother died of cancer in 1995.
Last week, Montessa at Gold Canyon gave Coriell and his grandparents the ultimatum: Vacate or find a new home for the teen.
The community requires that all residents of a dwelling be at least 18. Rules also require that at least one permanent resident be 55 or more.
"It's petty," Coriell said. "It's im-

mature."
Mark Keith, regional manager for Cal-Am properties in Encino, Calif., referred questions to attorney Douglas Nelson, who wasn't available for comment.
Gene Bumgarner, 69, had asked the owners to allow the teen to live with them until he turns 18, pointing out the circumstances.
They received only a certified letter from an attorney giving them 30 days to vacate their \$100,000 home unless Coriell leaves.
Similar cases arose in Arizona in 1996 and 1997 at communities where two 16-year-olds lived with grandparents. The teens were told to leave, but restrictions were later changed so they could stay.

BIRTHS
St. Elizabeth
Mark and Claudia Harshman, 6055 Lakeview, Hanoverton, girl, Sept. 13.
Brent and Bobbi Jo Bregar, 46007 Riffle Road, New Waterford, girl, Sept. 13.
Scott and Kimberly Ruark, 1851 Oles Ave., Youngstown, boy, Sept. 14.
Beverly Lyda and Robert Grafius, 1375 E. Middle-town Road, North Lima, boy, Sept. 14.
Forum Health Northside
Jim and Jill Cuckovich, 1600 Salt Springs Road, Warren, girl, Sept. 13.
Salem
Darren and Cari Frantz, 315 Valley Road, Salem, boy, Sept. 13.
Shawn and Sondra James, 4875 Union Ave. N.E., Homeworth, girl, Sept. 13.
LOTTERY RESULTS
THURSDAY'S DRAWINGS OHIO
Night drawings:
Pick 3, 5-8-5
Pick 4, 9-0-7-1
Buckeye 5, 1-12-16-18-19
Day drawings:
Pick 3, 7-6-7
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Nation World digest

NATO official increases pressure on Macedonia

SKOPJE, Macedonia — NATO's smooth operation to collect weapons from ethnic Albanian rebels has raised hopes for an enduring peace in Macedonia and brightened a "black week" of terror, the alliance's chief said today.
"This has been a black week for the world. The events in New York and Washington cast a shadow not just across America but across the Balkans as well," NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson said on arriving in Skopje.
"And yet the people of this country are embarking on a historic venture here in bringing peace and stability, so there could be a tiny ray of sunshine from Macedonia that might break the blackness of this terrible week," he said.
Robertson's visit was intended to increase pressure on the Macedonian government to honor a peace plan meant to end the crisis in the troubled Balkan country.

Seattle-area tourists killed in plane crash

TOHOKU, Mexico — Sixteen Seattle-area tourists on a Caribbean cruise died during a side trip to visit Mayan ruins when their plane crashed in the eastern Mexican state of Yucatan. Three Mexican crew members also died.
Soldiers barred access to the accident site, but photos showed the tail was the only surviving piece of the twin-engine LET 410 turboprop plane, which crashed Wednesday night.
The tourists were on a cruise aboard the Maasdam for University of Washington football fans who planned to attend Saturday's game against the University of Miami in the Orange Bowl, according to cruise operator Holland America Line. The game was postponed because of Tuesday's terror attacks.
"This is a terrible tragedy for the loved ones and friends and our entire community," said A. Kirk Lanterman, the line's chairman.

Lee satisfies plea deal

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Wen Ho Lee has completed terms of a plea agreement that was reached one year ago after a bungled government investigation into charges he mishandled top-secret information. Lee was set free a year ago Thursday with a judge's apologies in a case that stirred a nationwide debate about national security.
But Lee's freedom had limits. He had agreed to be available for the ensuing year to answer FBI questions. At 12:01 a.m. today, Lee was officially free of the constraints "Dr. Lee has fully honored his agreement," defense attorney John Cline said. Now Lee should be able to get back to normal, said defense lawyer Nancy Hollander.
"He's got his garden up and running again. He's fishing. He's writing, cooking his meals for his wife. He's kind of in many respects back to his routine," Hollander said in an interview looking back on the legal twists that kept Lee jailed for nine months in solitary confinement. Lee also lost his right to vote after the ordeal, but a New Mexico law that took effect July 1 restored his voting rights, Hollander said.

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BOARDMAN

Sept. 4
 Breaking and entering: A vehicle was broken into in the 4000 block of Market Street and various items were stolen from the glove box.
 Criminal damage: The front window of Pagers Plus, 4605 Market St., was smashed.
 Criminal: The front window of Nydic Open MRI, 1449 Boardman-Canfield Road, was smashed.
 Arrest: A 31-year-old Youngstown man was arrested at Dunkin' Donuts, 6041 Market St., and charged with driving under suspension.
 Criminal damage: Someone did \$1,500 worth of damage to wiring at a home in the 800 block of Mayfield Drive.
 Criminal damage: Someone put a hole in drywall and damaged a phone receiver in a home in the 1000 block of Boardman-Poland Road.
 Criminal damage: A plastic-glass door of Jay's, 68 Boardman-Canfield Road, was damaged by a pellet.
 Theft: An in-dash radio was stolen from a vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Applecrest Court.
 Theft: A bank deposit belonging to Living Naturally Health Foods, 1449 Boardman-Canfield Road, was stolen.
 Theft: A 17-year-old North Lima woman was arrested at 5-7-9, 7401 Market St., and charged with theft.
 Breaking and entering: Someone did \$300 worth of damage to door locks and stole a faceplate of a vehicle parked in the 4000 block of Hillman Way.
Sept. 5
 Criminal damage: A window of Neuman's Cleaners, 5315 Market St., was smashed.
 Theft: A trailer was stolen in the 20 block of Arlene Avenue.
 Criminal damage: The windshield of a vehicle in the 400 block of Boardman-Canfield Road was shattered.
Sept. 6
 Theft: A \$600 snow blower was stolen from a garage in the 1000 block of Basil Avenue.
 Breaking and entering: Someone did \$300 worth of damage to the front door of Funco Land, 403 Boardman-Poland Road.
 Theft: A man stole 48 packs of cigarettes, six roses, and a red basket from Giant Eagle, 1201 Doral Drive.
Sept. 7
 Arrest: A 30-year-old Boardman man was arrested in the 3000 block of South Avenue and charged with robbery, fleeing, resisting arrest, and unauthorized use of a vehicle.
 Theft: A checkbook was stolen from a home in the 5000 block of Youngstown-Poland Road.
 Theft: A man stole two pairs of Nike shoes from J.C. Penney, 7401 Market St.
 Arrest: A 26-year-old Youngstown woman was arrested in the 400 block of Ferndale Avenue and charged with theft by deception, passing bad checks, and forgery.
 Burglary: A CD changer and speakers were stolen from a home in the 4000 block of Schenley Avenue.
 Theft: A woman stole \$302 from the registers at MH Development Inc., 7141 Tiffany Blvd.
 Suspension: A 19-year-old Youngstown man was arrested on Southern Boulevard and charged with driving under suspension.
Sept. 8
 Burglary: Two window panes of a home were smashed in the 4000 block of Market Street.
 Arrest: A 17-year-old Boardman man was arrested in the 7000 block of West Boulevard and charged with criminal trespass and being an unruly juvenile.
 Arrest: A 35-year-old Youngstown man was arrested at the Microtel Inn, 7393 South Ave., and charged with carrying a concealed weapon, possession of cocaine, and drug paraphernalia.
 Theft: A fire extinguisher was stolen in the 6000 block of Applecrest Court.
 Theft: A man stole \$50 from a purse at a home in the 4000 block of Cascade Drive.
 Auto theft: A 1995 BMW was stolen in the 4000 block of Windsor Road.

