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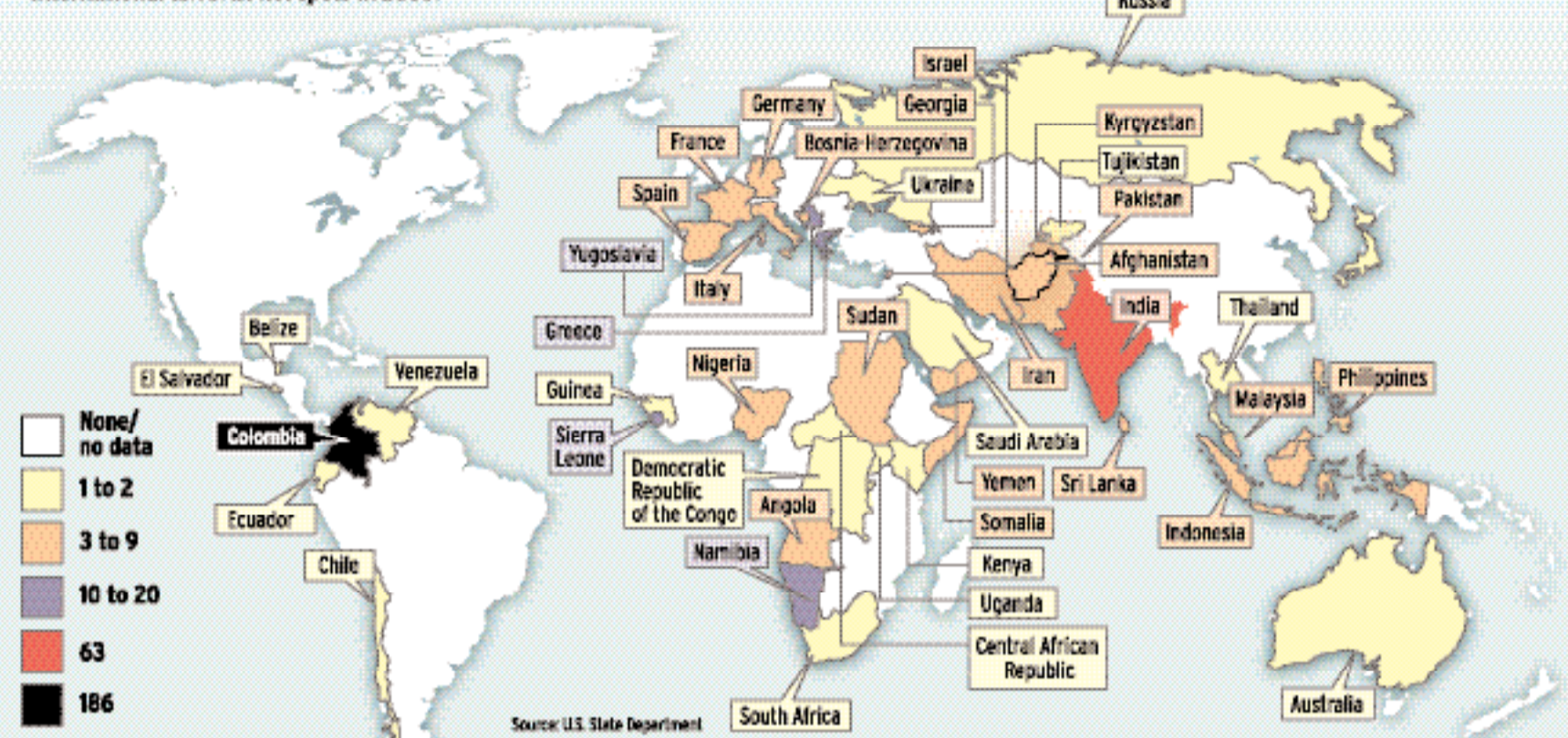


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TERRORISM | Radical groups and attacks

International terrorist hot spots in 2000:



INSIDE AFGHANISTAN

AL-QAIDA TERRORIST GROUP

This group was established by Osama bin Ladin in 1990 to bring together Arabs who fought against the Soviet invasion. His current goal is to "re-establish the Muslim state" throughout the world. He works with Islamic extremist groups to overthrow regimes it deems "non-Islamic" and remove Westerners from Muslim countries.
Terrorist activity: The main suspect in Tuesday's attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., this group also conducted the bombings in August 1998 of the U.S. Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, that killed at least 301 persons and injured more than 5,000 others. They claim to have shot down U.S. helicopters and killed U.S. servicemen in Somalia in 1993 and to have conducted three bombings targeted against the U.S. troop presence in Aden, Yemen, in December 1992.
Linked to attempted terrorist operations, including:
• Assassination plot of the Pope during his visit to Manila in 1994
• Bombings of the U.S. and Israeli Embassies in Manila in 1994
• Midair bombing of a dozen U.S. trans-Pacific flights in 1995
• Plan to kill President Clinton during a visit to the Philippines in 1995
Members: May have several hundred to several thousand members.
Financing: bin Ladin, son of a billionaire Saudi family, is said to have inherited around \$300 million that he uses to finance the group. Al-Qaida also maintains moneymaking businesses, collects donations from like-minded supporters, and takes funds from donations to Muslim charitable organizations.

THE TALIBAN MILITIA



The Taliban, an Islamic militia that rules Afghanistan, formed when the Soviet Union invaded in 1979. At that time they fought under the name Mujaheddin (Holy Warriors), which was made up various factions including the Taliban. The United States gave between \$4 billion to \$5 billion, including weapons, to aid the Afghan rebels. When the Soviets withdrew in 1989, the country entered into a civil war. The Taliban eventually rose to power in late 1994.
Beliefs: To create an ideal Islamic country, following their interpretation of the prophet Muhammad.
Members: By the end of 1994, 12,000 Afghan and Pakistani students had joined the Taliban.
Leader: The leader is Mullah Mohammed Omar, who dismisses allegations that bin Laden could have been behind the attacks in the United States on Tuesday.
Drugs: 72 percent of the world's illicit opium is grown in Afghanistan. It is also a major supplier of hashish and heroin.
Manpower: 6,401,980 males between ages 15 and 49 (2000 est.)

Taliban militia warns of 'holy war'

WASHINGTON POST

President Bush met Saturday with senior advisers to plan a war that he warned "will not be short ... will not be easy," as the repercussions of Tuesday's terror bombings were felt halfway around the world. Pakistan and Iran moved to bolster security at their borders with Afghanistan, a likely American target for reprisal.
"My message is for everybody who wears the uniform: Get ready," Bush said as he began a meeting with his national security team at Camp David. "The United States will do what it takes to win this war. And I ask patience of the American people."
For the fifth day, Bush upped the intensity of his war talk, specifically ruling out a single retaliatory raid or strike. "The course to victory may be long," he said in his weekly radio address.

Other news: In other developments related to Tuesday's terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the crash of a jetliner in Pennsylvania:
• By Saturday afternoon, 159 bodies were recovered from World Trade Center ruins, with 92 identified; the number of missing jumps to 4,972. The Pentagon death toll is at 188.
• The passport of a suspected hijacker was discovered near the ruins of the trade center. FBI Assistant Director Barry Mawn did not disclose the name on the passport or other details, but the discovery prompted an intensive search Saturday for evidence blocks from the towers.
• Rescue efforts at the World Trade Center turned wet and cold as temperatures plummeted. Only 20,000 tons of the skyscrapers' estimated 1.25 million tons of debris have been removed so far.
• Authorities say the first man arrested was associated with the brother of Osama bin Laden; he was the same person arrested Thursday at John F. Kennedy International Airport after showing a pilot's license issued to his brother.
• International carriers resumed flights to the United States. Articles such as knives are banned; searches of passengers and luggage are intensified.
• A drastic drop in air travel and bookings caused Continental Airlines to cut its flight schedule by 20 percent and furlough 12,000 employees — more than one-fifth of its payroll.
• The Boston airport where hijackers boarded reopened with officers in black SWAT uniforms and police dogs on patrol.
• The New York Stock Exchange completed a successful test of its computer and communications systems, clearing the way for trading to resume Monday.

Preparing for war: In Afghanistan, government leaders and common folk grew convinced that the U.S. military action will begin there. As residents of Kabul, the capital, stockpiled what little food they could find or tried to flee the city, the leader of the ruling Taliban militia warned of a coming "holy war." Mullah Muhammed Omar also swore vengeance against any neighboring country that helps the United States.
The warning was surely aimed foremost

What's behind hatred for U.S.?

Emotionally spent by last week's attacks, many Americans wonder why they're so despised.

By RON COLE
VINDICATOR STAFF WRITER

Amid the exhausting, gut-wrenching emotions of horror, fear, grief and anger that Americans suffered through this past week, the underlying feeling for many remains one of simple confusion.

Television images of innocent New Yorkers tumbling from skyscrapers side by side with video of Palestinian men, women and children celebrating in the streets left Americans dumbfounded.

Why are we hated so much?
"It's a great question," said Dr. Mark Daniels, professor of government and public affairs at Slippery Rock University.

"That's what we're really dealing with here. This terrorism is really based on a consuming hatred for all things connected with the American government," he said.

History behind it: Resentment toward the United States, especially in the Middle East, is nothing new, dating to at least the 1940s, said Dr. Lowell Satre, history professor at Youngstown State University.

After World War II, Britain and France withdrew from its former colonial states in Palestine and other sections of the Middle East, leaving the

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Americans from all walks of life find comfort in displays of unity

President Bush's approval ratings are about equal to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's after Japan invaded Pearl Harbor.

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — From urban street toughs urging revenge to suburban soccer moms flying flags on minivans, Americans have found a rare emotional oneness in the wake of Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

In a country divided by politics, race, economics and religion, last week's World Trade Center and Pentagon catastrophes have awakened a sense of

patriotism and become a rallying point.

Ten months after less than half of U.S. voters cast a ballot for President Bush, a whopping 89 percent of Americans approve of the way he is handling the terrorist crisis, according to a *Newsweek* magazine poll in the Sept. 24 edition.

That's more support than his father received after Iraq invaded Kuwait (75 percent) and about the same as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had after Japan invaded Pearl Harbor in 1941

(84 percent).

Evidence of unity: Across the country, children are wearing red, white and blue to school. Donations of cash, blood and medical supplies are at record levels. Churches, synagogues, mosques and temples are crowded with mourners. Even prominent museums in New York City have stopped charging admission.

The national unity may be the most important and stirring byproduct of the tragedy. How long it will last may be another story.

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Residents from around the Valley rally at mall in show of patriotism

A crowd of about 1,000 cheered when members of the military entered and when local firefighters took the stage.

By JOANNE VIVIANO
VINDICATOR STAFF WRITER

BOARDMAN — Christopher and Kay Wright know how important community support is during wartime.

They felt it when Christopher served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Gulf War.

And they know it will become crucial as America reacts to Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York City and the Washington, D.C., area that President Bush has called acts of war.

That's why the Struthers couple adorned their clothing with American flags and went to a "Celebrate America" event Saturday at the Southern Park Mall.

Mall Marketing Director Pam Ferguson estimated that about 1,000 people attended the event sponsored by Cumulus Broadcasting's lo-

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AMERICAN PRIDE: U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Angela Shehadi and U.S. Navy AE-2 Kirk Story salute the American flag as the national anthem is sung at a "Celebrate America" rally in the Southern Park Mall in Boardman. They were part of a military color guard representing all branches of the military at the rally Saturday.

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BUSH | Get ready for war, president advises



Associated Press

ON THE RADIO: President Bush delivers his weekly radio address to the nation from Camp David, Md.

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at Pakistan, Afghanistan's eastern neighbor. Previously a Taliban supporter, Pakistan has agreed to an initial list of requests for help from the United States, including access to ports and airspace, tightened security along its 1,500-mile border with Afghanistan, and a promise to arrest associates of millionaire Islamic radical Osama bin Laden, suspected sponsor of Tuesday's attack. The Taliban have provided safe haven for bin Laden and his forces.

