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INVESTIGATION BRINGS 1ST ARREST IN ATTACKS BY TERRORIST GROUPS

A U.S. Army staff sergeant from Boardman who usually spends his time protecting government officials on body parts at the Pentagon. A3

Muslims, Christians and Jews ternoon in Youngstown to pray for an end to racial discrimination. A4

Everyone wants to help. To be effective at the site of terror-Manhattan, the help out over the coming weeks, said Walter M. Duzzny, executive director of the Ma-Emergency Manage ment Agency. A5

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Why do people hate Americans? Local academics tell us about the history of this hate and resentment, dating to before

on the United States, the Valley's religious community sees it responding with more

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Bush visit cheers up rescuers

Under gray skies, the work continues

spirits of bone-weary rescue workers here Friday in a tightly controlled inspection of the shattered remains of the World Trade Center, where the search and rescue crews continued to labor amid dwindling hope

Surrounded by applauding firefighters, police officers, construction tradesmen, local politicians and others, Bush saw for himself the deadly result of the two hijacked aircraft that smashed into the trade center's twin 110-story towers Tuesday morning as part of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

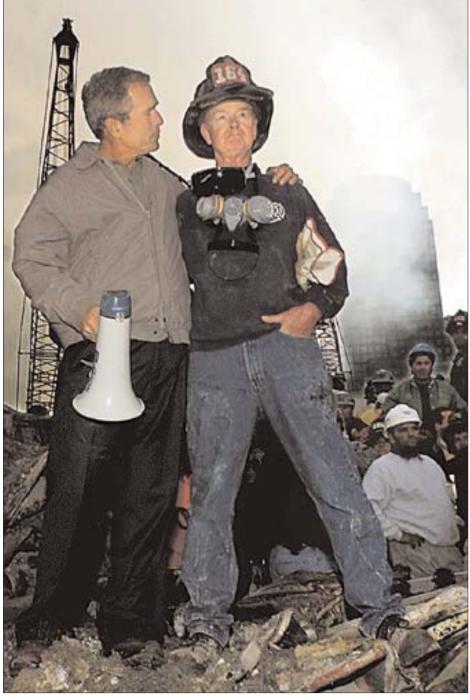
Speaking through a bullhorn from atop a pile of rubble, his arm draped around veteran New York firefighter Bob Beckwith, Bush said that "America today is on bended knee in prayer for the people whose lives were lost here, for the workers who work here, for the families that mourn. This nation stands with the good people of New York City, and New Jersey and Connecticut, as we mourn the loss of thousands of our citizens.

Someone in the crowd shouted, "I can't hear you." Bush replied: "I can hear you. The rest of the world hears you. And the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon."

Began to chant: The workers began pumping their fists, erupting in a chant of

Before his remarks, Bush took a 10minute helicopter tour with Mayor Rudy Giuliani and New York Gov. George Pataki, surveying the smoldering rubble with welding arcs lighting up the gray day. He said later he was "shocked at the size of the destruction." Security was extraordinarily tight, and fighter jets escorted Air Force One on the journey from Washing-

Before Bush arrived, prayer services were held citywide, and Friday night there were candlelight vigils at Lincoln Center Plaza and other locations. Rain fell here Thursday night, and on Friday morning New York was shrouded in gray drizzle. The wet weather slowed the painstaking task of removing debris, which became



AT THE SCENE: President Bush offers support to firefighter Bob Beckwith during a tour of the

devastation at the World Trade Center. Bush visited the site Friday afternoon. heavier and slippery as dust turned to

mua. The skies gradually cleared during the day, but not so the grim reality at the

southern tip of Manhattan Island. The numbers released by officials only hinted at the extent of the death and destruction. Three days after the collapse of the twin towers, only 108 bodies have been removed from the rubble, with 58 of those identified. But authorities said as many as

5,000 others are thought to be missing.

Of those who escaped the carnage, about 3,200 people nave been treated at local hospitals, they said. Many were rescue workers suffering from respiratory and eye problems caused by the acrid smoke billowing from the ruins.

Removing debris: Giuliani said 10,425 tons of debris have been removed from the World Trade Center site in 1,154 truckloads. But an immense amount of rubble

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FBI: Richmond, Atlanta could still be targeted

WASHINGTON — Federal authorities made the first arrest Friday in the worldwide investigation of this week's terrorist attacks, apprehending a suspect in New York they believe may have relevant information, government officials said.

The suspect was arrested on a material witness warrant, the Justice Department said.

It was issued after authorities determined the individual had information highly relevant to the investigation and was likely to flee, one official said, speaking on condition

Officials declined to identify the suspect or say what information they were seeking.

Also late Friday, the voice recorder from the flight downed in Pennsylvania was found at the crash site, the

The arrest Friday was the first break in the investigation that has spanned the globe. The FBI has received over 36,000 leads and has issued hundreds of subpoenas. It released the identities Friday of the 19

There's still danger: Authorities said they were still investigating whether more terrorists might be at large. They were searching for 100 people they want to question in Tuesday's devastating attacks on the World Trade Center and the Penta-

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., the top Republican on the Senate Intelligence Committee, declined to discuss what he had learned from intelligence briefings but said he feared cities may still remain in danger.

'You've got to assume there was probably more planned, maybe for the aftershock," Shelby said.

On that front, the FBI provided varnings to two Southeast cities Richmond, Va., and Atlanta – that information developed since Tuesday's attacks suggested terrorists may have had plans for attacks in those cities, law enforcement officials said.

But late Friday, further investigation left officials doubtful of the

"I'm not discounting it totally, but there's nothing specific about it," said Gary McConnell, director of the

Georgia Emergency Management

"I'm not getting any more alarmed since I knew about it last night than prior to knowing about it.' **Informant:** The information came from an acquaintance of one of the

hijackers, law enforcement officials anonymity. The information was shared with the cities, but the witness failed a lie-

detector test Friday evening, suggesting his account was not credible, the officials said. The investigation, named PENT-TBOM, involved one of the worst acts of terrorism on U.S. soil.

A list of more than 100 people has been distributed to thousands of local police departments, the Federal Aviation Administration, border patrols and FBI field offices, said Attor-

ney General John Ashcroft. "We believe they may have information that could be helpful to the investigation," said Ashcroft.

Federal officials wouldn't say whether the 100 names include suspects in the plot to hijack and crash four jetliners Tuesday. The FBI on Friday released the

names of 19 hijackers who commandeered and brought down the planes. Many lived in Florida and several had gone to pilot training school in Venice, Fla.

Some of the 19 have been linked to Osama bin Laden or his organizations, according to current and former U.S. officials.

The officials said four of the dead

hijackers had been linked to bin Laden's Al-Qaida network: Waleed Alshehri and Ahmed, Hamza and Saeed Alghamdi. Suspicious pair: In Texas, two

men pulled off an Amtrak passenger train in Fort Worth earlier this week were sent to New York on Friday evening as possible material wit-

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Across U.S., Americans honor lives lost to terrorism

At the National Cathedral in Washington, leaders and former leaders stood together for a prayer service.

COMBINED DISPATCHES

Patriotism mixed with prayer Friday as Americans packed churches and clogged public squares on a day of remembrance for the victims of this week's sneak attacks. At dusk, the flicker of candles illuminated city streets, as people responded to calls for unity spread on the Inter-

In places, the ceremonies felt like funerals. In others, they were like pep rallies for a wounded nation.

Mourners at St. Paul's Church in Con-

cord, N.H., called out the names of loved ones missing or hurt in the destruction. Outside, a crowd softly sang "Amazing

Thousands in Chicago's Daley Center Plaza waved American flags and chanted 'USA! USA!'

Evening vigils: Midday services gave way to vigils in the evening. A widespread Internet message urged people to light candles and "show the world that Americans are strong and united together against terrorism.

Untold numbers answered the call: all over New York, in Boston, in Birmingham, Ala., and elsewhere.

On Manhattan's upper west side, hundreds met at a Mexican restaurant that had advertised the event in fliers in Spanish and English earlier in the day.

The restaurant handed out candles and flags as the crowd spilled into the street



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FIELD OF STARS: More than 60 Struthers High School students unfurl a 3,456-square-foot American flag before the start of Friday's Struthers-Rayen football game. The huge flag was made under the supervision of Struthers High School choir director Bob Noble for the 1976 Bicentennial celebration. Patriotism and prayer figured prominently Friday in the region and the nation. The National Day of Prayer and Remembrance was observed for victims of Tuesday's attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

and blocked traffic. People cheered and sang "God Bless America" as military jets flew overhead.