Arrest: A 35-year-old Boardman man was arrested in the 5000 block of Aravesta Avenue, charged with possession of a crack pipe.
 Theft: Someone stole a bottle of detergent from Kmart, 1209 Boardman-Poland Road.
Sept. 9
 Breaking and entering: Someone broke into a vehicle in the 4000 block of Brookwood Avenue and stole 70 CDs, an equalizer and a CD player.
 Theft: A lawn decoration was stolen from a yard in the 600 block of Angeline Drive.
 Theft: Someone stole \$42 through the ATM at First Place Bank, 4005 Hillman Way.
 Theft: A cell phone, backpack, wallet and a bank card was stolen in the 400 block of Boardman-Canfield Road.
 Burglary: Someone broke into Mahoning Valley Heating and Air Conditioning Inc., 97 Karago Ave., and stole two air conditioners, two high efficiency units, currency and five saws.
 Breaking and entering: Someone broke a window of a vehicle parked in the 70 block of Lemans Drive and stole a radio and radar detector.
Sept. 10
 Criminal damage: Projectiles were shot through three windows at Second Sole Athletic Wear, 755 Boardman-Canfield Road.
 Theft: A man stole \$263 of rolled coins from Shell True North, 5135 Market St.
 Theft: A \$2,000 engagement ring was stolen from a home in the 5000 block of Rosewood Avenue.
 Criminal damage: Someone did \$338 worth of damage by throwing eggs on a vehicle and slashing four tires in the 4000 block of Simon Road.
 Arrest: A 37-year-old Youngstown woman was arrested at Kaufmann's, 7401 Market St., and charged with theft and obstructing official business.
 Theft: A man and woman stole a pair of boots worth \$40 at Gabriel Brothers, 850 Boardman-Poland Road.
 Theft: Lawn tools and a sander were stolen from a garage in the 4000 block of Dover Road.
 Theft: A wallet containing an ID, \$800 and a checkbook were stolen from a residence in the 7000 block of Locust Street.
 Attempted burglary: Someone did damage to a window lock trying to break into a home in the 5000 Firmlay Avenue.
 Theft: A purse containing \$100, and two checkbooks, were stolen from a trunk of a car at Tinseltown, 7401 Market St.
GIRARD
Sept. 10
 Theft: A purse was taken out of a vehicle parked in the 20 block of South Randolph Avenue.
 Breaking and entering: Someone stole a truck and lawn tools from a garage at Tod Park.
Sept. 11
 Theft: A Ford Crown Victoria drove off after the driver pumped \$15 in gas at McQuoids, 131 South State St.
 Arrest: A Girard man was arrested in the 400 block of Idaho Avenue and charged with operating an illegal tattoo shop.
 Burglary: Someone broke into a home in the 200 block of Broadview Avenue and stole \$200 and three credit cards.
Sept. 12
 Criminal trespass: A homeless man trespassed into a home in the 700 block of Washington Avenue.
Sept. 13
 Theft: Someone stole two Nintendo 64 games and two controllers in the 600 block of Forsythe Avenue.
LIBERTY
Sept. 2
 Criminal damage: Juveniles broke four windows in the 3000 block of Northgate Avenue.
Sept. 4
 Burglary: Someone stole \$50 and a \$139 money order from an apartment in the first block of Trumbull Court.
Sept. 5
 Theft: A license plate was stolen from a vehicle in the 300 block of Trumbull Avenue.
 Theft: A woman and two men stole \$700 from a woman by deception in the 3000 block of Belmont Avenue.

Arrest: A 42-year-old Youngstown man was arrested on Belmont Avenue on a charge of driving under suspension, with a warrant for larceny.
 Theft: Someone stole \$132 through the ATM at Sky Bank, 3551 Belmont Ave.
 Auto theft: A 1990 Chevrolet Cavalier was stolen in the 3000 block of Green Acres.
Sept. 7
 Criminal damage: Someone did \$3,200 in damage to light fixtures, the garage door, front door and rear door, and took oak steps from a home in the 6000 block of Kline's Drive.
 Criminal damage: A man broke a cell phone in a home in the 20 block of James Lane.
Sept. 8
 Theft: A woman stole 18 lottery tickets from Cigarettes Emporium, 1482 West Liberty St.
Sept. 9
 Burglary: A stereo and a Social Security card were stolen from a home in the 1000 block of Naylor Lloyd.
 Criminal damage: Someone did \$100 damage to the vehicle locks in the 3000 block of Hadley Avenue.
 Theft: A four-wheeler was stolen from the 3000 block of Anderson Avenue.
 Criminal damage: A cell phone, headphones, two-way mobile radio, and 120 CDs were stolen from a vehicle in the 4000 block of Logan Way.
Sept. 10
 Burglary: A screen was pulled out and a window was broken with a rock at a home in the 1000 block of Naylor Lloyd.
 Theft: A man stole \$170 worth of meat from Sav-A-Lot, 3551 Belmont Ave.
 Forgery: A man forged a check for \$626 and cashed it at Home Savings and Loan, 3500 Belmont Ave.
 Theft: A book bag, cell phone, textbooks and calculator were stolen from a vehicle in the 3000 block of Belmont.
 Auto theft: A 1981 Chevrolet was stolen in the 2000 block of Youngstown-Hubbard Road.
HUBBARD
Sept. 1
 Arrest: A man was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving under suspension.
 Arrest: A woman was arrested on West Liberty Street and charged with driving under suspension.
Sept. 2
 Theft: A golf cart was stolen from Pine Lakes Golf Course, 6233 West Liberty St.
 Criminal damage: A woman damaged a fence in the 400 block of South Main Street.
 Theft: A man was arrested in the theft of items from Shop N Save, 529 North Main St.
Sept. 3
 Burglary: A home in the 200 North Main Street was burglarized.
Sept. 5
 Criminal damage: Nails were shot into tires in the 500 block of Wendemere Drive.
Sept. 7
 Theft: Items were stolen from a yard in the 800 Saul Drive.
Sept. 8
 Arrest: A Hubbard man was arrested on Hall Street and charged with driving under influence of alcohol.
 Theft: A wallet and watch were stolen from a locker at Hubbard Pool, 250 Hall Ave.
 Arrest: A man was arrested at Shell Gas Station and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.
 Theft: A temporary tag was stolen from a vehicle in the 30 block of Jackson Street.
Sept. 9
 Criminal damage: A no-trespass tape was damaged by a four-wheeler on Bell-Wick Road.
Sept. 10
 Theft: A lawn ornament was stolen in the 100 block of Elmwood Street.
 Criminal damage: Five storm doors were damaged in the 300 block of Jackson Street.
Sept. 11
 Theft: A license plate was stolen in the 100 block of North Main Street.
 Criminal mischief: The restroom was damaged at Harding Park.