Secretary of State Colin Powell publicly praised Pakistan at the beginning of Saturday's Camp David strategy session. The ruling generals in Islamabad haven't agreed to allow American troops on their soil, but U.S. officials said they have agreed to a multinational force that could include Americans.

When American strategy is further developed for the military, covert, financial and diplomatic assault on bin Laden and other terrorist groups, Pakistan will be asked for yet more assistance. "That's not the final list, not the only list," a senior administration official said. "We want them to decide whether they're going to be with us or not. ... Additional requests will be made once we decide what we're going to do."

The use of ground troops has not been ruled out, said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer after Saturday's 2 1/2-hour strategy meeting. "The president is preparing the public for all eventualities," Fleischer said.

In this country: It was, meanwhile, another very sad day in the aftermath of the deadliest attack on American soil. A few more of what will be thousands of funerals took place in Washington, Virginia, Maryland, New York, Connecticut, Arkansas and California. Three of New York City's top fire department figures were eulogized, including Commissioner Peter Ganci, who took his last ride on an engine — this one bedecked with flowers and beheld through tears.

Exhausted volunteers in New York's financial district again worked endlessly to clear wreckage, and again scarcely made a dent. Federal officials estimate that 200 million cubic yards of rubble fell in the area around where the World Trade Center once stood, much of it razor shards of glass and steel, thousands of pounds of it hazardous waste — asbestos, battery acid, cooling system gases, cleaning fluids — and hundreds of tons of it human remains.

Continental Airlines announced plans to lay off 12,000 employees, and other airlines indicated they may follow suit. In the wake of the first nationwide shutdown of the commercial airways, the industry is reeling; Continental Chairman Gordon Bethune said his airline is flying scarcely more than half its normal number of flights, and those flights are only half full. But initial efforts to pass an emergency federal bailout for the airlines were defeated by Congress.

The only airport that remained closed Saturday was Washington's Reagan National; Boston's Logan International, where two of the hijacked jets began their flights Tuesday, finally reopened.

Investigation: And nationwide, federal agents continued to run down myriad tips and leads in one of the largest criminal investigations. The Justice Department said 25 people have been detained for immigration violations and will be questioned in connection with the attacks. Among the possibilities being pursued: that at least two of the 19 suspected hijackers received training at U.S. military installations.

But even as the investigation sprawled from Texas to Germany, the president for the first time publicly identified his own "prime suspect": bin Laden. And he promised at Camp David to "find those who did it. We will smoke them out of their holes, we'll get them running, and we'll bring them to justice."

Echoing his father's famous vow at the beginning of the Gulf War a decade ago, Bush said, "This act will not stand." Bush gathered his entire senior national security team, including Vice President Dick Cheney. The meeting marked the first time the two men have been seen together publicly since Tuesday's attacks.

Scope of war actions: Bush said, as he has on previous days, that the war on terrorism will target not only the terrorists but the friends of terror — "those who fed them, those who housed them, those who harbored" them. And so the diplomats worked onward Saturday in trying to draw the noose around Afghanistan.

Progress unimaginable before the attack was now being reported. U.S. officials expressed satisfaction at the announcement that the United Arab Emirates is reviewing its diplomatic relations with the Taliban movement. The U.A.E. is one of only three countries with such ties, along with Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.

■ The Associated Press contributed to this report.

NEW YORK

Rescuers remain hopeful, but time is running out

It has been more than three days since a live person was found in the rubble of the World Trade Center.

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

NEW YORK — As another day since the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center slid into night Saturday, the likelihood that anyone is still alive beneath the tons of rubble faded with the light.

Outside Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan, where six of the survivors are being treated, a block-long "wall of prayer" plastered with posters of those missing slowly turned into a memorial, lined with flickering white candles and bouquets of white carnations and lilies. Crowds pressed against the wall, touching faces not seen since Tuesday.

Hard truths: In a city that has been consumed with the search for survivors, the shift toward hard truths was palpable on Saturday. It has been more than three days since a live person was pulled from the wreckage of the twin towers. The number of missing has grown to 1,972, with 92 of the 152 bodies now identified. Twenty-four of those identified were rescue workers.

"The hours are precious now. If you don't get them out today or tomorrow, chances are going to be slim to none that anyone will be brought out alive," said Dr. Will Harvey, a radiologist, as he walked out of Bellevue.

The key factors, he said, would include water and oxygen availability. Without water, he said, a person can only live for a few days.

"Four days would be stretching it," he said.

But hope remains. Friday's downpour, which hampered rescue efforts, might also have helped anyone still alive under the tons of debris.

"Some water might have trickled down," Harvey offered.

Other factors, though, point to a grimmer conclusion. Injuries sustained in the collapse would reduce the chances of survival, draining the body of needed energy. And the intense fires that continue to smolder might consume crucial oxygen while producing toxic carbon monoxide.

"That slowly kills you," said Cornelius T. Vulpe, a doctor at St. Vincent's Hospital in lower Manhattan. He was conducting a search of his own for a family friend.

Does he believe he'll find the missing man? The doctor shook his head. "I don't. Sorry. It's sad."

Waiting for miracles: Then, softening, he gestured toward the "wall of prayer."

"Miracles do happen, but maybe, what, one or two, out of all this



Associated Press

DIFFICULT TIMES: New York City firefighters Sal Princiotta, left, and Donald Casey embrace at Engine 33 fire station in New York City. Hundreds of firefighters are missing after Tuesday's terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

crowd?" He shook his head again.

Sometimes, though, the human body's resilience is surprising, said New York Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, who's determined to keep digging.

"If you looked at other disasters or tragedies around the world, people have been pulled out these things five to six to seven days later and still alive," Kerik said.

Nizam Peerwani, a Texas medical examiner who has performed mass autopsies in Rwanda and Bosnia and after the Branch Davidian fire near Waco, Texas, said the massive scale of the World Trade Center disaster makes it difficult to predict how long someone could survive.

"Typically, an individual can survive for five to seven days without food and water, but when you add shock, trauma and hypothermia, that changes the equation dramatically," Peerwani said. "But there have been anecdotal accounts of victims of major earthquakes surviving for up to two weeks."

Amazing recovery: In the Philippines in 1990, for example, miners who heard cries of "help us" rescued

two people from the rubble of a Hyatt hotel that had collapsed 11 days earlier during an earthquake that killed 1,600 people. Doctors said the man and woman were in surprisingly good condition, suffering cuts, bruises and dehydration.

In 1988, 10 days after Armenia's devastating earthquake, rescuers gently extricated a 62-year-old woman from a collapsed building. She was eased from the rubble after a 20-member rescue team heard her voice from under the ruins.

And so, at the southern tip of Manhattan, the search continued.

"The time to give up hope is when the last bit of debris has been cleared. Until then, you don't. When the last bit of dust is swept up, then we'll know," said Bob Yarnell Jr., vice president of the American Canine Association, which is using dogs to help the search.

Travis Hayden, 26, of Paoli, Pa., has been scouring the debris with his dog, Nala. "We know there are people out there, but she just couldn't find them," he said. "The smoke is so heavy and the rocks are so dense, it's just crazy in there."



Associated Press

STILL HOPING: Lorena Ocampo holds a flier with a photo of a missing friend that she has been handing out at the 69th Regiment Armory in New York City. The armory is serving as a center for people who are searching for information on loved ones missing since Tuesday's terrorist attack.

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PATRIOTISM | Americans find comfort in unity

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"Going to church and wearing ribbons and lighting candles is perfectly fine and appropriate, and it's good to express ourselves as being united," said David Harris, who teaches law and values at the University of Toledo. "But the hard decisions are all down the road for us. We will have to see where people are when they are called upon to make sacrifices."

President Bush said Saturday that "We're at war," but what kind of war has not been clarified. And what support that "war" might have if it lasts months or years — and costs many American lives — is unknown.

Random checks: And while 71 percent of Americans favor more security restrictions on air travel such as new check-in procedures, only 22 percent want to eliminate carry-on luggage on domestic flights, and only 23 percent support random identification checks on streets and highways, according to the *Newsweek* poll.

But as the death toll from the World Trade Center and Pentagon grows, most of the country is trying to focus on the positive.

While the evidence is only anecdotal, the Pentagon reports that inquiries about military recruitment via e-mail, phone calls and personal visits have doubled since Tuesday, a number consistent with a similar period during the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

"It's wonderful to see the American public pulling together, and the patriotism of our young people," said Maj. Cynthia Colin, a Defense Department spokeswoman.

At Capitol Image, a downtown Washington souvenir shop, sales of patriotic trinkets have tripled. Manager Vicky Tubilla said only Fourth of July sales rival the recent surge.

"It's been crazy. Key chains, pins, stuffed animals, T-shirts, even Christmas ornaments, anything with a flag on it is selling," she said.

Even people who have opposed U.S. policies in the Middle East are



Associated Press

AN IMPROVEMENT: Arthur Piccolo, chairman of the Bowling Green Association, an area improvement group, places an American flag on the horn of the bull in the Bowling Green section of Wall Street in New York. The New York Stock Exchange is scheduled to reopen Monday morning.

"What binds us together is our love of freedom, our love of democracy and our love of the things that make this country great."

U.S. Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-N.J.
Commenting on America's unity

standing behind Bush. "When you attack my country, all bets are off. All deals are canceled," said Gary Gray, a 47-year-old writer in Oakland, Calif.

"I still cannot believe those towers are gone. The pictures are so vivid in my mind. Just like the day JFK was killed."

Working to help: U.S. Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-N.J., whose suburban district is close to Manhattan, is or-

ganizing blood drives and visiting churches and fire stations. On Saturday, he and his wife, Maureen, were planning to take food to three neighborhood families who had lost loved ones in the World Trade Center attacks.

"A situation like this serves as a very potent reminder of what, in the end, is most important," Ferguson said. "What binds us together is our love of freedom, our love of democracy and our love of the things that make this country great."

In Miami, Charles Settle, a symphony percussionist, said the national response to the tragedies was promising, but the mood was unsettling.

"This is a weird time," Settle said. "I feel like we're waiting for something. Everything is up in the air. Everything has changed."

WASHINGTON

Continental Airlines to lay off 12,000 workers

More airlines are expected to announce cutbacks in an ailing industry further hurt by last week's hijackings.

WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Continental Airlines announced Saturday it would lay off 12,000 employees, the first of what many airline officials predict could be "tens of thousands" more job losses in an industry already ailing before last week's terrorist attacks shut down the nation's commercial air system.

Northwest Airlines announced it too was cutting back operations and reviewing staffing needs. The nation's fourth-largest airline said it would complete that review in the coming week, adding that it considered the cutbacks "long term." Also, Delta Air Lines said it planned to "pause" once it had returned to about 75 percent of its pre-attack schedule to reassess its economic outlook.

American Airlines, which previously announced schedule cutbacks, hasn't yet announced layoffs, but industry officials said it will be hard for American to keep 100 percent of its work force while only flying 80 percent of its routes.

"We have no choice," Continental Chairman Gordon Bethune said, citing the escalation of losses since the terrorist attacks last Tuesday. Bethune predicted there would soon be 100,000 layoffs in the U.S. airline industry.

Cutting flight schedule: Continental, the nation's fifth-largest airline, said it was cutting its flight schedule by about 20 percent because of the "current and anticipated effects on the demand for air travel" as a result of the terrorist attacks. The airline, which employs about

56,000, said it's losing \$30 million a day and rapidly depleting its cash reserves.

Capt. Pat Burke, chairman of the Air Line Pilots Association unit at Continental, said that the chief executives of all the major airlines have met with ALPA's national leadership and that all are mentioning the 20 percent cutback number. Burke said he didn't blame Bethune for the cutbacks. "He made the hard decision," he said.

One airline official said the 20 percent number is "just a starting point" and the number could get larger in the weeks ahead.

Burke said he expected any pilot layoffs to last up to two years. Because it's so expensive and time-consuming to retrain laid-off pilots before they can return to the cockpit, it would be less expensive to keep them on the payroll if the layoffs were for any shorter period of time.