"I've been in the house for the last three days in shock. This is my first day out," said Millie Cintron, a Wall Street worker who saw the twin towers col-

National Cathedral service: In Washington, as the nation's most prominent political leaders both past and present sat shoulder-to-shoulder inside the Na-

tional Cathedral, the Rev. Billy Graham, his voice halting and his body frail, preached.

'Yes, our nation has been attacked," he told a hushed crowd of thousands, some fighting to hold back tears. "But now we have a choice whether to implode and disintegrate emotionally and spiritually as a people and a nation, or whether we choose to become stronger through all of the struggle.

Before the service, President Bush ap-

peared to be fighting back tears as he greeted his father with a handshake. But as he stood before those assembled he spoke hopefully of heaven for those who were lost and threateningly of war for those who took thousands of lives in Tuesday's attacks.

"This nation is peaceful, but fierce when stirred to anger," the president

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Who would go to war? **Answers vary**

Some college students feared the thought of going to war, but others said they'd sign up.

VINDICATOR STAFF REPORT

Across the region, university students may be united in fear and anger about terrorist attacks on the United States, but they are divided on whether they'll volunteer if the country goes to war.

"America is great, but it's nothing to die for. I'm not suici-dal," said LaVar Warden, 24, a sophomore at Youngstown State University.

"I'm from New York. That's my city," he contin-

ued. "I'm glad none of my family was hurt or on a plane, but no, I wouldn't volunteer."

Neither would Brandy Letson, 21, a YSU junior studying to be a dental hygienist.

That's great, the people that can go," she said, "but I never saw myself as one in the Army." The Akron native isn't sure why she can't picture herself in the military, but she is cer-

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Lease Loyalty Cash...



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nesses in Tuesday's attacks.

A federal judge in New York issued material witness warrants for the pair, who were found on the Amtrak train with box cutters, thousands of dollars in cash and hair dye, according to a source close to the investi-

The men had boarded the train after their airline flight was grounded Tuesday morning, the source said.

"We believe they may have information pertinent to this investigation," said FBI Special Agent Lori Bailey, a spokeswoman for the Dallas FBI office.

The men identified themselves as Ayub Ali Khan, 51, and Mohammed Jaweed Azmath, 47, and said they were from India. But federal authorities have yet to conclude if their names, ages and citizenship are au-

The men, who are being held on immigration violations, spoke with FBI agents in Fort Worth and Dallas, but were "not cooperating," the source said.

In New Jersey: Elsewhere, investigators focused new attention Friday on New Jersey communities that figured prominently in a 1993 bombing of the Trade Center.

The New Jersey leg of the worldwide investigation into Tuesday's attacks centers in part on people in Jersey City, where terrorists made the 1,200-pound bomb used in the earlier attack, and several other New Jersey towns directly across the Hudson River from New York, the sources said. "Jersey City was the epicenter of the planning for the last attack," said a law enforcement source familiar with the probe.

THE HIJACKERS

At a glance

The 19 people identified by the FBI as hijackers aboard the four planes that crashed Tuesday:

AMERICAN AIRLINES 77, WHICH HIT THE PENTAGON Khalid Al-Midhar: Possible residences in

Los Angeles and New York; visa status: B-1 Visa (covers business-related travel, good

for up to a year). Expired B-2 Visa (travel visa, good for up to a year). Majed Moqed: No information available. Nawaq Alhamzi: Possible residences in Fort Lee, N.J.; Wayne, N.J., and Los Angeles.

Lee, N.J., and Wayne, N.J. Hani Hanjour: Possible residences in Phoenix and San Diego. He was believed to

Salem Alhamzi: Possible residences in Fort

AMERICAN AIRLINES 11, WHICH HIT THE NORTH TOWER OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

be a pilot.

Satam Al Sugami: Date of birth used June 28, 1976; last known address United Arab Emirates.

Waleed M. Alshehri: Dates of birth used: Sept. 13, 1974; Jan. 1, 1976; March 3, 1976; July 8. 1977: Dec. 20. 1978: May 11. 1979: Nov. 5. 1979. Possible residences in Hollywood, Fla.; Orlando, Fla.; and Daytona Beach, Fla. He was believed to be a pilot.

Wail Alshehri: Date of birth used: July 31, 1973. Possible residences in Hollywood, Fla., and Newton, Mass. He was believed to be a

Mohamed Atta: Date of birth used: Sept. 1, 1968. Possible residences in Hollywood, Fla.; Coral Springs, Fla.; and Hamburg, Germany. He was believed to be a pilot.

Abdulaziz Alomari: Dates of birth used: Dec. 24, 1972 and May 28, 1979. Possible residence in Hollywood, Fla. He was believed to be a pilot.

UNITED AIRLINES 175 WHICH HIT THE SOUTH TOWER OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER Marwan Al-Shehhi: Date of birth used:

May 9, 1978. Possible residence in Hollywood, Fla. Visa status: B-2 Visa. He was believed to be a pilot.

Fayez Ahmed: Possible residence: Delray

Ahmed Alghamdi: Possible residence: Del-

ray Beach, Fla. Hamza Alghamdi: Possible residence: Del-

ray Beach, Fla. Mohald Alshehri: Possible residence: Delray Beach, Fla.

UNITED AIRLINES 93, WHICH CRASHED

IN RURAL PENNSYLVANIA Saeed Alghamdi: Possible residence: Del-

ray Beach, Fla. Ahmed Alhaznawi: Date of birth used: Oct. 11, 1980. Possible residence: Delray Beach,

Ahmed Alnami: Possible residence: Delray

Ziad Jarrahi: Believed to be a pilot.

The FBI requests that anyone with information about these individuals call (866) 483-

Source: Associated Press

PENNSYLVANIA

3 to be nominated for high honor

The Air Force was in a position to bring the plane down if the passengers had not, one official said.

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. - Pennsylvania's senators and governor Friday called "heroes" those passengers aboard United Airlines Flight 93 who are believed to have struggled desperately with hijackers Tuesday, possibly saving the Capitol from terrorist destruction, before the jet slammed into a hillside southeast of

Pittsburgh. Sens. Arlen Specter and Rick San torum said they would nominate at least three passengers for the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor the president can confer upon a civilian in peacetime.

"We owe them a debt of gratitude," Specter said after he and Santorum attended a prayer service in the chill of a dreary day near the

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crash site in Somerset County.

Specter said the three's determination to overtake the knife-wielding hijackers was indicated by frantic cell-phone calls by passengers to loved ones in the minutes before the Boeing 757 crashed at 450 mph. He credited Jeremy Glick, 31, of West Milford, N.J.; Thomas E. Burnett Jr., 38, of San Ramon, Calif.; and Mark Bingham, 31, of Sacramento.

We're looking into the Freedom Medal for those people on the plane who may have saved the U.S. Capitol the main symbol of America, Specter said.

Flight 93 was the last of four jetliners to crash amid the terrorist carnage Tuesday morning. It went down about an hour after two jets slammed into the World Trade Center in New York City and a third into the Pentagon near Washington in what investigators have called a carefully orchestrated attack.

The flight: The Boeing 757, with four terrorists aboard, took off from Newark, N.J., at 8:01 a.m. for San Francisco. But near Cleveland, the jet turned southeast and then came back across Pennsylvania, apparently headed for Washington. Investigators believe a struggle likely caused the plane to crash before it could reach the terrorists' target. The crash killed 45 passengers and crew mem-

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz confirmed Friday that the Air Force was tracking the flight before it crashed.

"I think it was the heroism of the passengers on board that brought it down, but the Air Force was in a position to do so if we had to," Wolfowitz said on PBS' "The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer." Service: In an emotional memori-

al service Friday night, Gov. Tom Ridge joined 4,000 mourners, including victims' relatives and members of the Pittsburgh Steelers football team. "What appears to be a charred,

smoldering hole in the ground is truly a monument to heroes," Ridge said. As a church bell tolled once for each name read in a roll call of victims, high school athletes lit candle after candle.

Earlier, Santorum gave a flag that had flown over the Capitol to the head of the FBI office in Pittsburgh, asking that it be flown over the crash site while the search for wreckage and human remains continues.

The American flag, Santorum said, "is flying over the Capitol today because of the heroic efforts of the people who are buried not far from us."