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HOW WE SEE IT

We are not alone

The heartfelt expressions of sorrow, solidarity and solace have come from throughout the world. Our allies are ready to stand with us. Their people mourn our losses. Wherever the flags of democracy fly, they have been lowered to half staff out of respect for the Americans whose lives were lost at the bloody hands of murderous terrorists.

Tribute: From Europe to Africa, flowers and memorials have been laid at American embassies and consulates. At the U.S. embassy in Berlin, city firefighters laid roses to remember their colleagues killed when the World Trade Center collapsed as they searched for survivors. In Italy, politicians, clergymen and union leaders led marches to show their support for the United States.

But it was not just Americans who died in New York, in Washington or in the aircraft which the criminals turned into human bombs. England, Japan and Australia have learned of the deaths of dozens of their own people, with hundreds still missing. Among the names of our dead can be found the very meaning of America, a home for those whose origins are found on every continent.

Among the dead: Ogonowski, Ong, McGuinness, Aretegui, Nicosia, Aoyama, Aronson, Cuccinello, Dominguez, Filipov, Hashem, Jalbert, Mladenik, Montoya, Morabito, Rosenzweig, Kimmig, MacFarlane, Nassaney, Charlebois, Heidenberger, Betru, Bishundat, Tolbert, Khang, Yokum, Nguyen, Howell, Khang, Jones. Like muffled drumbeats, their names echo through the history of the United States.

When they or their forebears sought a better life, they came to America. They brought their hopes of a better future for themselves and their children, never imagining that those dreams would be shattered by a nightmare of profound evil perpetrated by those who would return the world to a time of darkness and dictatorship.

Those nations that stand with us know that these Americans died in the cause of democracy and liberty, and they know, too, of the hundreds of thousands of Americans who died to preserve freedom in foreign lands in years past.

Thus, it should be no wonder that Russia and NATO issued a rare joint statement on Thursday that they would join forces to find the culprits of Tuesday's attack, so they not go unpunished. Or that the European Commission President Romano Prodi said, "In the darkest days of European history, America stood close by us and today we stand close by America."

Blaming the victim: Nor should it be a surprise that the voices of terrorism would rationalize the actions of their comrades-in-arms by blaming the victims and the United States for representing all that their hate opposes.

In a broadcast monitored by the BBC, Iraqi state television said: "The American cowboy is reaping the fruits of his crimes against humanity." And Sheik Yassin, leader of the Islamic militant group Hamas, said: "No doubt this is a result of injustice the U.S. practices against the weak in the world." But it is the United States and its people that have been the true friend of the weak, the impoverished, the sick and the suffering. It is to America's embrace that the downtrodden of the world have longed to come, not to the arms of terrorists.

The people of the world have seen how "justice" is understood by the terrorist gangs that cloak their quest for domination in the garb of holy men. And they know that the world will not be safe for democracy until the wicked are brought to justice.

The truth shall set him free

Some years ago, Mahoning County Common Pleas Judge Elwyn V. Jenkins looked down at the man he was about to sentence on a murder conviction and declared, "You, sir, are lower than a rat. My apologies to the rat."

It does a body good to occasionally hear a judge express old fashioned, righteous indignation.

This week, Judge R. Scott Krichbaum did the job quite nicely, if not as colorfully as the late Judge Jenkins. It should be noted that Krichbaum was addressing not a murderer, but a witness to a killing who, when called upon to do his duty, shirked.

Brian McGauley, 19, was one of three people subpoenaed in July to testify as eyewitnesses during the trial of a 19-year-old Gypsy Lane man accused of shooting of Bert King, also 19, last October.

None of the three witnesses showed up for the trial, which was postponed for seven weeks. One was eventually found and testified during the trial, which resulted in the acquittal of the defendant. McGauley was taken into custody after the trial. The third witness is still free, but faces arrest.

Court time: This week McGauley had his day in court — two days actually.

Tuesday, Krichbaum held a hearing and ruled there was reason to believe that McGauley knew about his subpoena and deliberately ignored it. The judge said that before he sentenced McGauley, he intended to put him on the stand and have him testify as he would have had to at the trial.