Rapid losses: Bethune told a news conference the industry was collectively losing \$300 million a day and fast running out of cash to continue operations. He said Continental had about \$800 million in cash reserves, but would need at least \$300 million just to operate under bankruptcy protection if that step were necessary.

He said the airline was flying only 55 percent of its routes since the airports were reopened Thursday, and the planes were only half full.

Industry analysts have estimated the airlines will lose \$4 billion to \$7 billion this year because of the losses resulting from last week's shutdown and the new apprehension among the flying public. The economic slowdown had already caused a significant drop in the number of high-paying business travelers. But now, with more travelers fearful of flying, airlines are seeing a drop in tourist travel as well — with no sign either group will return anytime soon.

VICTIMS' FUNERALS



Associated Press

A CHILD'S GRIEF: Anna Jager holds her grandson, 8-year-old Kevin Villa, as he cries over his mother's coffin during her funeral at Mount Hope Cemetery in Yonkers, N.Y. Yamel Jager Merino was an emergency medical technician and was killed at the World Trade Center while trying to rescue others. Her funeral was Friday.

Mourners grieve as first of dead are laid to rest by family, friends

One of the victims remembered Saturday was a priest who was killed by falling debris at the trade center while giving last rites to a fallen firefighter.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the heart of Manhattan, in Washington's suburbs, in saddened towns elsewhere, mourners grieved and reminisced Saturday at the first wave of services for the terror attacks' victims — a fearless priest, a feisty TV commentator, parents and their preschool daughters.

A Supreme Court justice spoke at one service, a U.S. senator and former president attended another. Mourners for a 3-year-old girl sang her favorite song, "I Love You," from the TV show "Barney."

The wistful tributes from relatives, friends and civic leaders will be echoed over and over, at hundreds of churches across the nation, in the coming days, weeks and perhaps months.

In New York City, at a Roman Catholic church across from a grief-stricken firehouse, bagpipers played the national anthem before the service for the Rev. Mychal Judge, chaplain of the city's fire department. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, former President Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea, were among the mourners.

Lawyer, TV commentator: Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas delivered a eulogy in Arlington, Va., for Barbara Olson, a lawyer, an unabashedly conservative TV commentator and the wife of U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson. She was aboard the jetliner that crashed into the Pen-



Associated Press

SUPPORT: Solicitor General Ted Olson, right, is comforted by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, at the memorial service for Olson's wife, Barbara, in Arlington, Va. The service for Barbara Olson, who was aboard the airliner that crashed into the Pentagon, was Saturday.

tagon on Tuesday.

"Barbara strode boldly through life, full of cheer and verve, shying from no challenge or obstacle,"

Justice Thomas said. "She was irreplaceable in the fullest sense ... ignoring all torpedoes and charging full speed ahead."

"This is indeed a sad occasion," the justice added. "One to be repeated thousands of times by our fellow citizens across the country."

Congressmen, federal judges and others from Washington's political elite were among about 1,500 people gathered for the memorial service at Arlington's St. Thomas More Cathedral.

Father Judge, 68, died Tuesday as he was administering last rites to a firefighter mortally injured in the attack on the World Trade Center. The Franciscan priest had removed his fire hat to pray when he was hit by falling debris.

"He was a saint, a wonderful man," said Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

The funeral Mass for Father Judge took place at St. Francis of Assisi Church, across from the firehouse of Engine Co. 1/Ladder Co. 24, which lost seven firefighters in the disaster.

Visiting the firehouse after the service, Bill Clinton said Father Judge's vocation was "a rebuke to the act of hatred" that killed so many Americans.

"So all of us who were here this morning feel a special loss," Clinton said. "We should live his life as an example of what has to prevail."

On any other day, a firefighter killed in the line of duty would draw hundreds of colleagues in dress blue uniforms and white gloves. But as a testament to the round-the-clock work proceeding in the disaster zone, the firefighters attending Father Judge's service numbered perhaps 200.

The fire department's losses, estimated at 300, included many of its top leaders. Funeral services were Saturday for William Feehan, the department's first deputy commissioner, and chief of department Peter Ganci.

WASHINGTON

Officials: More arrests are pending

A second arrest warrant was issued Saturday, but the latest suspect is not yet in custody.

WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Investigators issued a second arrest warrant for a material witness in the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon and have detained 25 people on immigration violations for questioning, the Justice Department said Saturday.

A Justice Department official said the latest suspect was not in custody, but that more arrests were imminent. On Friday, authorities formally arrested a man they were already holding on suspicion of having a false pilot's license.

Cooperation: Justice Department spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said that none of the 25 detainees had been charged with a crime and that several were cooperating. Department sources said two of the 25 were stopped at an Amtrak station in Fort Worth, Texas, with \$5,000 in cash and a box cutter, the same kind of knife used by the 19 hijackers who crashed four planes last Tuesday.

As the investigation gathered strength Saturday, unusual leads began to surface, among them the possibility that some of the hijackers may have received training at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida or other U.S. military facilities.

Two of 19 suspects named by the FBI, Saeed Alghamdi and Ahmed Alghamdi, have the same names as men listed at a housing facility for foreign military trainees at Pensacola. Two others, Hamza Alghamdi and Ahmed Alnami, have names similar to individuals listed in public records as using the same address inside the base.

In addition, a man named Saeed Alghamdi graduated from the Defense Language Institute at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, while men with the same names as two other hijackers, Mohamed Atta and Abdulaziz Alomari, appear as graduates of the U.S. International Officers School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and the Aerospace Medical School at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio, respectively.

"Some of the FBI suspects had names similar to those used by foreign alumni of U.S. military courses," the Air Force acknowledged in a statement. "However, discrepancies in their biographical data, such as birth dates 20 years off, indicate we are probably not talking about the same people."

Solid evidence: Still, investigators built solid evidence on other suspects. In Germany, authorities linked

a third hijacker to an alleged Islamic terrorist cell that operated in the northern city of Hamburg for years, and they seized "airplane-related documents" from his girlfriend's apartment.

German authorities said Ziad Jarrahi, 27, who was aboard the hijacked plane that crashed in Pennsylvania, had lived for the past four years in Hamburg, where he studied aircraft construction.

U.S. officials also confirmed Saturday that Khalid Al-Midhar, identified as one of the hijackers aboard the flight that crashed into the Pentagon, was spotted on a surveillance videotape from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, speaking with a suspect in last year's bombing of the destroyer USS Cole in the Yemeni port of Aden. The tape is another piece of circumstantial evidence linking the Sept. 11 attacks to exiled Saudi militant Osama bin Laden, who is suspected of masterminding the Cole bombing.

Denies link: In India, Saudi diplomat Ahmed Alshehri, based in Bombay, denied he was the father of hijacker Waleed M. Alshehri or that he had ever served in the United States. Diplomatic lists, however, show an Ahmed Alshehri as second secretary at the Saudi Embassy in Washington, and property records, law enforcement sources and witnesses have linked him with Waleed. Reports from a Saudi newspaper editor said Saturday that both Waleed and Wail Alshehri, another hijacker, were Ahmed's sons.

After the Justice Department released the hijackers' names Friday, ordinary people began to realize, to their surprise, they had encountered the suspects in their final days and hours.

At the Panther Motel, in Deerfield Beach, Fla., Richard Surma and his wife Diane remembered that hijacker Marwan Al-Shehhi and a man whose name they did not know had been their guests between Aug. 26 and Sept. 9.

The pair spent their time frolicking in the motel's small pool and had numerous visits from a third man. When Al-Shehhi checked out, his trash included flight-training textbooks, a stack of air traffic maps, martial arts manuals and a box-cutting knife, the motel owners said.

"They were very neat and very polite," Richard Surma recalled. But the Surmas thought it curious that the men had used a towel to cover a picture hanging in their room of a woman wearing a dress that exposed one shoulder.

PAKISTAN

Leaders pledge to support actions against Afghanistan

Pakistan is home to some radical groups that are staunchly anti-American, and it faced a tough choice.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan promised full support Saturday to any international reply to the terrorist attacks in the United States — effectively pledging its soil and airspace to an assault on neighboring Afghanistan.

At Camp David, Md., Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed gratitude for Pakistan's willingness to cooperate in any military action the United States may take in the region. Osama bin Laden, identified as a suspect in Tuesday's airborne attacks on New York and Washington, has operated in Afghanistan.

"I especially want to thank the president and the people of Pakistan for the support that they have offered and their willingness to assist us in whatever might be required in that part of the world, as we determine who these perpetrators are," Powell said Saturday.

Delicate situation: Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar chose his words carefully while announcing the decision at a news conference in the Pakistani capital, aware of hard-line Islamic groups at home who are staunchly anti-American and strongly behind Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia.

He emphasized the international nature of any retaliatory strike and refused to give specifics of what its

support might entail.

"We have reached a consensus on the policy of giving full support to the world community in combating international terrorism," Sattar told reporters after a four-hour meeting of the Cabinet and the more powerful National Security Council, headed by the president and army chief Pervez Musharraf.

Pakistani diplomatic and military officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said Pakistan had agreed to the full list of U.S. demands for a possible attack on Afghanistan, including a multinational force to be based within its borders. They also said Pakistan has sought assurances from the United States that any ground force would be multinational.

Closing its borders: Pakistan also agreed to close its border with Afghanistan — a measure taken by Iran on Saturday — as well as allowing its airspace to be used for possible strikes and cooperating in intelligence gathering, the officials said. Pakistan's Cabinet meeting began with a minute of silence for those who were killed in the airborne assault on New York and Washington, Sattar said.

Afghanistan, which shares a 1,560-mile border with Pakistan, is believed to be harboring bin Laden, a millionaire Saudi exile. The Taliban have refused to surrender bin Laden to U.S. authorities.

Radical elements: For Pakistan, the decision to give its full support was a difficult one that is certain to stir passions among radical Muslim

elements at home.

Although most of Pakistan's 140 million people are devout but relatively moderate Muslims, there are several strong militant Islamic groups operating in the country and tens of thousands of religious schools that turn out young boys dedicated to jihad — holy war.

These militant groups, most of whom are well-armed, have sharply criticized Pakistan's involvement in an assault on Afghanistan.

Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, the largest group battling Indian troops in Indian Kashmir, called it murder.

"It will be killing our Muslim brothers," said Yahya Mujahed, chief of the organization headquartered in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore.

Ambassador's remarks: Also on Saturday, the Taliban's Ambassador in Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, said the Taliban would declare war on any country that assisted in an assault on Afghanistan. He threatened to send Taliban troops across the border if the country is a neighbor — though he did not name Pakistan specifically.

Among the requests being made of Pakistan by the United States is a promise to seal its borders with Afghanistan and cooperate in intelligence gathering.

Sattar said that security along its border with Afghanistan has been increased, and meetings have been held with the Taliban officials.

"Pakistan has taken certain precautions in view of the tense situation. We have increasing vigilance on our borders. We do not want our borders violated by anyone," he said.

INTELLIGENCE

Critics: U.S. had capability to kill bin Laden

Agents have reported that the Saudi exile is in hiding again, having moved days before Tuesday's attacks.