The plane crashed shortly after 10 a.m. at a former strip mine in the Appalachian Mountains, leaving a 10foot-deep crater. Friday's prayer service was conducted near the crater by a Catholic priest, a rabbi and a Baptist

REMEMBRANCE | *U.S.* honors lives lost



WASHINGTON SERVICE: President Bush and first lady Laura Bush stand as the American flag passes at a service at the National Cathedral in Washington. With them are former President George Bush and Barbara Bush, and former President Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., with their daughter, Chelsea.

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said. "This conflict was begun on the timing and terms of others. It will end in a way and at an hour of our choosing.'

The Pentagon: At the Pentagon, one-third of which is out of commission because of damage from one of the hijacked planes, about 350 people representing all service branches crowded into a fifth-floor auditorium for a noon prayer service. Another 75 people sat in folding chairs and watched on closed-circuit television in a corridor outside the auditorium.

Elsewhere, about 3,000 people gathered at the Florida Capitol at noon, as Christian, Jewish and Muslim representatives stood in front of a huge American flag and prayed for strength and for peace.

In California, Disneyland – which calls itself "the happiest place on earth" — went silent at noon.

The park shut down its rides, shows were darkened and music was stopped as guests on Main Street turned to face flags and sing "God Bless America."

Church bells peeled throughout the heartland and beyond. In Oklahoma City, the site of the 1995 bombing of the Murrah federal building, hundreds of people gathered to sing "God Bless America." They stood under an American

elm, a survivor from that blast.

And in Boston, political leaders joined more than 300 others for a subdued service at historical Old North Church. With a raw drizzle falling, the as-

semblage shuffled into the 278-yearold church's boxy wooden pews and heard, among other messages, a plea for peace, and not revenge.
"We need to be much more humble in our assumptions about God

and diligently remove religion as a source of hatred in this world," said the Rev. Stephen T. Ayres. Other countries: Overseas, mil-

lions of people gathered in silence Friday to express sympathy and friendship to a grieving America, including 200,000 who went to the heart of Berlin to show that the United States does not stand alone against terrorism.

RECOVERY | Bush cheers up workers

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As the work continued, local officials warned that rumors and false reports would hinder rescue efforts. One such situation Thursday night led to the arrest of a woman who claimed to have had cellular phone contact with 10 people buried alive under the trade center's collapsed

Authorities charged the woman with reckless endangerment and making false reports and were also investigating whether federal charges can be filed against her.

'She's a nut," Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik declared at a Friday news conference. He said the woman, wearing medical scrubs, approached rescuer workers and claimed that her husband was a Port Authority police officer and that he had called her from the rubble and said he was trapped with nine other people.

Authorities eventually determined the name and badge number she supplied were false, but by then rescuers were already furiously digging into the debris.

Kerik said. "We have thousands of people working at the site, and people got very aggressive. There are firefighters and cops on those lines with brothers, family members, partners who they are looking for. They are very emotional about what they are doing." Giuliani also turned his attention

"This is extremely dangerous,"

Friday to a longer-term problem confronting this city: the economic impact from the terrorist attacks and the disruptions they caused. Airports open: The three New

York area airports — La Guardia, John F. Kennedy and Newark — resumed operations Friday morning. The New York and Nasdaq stock exchanges are to reopen Monday, and Giuliani prodded other businesses in the financial district to do the same. Congress approved a major aid

measure Friday for New York, and a state package of emergency funding is already on the way to the city. Giuliani said he hoped business leaders won't decide to rebuild their companies elsewhere.

To start, \$40B for recovery, retaliation

mous Congress gave rapid-fire approval Friday to a \$40 billion down payment to help the nation recover from this week's terror attacks and retaliate against the people and governments responsible.

Lawmakers also neared over-whelming passage of a measure to allow President Bush to exercise "all necessary and appropriate force" against the terrorists, their sponsors and their protectors.

Legislators hoped their speed and solidarity would signal the country's resolve to rebuild and retaliate. "These are different times," said

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. "And we have got to act decisively. The American people expect it of us, and they will accept nothing Big bill: The sheer size of the

emergency bill spotlighted the magnitude of Tuesday's devastation in New York and at the Pentagon and the looming costs of cleaning up, helping victims or their survivors, reinforcing domestic security and striking back. The final package was twice Bush's

request and two-thirds what it cost to wage the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Yet, it was seen by most as just the beginning. "This body will provide whatever

resources are needed to respond to this challenge, not just today, not just tomorrow, but for as long as it takes,' said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis. Leaders also hoped to push

abruptly written legislation through the House Friday providing \$2.5 billion in cash, up to \$12.5 billion in guaranteed loans and other help to the airline industry.

Taliban vows to fight back

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - The ruling Taliban threatened revenge Friday if the United States attacks Afghanistan for shielding suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden.

"If a country or group violates our country, we will not forget our re-venge," Taliban spokesman Abdul Hai Muttmain said in telephone interview with The Associated Press. He would not say how the militia

would retaliate. There are fears in Afghanistan that the United States is planning a military attack to force the Taliban to

hand over the exiled Saudi millionaire, who is suspected in the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center. In a radio address Friday, the Tal-

iban's reclusive leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, urged Afghans to prepare for a U.S. assault and stand steadfast "against the enemy."

"Death comes to everyone. We must stand proud as Afghans in the defense of Islam," Omar said. "Believe in God, for with the grace of God the American rockets will go

astray and we will be saved. Bin Laden has been living in Afghanistan under the protection of the Taliban since 1996. The hard-line Islamic militia refuses to hand him over until Washington provides convincing evidence of guilt.

MILITARY | College students in Mahoning, Shenango valleys have mixed views on volunteering for duty

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tain she wouldn't volunteer.

Wants to help: Apryl Donaldson, 18, a freshman in YSŬ's College of Health and Human Services from Austintown said she "would probably volunteer. I'd like to help out our Her classmate, Ryan Conway, 18,

doesn't agree. "I wouldn't volunteer at all," he said. "My stepdad volunteered when the Vietnam War came around, but I see no point in it." Conway, from Austintown, is a freshman. 'Í already did that. I just got out of the military, so I wouldn't be one of

the first to sign up," said Andrea Westfall, 23. The way she sees it, she's already fulfilled her obligation to serve her country. Westfall, of North Lima, is enrolled

in YSU's College of Arts and Sciences. Having served in the U.S. Marine Corps, Westfall said she hopes to spend the next four years on inactive duty. "That basically means you go once a year to make sure you still have that trigger finger," she explained.

Aaron Workman, 18, a freshman from East Palestine, wouldn't volunteer to go to war either.

Would be afraid: "I would be terrified. I'm a thinker, not a doer," she said. "I would sooner be on a team trying to think of solutions. If the United States declared war, would you volunteer?

"Nope," snapped John Pauline, 19, of Cortland. The YSU freshman said he doesn't have a specific reason why he wouldn't volunteer. John Zucco, 20, doesn't have a spe-

cific reason why he would volunteer.

"It's just something you do for your

technology major. "I really don't think the U.S. is interested in losing more lives," Zeno-

New Castle, a human development and family services major at the Shenango campus who said he is over 40, said he would volunteer without

hesitation. "I served in the Persian Gulf," Elsbury said, noting he was with an Air Force First Tactical Fighter unit that was the first American unit in Desert

Elsbury said he is bothered when young people say they fear they might have to serve in the military

Meagan Cleary, 21, of Sharon, also a human development and family services major at the campus, said she would volunteer, "If I could just leave my job and school.' Cleary holds down a full-time job and is a full-time student.

"If I had no obligations, I'd be there in a minute," she said. Kip Stephey, 44, a Sharon native,

and is back in college to get a degree in human development and family "I'd volunteer, but they probably wouldn't take me," he said, explain-

works with children who have been

through the juvenile court system,

that would make him ineligible. Still, Stephey said he would be willing to serve in some capacity oth-

if they needed me," said Melinda Noble, 21, of Greenville, as she sat in a student lounge at the campus watching the latest news on the terrorist attacks.

and family services major. Similar views: At Kent State Uni-

versity Trumbull Campus in Champion, students' sentiments are similar. "It honestly would depend on the

situation — who or what country it's against," said Joe Conroy, 17, a Hubbard High School student who attends classes at the college. If the draft were reinstated, he'd

drafted.

News of the attacks unsettled him, but he wasn't surprised. 'With events of the last 30 years, it wasn't an issue of if, but when," Joe

Sara Filicky, also 17 and a Hubbard High School student, would sign up if

icopter division in the military.
"He's on call, waiting," she said. "Most of the pilots are.