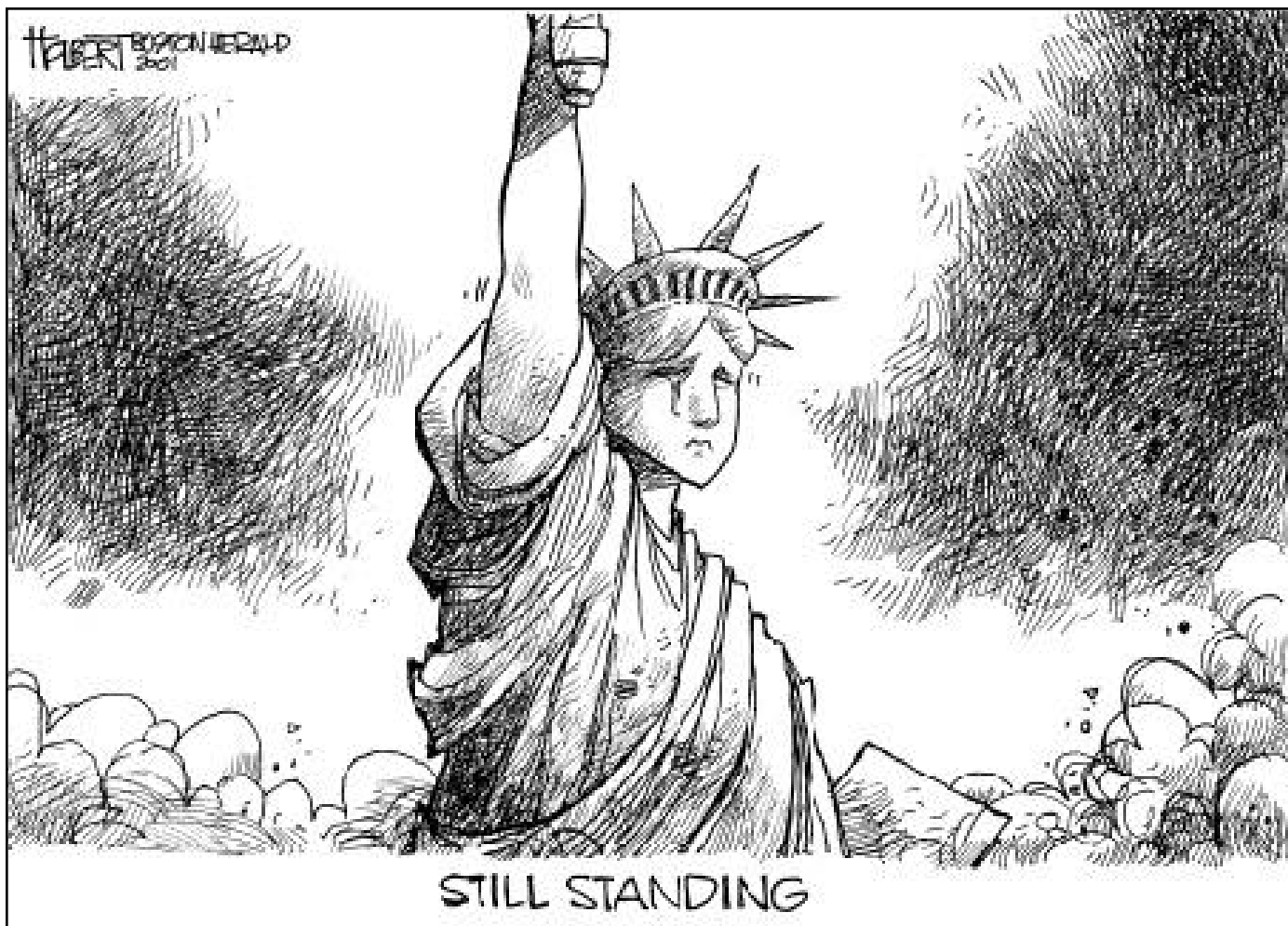
McGauley's lawyers howled in protest. If the judge were going to punish McGauley on the basis of how important his testimony might have been to the trial, then forcing him to testify might violate his constitutional right against self incrimination.

Judge Krichbaum wisely removed that impediment Thursday. He brought McGauley back into his courtroom and sentenced him to 30 days in jail for failing to answer the summons. After the 30 days is up, McGauley will still be required to testify.

Reminiscent of Judge Jenkins, Krichbaum told McGauley, "You, sir, are a coward. You allowed justice to escape because you aren't man enough to come to court and tell a jury what happened. Truly, I have nothing but contempt for you."

McGauley's lawyers may claim that his testimony is moot, now that the trial is over. But it is never too late to arrive at the truth. The truth is always relevant.

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HOW YOU SEE IT

Now is the time for all good Americans to come to the aid of their country

EDITOR:

I remember the many stories my father told me about Pearl Harbor Day; the shock, the unbelievableness of it all; the outrage; the fear; the rush to the recruiter's office the next day; FDR, the speech.

I listened and tried to imagine as best I could what he felt, what his family felt, his neighbors, this town — this country, and yet, not until Sept 11, 2001, could I, along with my generation, the so-called "baby boomers" fully say to ourselves, "and now, we also know," we also understand — we are there.

I watched and listened in horror to the images and accounts of those catastrophic events of that fateful day; perpetrated by merchants of terror. I knew, for my generation, things would never be the same. I understood for the first time that at times like these, there is no division based upon political parties, race, gender, nationality, religion or any in America.

No longer should any citizen of America hesitate and look around, before they stand for the national anthem at sporting events; no longer should any American hesitate to embrace a fellow citizen wearing the uniform of our country's armed services; no longer should any citizen take the freedom earned by the bloodshed of our forefathers for granted; nor should they avoid voting, jury duty, honoring the war dead or raising Old Glory on days of national memorial.

No longer should any foreign nation doubt the resolve of the American people to stand together in times of crisis; to not doubt that which does not weaken us, makes us that much stronger; that the world knows that Lady Liberty still stands in New York harbor; like a witness who sees someone entering her home to destroy her family — yet remains standing, torch held high, ever beckoning: give us your tired, your poor, the huddle masses yearning to breathe free.

In the final analysis, we have an opportunity to prove to ourselves, and the rest of the world, that America still shines as the beacon of hope and freedom ... sail on oh ship of state ... sail on ... with the world as our witness, and the greatest nation on earth as our homeland, let us meet this challenge with hope, strength, unity and prayer, so that one day, we may tell our children about the Sept 11, 2001.

"... and the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there; o say does that star spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

MARK COLUCCI
Youngstown

Heroism, unselfishness hallmark of Americans

EDITOR:

Words can't describe the sorrow I feel for all of the innocent families affected by this attack. At the same time I feel a strong sense of pride when I see and hear the unselfish acts of heroism from volunteers, police, firefighters, American citizens.

It is my hope that time will heal the emotional scars of the victims' families, and the wrath of the U.S. is sent to the people responsible for this act.

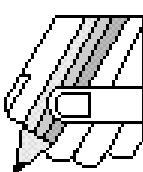
TERRY BYERS
Boardman

God cannot be defined by a narrow perspective

EDITOR:

Today on TV, I heard Billy Graham's daughter say (in effect) that the recent events in Washington and New York go to show what can happen when a country separates church from state. God, she says, has withdrawn in accordance with our wishes, and she calls for His return, presumably in response to some Congressional action.

Apart from the mawkishness of this portrait of the sad and weary Father leaving His brood to the consequences of their folly, this little myth portrays God as willing to let one segment of the population determine for the whole population who



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and what He is and how the spiritual needs of all of His worshippers should be met.

This is a dangerous proposition, unworthy of the God it purports to honor.

Every person has been given reason, which is to say freedom of choice, with which to grapple with experience and to forge thereby an individual faith. Let us remember that the only role that government can legitimately play in this process is to preserve our freedom of thought and action and to help us to use our minds independently to grope toward truth. To assume that any group of people have a right impose their opinions upon the rest is arrogance such as leads not to peace and harmony but to the strife of Northern Ireland.

THOMAS A. COPELAND
Youngstown

Outpouring of love for families hurt by tragedy

EDITOR:

I think this is a terrible act these people have done. There are many people without mothers, fathers, and families. My love goes out to all of those families and many other people. God Bless America.