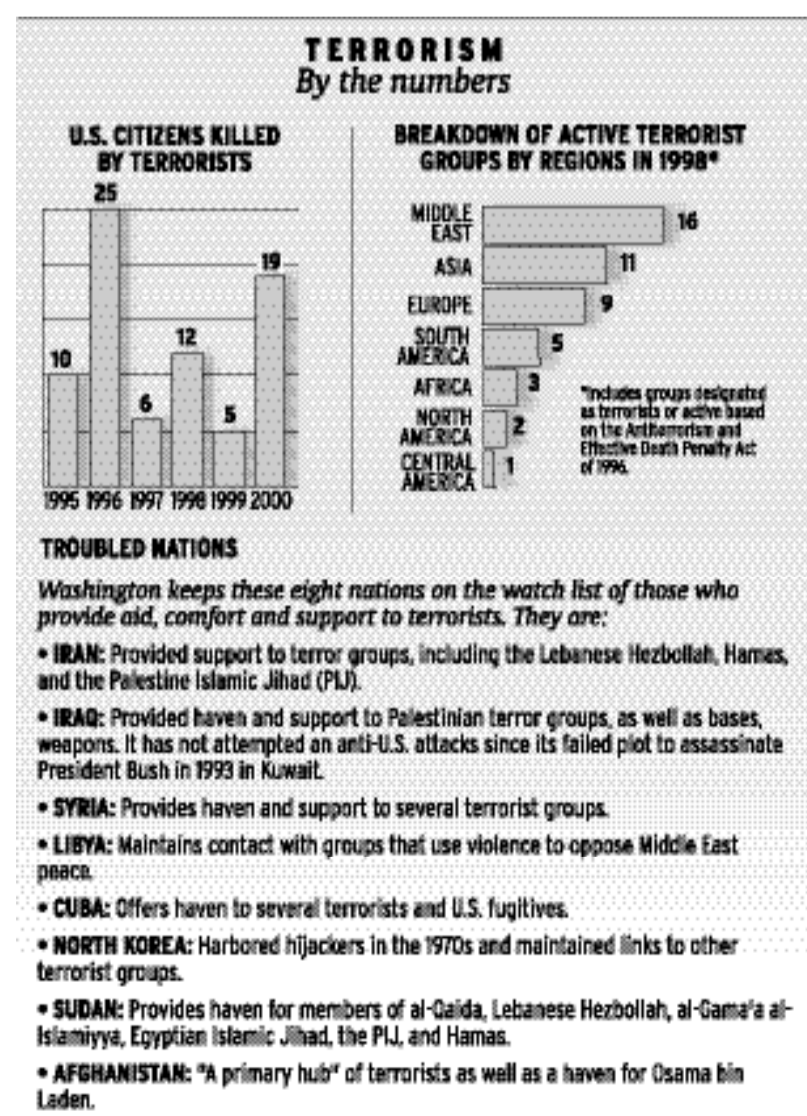
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

The United States for years has had both the knowledge and capability necessary to kill exiled Saudi militant leader Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan, but repeatedly declined to act, angry U.S. intelligence officials and military special operations soldiers said last week.

Bin Laden's organization is the chief suspect in the attacks that leveled the World Trade Center towers, destroyed part of the Pentagon and crashed a hijacked plane in western Pennsylvania. According to intelligence officials, bin Laden is once again in hiding, having moved his training bases in the days before the attacks. President Bush has vowed to pursue him and his far-flung network of terrorists if they are definitely linked to last week's attacks.

Too late: To some, this resolution comes too late.

"We have known his whereabouts with varying degrees of precision, everything from a few miles to a few feet, intermittently for the last few years," said one high-ranking intelligence official who asked not to be identified. "Ever since Desert One [the failed hostage rescue mission to Tehran in 1979], this country has spent countless millions, and some fine young men have died in training, just to make sure we had a force capable of carrying out such missions. We did not act because both the Clinton administration and



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even the current administration never had the will to push it through."

American special forces troops and CIA operatives actually moved into Afghanistan on reconnaissance missions on several occasions, but were prohibited from moving against bin Laden.

Intelligence officials say authorization fell victim to White House con-

cerns about reactions to such a raid from Arab nations, and a general reluctance to place American commandos in harm's way.

Bush administration officials did not immediately respond to the charge, but a top Clinton official dismissed it.

"It is categorically untrue," said Sandy Berger, Clinton's national security adviser during his second term.



NEW YORK

Man finds return to normal life is hard

Brian Mayle, a New York resident from Boardman, thought the reopening of Broadway came too soon after the attacks.

By WILLIAM K. ALCORN
VINDICATOR STAFF WRITER

In the process of realizing his dream, Boardman native Brian Mayle was witness to a nightmare.

Mayle, 24, who plays trombone in the Tony- and Emmy-award winning Broadway production "Blast," was wakened Tuesday morning by his roommate, who told him planes had hit the World Trade Center.

Even though their sixth-floor apartment at 25 Avenue at Port Imperial on the Hudson River is four or five miles from the Trade Center area, Mayle said he and Tim Tuit had a clear view of the burning skyscrapers.



Mayle

Mayle and Tuit, of Washington Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., and a former Youngstown State University student, walked down to the edge of the river and watched in disbelief as the two buildings crumbled to the ground.

"It was kind of a haze. I really didn't know what was going on. I felt we were at war. It absolutely didn't seem real. There was pandemonium. People couldn't fathom what was happening. I think what I saw will be etched in my mind forever," Mayle said.

Lights of Broadway: He said full realization didn't come to him until he went to Manhattan on Thursday after New York's mayor ordered the lights back on Broadway

and the productions resumed.

To get to Manhattan, Mayle and Tuit took the ferry then walked 38th, 42nd and 8th streets to the theater at 53rd and Broadway.

"The eeriest thing about Manhattan is seeing no one around; just a man in military fatigues whose boots were covered with ashes and a few people on bicycles, their faces covered. It was like 2 a.m. on a Sunday," he said.

Reopening Broadway was a decision with which Mayle said he didn't necessarily agree. "No one really agreed with the decision, but the order came from the top. It was real hard to try and perform, but you step on stage and you just do it," he said.

They were to perform Friday, Saturday and Sunday and next week before the show closes Sept. 23. Mayle said an arrangement of "Amber Waves" was incorporated into the Fantasia-like show as a tribute to the victims of the attacks.

City in shock: Despite Broadway's reopening, he said the city is still in "full-blown shock. There is a lot of fear. There were 60 bomb threats Thursday."

But along with the fear there is something else. "It feels as though the city was taken advantage of, and me and a lot of my friends are extremely angry, along with being hurt," he said.

Also, he said, people are regaining some faith. They are just people trying to be Americans and New Yorkers and supporting one another. In the financial district, you can't volunteer; there are just too many," he said.

As soon as he realized what was happening Tuesday, Brian called his mother, Rosalee Mayle of Boardman, and left a message on her telephone answering machine to let her know he was all right. Rosalee had stayed at her job at Gorant Candies and tried to remain calm. About noon, she talked with Brian's girlfriend, Courtney Clement of Austintown, who had spoken with Brian and was assured

her son was safe.

"I was worried about Brian and so sorry about New York. It is so devastating. You never think something of that magnitude could happen here," she said.

Rosalee said she is anxiously awaiting Brian's return in a couple of weeks so he can continue to pursue his dream of becoming a music teacher and band director.

Boardman High graduate: Brian graduated in 1995 from Boardman High School, where he was in the band and orchestra, and studied music at Youngstown State University for five years before going on the road. Now he plans to complete his education degree at YSU.

Besides his mother, Brian has a sister, Tina Mayle of Rochester, Mich.; a brother, Tod Mayle of Boardman; and a half-brother, Tywane Mayle of Austintown. His father, Texas, died when Brian was a senior in high school.

RESPONSE

Religious leaders: Prayer and tolerance are needed

The local faith community responded to the tragedy with messages of love.

By D.A. WILKINSON
VINDICATOR RELIGION EDITOR

YOUNGSTOWN — While the government plans a military response to terror after the attacks on the United States, the religious community sees itself responding with more love.

Religious leaders are appalled by the destruction and loss of human life, but the faith community is already looking at new action to promote tolerance and harmony, the cornerstones of their beliefs.

And in many ways, it's already begun.

Consider the comparison of the suicide airplane attacks Tuesday on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., with the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

The situation then: In the wake of Pearl Harbor, Japanese-Americans were rounded up and placed in internment camps.

The Rev. Jay Alford, pastor of Highway Tabernacle in Austintown, said, "Many of them were more American than we were."

Yet, there was no outcry over their treatment, the Rev. Mr. Alford recalled.

"They were treated pretty shabbily," he said.

Likewise, there was limited spiritual recognition immediately after World War II of the horrors faced by Jews in the Holocaust.

It's taken decades for the faith community to come to grips with the Holocaust, said the Rev. Donald King, pastor of Blessed Sacrament in Warren.

The response now: Within hours of the attacks last week, the faith community responded with messages of love and subtle and direct responses to Muslim-bashing.



Alford

At multifaith services in the Mahoning Valley, Christians, Jews and Muslims came together and were deliberately mixed during worship, said Elsie Dursi, executive director of the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches.

At the national level, the American Muslim Council called for last Friday, Islam's weekly holy day, to be a national day of prayer. And the American Jewish Committee asked people to avoid stereotyping and scapegoating Muslims.

Mr. Alford was in a business meeting Tuesday to discuss building more homes for the needy in Youngstown when he heard of the attacks. A Jewish man was among those present. And they all prayed together at that moment.

"When you don't know what to do, pray," said Mr. Alford.

Gathering: Unprecedented numbers of people packed area churches after the attacks to pray for comfort and answers, pastors said.

That shows people are seeking God, Mr. Alford said.

Dr. Thomas Carr, a professor of religion and philosophy at Mount Union College in Alliance, said there is a great opportunity now for the faith community to expand its activities. If faiths don't, the job of religious education and promotion of tolerance will fall to educational institutions, he said.

The educator said he is skeptical that faiths can reach out during the hawkish climate now prevalent among some conservative evangelical churches and segments of the public.

But area faith leaders agreed they will be doing more in the new day in America.

Dursi sees what must be done as simply "more of the same."

There is more apathy locally than intolerance, and when it comes to spreading messages of God's love and hope, some churches get it more than others, she said.

Mr. Alford sees both change and a return to American core values.

Immediate problems would appear to be such impasses as those between Muslims and Jews — U.S. support for Israel is considered a factor in the attacks — and continued squabbling between various factions in a given religion.

'One nation under God': But Mr. Alford doesn't see a need to be divided over religion and doctrine.

Different faiths aren't ever going to agree on some points, but they don't have to, he said.

"We have to reach a place of acceptance for each other," Mr. Alford said.

The Catholic Diocese of Youngstown has called for Oct. 4 to be a "Day of Reconciliation and Peace," on the Feast of St. Francis, a preacher of peace.

"With so many wonderful opportunities for prayer already taking place, the diocese wants to offer a tangible way for people in our communities to not only come together in prayer, but to make a positive difference in our communities by reconciling with each other and by reaching out to others in personal works of kindness and charity," said Bishop Thomas J. Tobin.

Condemning misuse: Rabbi Simeon Kolko of Congregation Ohev Tzedek Shaarei Torah in Boardman said religions should look within themselves to weed out intolerance and provide positive messages. Faiths should also clearly disown those who misuse religion for hate, he said.

Ultimately, it takes "fearless integrity and honesty" for people to see what they, and their faith communities, must do, the rabbi said.

CELEBRATION | Hundreds rally for America in Boardman



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SUPPORTER: Christine Bowdish of Youngstown was one of many who raised signs or waved flags in support of the nation Saturday at the "Celebrate America" rally at the Southern Park Mall in Boardman.



MALL RALLY: Mall officials said approximately 1,000 people attended a "Celebrate America" rally Saturday at the Southern Park Mall in Boardman. Local Cumulus Broadcasting radio and TV personalities were hosts of the event, with representatives from area service agencies taking part. Raising a flag during the rally was Brent Ford, 13, of Boy Scout Troop 70 from Deerfield.

Valley telethon raises \$250,000

BOARDMAN — Youngstown-area residents overwhelmed area radio and television stations Saturday by donating roughly \$250,000 and two truckloads of goods during an eight-hour telethon for relief efforts in New York City and Washington, D.C.

The telethon was a joint effort between local Clear Channel radio stations and WYTV-TV 33. At the TV station, 10 phones designated for the telethon rang constantly and were quickly joined by 10 newsroom phones to handle calls. At 8 p.m., the scheduled end of the telethon, \$252,405 had been pledged, with phones still ringing.

"It's an obvious tribute to the people [of this region]," said WYTV news director Pat Livingston. "I think everybody felt they had to do something."

As for emergency items, donors filled a tractor-trailer truck donated by Carney-NcNicholas of Austintown



FUND-RAISER Clear Channel Radio personalities Ron Verb, left, and Casey Malone, afternoon talk show hosts on WKBN-AM 570, broadcast during a telethon to raise funds for New York City relief efforts.

and a second delivery-sized truck with water, sports drinks, gloves, boots, socks, underwear, flashlights, batteries and other items. Carney-NcNicholas drivers will drive the goods to New York beginning Monday, with a television crew following.