Another group of KSU students gathered in a lounge, playing pool with a big screen television tuned to the latest news this week.

man studying advertising, said she

"I'm sorry, I'm a wimp," she said. Her father is an Air Force veteran and her brother also is in the service, so she believes her family is well-

served as a truck driver in the military and was discharged two years

back to the National Guard and get on a reserve list," said Warren, a junior who is studying business management. The attacks make her angry. "If they can do this to the United

States, they can do it to anyone,'

"If you can give blood, give blood," Warren said. "It's a needle. If you can

ior majoring in business, would sign up also. But she worries that if a war continues long-term, her 16-year-old son would have to fight. The attacks occurred on her 34th birthday.

concerned: Are we able to protect ourselves?" ■ CONTRIBUTORS: Maraline Kubik, Vindicator staff

in the Army for four years and was discharged four years ago. He said

he'd re-enlist. Lauren Hawkins, 18, of Warren, is a freshman majoring in mass com-munication, and views things differ-

"I think I can do more by praying

and giving blood," she said. Hawkins believes the attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., may be the fulfillment of biblical prophe-

"The best way for Americans to deal with this is to get on their knees and pray," she said.

Brandon Martin's decision is more dependent on the circumstances.

"As of right now, no," said Martin, 20, of Warren. "I think some people just want to go to war, want to retal-

Martin is a sophomore journalism major.

"If we had the actual facts about

who did it and had a plan, most likely I probably would," he said. The students said the tragedy and

its ripple effects have been on their minds since Tuesday. Martin's girlfriend is in a National Guard unit in Atlantic City, N.J., and on high alert.

were able to serve in a capacity that matches his field of study. The Bloomfield freshman is majoring in "I am pretty angry," he said. "I never thought this would happen in

America – never. It made us a little

Taj Williams, 18, would enlist if he

writer: Denise Dick, Niles Bureau, and Harold Gwin.



country. If I had to go, I would," Zucco, a sophomore from Youngstown, At Penn State Shenango in Sharon,

Pa., Marty Zenobi of Grove City said he doesn't think he would volunteer. "I don't think I would be of anv benefit. I think it would be less troops and more technical," said the 20-year-old information systems

bi said, but added, if the need arose, he would reassess his position. Would do it: Richard Elsbury of

Shield.

in the event of war. "It's their duty to protect their country," he said, adding that the terrorist attack was "an attack on freeservices. ing he has a congenital hip problem

er than in combat. "I don't know. I would probably go,

She is also a human development

go voluntarily rather than wait to be

said. "But the president stood up and

showed leadership for us.'

her asthma wouldn't prevent it. Her 23-year-old brother is in a hel-

Shaina Banks of Warren, a fresh-

wouldn't enlist.

represented in the armed forces. Dana Warren, 23, of Bristolville,

"There's a 95 percent chance I'd go

Warren said. Do your part: She believes everyone should do something.

pray, pray. If you're just going to sit there and do nothing and say, 'Oh, protect me.' Get out. Raquel Hopkins of Warren, a jun-

Her husband, Keith, 26, a junior electrical engineering major, served

WASHINGTON (AP) - A unani-

UNDER SIEGE UNITED STATES

Poland native recalls shock

The Navy commander expects to be back at work in the Pentagon on Monday.

> By IAN HILL VINDICATOR STAFF WRITER

POLAND — Catherine Simpson hustled down five flights of stairs, ran two miles, jumped in her car and sped into traffic. "I was just in a state of shock,"

Simpson said. That's when she started shaking

Simpson, 39, a commander in the Navy and a Poland native, works as one of four assistant secretaries for

She was in her office on the fifth floor of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday when terrorists rammed an airplane into the building. More than 120 people remain unaccounted for in the Pentagon at-

Learned about New York: About five minutes before the attack, Simpson and her co-workers learned that terrorists crashed two airplanes into the World Trade Center. "We were at our desks working,

business as usual," she said. "I guess the thought crossed our mind" that a similar attack could happen at the Simpson said that when the plane

crashed into the Pentagon, she was "close enough where we could feel the building shake and smell the "Everyone was screaming 'Evacu-

ate! Evacuate! Evacuate!" she said. "I think it was just more of a feeling of shock, panic and not knowing how to react to such a situation.' Simpson had to run down five flights of stairs to get out of the

building. She said she was so shocked by the attack that she was oblivious to the injured people on Once outside, Simpson could see

the damage done by the terrorists'

"We could just see the pillars of black smoke and smell it." she said. "We were told to leave, to leave im-

Simpson, however, couldn't leave right away. First, she had to run to her car, which was in a parking lot

two miles away from the Pentagon. Emotions set in: Simpson was then able to drive away from the Pentagon and the shock of the attack.

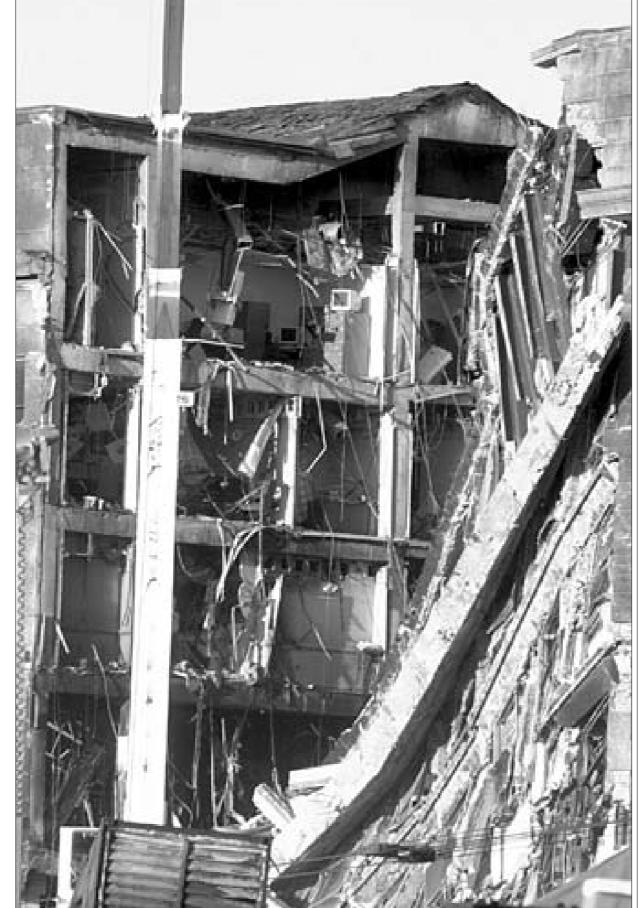
That's when her emotions took over. "I got into traffic and started shaking and crying," she said.

That night, Simpson called her father, Bill Simpson, who lives in Poland. Bill said he had been "pretty worried," as he had been trying unsuccessfully to call Catherine during

Bill said that when he did get the call from his daughter, "it felt really, really good."

"Thank God she's OK," he said. Now, she is getting ready to go back to work. She had expected to

return to her desk Thursday, but the



UP CLOSE: Rescue workers at The Pentagon continue to pick through rubble in search of human remains. Although officials have declined to specify how many bodies have been recovered thus far, they have estimated the death toll at 190 people, including the 64 aboard the plane that crashed into the building during Tuesday's terrorist attack.

"Everyone was screaming 'Evacuate! Evacuate! Evacuate!' I think it was just more of a feeling of shock, panic and not knowing how to react to such a situation."

> **Catherine Simpson** Pentagon employee

Pentagon was evacuated because of

a bomb threat. Catherine Simpson expects to be back at work Monday. She's been in the Navy for 17 years.

They say our offices are still smoke-filled and dust-filled," she said, adding that, "there's a lot of work to be done.

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THANKFUL DAD: Bill Simpson of Poland sits next to photos of his daughter Catherine and her children Cori Anne, 3, and Chase, 6. Catherine was in the Pentagon Tuesday when it was hit, but she wasn't hurt.

THE PENTAGON

Staff sergeant has grim duties

The Boardman native is among those who met President Bush when he visited the Pentagon crash site.