TIFFANI ROSS
Youngstown

Palestinians in Middle East horrified at events, praying for victims

EDITOR:

One cannot express enough horror and disbelief at the events that we have been witnessing over the past 24 hours. Our prayers are with the victims, their families and our fellow Americans during these most difficult and trying times.

We applaud today's statement of Secretary of State Colin Powell who made very clear that this act of terrorism is just that, terrorism, and cannot be associated with any country, people or religion without a proper investigation of the facts.

In full agreement with Secretary of State Powell, we would like to emphasize the negative repercussions of irresponsible journalism during this unfolding tragedy. Speculative reporting on the fact that some individuals have been celebrating the attacks on the U.S. is not, by the furthest stretch of the imagination, representative of the reaction of the mass majority of Palestinians. On the contrary,

WHO SAID SO?

"She jokingly told me, 'The Pentagon's probably next, you should get out.'"

Army civilian David Theall Of Alexandria, Va., who was on the phone with a friend talking about the World Trade Center attacks when another plane hit near his Pentagon office.

"We have no more to do with Osama bin Laden than you do. He certainly doesn't represent Islam, and we're just devastated."

Sheryl Siddiqui
A member of the board of the Islamic Society of Tulsa, Okla. Some Muslim institutions nationwide have been targeted by vandalism and assaults since the terror attacks.

these attempts to stereotype an entire people in light of such a horrendous event are very dangerous and counterproductive. Placing blame on an entire people or religion will only fuel a backlash and promote unfounded attacks that Arab Americans have already begun facing across the U.S.

Palestinians living under occupation are glued to their television sets like the rest of the world. The few misled Palestinians in the streets were isolated incidents and those are the images that some U.S. media have chosen to focus on. Victimized as they are, Palestinians as a community as well as their leaders, would never find joy in seeing this tragedy unfold and we deplore these individual incidents of celebrations as well as the media fallacy that Palestinians are jubilant at innocent death and destruction.

All of us, American citizens and our friends here in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, have been receiving numerous phone calls from Palestinians concerned about our families and friends living in the U.S. Everyone is expressing their outright shock, condemnation and condolences at Tuesday's events.

It is long overdue that the world eradicates the core of terrorism, wherever it may reside. Our prayers are with the victims, their families and all those killed or injured.

HUWAIDA ARRAF
Jerusalem
SAM BAHOUR
Al-Bireh/Ramallah

■ Ms. Arraf is an American citizen originally from Michigan now living in Jerusalem. Bahour, also an American citizen, is originally from Youngstown.

Exact our revenge, send strong message

EDITOR:

I hear a lot of people talking from one extreme of nuclear retaliation, to the other extreme of being a bigger person and letting it go.

The president is correct, and I respect what he said. The people who planned this should be attacked, not only as a form of revenge but as a message to other terrorist groups. We are America. Love it or leave it, but if you mess with us, you're going down.

JASON REBRACA
Youngstown

Good to have Republican in the White House now

EDITOR:

I would like to say first of all that being a Republican, I am glad to have a fellow Republican in office at the White House. Bush's military resolution mentioned Wednesday, and the fact that this heinous act has been labeled an act of war, deserves nothing but that. An all-out war.

I am a Scholar student at YSU and would drop everything to fight against whomever we label as responsible, for the deaths of all 40,000 to 50,000 dead demand a swift and brutal retaliation.

Those responsible deserve anything that the future brings them.

DALE ANTHONY PITULSKI
Pittsburgh

BERRY



U.S. has a new Pearl Harbor



Pearl Harbor is the only thing in the last century that can compare to the terrorist catastrophe that has struck the United States. With all its shock and tragedy, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor ended our naive innocence about the

dangerous world we live in and united a very disunited country. Will this series of attacks unite Americans today?

Will it make a dent in the lofty citizenship-of-the-world types among the intelligentsia who like to treat international borders as just arbitrary lines on a map, who dismiss talk of enemies as paranoia or politics, and who delight to snipe at their own country from above the struggle?

Will it stop Congress' nickel-and-dimeing of our military and our intelligence agencies, so that they can spend the money on more giveaway programs and porkbarrel projects? Will it stop those who like to snipe at Israel for retaliating against terrorist attacks? Will the sight of Palestinians dancing in the streets cause any second thoughts — or perhaps first thoughts — among those who have been brightly chirping for so long about "the peace process"?

Much of the future history of this century may depend on what the American people and the American government do in response to the worst assault on the continental United States in more than a century. The last thing we need are tough words and soft actions. That would just guarantee more of the same.

Gloating: Make no mistake about it. There are people around the world who will be gloating at our tragedy. Not just the Palestinians or the professional terrorists or even our avowed enemies. There will be people in Europe who will not mind seeing America taken down a peg, including people in countries liberated from the Nazis at the cost of American lives. Not most people in those countries, of course, but some among the intelligentsia and the political classes.

This is not only a dangerous world but a world in which we are ourselves the only people we can really depend on when push comes to shove. Americans' ability to stick together may determine the survival of this country and of this civilization.

Those who make being morally one-up on "our society" their top priority will have to face the painful costs of this self-indulgence. For example, those who are for flinging the borders open to all and sundry from everywhere will have to face the consequences of letting in people who can destroy us from within.

Most of the immigrants who come here from the Middle East, for example, may be fine and decent people. But their presence provides communities where those who are neither fine nor decent can blend in unnoticed, until time to do their dirty work, as in the previous bombing of the World Trade Center.

Immigrants who come here from around the world with every desire and intention to become Americans may be hi-jacked by those activists who are ideologically committed to keeping them speaking foreign languages, loyal to foreign values and — if possible — taught to feel historic grievances against the country that is welcoming them today.

Balkanization: Magic words like "diversity" evade the brutal reality of what Balkanization actually means, whether in the Balkans, the Middle East, Rwanda, Sri Lanka or other places where "identity" rules supreme and its price is paid in never-ending streams of blood.

Back at the time of the American Revolution, the phrase was, "we must all hang together — or we will all hang separately." That was the plain and brutal reality then and it has always been the brutal reality ever since, though it is no longer plain to those whose rhetoric has permitted them to obscure the obvious and engage in the politics of moral one-upmanship, secure in their sense of safety.

The terrorists who perpetrated these outrages and the countries that shelter such terrorists all know that we have the power to wipe them off the face of the earth. They obviously think we don't have the guts.

Unfortunately, our foreign policy establishment over the years has perfected the response of speaking loudly and carrying a little stick. If they start using weasel words like "unacceptable" and "warning" or making milk-toast military gestures, the terrorists and their protectors will know that they were right.

It is time for Americans to remain calm — but resolute.