'Incredible': Clear Channel worker Chris Lewis said he could not believe the outpouring of support from

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cal radio and television stations. Young and old waved flags, raised signs, held balloons and wore red, white and blue, some in sparkling hats, others in striped pants, some wearing Old Glory, others pinning on ribbons or buttons.

"I understand what patriotism is all about," said Mrs. Wright, recalling the days her husband served in Saudi Arabia. "If we can unite this nation ... I think it's going to be amazing what we can accomplish."

Touching display: Ruth Grier of Boardman was touched by the show of unity. The woman said the tragedy has united a nation and has united individual families: Her son who rarely called now calls every day; and, this week, she and her grandchildren hung red-white-and-blue ribbons on trees in her yard.

"I had to be here," she said. "I think it was just marvelous."

The crowd cheered as a color guard of servicemen and servicewomen representing all branches of the military presented the American flag, with the help of Boy Scout Troop 70 of Deerfield.

They also erupted in cheers when firefighters from Boardman, Youngstown and Brookfield took the stage. Boardman Fire Chief James R. Dorman displayed a New York Fire Department T-shirt and asked the crowd to contribute to a fund for fallen firefighters' families set up at Sky and Key banks. One Brookfield firefighter carried an American flag and a fireman's flag. Another U.S. flag was attached to the red helmet he wore.

The event was marked by performances of the national anthem and "God Bless America" by Youngstown State University student Beth Malys of Boardman as well as a rendition of "God Bless the USA" by West Branch teens and a spiritually uplifting song by pupils from Emerson Elementary School in Warren.

Pitching in: Representatives of the Salvation Army branch in Youngstown, Second Harvest Foodbank and the Mahoning County chapter of the American Red Cross all spoke of relief efforts and the outpouring of support from Youngstown area residents.

Bill Rees of the food bank said thousands of pounds of food items were collected in one day. Julie Scarsella of the Red Cross said centers have been inundated, with donors giving 1,500 units of blood per day. The Red Cross chapter also collected donations at the event. Hundreds who gave — from \$1 to \$400 — each hung a small red cross on one of two bare trees. Donors wrote personal messages on the crosses — "God Bless America," "Our Prayers Are With You," "Give Us the Strength" — which will be sent to New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

The hosts of the event were local radio and television personalities from WQXK-FM 105, WYFM-FM 103 and WHOT-FM 101, WKBN-TV 27 and WYFX-TV 33. Donating services and items to the event were Boardman police, Action Silk-screening, Shooting Star Entertainment, Pepsi-Cola, and Gloria Jean's Coffee Bean.

Keeping terrorists from nation won't be easy, experts assert

A Vindicator Web site poll showed that people prefer more immigration restrictions to combat terrorism.

By DAVID SKOLNICK
VINDICATOR POLITICS WRITER

YOUNGSTOWN — If foreigners want to get into this country to commit acts of terror, they're going to find a way to do it even if the government toughens its immigration policies, a Liberty Township immigration lawyer says.

"If you want to get into the United States, you can because the border is so wide, said Atty. Grace Chan, who has practiced immigration law for eight years. "This country is so big. It is going to be a huge, huge task to check every person who comes in. It's impossible."

Chan has no doubt that there is going to be an increased presence at the country's borders and in airports. "But it is humanly and economically impossible to check everyone. How can you check every person?" she said.

About two-thirds of those who participated in a poll on *The Vindicator's* Web site about what step they would favor to prevent terrorism in the United States voted for more restrictive immigration laws over tougher airline travel restrictions and a neutral foreign policy.

Going too far? The federal government is working to make it more difficult for foreigners to enter the United States, but the government has to be careful not to go too far, said Stephen Yale-Loehr, a prominent

immigration attorney who teaches at Cornell Law School in Ithaca, N.Y.

"We cannot deny people visas simply based on their national origin," he said. "I'm encouraged by our political leaders saying that we cannot go after all Muslims because of a few fanatics. Security measures are the key rather than cutting back on overall immigration to the United States."

Historically, immigration has proven to be extremely beneficial to the country and should not be curbed because of the recent terrorist attacks, Yale-Loehr said.

"We have to be careful that individuals we admit are coming for the right purposes," he said. "We can do that without having to change our whole immigration system."

Some of the terrorists involved in the attacks entered the United States through Canada. Because of that, it is not going to be as easy to get across that border anymore, Chan and Yale-Loehr said.

"It's going to take longer for all people coming into the United States, whether they're citizens or foreign nationals," Yale-Loehr said. "But as long as these are done carefully and appropriately, I think everyone is willing to wait a little bit longer to get into the country."

Soft border: Chan says the Canadian-United States line is a "soft border" and does not pose much of a challenge to a terrorist trying to get across it.

"We have a lot of trust in our neighbors to the north so the border is very soft," she said. "It's very easy to enter this country from the north."

Robert Goldsborough, president of the Washington, D.C.-based American Immigration Control, which fa-

vors immigration reforms, says the United States should double the number of personnel patrolling the borders and should receive assistance from the military to make sure the wrong people are not getting into this country.

"They could have been stopped if the current laws were enforced," he said of Tuesday's terrorist attacks. "The government will spend \$40 billion on security measures because of the attacks. Had we spent a mere fraction of that at the borders and at airports before this, it might not have happened. Before Tuesday, Congress told us there was no money for this."

Trafficant: One of American Immigration Control's strongest allies on Capitol Hill is U.S. Rep. James A. Traficant Jr. of Poland, D-17th. Traficant has repeatedly called for the United States to tighten its borders and to place the military there to stop the flow of illegal immigrants into this country.

Traficant will seek to include an amendment calling for troops along the nation's border in the House's Defense Authorization Bill, which could be considered this week, said Charles Straub, the congressman's spokesman. The House has approved the amendment in the past, but it died in the Senate. With the terrorist attacks, there is renewed hope of its approval, Straub said.

Among Goldsborough's suggestions to make the country safer from terrorist attacks is a reduction in the number of legal immigrants to about 300,000 annually. About 840,000 to 1 million immigrants legally and about 1.5 million to 3 million illegally enter this country annually, he said.



MAHONING VALLEY



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INDIAN ORIGIN: Dalbir Dhillon, owner of Valley View Gas in Youngstown, said he has received several threatening phone calls at his business. Dhillon is a follower of the Sikh religion, which started in India in the 1500s and has nothing to do with Islam or Osama bin Laden.

HOW SHE SEES IT

Thousands willing to help; few to save

By DR. VIRGINIA WITT SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR



Witt

I am one of the doctors who work at St. Francis Hospital in Jersey City, right across the river from Manhattan and the World Trade Center. I wrote this summary of the past two days from my perspective, mostly to unburden myself, but because friends and family have been asking me what has been happening. I thought I should share it with you.

Today our hospitals were not flooded with victims ... the good news. The bad news: Mostly, they're pulling out people who didn't make it. The occasional rescue of a living person sends ripples of hope through the hospitals in our city. We received a few patients here, but the thousands expected never came. Even the NYC hospitals aren't flooded with patients.

Ellis Island is now a morgue, I hear. It is only now beginning to sink in, and the full emotional impact has yet to hit me. Yesterday I was running on pure adrenaline, my whole focus on helping those in need.

Ready to help: The first eight hours I spent triaging the patients who came to our hospital, which received the bulk of the "walking wounded" from NYC. The patients were shell-shocked, mostly quiet, stunned. Covered in thick, grayish, clay-colored soot and debris, they streamed into our ER. Some were bleeding, some had makeshift splints on broken limbs. I gave a lightning quick exam and directed them: To the left, those who could walk and were without life-threatening symptoms. Straight back, those who were bleeding, had fractures, or were suffering secondary symptoms, like asthma and people with chest pain.

Then I was transported by state police to the front lines of New Jersey - Liberty State Park, where I remained for another six hours. An incongruous place to be, I thought, when our very liberty is threatened.

The doctors were there - hundreds of them, 150 of them general surgeons who were attending a board review course in Jersey City. Thousands of EMTs and literally hundreds of ambulances from all over this state and Pennsylvania were there. Hundreds of nurses. Volunteers who came to help do anything. We were about two to three thousand strong.

Then there were the quiet heroes - the couple who spent their own money to bring in cases of baby food, formula, and diapers. The office mates who went out and bought hundreds of McDonald's burgers out of their own pockets, just to feed victims and volunteers. Trucks with emergency supplies came across the grass in a steady stream. The local and state police, FBI, and military forces were there. Helicopters took off and landed in a roped-off section of the park.

Thousands of willing hands, ready to bring succor and help. Hundreds of patients had been

THE WRITER

Dr. Virginia Witt

Age: 43 Residence: Passaic Park, N.J. Hometown: Youngstown. Moved to Arizona when she was 14, shortly after her parents died. Education: A 1997 graduate of Duke University School of Medicine. In practice the past four years. Local family: Brother, Andrew Witt of Youngstown; uncle and aunt, Ervin and Mary Catherine Sanders of Liberty.

triaged already, and sent on to our hospitals. We were divided into four sections - no injuries, minor injuries, serious but not life-threatening injuries (BLS) and those with life-threatening conditions (ALS - this last was my group).

Images that haunt: Strange images will forever remain with me: Stunned, watching with the residents from the hospital on the hill, as the second plane deliberately crashed into the second tower. Somehow, I couldn't connect the plane and the explosion together. Who would do such a thing - ergo, my brain insisted that it couldn't have happened. Viewing the NYC skyline without those two towers staring back was just plain eerie. Watching the third building collapse on itself silently from across the river was surreal. The huge, billowing cloud of smoke that continues to dominate the east today was strangely multihued - some areas white, some gray, some black as night. The flames that were intermittently visible from across the Hudson River were a testament to the fact that our brave firefighters were still hard at work after hours of backbreaking work.

The seagulls are no longer white - they're black. No one came: We got the word - 500 to 1,000 victims were expected imminently - within 15 minutes the ferries should begin to arrive. I don't know where that information came from, because nobody ever came. We were sent home with promises that we would be called back again if needed.

Today, again we stood ready. There were only a few people for us to help. The tragedy in the fact that we were not busy lies in the reason for our idle hands - most of the victims did not survive.

We are now focusing on helping to heal the emotional scars of yesterday's events. Making sure that the displaced injured and healthy alike have found a place to stay. Making sure everyone is fed. Coordinating blood donations and volunteer efforts.

Sinking in: Today was the day that the emotions began to force their way through our professional focus. Faces that had been previously stoic began to crumple into tears.

Through it all, the voices were hushed. The only loud noises came from military planes and helicopters patrolling overhead, from the scream of sirens as they raced to help. The people have yet to find a voice.

A dear friend last week shared with me her favorite saying, and it has haunted me over the past 36 hours:

"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die tomorrow." So many uncounted thousands now have no tomorrows left. I hope that we will still remember to dream, after we've found our way through this dark time.

Turbans don't mean terrorists, stress Sikhs who were harassed

A local doctor says he wants to help with the rescue efforts, but he's concerned his offer will be rejected.

By IAN HILL VINDICATOR STAFF WRITER

YOUNGSTOWN - Dr. Tejinder Bal isn't from the Middle East and he doesn't follow Osama bin Laden.

But because he wears a turban and has a long beard, some Mahoning Valley residents have called Bal a terrorist and told him go back to his own country.

"The stereotype is the turban and the beard equals someone that created all these problems," said Bal, of Canfield, referring to Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. "We feel the same pain and sadness as everyone else."

Their religion: The turban and the beard mark Bal as a Sikh, a follower of a religion founded in the early 1500s in India.

Dr. Digvijay Singh, of Canfield, also a Sikh, says the religion stresses belief in one God, universal brotherhood, equal rights for women, and sharing the burden of hard work.

Bal said most local residents treat him with kindness and respect. However, a few mistake him and Singh for the followers of bin Laden, the Saudi terrorist who is suspected of arranging Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Bin Laden is often pictured with a long beard and wearing a turban.