By PAUL WHEATLEY

VINDICATOR STAFF WRITER

BOARDMAN — A U.S. Army staff

sergeant from Boardman who usu-

ally spends his time protecting

government officials on overseas

trips now has the grim task of re-moving rubble and identifying

call for him to attend funerals at

Arlington National Cemetery and

accompany Congress members on

The 1990 Boardman High School

overseas junkets once a month.

graduate was assigned two new

missions after the Pentagon was

struck by a Boeing 757 around 9:40

Corbett and the 3rd Regimen

able corridors and hallways and

blasted interior of the building's

Work at site: Working on three

hours of sleep Friday, Corbett, 28,

said he helped identify body parts for the FBI and then pulled out

wreckage, which is meticulously sifted through to separate sections

of the plane from pieces of rubble.

Safety Board will use the plane debris to reconstruct the vehicle-

The National Transportation

sort through wreckage inside the

must guard the Pentagon's vulner-

Jason Corbett's duties in the 3rd U.S. Infantry honor guard used to

body parts at the Pentagon.

Corbett

gry at another."
He admitted he fears coming upon a colleague while working through the rubble. He said he was shaken Friday when he came upon a charred Pentagon ID badge with its picture still

"It really didn't

hit me until I came home to my wife,'

said Corbett, who

was married in June 2000. "It's heartbreaking at

one point and

makes you very an-

"It's pretty much the worst environment you can imagine," said Corbett.

Without much sleep, Corbett's body is forced to run on adrenaline and sugar He said volunteers keep work

crews well-fed thanks to American Red Cross donations. All things considered, Corbett said he is lucky to be alive: He was supposed to be in the Pentagon the

day of the crash. Corbett was busy getting his wife, Tatiana, ready to visit family in Russia when the Pentagon was struck.

His mother, Patricia, who lives in Boardman and teaches at Springfield Local High School, said she was frantic when a fellow teacher told her about the crash.

"It scared the daylights out of me," she said. Corbett called Patricia from his cell phone to tell her

SHARON

a.m. Tuesday

New York-bound, couple will search for daughter

By HAROLD GWIN

SHARON, Pa. — John and Julianne Koborie are taking the search for their daughter to the place where she disappeared — New York City.

Rebecca Koborie, 48, of Guttenburg, N.J., was believed to be at work on the 97th floor of North Tower of the World Trade Center when a hijacked airliner slammed into the building No one has heard from her or has

been able to contact her, but the Kobories aren't giving up hope

"I'm just hoping we can find her," said Koborie, 75, of Trumbull Avenue. He said he and his wife, who is 70, decided to go to New York on Friday morning after hearing from her em-

ployer, Marsh, Inc. Insurance Agencies. **Arrangements:** Marsh has arranged for them to stay in a family assistance center, and they are scheduled to take a commercial flight out of Youngstown at 1:20 p.m. today, Koborie said.

"We're going to stay there until we find her — one way or the other, we're going to bring her back," he vowed. He said he will have to give authorities a DNA sample that can be used to identify his daughter if she

Koborie said he and his wife will also be going from hospital to hospital and from shelter to shelter in the attempt to find Rebecca.



may have been killed. He believes the airplane hit the tower on the 103rd floor, just six floors above his

daughter's office.

"She may have been blown out through the window," he said. Rebecca, a 1971 graduate of Sharon High School, lived in Manhattan for 16 years, just a few blocks away

from the World Trade Center. She later lived in Aberdeen, N.J., for 10 years, then got divorced and moved into a condominium in Guttenburg, Koborie said. She has no children.

A neighbor told the family he saw her leave for work around 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, about 90 minutes before the attack.

Others have searched: Her exhusband, who has remained close to the family, and others who work in New York have searched for her but to no avail, Koborie said.

Koborie said he last spoke with Rebecca about two weeks ago and that she was planning a visit to Sharon on Oct. 17. She was last home in February when he underwent heart surgery, he said.

Chaney High School graduate tells of fears for friends' safety

The singer's biopsy has been delayed because his doctor had to take a bus from Denver to New York.

> By DIANE MAKAR MURPHY VINDICATOR STAFF WRITER

It was unusual for Art Canning to sleep through phone calls, but when he awoke Tuesday morning in New York City to find voice mail messages, he had no idea how unusual that morning would be.

Canning, 23, had prepared to move back to Youngstown. The Chaney High School graduate and Youngstown Connection member had few of his belongings still left in his apartment. His father, Fred Canning, former North Junior High School principal, had already picked them up.

After spending the night at a farewell celebration thrown by his Goldman Sachs co-workers, Canning slept in and expected to spend the day uneventfully. Wednesday, he would undergo

a biopsy for the cancer he has fought for more than a year. Thursday, he would travel home to live and begin a new, hopefully successful, chemotherapy regimen.



Because his move was imminent, he no longer worked Goldman Sachs and this Tuesday morning wouldn't be traveling to its building, "about

two blocks - a

seven-minute walk" from the World Trade Cen-

ter.
"When I tried to get my voice mail, the line was busy, which was unusual," Canning related in a phone call Wednesday night. "I turned on the shower, and then the television. Mine had already gone back to Youngstown, so I had

my roommate's - a small TV set with an antenna. "I can't explain what I felt seeing it on TV. I went up on the roof to see what was going on. I live three miles from the Trade Cen-

ter," he said.
"I couldn't see anything but smoke. Ash started to fall on me, and I had to go back in because I was choking. The smell of burnt plastic and metal permeated the air. It was unreal. It was worse than anything you can imagine." What he did next: Unable to

get a line out on his cell phone, Can-

ning ran from his apartment build-

ing and tried to find a pay phone to

call his family. As he did, he e-mailed

friends with his palm pilot. "Are you

OK? Are you OK?" he repeatedly

"Different roommates came in,

friends. The day of the terrorist at-

"Three of my four roommates are

nurses, and they've told me they

two things," Canning said in the

of people got out safely, or they

died. There aren't a lot of injured."

formed Tuesday; it was delayed

because his doctor had to take a

bus to New York after being

grounded in Denver by the Feder-

al Aviation Administration's order

clear American air space of all

Despite undergoing a stem cell

commercial aircraft.

it is coming back," he said.

Canning's biopsy will be per-

"I have lots of friends who are

asked in his messages.

accounted for.'

Dan is accounted for. He ended up being trapped in his building, which is four blocks from the WTC, the entire time. I am also relieved to say that all of my friends who were in the neighborhood or building were able to get

[My roommate] Patrick [had been] on his way to a doctor's appointment a few blocks from the WTC. He was on the street when the second plane hit. When the building collapsed. one by one," he said of his four he was two blocks away from the WTC; he was incredibly confused, people were running tack, he posted this message on his everywhere, varied reports going through as Web site, www.artcanning.com: people screamed, cried and sobbed. He ducked down an alley. He almost jumped into a Dumpster, thinking planes were crashing all around him when he saw the cloud of debris and have nothing to do. That tells me smoke coming his way. He ran, he ran like he never ran before, running toward our building. telephone interview. "Either a lot But the oncoming cloud would not relent, ready to envelop him, so after traveling east, he headed north, sprinting at a full speed pace, with five other similarly athletic guys, not stopping till he made it to 23rd Street. After resting and contemplating what just happened at his old apartment at 33rd and 3rd, he realized the danger of being so close to the Empire State Building and escaped by getting

body is also hurting him, as the soreness of transplant, Canning is not in rerunning from sheer adrenaline and will do not mission from Hodgkin's disease, leave easily. which affects the lymph nodes. He has extreme pain in his leg. "The question is how bad is [the cancer] coming back, not whether

SEPT. 12, 2001 - ALL ACCOUNTED FOR I am relieved to say that fourth roommate

on the subway to Queens and then Brooklyn. He now is still in shock and is recovering. His

In terms of what I have observed here in the city, it is so eerie and strange. I took the subway up to the Upper East Side this morning Till [my biopsy], I have to occupy myself. (and am still here). The subway was quiet. The Last night we rented movies at our apartment

EXCERPTS

didn't survive the attack.

Web journal, e-mails

streets are empty of cars. Only taxis and buses are on the road. People are quiet and reserved. It's beyond anything I've ever seen before.

In a way we are trapped here. Many of [the] bridges have finally opened, but the roadways to get there are closed or jammed with roadblocks. Subways are running, but only above 14th Street. It's just so surreal

SEPT., 13, 2001 - THE SAGA CONTINUES Day 3 here in NYC. Still reeling from Tuesday.

Unreal. It's still like a movie for us. It's hard for me to go on my roof, look at the downtown skyline and see the gaping hole left by the WTCs. It's also hard to fathom that 1 Liberty Plaza, a building that has many floors occupied by Goldman Sachs employees, is teetering over. The city is so different, like a ghost town. Stores closed up. Few regular cars on the streets of Manhattan. Military and police vehicles rolling down the street. The people. No one is smiling. Somber looks.