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SCRIPTURES



Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Ephesians 6:17-18a NIV

HOW THEY SEE IT

HOW OTHERS SEE IT

LET'S RALLY 'ROUND OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS



Toronto Globe and Mail: The stereotypes of New Yorkers as pushy, rude or self-absorbed have been shattered this week. Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center have brought out the very best in New York, in America as a whole, and we pay tribute to their bravery and generosity in the face of disaster.

It is natural at a chaotic time for many individuals to watch from afar and feel there is nothing they can do to make a difference. Thankfully, many in New York and elsewhere have avoided this easy helplessness by pitching in to make themselves useful. Stories abound of New York construction workers pouring down to the disaster site to help move rubble, of citizens lining up to give blood or donate money to the Red Cross, of medical personnel from outside New York showing up to help, of nearby residents going door to door to collect food and dry clothes for exhausted rescue workers.

Rescue workers: The especially heroic response, of course, came from rescue workers, so many of whom died in an instant on Tuesday morning. These firefighters, police officers, ambulance drivers and many others acted without hesitation to rush into those burning towers to find workers and lead them outside. As many as 300 of these people died when the buildings collapsed on top of them, the largest loss of life of rescue personnel in American history. Stunningly, those still alive rushed back to comb the wreckage for victims despite enormous dangers of fire, dust and further building collapse. Even yesterday, workers streamed back over the rubble despite worries of engineers about the structural soundness of surrounding towers.

How can we pay tribute to this selflessness? Perhaps the best way to honor a commitment to serve others is for each of us to make a personal pledge to do something to help wherever it's needed, and silently dedicate that gift to those who have died.

The question, meanwhile, arises about what the nations of the world can do to help. The initial response has been swift and decisive. NATO members agreed yesterday to invoke Article 5 of the alliance's charter — never previously triggered — requiring allies to support any military operation in response to an attack on a member country.

NEW WAR NEEDS PRECISION — AND ALLIES

Detroit Free Press: America has been dragged through fire and blood into a new world war where victories will not be clean, quick or easy. There is no high ground in a war against terrorism. It is not waged Persian Gulf-style, with overwhelming force, nor entirely from the air, the way Yugoslavia was subdued.

The weapons for this war will be information, speed and the same relentless commitment that has been demonstrated by America's enemies. It is a war that will require patience and precision — not exactly the American way.

It is a war that will require allies, too, including those nations with far more expertise in rooting out terrorist cells. Even as these nations send America their condolences, they must also welcome at last a significant American commitment to rid the globe of this plague.

NATO allies, who called upon America to subdue the Balkans conflict that threatened European security, said as much Wednesday by adopting a resolution endorsing America's new, warlike attitude. NATO said, in effect, that if the United States can show that Tuesday's stunning terrorist strikes were directed from abroad, they will be regarded as attacks on the entire 18-nation alliance — invoking NATO's all-for-one, one-for-all principles of engagement. At the very least, this means that if the United States goes after terrorists abroad, NATO nations will cede their airspace and get out of the way.

Arab states: Similar accord must be pursued with the Arab states, which relied on the United States to chase Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait; with Russia, which seeks U.S. economic aid; with China and other Asian nations, which covet American trade and, in some cases, rely on American protection. It's time to call in some checks.

National leaders keep talking about Tuesday's terror strikes as "acts of war." With the American public hungry for vengeance, Congress stands ready to spend pretty much whatever it takes to wage war back. But for this war, fighting smart and persistently will be more important than fighting big. America has attempted bold strokes in response to past terrorism, with little effect.

A SHOW OF POLITICAL UNITY

Dallas Morning News: If the terrorists who struck America harbored any hopes of dividing this nation, they operated from a very false assumption. From New York to Washington, from Capitol Hill to Dallas, our elected officials so far have responded with resolve, calm and, most important, unity.

The early displays of solidarity were crucial: President George W. Bush and congressional leaders sat as one Wednesday in the Cabinet Room. No Republicans. No Democrats. Just Americans.

The unity was palpable on Tuesday when legislators spontaneously sang "God Bless America" before the Capitol. There was Phil Gramm next to Hillary Clinton, Dick Army alongside Maxine Waters, and Kay Granger holding hands with Carrie Meek. Whatever their differences, they stood as one. The scene was reminiscent of the GOP isolationist Sen. Arthur Vandenberg saying after Pearl Harbor, we no longer have any isolationists./p

Symbols of the presidency: President Bush has wisely used the symbols of the presidency to reassure Americans about our democracy's strength. Speaking from the Oval Office. Convening the Cabinet. Meeting with Congress. We are reminded at such points that the presidency is as much about theater as about policy.

This moment, of course, provides Mr. Bush his first and, one hopes, largest presidential test. He and his staff must find the right language to "manage the stamped," as University of Texas at Austin professor Bruce Buchanan aptly describes the psychology unleashed after Tuesday's attack. This is Mr. Bush's Pearl Harbor and Cuban Missile Crisis rolled into one.

Americans should consider, however, that President Bush is more Harry Truman than Franklin Roosevelt or John F. Kennedy. The latter presidents used soaring rhetoric to their advantage during crises. Like Mr. Truman, Mr. Bush eschews highfalutin language. He prefers to move in a crisp, businesslike way. In these uncertain times, that may prove a strength, not a weakness. Those who doubt Mr. Bush's gravitas should not underestimate his resolve or his seriousness as a leader.

New York's Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has rebounded from his personal woes to rally his city, America's showcase. The mayor calmly but directly urged New Yorkers on Tuesday to vacate lower Manhattan, even if they must abandon their cars and simply walk north. He continues to provide a strong core for the city as it works through unspeakable grief.

Courage: This danger may not be past, so America's leaders must continue to speak as one. Though many may disparage politicians during times of business as usual, it is in these times of distress that our elected leaders can provide judgment and courage. We need them to navigate through matters of life and death.

NOW IT'S OUR TURN

Philadelphia Daily News: Revenge.

Hold on to that thought. Go to bed thinking it. Wake up chanting it. Because nothing less than revenge is called for today.

Give this to our enemies: It was a brilliant, coordinated attack. The targets were icons of America's might: the World Trade Center, which sits in the financial heart of the United States, and the Pentagon, the headquarters of our military. The weapons used were our airliners, filled with our fellow countrymen who, at knife-point, were made part of the payload.

The image of United Flight 175 slamming into the World Trade Center will stay in our nightmares and the nightmares of our children. The knowledge that our fellow citizens jumped to their deaths rather than burn in the twin towers will haunt us. The smell of the fires from the Pentagon will linger long after the smoke clears. And the grief for our dead will be deep and enduring.

But give this to us, the people of the United States: We will recover. We will bury our dead and then, with unwavering resolve, we will go after the villains.