"Overall, the community has been very hospitable and very nice," Bal said. "It's just when we start stereotyping that we get in trouble. It's like saying every black person is bad; they're not. Or every Irish person is an alcoholic; they're not."

Bal said that while he's been driving, some lo-

"Out of anger, they do these sort of things. Some of them need to be educated."

Balbir Sandhu Co-owner of Schenley Carryout

cal residents have shouted curses at him. He added that his son, also a Sikh, has been asked not to report to his job in New York City because of security concerns.

Singh, meanwhile, said some of his relatives are worried that if they go outside, they will be harassed.

Both Bal and Singh are doctors specializing in pulmonary diseases who practice in Youngstown. Singh said he has considered volunteering to provide medical assistance as part of the rescue efforts in New York City. He is concerned, however, that rescuers won't accept his help because of his turban and his beard.

Wearing of turbans: People should realize that most Muslims and Middle Easterners don't wear turbans in America, Singh said.

"I want to want to educate people that a turban does not equate with Arabs at all," he said. "I don't know where that concept comes into people's minds."

Bal noted that local residents need to understand that Sikhs share the pain over the loss of life in Tuesday's attacks. "There's an equal number of prayers being said in Sikh places of worship," he said. "Our anguish is just as much."

Singh added that area Sikhs, "just want to join hands and participate in repairing all the damage that's been done. We want to join hands and be a part of the American fabric."

Singh and Bal aren't the only local Sikhs who have been treated like they're responsible for Tuesday's attacks. Dalbir Dhillon, a Sikh from Can-



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NO CONNECTION: Balbir Sandhu, a Sikh who is co-owner of Schenley Carryout on Mahoning Avenue, believes people are harassing non-Muslims out of anger and ignorance. He said a rock was thrown through the window of the carryout Wednesday.

field who is the co-owner of Schenley Carryout and the owner of Valley View Gas, both on Mahoning Avenue, said he received threatening phone calls while at work Tuesday night.

"I said I'm from a different country" than bin Laden, Dhillon said. "People are just ignorant. They don't know the real story."

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"Out of anger, they do these sort of things," Sandhu said. "Some of them need to be educated."

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United States as the power broker in the region, he said.

"The distrust and dislike of the British and the French to a great extent was inherited by the United States," Satre said. "It is a spinoff of the old imperial world."

The resentment has grown in the decades since, and oil is one of the leading reasons, experts say.

"Our whole economy is based on Middle Eastern oil, so for that reason we have made certain that governments are in power there that provide us with the stability which we need to extract their oil," Daniels said.

The United States supports those governments even if they aren't in the best interests of the people in those countries, said Dr. Omar Altalib, a native of Iraq, now an assistant professor of sociology at Ashland University in Ohio.

"Our country isn't always right and we have sometimes been on the wrong side of issues around the world, and there are people who really feel the United States has perpetrated injustices on them," said Dr.



Rubin



Daniels

John Green, director of the University of Akron's Bliss Institute of Applied Politics.

Different cultures: "We've gone into a lot of places and assumed that they ought to think and behave like us, when the underpinnings of their cultures didn't believe in that," said Dr. Martha Pallante, chairwoman of YSU's history department.

"There are many people around the world who have different ways of thinking from us," said Dr. Mark Rubin, director of Kent State University's Center for International and Comparative Programs. "What we may think is right, humane and just, they may not."

And then there's Israel, which has garnered historically strong support

from the United States as a strategic, democratic Middle East ally.

"We have supported Israel for good reasons, but it has put us at the opposite end of a political spectrum," Pallante said.

Daniels said: "The hatred against Israel is beyond anyone's intellectual comprehension."

But the resentment goes even deeper than politics.

English is now the international language. The U.S. dollar is the currency of the world. The United States' influence is far-reaching on many different fronts.

"We are the most powerful nation militarily," Green said. "We are dominant economically, and I think that's bound to produce resentment."

Western culture - from rock 'n' roll music and bluejeans to Coca-Cola and McDonald's - is pervasive and seeping into every corner of the world.

American media: "People don't like the dominance of American media, particularly entertainment," said Altalib, who was born in northern Iraq, but came to the United States when he was a year old. "They get all

the movies and the songs that come from America that depict Americans as violent and immoral and crude."

"They view it as being absolutely ungodly and satanic," Daniels said.

"Some people feel we're exercising some kind of cultural imperialism," Rubin said.

The resentment turns to hate when someone like Saudi-exile Osama bin Laden, a suspect in Tuesday's attacks in New York and on the Pentagon, begins spreading violent, anti-American rhetoric.

"Then some people go too far in their resentment and start feeling hatred," Altalib said.

Green emphasized that there's much more support worldwide for the United States than hatred, reflected in the outpouring of support by nations around the world after last week's attacks.

"Everybody doesn't hate us by any stretch of the imagination," he said.

"The United States has many, many friends around the world. And even in the countries where these terrorists groups come from, there are a substantial number of people who admire the United States."

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HOW WE SEE IT

In memoriam

In churches and synagogues, in cathedrals and mosques, in Buddhist, Sikh and Hindu temples, in Islamic centers and Jewish centers, wherever worship or contemplation takes place, the people of America have been offering their prayers for the thousands who were killed in the tragedy of September 11. As Americans from every walk of life, of every heritage gathered to mourn the victims of terrorism, so in Washington, D.C., President Bush and former presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton came to the National Cathedral.

They have been joined by millions around the world — common people and heads of state — who with heads bowed or voices raised have also gathered to pray for those whose lives were lost and for their families.

Millions of candles have been lighted, illuminating the shadows with which terrorists have darkened humanity.

But prayers and candles are not enough. In 1863 on the battlefield of Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln observed that "It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us ... that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

We, too, must be so dedicated

Spirit of America: We have been tested, yes. But we have not been found wanting. The blood of the victims that was spilled across New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania has engendered the donation of thousands of pints of blood from those who wanted "to do something." Volunteers from across the United States — including those from Northeast Ohio — rushed to the scenes of disaster to do whatever was asked of them, from searching the rubble to comforting the grieving. The wealthy as well as those who could least afford it have sent money, blankets, toiletries and food to aid the rescuers and those who were made homeless by the catastrophe.

Yet among the stories of what is best about America and Americans have come disquieting accounts of the kind of hatred we abhor in the terrorists. Those who would harm or threaten Americans of Middle Eastern descent bring dishonor to our nation. Our flag stands for liberty and justice for all. Since the Revolutionary War, Americans have known that united we stand, divided we fall. Now is not the time for division.

On Friday, President Bush said, "Our unity is a kinship of grief and a steadfast resolve to prevail against our enemies."

However, we must not only prevail against our enemies. We must prevail for justice and for liberty. We must prevail so that the United States of America will remain a beacon of freedom for ourselves and all of Earth's oppressed.

YSU trustees heap praise and money on Dr. Sweet

If enrollment at Youngstown State University had remained the same as last year, instead of continuing the downward trend of the past decade, it would have been positive news. Had the university recorded a 1 percent or 2 percent increase, President David Sweet, administrators, faculty and staff would have been justified in taking a bow.

So what do you say when Dr. Sweet announces that the official enrollment numbers for the 2001 academic year reflect a 4 percent increase?

If you're the board of trustees of Youngstown State, you heap praise on the first-year president and give him a pay raise.

"To say that we're pleased would be an understatement," Trustee Joseph Nohra told Sweet during last week's meeting. "If there was any way we could give you more and still be fiscally responsible, we would."

In light of YSU's tight financial situation and the uncertainty of future state funding, we are confident that Sweet would agree that the 3.7 percent pay increase he is receiving is more than adequate recognition for the job he has done so far.

The 12,250 students now on campus reflect an actual increase of 3.9 percent, the largest since 1990.

Sweet's predecessor, Dr. Leslie Cochran, who received pay raises despite declining enrollment, worked to build YSU physically and academically, believing his initiatives would attract students.

Top priority: However, when Sweet took over in July 2000, he made it clear that enrollment would be his top priority and that he wanted everyone on campus to be a part of the campaign.

He talked about the need for a marketing strategy that not only emphasized YSU's attributes, but also assured prospective students that as customers they would receive quality service, both inside and outside the classroom.

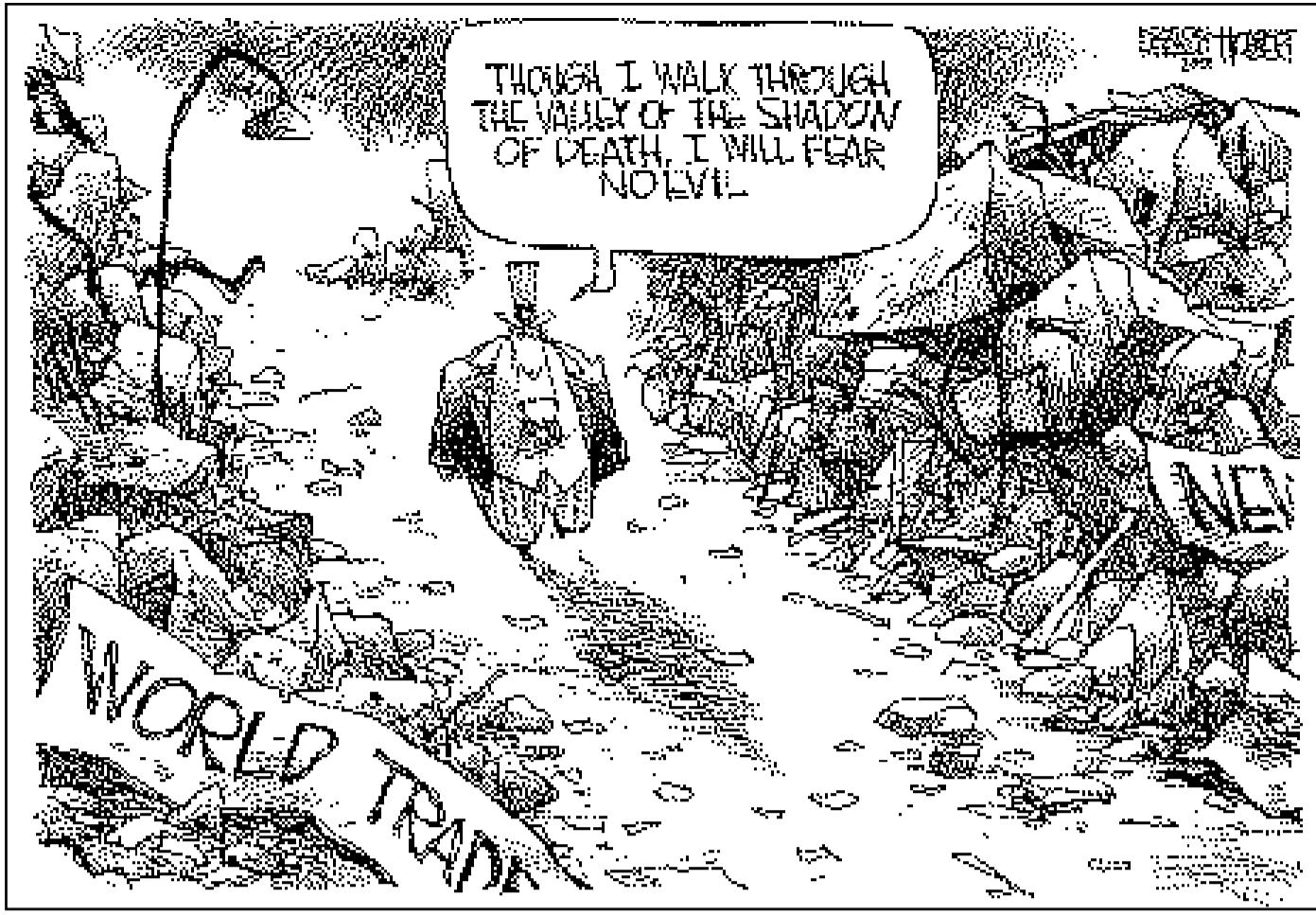
Sweet put together a management that Trustee William Knecht characterized as the best one in YSU's history.