More to the story. Monday night there was a celebration dinner in honor of me, with all of my past co-workers there (around 40 or so in all)! It was unbelievable. I received gifts (and steak!) and cards and even a letter of support from the very CEO of Goldman Sachs, Hank Paulson, who sent his regrets that he couldn't be there because of an important meeting. It was unreal. Afterwards, most of us went to Village Karaoke to sing the night away. It was absolutely wild. That's why I slept in. That's why my roommate Trac slept in on Tuesday and tried to get to work late, only to be stopped at a subway station in Brooklyn, far from Ground

just to relieve ourselves of the steady stream of news. We don't have cable or a phone line directly into our apartment, so entertainment is [sparse]. I tried to go shopping to buy some clothes, since almost everything I own is in Ohio (my dad moved me out three weeks ago). Everything was closed by 5 p.m. Justifiably so. Tonight maybe more movies or a book to fill in the time and get away from the tragedy. For those trying to reach me via cell phone, good luck. The network is incredibly busy. It's hard to imagine [God's] in control and

knows what he's doing - but seeing how humans are reacting to this, seeing the charity, the love, the brotherhood, the respect, there is no doubt God is working through the midst of this, through us.

THE AFTER EFFECTS: Below 14th Street is closed. The financial

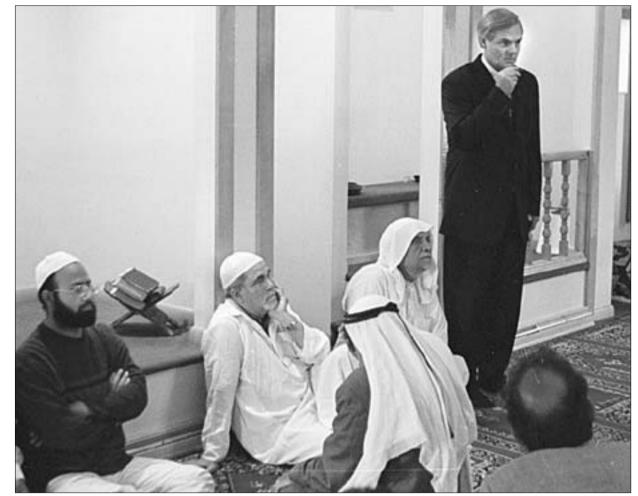
district, roughly an area below Canal Street, is off limits. Those not authorized to go down there are being arrested. I have friends who live a few blocks away from the WTC on John Street. They have no idea when they will be able to return to their apartment. Co-workers don't know when their offices will reopen. One of our buildings is still in limbo. They say Wall St. will open on Monday; I don't believe it. The buildings are too close to each other and the recovery will take weeks. The streets were somber and empty, espe-

cially on Wednesday. The subways were empty traveling into the city. Most of the roadways off of the island were closed. We were literally trapped on the island of New York City. No driving, no flying, very little public transportation. We were prisoners. Thank God another attack didn't take place.

Source: www.canning.com, and e-mails to The Vindicator

UNITED STATES UNDER SIEGE

YOUNGSTOWN AREA



MOSQUE SERVICE: Youngstown Mayor George McKelvey speaks at a community prayer service Friday at the Islamic Society of Greater Youngstown. He assured Muslims that violence against them will not be tolerated in Youngstown.

Residents unite in one cause

People of various faiths and occupations asked for cooperation during Friday's ceremonies.

VINDICATOR STAFF REPORTS

YOUNGSTOWN — Muslims, Christians and Jews gathered Friday afternoon to pray for an end to racial discrimination in the wake of Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

The service, at the Islamic Society of Greater Youngstown on Harmon Avenue, was one of several ceremonies held to discuss the effects of the attacks.

State Sen. Robert Hagan of Youngstown, D-33rd, said at the Islamic Society service that people of various religions need to cooperate to fight

"Hatred can't exist in our country," he said. "We must fight this battle to-

Hagan added that "as Americans, we're all victims" of the terrorist at-

At Liberty High: During an assembly Friday afternoon at Liberty High School, principal John Young said students have repeatedly asked him what they can do to help.

"What a better way than to come together as a family? We are family," Young told the students.

Couples are making their wed-

ding days special, even if their

VINDICATOR SOCIETY STAFF

the making for a year or more. Those

asked to be in the wedding party

bought their gowns, were fitted for

tuxedos and made their travel plans.

Far-flung family members booked

the dream honeymoon destination.

and others in the United States, plans

were altered by the terrorist attacks

Tuesday in New York and Washing-

Dr. Randall Voytilla of Pittsburgh,

formerly of Struthers, has moved up

from groomsman to best man in the

wedding today of his former college

roommate, Dr. Lenard Kolencik, in

Uniontown, Pa. They were pharmacy

majors at Duquesne University, Pitts-

burgh.
"I got the call about 8 p.m. on

in the Air Force, is on high alert and

won't make it for the wedding," Dr.

Voytilla said Friday. "So I called on

family and friends on short notice to

He said everyone was doing what

they could to make things go

smoothly though the wedding plans,

which had been made a year ago,

Accommodating: Richard Will of

Austintown and his bride, Christina

O'Connell, also Austintown, didn't

have any wedding party members

of Los Angeles, who is Will's aunt, ar-

rived earlier and wasn't affected by

A wedding guest, Noreen Malutic

flying in for their wedding today.

help me put together a toast.'

had changed.

The engaged couple researched

For some local brides and grooms

The wedding plans have been in

plans have changed.



IN REMEMBRANCE: Joyce Brooks, right, prays at the Austintown Community Church. She is from Canfield and is president of the congregation. With her is June Weaver, an elder of the church, from North Jackson.

He pointed out that in just 20 minutes Friday morning at the school, 300 red, white and blue ribbons were sold for \$1 each, the \$300 going to the recovery effort.

"Freedom is precious, and it does come with a price," said Janine Harrison, a high school English teacher.

Terming the student body a tapestry of various groups, she called on them to maintain their sense of hu-

"The good spirit will overcome the evil," Brian O'Hara, Liberty math

Adults and children gathered Friday afternoon in front of the Jewish Community Center in Youngstown.

Sam Kooperman, executive vice president of the Youngstown Area lewish Federation, called for solidarity. He urged support of the U.S. government "to assure this doesn't happen again."

Rabbi Joseph Schonberger, spiritual leader of Temple El Emeth, characterized Friday as a "day of pain."

"It's a new experience for people in America," Rabbi Schonberger said. At the center, people were asked to pray for those who have died and offer sympathy to those who have lost family members.

Downtown: More than 150 people turned out for a prayer service at noon at Federal Plaza East. Residents also had the chance to watch the national day of prayer and remembrance on big-screen televisions in Beeghly Center's Chestnut Room at Youngstown State University.

Dr. David Sweet, YSU president, gave some remarks at that obser-

"Terrorism, as a condoned expression of political activism by rogue nations or by individuals shielded by such countries, cannot be tolerated by the world community," Sweet said.

"If the events of this past week unite the world in combating terrorism, they will not have been in vain."

Around the region **Training flights**

VIENNA – Local military training flights for the 910th Airlift Wing at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station will resume Monday, said Brigadier Gen. Michael F. Gjede, commander of the unit. Cross-country missions resumed Friday. Other military units also use the local airspace, so residents should not be alarmed if they notice low-flying aircraft near the Ravenna Training & Logistics Site, for example. The 910th has not been called up for active duty but continues to remain under a high level of security.

Dam accesses closed

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has closed access to the dam at Shenango River Lake in Mercer County, Mosquito Lake in Trumbull County, and Berlin and Michael Kirwan reservoirs in Mahoning County, in light of the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington,

A spokeswoman said the Mahaney Recreation Area at Shenango, which provides the only land access to the dam, was closed Tuesday as were the Shenango Recreation Area, boat launch and campground.

The Shenango areas were reopened to the public as of Friday but the Mahaney area remains closed until further notice, the spokeswoman said. Shenango, a flood control dam, was built in the

At Berlin, the fishermen's access area at the dam and the Millcreek Recreation Area are closed.

At Mosquito, the tailwater fishing area, Mosquito picnic area and Lakeview recreation area are

Bereavement therapy

YOUNGSTOWN — The Light of Hope Bereavement Center at Hospice of the Valley, 5190 Market St., will sponsor a bereavement gathering from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 22 for those whose grief process has been affected by the tragedies in New York City and Washington, D.C. Bereavement Coordinator Dawn Mitchell said such a tragedy can compound grief because it represents another major loss. Registration is not required.