Deadly response: We will demand nothing less than a full and deadly response. We have been merciful in the past with the terrorist thugs who have attacked this country. We have condemned them and imposed economic sanctions, but we have not hunted them down with murder in our eyes.

Tuesday's attacks, however, amount to a declaration of war against the United States, a sneak attack even more devastating than the one on Pearl Harbor 50 years ago. At least the Japanese were honorable enough to attack a military target. This time, our enemies went after civilians, among them children.

In war, there are casualties. We had our number Tuesday. It is time to inflict casualties of our own. And it shouldn't be "proportional" or just enough to send a "message." Our response should be the final word.

To the cowardly zealots responsible, know this: Do not judge our commitment to your destruction by the strangely careful and neutral tone of President Bush's speech Tuesday night. His speech did not begin to capture the righteous anger American citizens are feeling right now.

Rage: In the days that are coming, as the dead are finally counted, our rage will only build. And everytime we look at the skyline of New York City, or step into an airplane, or turn our calendars to nine, one-one, we will remember your actions, and crave only one thing: blood for blood.

Tuesday belonged to you. You hurt us the way you had hoped. But tomorrow will belong to us.

A remembrance of New York City past

ON THE SIDE...

This and that from the world of Valley politics.



DEADLINE: Monday is the deadline for write-in candidates to file the proper paperwork to get on the Nov. 6 ballot. Write-ins do not normally play a significant factor in elections, but at least two positions will be filled by write-in candidates. No one turned in nominating petitions for a two-year unexpired term on the Youngstown Board of Education so the top write-in candidate will get that seat. Also, New Middletown Village Councilman John F. Novicky was kicked off the ballot because of problems with his nominating petitions. That leaves three names on the ballot for four council positions.

Meeting: The Democrats of the 17th District holds its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Poland Community Baseball Association hall on Sheridan Road.

Bid opening: The Mahoning County Board of Elections will open bids at 8 a.m. Sept. 25 from companies wanting to install and operate an electronic voting system for the county. The proposals were to be opened Tuesday, but with mail slowed down because of the terrorist attacks, the board is giving companies another week. The board wants to award a contract next month.



In light of the tragic, tragic events in New York City and Washington, D.C., I thought it would be best to place politics aside for this column.

For those of you who don't know (and even for those who do), I was born and raised in New York City. You would think that during the 18 years I lived in Brooklyn and on Staten Island I must have hit every tourist spot in the city. For the most part I did.

However my only visit to the Statue of Liberty came when I was about 14 years old. My only visit to the Empire State Building came when I was 16. I cut class one day in high school with two friends and we went sightseeing in Manhattan instead. Apparently we were class-cutting novices because other kids who skipped school would drink or smoke or do God-knows-what and would never think of doing something educational.

Intriguing sight: But of all the sights in New York, it was the World Trade Center's Twin Towers that intrigued me. My first visit there was in 1975, two years after the two 110-story towers opened. It made the Empire State Building

seem small. It was an incredible sight to see. You had to strain your neck as far as it could go to see the top of the buildings and when you looked out from the observation area, you could see for miles.

If you traveled on the New Jersey Turnpike or the Staten Island Ferry you could see these two magnificent buildings staring back at you. The Twin Towers were so much a part of New York City.

Impression: I was so impressed by the buildings that it was one of the first places I took my then-girlfriend and now-wife, Elise, to see when we went to New York City. Of course, being the genius that I am I took her to Twin Tower One and rode the elevator to the top before realizing that the public viewing area was located in the second Twin Tower.

And now both of the towers are gone, along with many innocent people. Some of us may never fully grasp the absolute tragedy that occurred Tuesday.

New York City has lost a part of its identity and even more important, many of its residents. The lives of millions of Americans who saw the horror on television or in newspapers will never be the same.

It is the single most violent act many of us will ever see.

Pearl Harbor was a horrible calamity. The numbers of fatalities expected from the recent terrorist

attacks will sadly be larger than the 1941 bombing.

As the reports came in Tuesday one after the other about the attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon and the downed plane in western Pennsylvania, I got a sinking feeling inside. I was sitting at my computer terminal working on reaction stories to the attacks, and I suddenly felt vulnerable as if I or a friend or a family member could be next. It was a frightening thought; one I've never felt before and one I hope to never feel again.

In hindsight, it's not terribly realistic to think Youngstown was on the target list of these terrorists. But I couldn't deny my feelings.

When you hear about bombings in foreign countries, you never think it can happen here. After all, this is the United States of America. No one would dare attack this country in such a way. It would be suicide on their part.

Sick cause: I guess that's the type of people we're dealing with now. They knew they would never get away with this and instead chose to lay down their lives for whatever sick cause they support. That might be the most frightening thing of all. If these people are not afraid of death — and in fact, welcome it — how can we avoid such horrific tragedies from occurring again, and how can we punish those who perpetrate them?

GEORGE F. WILL

U.S. must begin reforming military



WASHINGTON — Tuesday's warfare, waged against civilians, may transform America's mind and hence its future because of this stark fact: The death toll could exceed all America's battle

deaths from the Revolutionary War up to the Civil War (8,428). And those casualties came to a country inured to wars then under way.

Tuesday's war deaths, the first within America since 1865, should banish the recent sterility of political argument, the sheer littleness of budget-surplus fetish. The worst domestic terrorism — Oklahoma City — catalyzed the revival of the Clinton presidency because it underscored the curdled rhetoric of some Republicans' general hostility to America's government. Now history's worst episode of terrorism may strengthen the connection between President Bush and a country that has been suspending judgment about his presidential stature.

He can invest that stature in reforming military forces still configured for the Cold War, a configuration continued from World War II, anticipating mobilization of heavy firepower on battlefields known in advance of the battles. Perhaps reconfiguration will now receive a more respectful hearing in Congress

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than the reflexive rallying of legislators around dubious weapons and bases — the Defense budget as jobs program. Forces for large conflicts are still needed; so are more nimble forces.

Since the inquisitorial Senate hearings of 1975-76, the CIA has been a casualty of the Vietnam-era culture wars. And the leveling impulse now colors criticisms of the FBI, another elite institution in which honor is partial compensation for demanding duties. These are front-line forces in what Israel's former prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, calls "a war to reverse the triumph of the West."

Surely Washington will see less of Yasser Arafat, the most frequent foreign visitor to Clinton's White House. Surely we will hear less talk about Israel's attempts to pre-empt terrorism being "inflammatory" and "provocative." Such signs of U.S. irresolution and squeamishness tempt terrorists to believe they can bend U.S. policy.

Steppingstone: The Middle East is one coup (in Egypt or Jordan) away from a convulsion radically inimical to Israel. However, as Netanyahu said Wednesday by telephone from Jerusalem, Islamic radicalism regards Israel as Nazi Germany regarded Belgium — as a small steppingstone to

ward a much larger conquest.