"The consensus of the board is that your professionalism has been superior," Knecht told the president. "Not just good, but superior."

But though the 4 percent increase is impressive, what is even more significant is the 6.1 percent jump in the number of students enrolled full time. Full-time enrollment is a major factor in the formula the Ohio Board of Regents uses to distribute public dollars to state colleges and universities.

With the recent Ohio Supreme Court ruling that requires the Legislature to spend about \$1 billion a year more on primary and secondary education, funds for higher education may be in jeopardy. But with the increase in the number of full-time students, YSU can easily make the case for its fair share of state dollars.

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HOW YOU SEE IT

Traficant stands with those who oppose U.S.

EDITOR:
Imagine, if you can, how you would have felt on Dec. 8, 1941, if your congressman had stood in the well of the House of Representatives and said that America was to blame for the attack on Pearl Harbor. Imagine if he had said that the proper response to it was not a war against the perpetrators of the sneak attack, but an adjustment of our policy in Asia to be more evenhanded.

The current war launched against the United States demands a response no less focused, and no less furious than that of 60 years ago. And yet, while the smoke from the attack still stains the skies of Manhattan, and even while a few surviving victims literally buried alive still cry for help from beneath the mountain of rubble, our congressman says that America must be more "fair" in its dealings in the Middle East.

Traficant says, "I believe that America's policy in the Mideast is so one-sided that we endanger now American citizens. We must be fair in our policy. ... Congress must now look in the mirror and do what is right and be fair."

There is a name for this policy. It is appeasement. Appeasement is not simply unproductive; it is cowardly and shameful.

Not content to humiliate our Valley with his antics in Congress, nor to incriminate himself in actions that have led to a federal indictment, Traficant now wants our country to grovel before those who hold us in murderous contempt. Let us be rid of this disgrace — and soon.

ERIC CHEVLEN, M.D.
Youngstown, Ohio

Americans must come together, trust leaders

EDITOR:
First and foremost I am proud and will remain proud to be an American.

However, I as an American felt vulnerable as I watched the twin towers crumble to the ground burying thousands of innocent Americans. How could such a vicious act of terrorism take place in my country?

In the hours that followed, I realized that we as Americans cannot feel vulnerable. Instead we must feel resilient.

We are the land of the free and, most important, of the brave. We will come back from this awful catastrophe only if we stick together as Americans and trust that our government, our president will find the responsible, heartless, and cowardly masterminds behind this act and retaliate to the fullest extent. Then and only then will the Star Spangled Banner wave higher and brighter than ever before.

THOMAS JAMES SQUILLO
New Castle

Pray that lawbreakers are brought to God and justice

EDITOR:
The Apostle Paul was a terrorist when his name was Saul and before he met Jesus. After he met the living Lord he repented of his sin and was forgiven and went on to serve the Lord and to preach the Gospel to the gentiles.

We should forgive these people, but by the grace of God who has blessed this nation for many generations, they are us.

Unto the nations is given the power of the sword (by God). Laws have been broken and our law enforcement and judicial system has been established under God to bring the lawbreakers to justice.

This we should do according to our laws. Submit yourselves to every authority placed over you for they are God's agents to bring you blessing. God says forgive as you have been forgiven, the government is the agent under God to bring the lawbreakers to justice. We pray that the doers of this evil will meet the Lord Jesus Christ and their lives will be changed as the Apostle Paul's was on the road to Damascus.

KEN and FRANCINE WEBER
Mercer

U.S. policy in Mideast to blame for terrorist attack

EDITOR:
Osama bin Laden is being blamed for the terrorist attacks on New York and

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Washington. He may have arranged for the suicide bombers who manned the hijacked planes, but that's as far as his responsibility goes. Behind him are all of the Muslim nations of the Middle East, although they will all deny responsibility. Finding bin Laden will be like finding a needle in a haystack. The invitation to this terrorist act lies in our government in Washington, which really invited the attack because of our Middle East policy of unilaterally backing Israel over the Palestinians.

If a person wants to blame anybody for the attack on Washington and New York, blame those in Washington who decided that Israel is to be preferred over all of the nations of the Middle East and the world.

Which one of these nations is to be attacked in retaliation for this devastating attack on New York and the Pentagon? The American people had better wake up. Unfortunately it is the ordinary people who pay the price for the follies of our powers that be.

What the Muslim nations have decided is that this is to be a terrorist war while they all hide behind anonymity complaining that they could not have had anything to do with this because the persons who did the hijacking were individuals who made up their own minds and took the action unilaterally.

Before this is over, the whole world will be in ashes. Is our foreign policy worth the fear of every time a passenger boards a plane he wonders whether the plane will be hijacked by a suicidal Muslim?

RICHARD D. MURRAY M.D.
Youngstown

Lives may be changed, but our spirit will prevail

EDITOR:
The shock and devastation has been a wake-up call to the real world we live in. We look in horror as our lives will ever be changed.

As with Pearl Harbor, the reality of life has come upon us. The devastation dealt Tuesday will be another obstacle we must and will overcome.

The price will be enormous, but we cannot let a group of cowards take away the things we have fought so hard to maintain.

In 1941 our then-enemy said, "We have awakened a sleeping giant."

Never forget. The human spirit that we have will prevail upon any people who try to take away from our lives. The price of freedom is not cheap. But the spirit cannot be broken. We will put an end to terrorism.

MICHAEL DAVIDUK
Seminole, Fla

■ The writer, a Vietnam vet now living in Florida, grew up in the Valley.

Tax dollars should stay in America, not go overseas

EDITOR:
We are paying our troops to defend other countries when we could use those tax dollars to get our own people off the streets. You would think our government would want to help us first.

We are the ones who have worked for this country every day and still live in poverty because we can't afford to go to school. Our streets are run down because our money doesn't go to help us, but to help other countries.

The government is more worried about politics than safety. They should have known this would happen by letting our enemies into our country. There are always consequences.

How we should respond and prevent this from happening again is obvious. Stop letting these people into this coun-

try, and pay attention to who we are and why.

We should start using tax money for bettering our own country and fix what is wrong here. We need to stop thinking we can save the world and worry about saving the United States. We live in a democracy and believe in freedom, others don't. Others believe in war and control.

The people that attacked us Tuesday were extremists. They did whatever it took to prove a point at whatever the cost. They trained their own people to commit suicide.

If we want to continue to live in a free society we are going to have to protect what we believe in.

HOLLY CONNOLLY
Austintown

■ The writer is a YSU student.

Proud Americans should move forward as one

EDITOR:

Many Americans of every race, creed, color, and religion from all four corners of the Earth lost their lives. We should never lose sight of that and start to vent our anger and pain at other Americans because of their heritage.

We as proud Americans must move forward with honor and pride as we have since the founding of our democracy and republic. We cannot let the cowardly terrorists win and paralyze the American people and our freedoms.

WILLIE JAMES RICHARDS
Youngstown

Citizens show patriotism, support of those in need

EDITOR:
As an 18-year-old college student, I have never experienced anything like the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

My heart goes out to the victims, families and rescuers. Though we as a nation will never forget the tragic events in New York and Washington, we should never forget how the citizens of the United States are coming together in a time of need.

The donations are pouring in, the volunteers are relentless and strangers are coming together for one cause. Never as a nation have we clung to each other so strongly. I commend everyone for their patriotism and support of those struggling with the pain they are feeling, mentally as well as physically.

In times like these, the only thing everyone can do is pray

JENNIFER BRYSON
Boardman

■ The writer is a YSU student.

Terrorists have destroyed lives but not our nation

EDITOR:

On Tuesday, September 11, a terrible evil was unleashed on our country by evil sons of their God, for reasons known only to them. If their intent was to destroy or disrupt the life of our nation then they have failed completely.

The only thing they have done is to take the lives of innocent people, present and generations yet unborn, those whose only purpose was to live their lives fully and completely.

Now all our prayers and efforts must be directed toward the care of the families and friends of the victims. We can only pray that there is a special place in Heaven for the victims and their families where they can live in peace and without fear for time.

DONALD H. DILLEY
Kinsman

Return prayer to schools

EDITOR:
We, as a nation, have come together in prayer at many, many churches throughout every community in the United States. Our president even proclaimed Friday as a national day of prayer. Because of the terrible tragedy that has struck the United States, we have truly become one nation under God again.

Maybe now would be the time that we should put prayer back into our schools and our lives. We owe our children the security of knowing that we are united with God. Our nation needs to put prayer back into our lives — now, before it is too late.

NANCY MUENNICH

Fight terror with terror



The telephone rang at 3:15 Wednesday morning. "Are you all right?" asked the younger sister, her voice filled with emotion. It didn't matter to her that Youngstown, Ohio, is 390 miles from New York City and 300 miles from Washington,

D.C. From where she sat in her home in a little English village not too far from London, America was under attack and all Americans were in harm's way.

"Everything's OK," he told her. "I have to be up in a couple of hours. I'll call later." She again sought reassurance that his hometown had been spared the deadly terrorist attacks.

Later that evening, telephone conversations with his sister and her son focused on what the people of Britain saw Tuesday afternoon, their time.

"I was in the office in London and as soon as we heard the news, people stopped working and crowded around television sets," the nephew said. "A lot of offices closed, everything just stopped. It was like a movie. We couldn't believe it."

"It was like a scene from the movie 'Independence Day,'" the sister said about the fires that engulfed the twin towers of the World Trade Center. "It was like a Hollywood set."

And then the question: How could it have happened?

Perspective: From across the ocean, that question offers a perspective of the United States that many Americans fail to contemplate. The rest of the world finds it difficult to fathom how the lone superpower with its military strength and its economic might could fall victim to a bunch of terrorists. Big nations don't permit themselves to be bloodied by zealots.

Terrorists' acts aren't supposed to occur on American soil, especially a second time. The 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center by Arab terrorists should have been the first and last one. It should have alerted this country to the fact that it was now fighting a new enemy, one markedly different from its Cold War rival, the Soviet Union.

And it should have recognized that the old rules of engagement no longer applied. During the Cold War, the doctrine of Mutual Assured Destruction — MAD — kept the two nuclear superpowers, the United States and Soviet Union, from launching their weapons. Thus, neither country fell victim to attack.

But the end of the Cold War and the demise of the Soviet Union did not make America safe. Terrorism became the enemy. Yet, decision-makers in Washington failed to adopt a new doctrine for dealing with this new threat. Rather than retaining MAD and simply replacing the word *Destruction* with the word *Death* they chose to focus on individuals who committed the act of terrorism at the World Trade Center. They ignored the overall issue of terrorism.

Perhaps naturalized citizens, those who have adopted a country as their own, have a different view of the world they live in than individuals whose roots run deep.

The anguish of seeing your country of choice being bullied, as it were, by fanatics with a perverted sense of God and religion is overwhelming. This is especially true of someone who was born under the yoke of colonialism and who survived the iron fist of a dictator.

For such a person, his country of citizenship stirs in him an intense feeling of nationalism and loyalty.

Thus, when jet airplanes loaded with highly explosive fuel and carrying innocent men, women and children are commandeered by hijackers and rammed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, there is anger — not only over the loss of thousands of lives, but because of the realization that the terrorist attacks could have been prevented in the first place.

Military campaign: How? By a sustained military campaign against terrorist organizations and their sponsoring nations starting back in 1993 after the first bombing of the World Trade Center.

Such a proactive approach to dealing with this country's new enemy may have dissuaded the world's leading mastermind of terrorism, Saudi Arabian millionaire Osama bin Laden, from blowing up the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and from dispatching suicide bombers to ram their watercraft into the USS Cole.

American lives and the lives of citizens from other countries were lost.

And so today, the world watches in horror as America mourns, and the question keeps being asked again and again, "How could it have happened?"

There is only one way to answer now: It must never happen again.