Red Cross benefit

LIBERTY - Teen-agers in the AZA youth group at the Youngstown Jew-ish Community Center and students from Liberty High School will hold a carwash to raise money for the American Red Cross' efforts to help victims of Tuesday's terrorist acts. The carwash will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the One Stop Mart at Logan Avenue and Church Hill Road.

Children's fund set up

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The Kiwanis International Foundation has created the 911 Victims' Children's Fund to assist the children of the terrorist attack victims.

Donations will be used to provide aid and support to children who lost parents in Tuesday's terrorist attacks. Kiwanis International Foundation will work with Kiwanis clubs in the affected areas to identify those children in greatest need.

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to: Kiwanis 911 Victims' Children's Fund, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Ind. 46268-3196, or by calling (800) KIWANIS.

For more information, visit the Kiwanis Web site at www.kiwanis.org and click on 911 Victims' Children's Fund. Kiwanis International is a service organization made up of 8,300 service clubs in 76 nations.

Buttons for sale

AUSTINTOWN - Students in Tammy McClurkin's special-education class at Austintown Middle School are selling patriotic buttons. The buttons, which were created by the pupils, are available for \$1. To buy a button, call Austintown Middle School at (330) 797-3900.

Rock hall event

CLEVELAND — The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum has postponed the 2001 American Music Masters Program that was scheduled next week. It was to be a tribute to blues artist Bessie Smith. Terry Smith, rock hall president and CEO, said the tragedy of Tuesday's terrorist attacks and uncertainty over air travel for performers and guests caused the postponement. Ticket holders should keep their tickets until the event is resched-

Firefighters' families

NEW CASTLE, Pa. – The International Association of Firefighters Local 160, which represents city firefighters, is collecting money to help families of New York City firefighters who died. More than 300 New York City firefighters are still missing, said Local President Tom Bulisco. Checks should be made payable to the New York City Firefighters' Relief Fund and sent to the local at P.O. Box. 982, New Castle, Pa., 16102.

To light torch

SHARON, Pa. — Mayor Robert T. Price said he plans to light the holiday torch in downtown Sharon on

Monday in honor of the firefighters and police who lost their lives in in

New York City.
The torch, held aloft by a 10-foottall cherub on West State Street across from Veterans' Walkway, is normally used to signify the start of the Christmas holiday season.

It was a gift to the city from businessman James E. Winner Jr. and figures prominently in an annual Light Up Night celebration each November.

The city supplies the gas for the torch, and Price said he intends to have it lighted Monday and allow it to burn for 30 days in memory of those who gave their lives trying to help others.

Disaster Relief Fund

SHARON, Pa. – Pleasant Mortgage of Hermitage has teamed up with the Mercer County Chapter of the American Red Cross to create the Mercer County-American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Joe Christoff, president and owner of Pleasant Mortgage, donated the first \$1,000 to the fund to aid in the relief efforts in New York City and Washington, D.C. He has asked fellow business associates and friends to do the same. Donations can be made payable to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund and can be dropped off at Pleasant Mortgage at 39 Ellis Ave., Hermitage, or the Red Cross office at 247 S. Oakland Ave.

Firefighters donations

YOUNGSTOWN — The Youngstown Fire Department is accepting donations through Sept. 23 for the families of New York City firefighters.

People with donations, preferably checks, can drop them off at any city fire station between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. everyday, including weekends, said Dave Cook, president of the International Association of fire Fighters Local 312. After Sept. 23, the donations will

be sent to the New York Fire and 911 Relief Fund, Cook said.

Flags for free

YOUNGSTOWN — Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6488 are giving away 100 American flags for residents to display. Post Commander Morris Tucker said the flags came from the Washington, D.C., VFW and are part of a shipment used to decorate graves of local veterans. The 100 flags were extras. Morris said the post, at 2065 Coitsville-Hubbard Road, will be open daily from noon to 9 p.m. through Monday, or call (330) 746-8259 for information.

Fund for victims

The Youngstown/Mahoning Valley United Way, and the United Way organizations of Lawrence. Mercer, Trumbull and Northern Columbiana counties are helping launch a crisis-response effort with United Way of America. The national organization has established a "September 11th Fund" to help victims of Tuesday terrorist attacks. Mail donations to the "United Way September 11th Fund," 2 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016 or to the United Way of the National Capital Area, 95 M St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. To reach the New York office, call (212) 251-4035. To reach the Washington office, call (202) 488-2060. For further details, visit the agencies' Web sites at www.uwnyc.org or www.unitedwaynca.org.

Salvation Army collects

YOUNGSTOWN — The Salvation

Army local citadel at 1501 Glenwood Ave. is collecting donations of bottled water, nonperishable food items and money at the request of Salvation Army workers on the scene of the World Trade Center attacks in New York City. Checks may be made payable to World Trade Tower Relief or to the Salvation Army with the designation Disaster Relief. The citadel will accept donations weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 1,200 Salvation Army volunteers from northeast states have 20 disaster relief canteens in service in New York City. They have served more than 200,000 meals, sheltered 180 emergency workers, and provided counseling and spiritual support to staff and victims' families. Nearby, Salvation Army workers have also responded to the terrorist plane crash in Somerset County, Pa., and two canteens have served between 200 and 1,500 meals per day at the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport. Reach the local citadel at (330) 746-8403. Donors may also contribute by mailing donations to P.O. Box 5847, Cleveland, OH 4410, calling (866) 429-8888 or visiting www.neosa.usaeast.org.

Prayer service crowd

NEW CASTLE, Pa. — With six ministers participating, more than 300 people, many of them downtown office workers, crowded into First Christian Church on Kennedy Square for a prayer service at noon Friday for the victims of terrorism. The Rev. Gary R. Crowe, First Christian's pastor and president of the Greater New Castle Ministerial Fellowship, urged the congregation to pray for the victims for 10 minutes daily at noon through Oct. 11. "The most important thing is that people spend time in prayer and get back to their faith. God can help us

through the worst of times and this is the worst of times," he said.

Safety equipment

NEW CASTLE, Pa. — A Pittsburgh businessman who lives in Neshannock Township is calling for local businesses to donate safety and first aid-related items for the disaster relief effort in New York City. John Matarazzo, president of Miller Safety and First Aid Supply, and Matthew T. Mangino, Lawrence County district attorney, are coordinating the drive. Matarazzo's company has donated hard helmets, gloves, goggles and rain gear for the rescue workers and urges others to contribute more of these items. A company employee driving a van provided by Preston Motors here will take the donated items from Lawrence County to New York. Those wishing to participate are asked to call the district attorney's office to make arrangements.

In Lawrence County

NEW CASTLE, Pa. – Expressions of patriotism were numerous at the Lawrence County Courthouse after the terrorist attacks. It took Marilee Micacchione, a clerk in the prothonotary's office, only five minutes to sell out 25 black lapel ribbons with superimposed red, white and blue stripes bearing the letters USA. She collected \$1 for each of them to be donated to the American Red Cross disaster relief effort. American flags from the Lawrence County Veterans Affairs Office were distributed at the courthouse Thursday and Friday. Courthouse employees emerged at 1 p.m. Friday to pledge allegiance to the flag and sing "God Bless America," out-side the building's main entrance.

Grocery stores collect

YOUNGSTOWN — Giant Eagle and Tops Friendly Markets grocery chains said customers may donate to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund and other organizations helping in the wake of Tuesday's terrorist acts. Interested customers should inform the cashier of their intention to donate.

Tops and its parent company, Ahold USA, will match the money collected, up to \$1 million. Giant Eagle said it is donating \$50,000.

Slippery Rock program

SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. - "Reflections," a free multi-art presentation by students and faculty at Slippery Rock University in honor of those killed or injured in Tuesday's terrorist attacks, will be staged at 8 p.m. Monday in Swope Music Hall. The progam will include performances by the university's chamber singers and flute and gospel choirs.

Waiting for a call

AUSTINTOWN - Ken Flood, a student teacher at Paul C. Bunn Elementary School and a Marine Corps reservist, talked to his fifth-grade pupils Friday about the possibility of being called to active duty. Flood, 24, of Rush Boulevard, Youngstown, said he explained that he is on standby because President Bush, in response to the terrorist attacks, has signed an order to deploy reservists. Flood is a member of the Marine Corps landing support battalion based in Vienna. He said he told the pupils that reservists devote one weekend each month and two

weeks each summer to training. **Items for rescuers**

SALEM — The Salvation Army of Salem is collecting items for use by those involved in the rescue, recovery and cleanup effort at the site of the New York terrorist attack.