In 1967, on the eve of the Six-Day War, Egypt's President Nasser proclaimed: "We are confronting Israel and the West as well." Netanyahu says: "The soldiers of militant Islam and Pan-Arabism do not hate the West because of Israel; they hate Israel because of the West." They hate "Zionism as an expression and representation of Western civilization." And they hate America because it is the purest expression of modernity — individualism, pluralism, freedom, secularism.

A grim illustration of the law of unintended consequences: Vast U.S. support helped create a large cadre of Islamic fighters to defeat the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. The cadre is now worldwide. And although Americans are denouncing the terrorists' "cowardice," what is most telling and frightening is their lunatic fearlessness.

As an Islamic militant, Abdullah Azzam, declared to an American crowd in 1988: "After Afghanistan, nothing is impossible for us anymore. There are no superpowers. ... What matters is the willpower that springs from our religious belief." Islamic groups in Italy and Denmark were linked to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. Among the papers

of El Sayyid Nosair, charged with but not convicted of killing Rabbi Meir Kahane in New York in 1990, was this: "We have to thoroughly demoralize the enemies of God ... by means of destroying and blowing up the towers that constitute the pillars of their civilization, such as ... the high buildings of which they are so proud."

Lethal terrorism: In his 1995 book, "Fighting Terrorism," Netanyahu forecast that Islamic fundamentalists would be the "delivery systems" of increasingly lethal terrorism. Tuesday they delivered to Manhattan two 198-ton bombs — fully fueled aircraft. When they get nuclear weapons, Netanyahu says, they will use them. So U.S. policy must respond to a closing window of opportunity for pre-emption.

That, says Netanyahu, means not going after needles in haystacks, but against the haystacks — the states that sustain terrorists. U.S. forces at Midway, he says, did not just destroy Japanese planes, they sank their carriers. Certain supportive states are the terrorists' carriers. Hitler, notes Netanyahu, developed V-2 rockets but not atomic devices. Stupendous American determination produced the Manhattan Project. Now more prodigies of determination are required. As Oklahoma City was a pinprick compared to Tuesday's carnage, the New York and Washington attacks were a minor overture to the cymbal-crash crescendo of violence our enemies are building toward.

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HOW HE SEES IT

How we'll heal in the wake of the attacks

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LONG ISLAND NEWSDAY

In the aftermath of Tuesday's terrorists attacks, the need to overcome the feeling of helplessness that so many of us are struggling with is of paramount importance.

As evidenced by long lines at blood banks and the turning away of volunteer workers in New York City, we all feel a need to contribute to the healing process. Anything we can do, even if it's simply calling friends and

relatives and asking to talk, can be a valuable step toward readjustment.

As we begin to recover, we will move through the emotional stages of disbelief, acceptance and anger. Once the rescue efforts have been completed and the nation begins the course of readjustment, we will attempt to resume our daily lives.

But these events have changed our lives irreparably. So we must now begin a process that will enable us to move forward and recover.

Talk: We will need to talk about

where we were, what we were doing and what we saw. It will be important to listen to each other. It is a fundamental underpinning of psychological thinking that when people can talk about their experiences, they can begin to understand them and move through them.

We will need to resume our routines. Children should go back to school. Parents should recognize their child's need to share with his or her peers. Individuals and the community will need to re-establish

normalcy. We should do all of this as quickly as we are able, without rushing the normal course of human emotions.

While our nation has been victimized by terrorists, this is also the time for New Yorkers and Americans to come together and realize the sense of community and family we all share.

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YEARS AGO

Today is Friday, Sept. 14, the 257th day of 2001. There are 108 days left in the year. On this date in 1901, President McKinley dies in Buffalo, N.Y., of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeds him.

In 1814, Francis Scott Key writes "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing the British bombardment of Fort MCHenry in Maryland. In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan dies in Nice, France, when her scarf becomes entangled in a wheel of her sports car. In 1940, Congress passes the Selective Service Act, providing for the first peacetime draft in U.S. history. In 1948, a groundbreaking ceremony takes place in New York at the site of the United Nations' world headquarters. In 1959, the Soviet space probe Luna Two becomes the first manmade object to reach the moon as it crashes onto the lunar surface. In 1975, Pope Paul VI declares Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton the first U.S.-born saint. In 1982, Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, is killed by a bomb.

September 14, 1976: Austintown

"Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival."

Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Township trustees adopt a resolution asking county commissioners to establish a curfew for juveniles under 18 in the township. It would ban loitering by youths between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

After Democrats deny Gov. James A. Rhodes' request to speak to a joint session of the General Assembly, Rhodes gives a 15-minute speech in the Capitol rotunda outlining his legislative proposals for funding Medicaid programs and improving the economic condition of inner cities.

A fire of undetermined origin ruins the plans of Rudy Ohlin of Boardman to move and restore the historical Albert Baun barn built in 1895 on the southeast corner of Columbiana-New Castle and Youngstown Pittsburgh roads, New Middletown.

September 14, 1961: Women golf champions at Tippecanoe Country

Club for the season are Mrs. Charles Jennings Jr., Mrs. Robert Shafer, Mrs. Homer Ellis, Mrs. John Blake, Mrs. James E. Sullivan, Mrs. Edward Coulter, Mrs. Gay Hettler and Miss Joann Price.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vitus Franco, 80, a priest for 57 years and pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church for 50 years, dies in St. Elizabeth Hospital after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage.

Warren Mayor Walter Pestrak says that a scuffle between him and Seventh Ward Councilman Michael Di Vincenzo at the Café 422 was a "clumsy, crude political attempt to discredit my administration." Each man has filed assault charges against the other.

September 14, 1951: Mayor Charles P. Henderson asks the Strategic Air Command to send a repre-

sentative to Youngstown to work with a committee seeking a site for a bomber base in the Youngstown area. The command is considering more than 20 possible sites at existing airports.

A 20-year-old Scott St. man who took a driver's license test for a friend loses his own license for life and is sentenced to 30 days in jail by Municipal Judge John W. Powers.

Arthur C. Joachim, assistant treasurer of Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., will head the downtown solicitation division and Hildemar E. Johnson, president of W.O. Strausbaugh Motor Co., the general division of the 1952 Red Feather campaign.

September 14, 1926: Harvest moon dances begin at Idora Park with a Valencia party under the auspices of *The Vindicator* that draws a record crowd to the park pavilion.

Gross revenue of the Youngstown Municipal Railway Co. for July was \$165,908, which was better than the same month a year earlier but still represents a deficit of \$10,000.

Eighteen bench warrants will be served on alleged liquor law violators who have failed to appear before Mayor Barringer of Canfield.