Donated items can be brought to the Salvation Army's facility at 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave. Drop-off times are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Items requested include dust masks, flashlight batteries, bottled water, nutrition bars, hand sanitizer work gloves, new towels and blankets, bottled water and nonperishable food items. Volunteers also are being sought to help sort and pack collected items. Contact the Salvation Army at (330) 332-5624.

Cure race postponed

CLEVELAND — The Race for the Cure scheduled for Sunday has been postponed indefinitely. The race at University Circle was to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Candlelight vigil

WINDHAM — We the People, Windham, Ohio, an association of concerned citizens who banded together following terrorist attacks on the United States on Tuesday, will hold a candlelight vigil at the Windham Monument on North Main Street at 8 p.m. Sunday..Participants are asked to bring their own candles.

Trumbull Red Cross

WARREN — The Trumbull County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 661 Mahoning Ave., will remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today and Sunday. The Red Cross national headquarters mandated that the local chapter remain open

to field any community needs. For more information call the local chapter at (330) 392-2551.

But Will said he was calling Friday to check on airline tickets he booked and his hotel reservations.

air travel restrictions.

online for a honeymoon in Las Vegas He said the hotel Web site noted

Love conquers all: Couples prove adage true there wouldn't be a penalty for canceling because it was taking into consideration travel restrictions that

some guests would face. Will also said he would rather not take up space on a flight possibly needed by others who had to travel to New York or other vital destinations.

'We'll make it special even if our plans have changed. We're thinking about Niagara Falls," he said. They'll drive: Rachael A. Rice, who is marrying Michael A. Ziccardi, both

of Youngstown, today, said none of their wedding party was affected by traveling problems. The couple, who had planned to fly to Tampa, Fla., then take a cruise to the western Caribbean, now will drive to Tampa. Several out-of-town guests are

now unable to attend today's marriage of Tracy Maietta and Steven Nase, both of Hartville. The bride's uncle, who was to do a reading at the ceremony, is a civilian employee at a military base in Biloxi, Miss., and will be unable to attend, so a cousin has stepped in to fill the void.

Major changes: According to Marian Christy, whose granddaughter, Krista Bell, is being married to Vince Babyak today in Poland, "The best man is stuck in LA," and some family members aren't going to make it, but the couple, who live in Largo, Fla., drove up for the event. "Other than that, things are going OK," she said Friday. Tropical flowers that had been or-

dered for the wedding Friday of Jennifer Aldom and Kirk Poffenberger, both of Salem, weren't available, so others had to be substituted. The couple's honeymoon to the

wine country of California also is on hold, as are the honeymoon plans of Lisa Ewing and Stephen Wolfe, both of Strongsville, who were to fly to the Bahamas on Sunday. One bridesmaid from Florida

won't be at the wedding of Carolyn

Pugh of Lowellville and Mark Bram-

mer of Struthers today, and another

from North Carolina drove in since

her flight was canceled.

The bride's brother said that the couple's honeymoon trip to Hawaii is still on, but they will have to be at the airport about three hours earlier due to increased security checks. Flights canceled: Many of those

invited to the wedding of Melissa Bodoh and Kevin Rochlitz, both of Kettering, that will take place today at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church are trying desperately to attend but others have had to send regrets.

Among those who had long planned to be part of the celebration was a young exchange student and her mother who were to fly from Yokuska in Japan but have had to cancel their plans since foreign flight carriers are not presently permitted to land in the United States.

According to the bride's father, Judge William Bodoh of Hubbard, Melissa's sister in Sherman Oaks, Calif., has to miss the wedding as her flight, scheduled out of Los Angeles International Airport, has been canceled.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rochilitz of Powell, Wyo., are determined to see their son happily married and are driving to the wedding from Wyoming through Omaha, Neb. where they will pick up his sister and brother-in-law on their way to Youngstown. The groom's grandmother decided the long car trip was too much for her and will remain at Also on the road to the Bodoh-

Rochlitz wedding are the brideelect's cousin and her husband, who are making the trip from Chicago and a groomsman who will participate after a long ride from Dallas. Another groomsman is unable to come. Achkar Jewelers has come to the rescue of the young couple and are

replace the one that was to be flown from New York to Youngstown this past week. ■ Contributors: Garry Clark, Linda Linonis and Mar-

loaning the groom a wedding ring to

garet Nery, Vindicator society reporters.

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Salvation Army goes to help in disaster areas

The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services Team in Warren has sent about a dozen people to the site in Shanksville, Pa., where a terrorist-commandeered jet went down. Pat Cline of Warren, above, kisses his son Noah, 3, on the cheek as he says goodbye to family and friends. Shandra Roth of Wadsworth, left, takes a final look out the back of the relief vehicle. The group traveled to the site in Somerset County, southwestern Pennsylvania, on Friday. Meanwhile, more than 1,200 Salvation Army volunteers from Northeast states have 20 disaster relief canteens in service in New York City. They have served more than 200,000 meals, sheltered 180 emergency workers and provided counseling and spiritual support to staff and victims' families.

MAHONING VALLEY

Duzzny: Help is best spread out over time

Four Canfield police officers have volunteered to go to New York.

By PATRICIA MEADE
VINDICATOR CRIME REPORTER

YOUNGSTOWN — Everyone wants to help.

To be effective at the site of terrorist attacks in lower Manhattan, the help has to be spread out over the coming weeks, said Walter M. Duzzny, executive director of the Mahoning County Emergency Management Agency.

ment Agency.

"You can't have too many people all at once or the job won't get done right," Duzzny said. "That's why all my counterparts across the country have 'emergency management' in their title."

Suicide-mission terrorists hijacked

four commercial airliners Tuesday morning and aimed them like missiles at the World Trade Center in New York and Pentagon in Washington, D.C. One jet that went awry crashed 80 miles south of Pittsburgh.

Firefighters, police, paramedics, ironworkers and others in specialized professions have been on the job at the site of the collapsed World Trade Center's twin towers in New York since Tuesday.

The scene is the same at the Pen-

tagon, where the destruction was not as severe and the loss of life not as staggering.

Here's the concern: After 72 hours, the body, which until then has been driven by sheer will power, starts to show the signs of little or no sleep and extreme exertion, Duzzny said. That's when mistakes and accidents can happen.

Duzzny said it's important to keep in mind that only those qualified to help in New York and Washington will be asked to do so. Police must replace police, firefighters must replace firefighters and so on, he said. For now, New York City's emergency operations can draw replacement disaster relief from its own state and Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire and eastern Pennsylvan-

ia, Duzzny said. As the weeks pass, the monumental task of safeguard-

ing the area while debris and count-

less bodies are removed may require replacements drawn from other states, he said.

What he tells people: "We've had calls from people saying they were going [to New York] and we said 'Wait a minute. How are you going

calls from people saying they were going [to New York] and we said 'Wait a minute. How are you going to get there? Where will you stay?" Duzzny said. "We told them to wait until New York emergency operations calls — they'll arrange for replacements."

Duzzny said he spoke to a New York emergency operations staff member Thursday.

"We let them know the resources

"We let them know the resources we have — firefighters, police, EMS and who would volunteer," Duzzny said. "They don't need anyone now but asked if the volunteers would be available a week from now or two weeks from now."

Duzzny said the type of conversation he had with the operations center is taking place across the country as emergency management agencies check in with New York to offer assistance. Those willing to go know the stay will likely be for 10 days, he said.

Local volunteers: Canfield Police Department has two sergeants and two patrolmen who have volunteered to go, said Sgt. Bob Magnuson, one of the sergeants on the list.

Another on the list is Patrolman Chris Ruiz, who is from New York and whose brother is a New York City police officer, Magnuson said. Ruiz's mother works in New York, 20 blocks from where the World Trade Center once stood, Magnuson said.



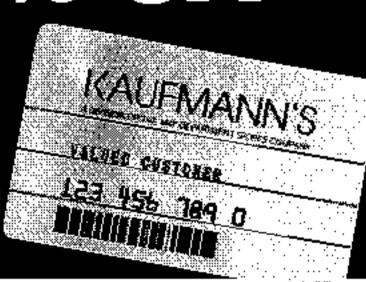
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