SCRIPTURES



May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:14 NIV

How They See It

CARTOONISTS DRAW | Readers write

To our readers:
 So long as Americans have the freedom to express their opinions in a free press, the voice of the people silences the tumult of terrorism. *Vindicator* readers whose letters have appeared on the editorial pages over the past few days have put into words the feelings and concerns of many Americans as they try to contend with the tragedy that has befallen our nation, articulating the fears and hopes that others sense but cannot say. We thank them for their commendable efforts.

We are also grateful to the editorial cartoonists whose work we feature on our pages. When the disaster made it impossible for their work to be transmitted from New York, we were afraid that the power of their pens would also be vanquished. Instead, they each responded to our calls and e-mails sending us their work directly, thus allowing it to be shared with *Vindicator* readers.

Patricia R. Kelvin
 For The *Vindicator* editorial board



Thanks to the heroes among us, love of mankind will still triumph

EDITOR:
 How do I explain to my children that terrorism descended on America, that evil took over the skies, that Hell visited once safe territories, that a horrific force inhabited our country and that chaos reigned for one day? How do I explain to my children who saw the images on the screen? What do you say to a three-year-old who cries when his carefully constructed block tower crashes down? Or to a 19-month old who cries when his toy plane drops from the table? "Yes honey, this happened for real?"

How do I put into words that "Uncle Chip and Aunt Lisa" got out of their offices in time, but other mom-

mies and daddies weren't so lucky?
 Maybe, instead, I tell them about the good people who lost their lives and the good people who are trying to help a nation that mourns for, in grieving, we heal; and that there are heroes who walk among us, that they are sacrificing their own safety to help others, that they are sifting through the broken pieces, searching for answers.

Maybe I tell them that somehow, some way, because of these great people helping each other, this love for mankind we're feeling will triumph in the end.

KRISTINE MELDRUM DENHOLM
 Poland



Now is not the time for hatred

EDITOR:
 I was completely disgusted when I read the letters sent in by readers who both talked of seeing the Palestinians dancing in the streets and seemed to think this was the perfect reasoning to "turn their sandy deserts into glass." Don't they understand that by our army going over there and dropping random bombs on civilians we would be monsters too? The kind of hate and ignorance expressed in those letters is precisely why tragedies like Tuesday's happen.

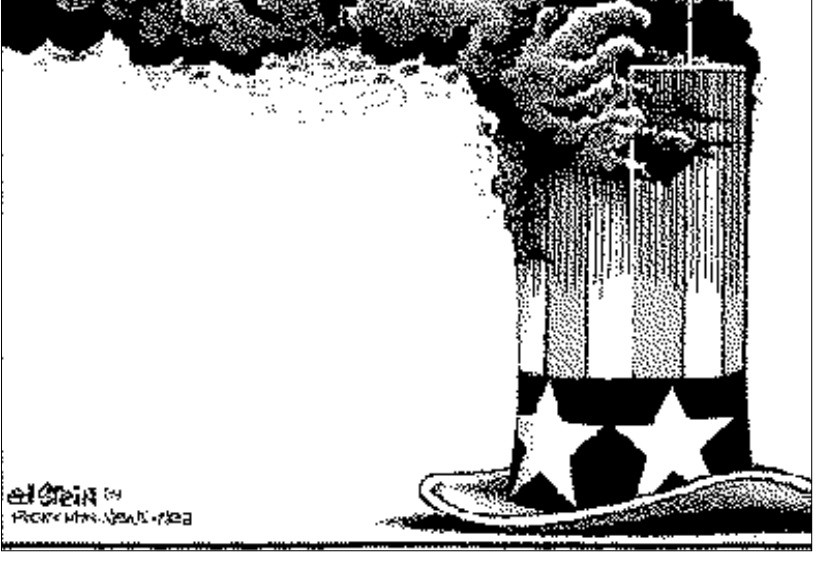
Now is the time to hope our country's leaders find those responsible for these horrific acts and punish them and only them.

We cannot become so blinded by anger that we turn to hate for a solution. It saddened me greatly to see those children dancing and cheering, but I don't wish for their death. I pray for them as much as I pray for the people of this country.

ANGELA GUZMAN
 Campbell

■ The writer is a YSU senior.

America needs American steel



EDITOR:
 Now that this tragedy has happened to the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the president and Congress will want to come to aid of the steel industry to keep it operating in the United States. We need to be able to produce steel here to take care of demand not only for defense but consumers' needs. We need to depend on our industry rather than be at the mercy of any other country.

CLARA M. GEISE
 Youngstown



The United States must turn to God and to prayer

EDITOR:
 When I heard Tuesday about the terrorism in New York City, Washington and Pennsylvania, I was very shocked. I was born and raised in Lebanon and we spent more than 16 years in war. I was afraid all the time. I was eight years old when the war started. I didn't know what peace was. When I heard the news, everything about our war came to my mind.

From now on, every American has to think about his or her safety, especially the younger generation who

don't know the sounds of bombs going off except from hearing them on TV. We have to be aware, to be cautious and think about our safety, the safety of our country.

We have to know who did this and why, yet try to resolve everything in peace. Violence doesn't solve anything. Only prayer and peace can do miracles.

Let America always rely on God and keep going.

Sister GRACE AZOURY
 North Jackson

■ The writer is a YSU student.

Lost Americans will always be remembered

I don't know you. I don't know your face. I'm not sure if you have brown eyes or red hair. I have never held your hand or kissed your face. I wouldn't recognize your step in the hallway or your trademark high five.

We haven't shared a joke or a beer.

We didn't go to school together. My mom didn't know your mother when we were kids, and I didn't meet you at the company picnic last August.

You're just a name.

You're only one name, neatly typewritten on a piece of ordinary paper. One name out of hundreds. A name your parents' gave you. A name you signed on checks, on your kids' report cards, on your driver's license with the picture you told everyone how much you hated.

But you are more than just a name. You are somebody's father. Somebody's mother. A daughter. And a son.

You are my best friend. The guy I used to go out with. The lady down the street who always waved from

her car. You're the gentleman who held the elevator for me. The nurse who held my hand when I had my first daughter.

You are my teacher, my neighbor, my doctor, my husband, my daughter.

You are my loss. My memory. My love.

You are an American. You are not forgotten.

ELIZABETH SAILOR
 New Wilmington



HOW THEY SEE IT

YEARS AGO

Today is Sunday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 2001. There are 106 days left in the year. On this date in 1940, President Franklin Roosevelt signs into law the Selective Training and Service Act, which sets up the first peacetime military draft in U.S. history.

In 1810, Mexico begins its revolt against Spanish rule. In 1893, hundreds of thousands of settlers swarm onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip." In 1919, the American Legion is incorporated by an act of Congress. In 1940, Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas is elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1974, President Ford announces a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam War deserters and draft-evaders. In 1976, the Episcopal Church, at its General Convention in Minneapolis, formally approves the ordination of women as priests and bishops. In 1982, the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children by Lebanese Christian militiamen begins in west Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps.

September 16, 1976: Youngstown City Council appears ready to take a chance on what may be an unconstitutional loan program rather than let money-strapped homeowners go without needed house repairs.

The Environmental Protection Agency is probing the gas smell that has plagued homeowners in the Carline Ave. area of Hubbard for several years.

In a surprise announcement, a Volkswagen official says full production of Rabbit cars in its first American assembly plant could begin by late 1978. Volkswagen is taking over a never-used Chrysler plant near New Stanton, about 40 miles south of Pittsburgh.

September 16, 1961: A bandit, neatly dressed in a beret and dark clothing, robs the operator of Levinson's Tire Co., 256 E. Front St., of nearly \$600.

Youngstown police answering a



Vindicator file photo

SEPTEMBER 8, 1984: Bob Stone, commander of Mahoning Valley, Chapter 5, Pearl Harbor Survivors, places a wreath at the base of a flag at the Holiday Inn North during a statewide convention of Pearl Harbor survivors in Youngstown.

burglary call at the Century-Loblaw Co., Fifth Ave. and Grant St., capture two men in the store and a third man hiding in a car parked in the store lot.

General American Transportation Corp. in Masury books a \$2.4 million order to build 120 aluminum tank cars for Armour & Co.

September 16, 1951: The babies of World War II are reaching school age and Youngstown area schools are overflowing with five and six year olds entering kindergarten and first grade. Youngstown public school kindergarten enrollment jumped from 1,593 in 1950 to 2,001 in 1951.

With traffic accidents soaring throughout Ohio, Akron has come up with a record that police and safety officials in the state regard as remarkable. Akron has a fatality rate of 4 per 100,000, the best in the state; Youngstown's record is 16 per

100,000, the worst in the state.

Three Warren men returning home from a fishing trip in Canada are killed in a traffic accident at North Bay, Ontario. Dead are Charles Poff, Theodore Swiatkwich and Michael J. Shriner.

September 16, 1926: Frank Jacobs, a veteran Youngstown attorney and one of the city's best known men, dies at his Kimmelbrook home of injuries received Aug. 30 when he was struck by a motorcycle.

A bold burglar steals four diamond rings from the show window of the Pugh Bros. Jewelry store, 128 Market St., at 5 a.m. after breaking the window with a stone. He escapes in an automobile.

CAL THOMAS

Not everybody is like us



Something else died on Tuesday, in addition to thousands of innocent people. It was the doctrine of moral equivalency — the idea that people everywhere are just like us, or can be made so by meeting their demands.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday that the United States will now go after terrorism wherever it is found in the world. That's a nice change from the State Department's criticism of Israel for doing precisely what we now plan to do. Powell has said that Israel went "too far" when it retaliated against terrorists who killed Israeli civilians. Powell seems to indicate that America's approach to terror will be limitless. If that's good policy for America, why isn't it good policy for Israel?

Perhaps the idea of a "cycle of violence" in the Middle East has also died. That phrase has always implied that there are no perpetrators and no victims. Funny how American leaders stop talking about such things when Americans bleed and die.

Divine mandate: The enemies of religious pluralism, tolerance and other American values see it as their divine mandate to eradicate people who do not believe as they do. These are not people who can be mollified, coddled or persuaded to think and act differently. For them, it is not an aberration to kill what they regard as the enemies of Islam. It is their commission and their duty.

Before plotting future approaches to terrorism, it would be well to con-

Our approach to terrorism has failed because we have looked at it through the wrong prism.

sider our past approaches, which have clearly failed in light of this American holocaust.

We have eviscerated our intelligence-gathering capabilities, mainly due to politicians and their media colleagues who have alleged that the United States no longer has enemies and to think so is to engage in a Cold War mentality. A laughable moment occurred during CNN's coverage on Tuesday when anchor Judy Woodruff was interviewing novelist Tom Clancy. Clancy said one of the reasons our defenses broke down was the media's anti-spying bias. Woodruff responded that the media doesn't take positions on such things.

Hah hah!

Wrong prism: Our approach to terrorism has failed because we have looked at it through the wrong prism. Former National Security Adviser Samuel Berger spoke of a "100-year conflict" between Israelis and Palestinians — not a 4,000-year one. He said he believed there was "not a single issue ... that cannot be resolved." Well, how about the very existence of Israel and the West, or the doctrines of Judaism and Christianity? (Check out the kangaroo court trying those Christian missionaries in Afghanistan and the death sentence that's the lot of anyone in Afghanistan who speaks of another God besides Allah, to say nothing of the Afghans' cave man view of

women. Does anyone seriously believe such radicals can be converted into democrats by Western "earnestness"?)

Former Middle East negotiator, Ambassador Dennis Ross, spoke of the need for "earnestness" and a "profoundly serious approach" to peacemaking. Did he think Israeli and Western leaders had been playing games since 1948 when Israel was re-established in its land?

This is the kind of fuzzy thinking that makes America (and Israel) vulnerable to enemies who will not be satisfied until we look like the ashes that came floating down from the World Trade Center.

Evil exists. It must be opposed. It is self defense to kill people intent on killing you. If this is war, as President Bush and others have said, let's start acting like it and tell America's enemies that if they are so intent on seeing their God, we'll help them get there. As for us, we intend to die of natural causes.

Those humanistic, "can't we all get along," "profiling potential terrorists is racism," "we're all God's children," Kumbaya, "all we are saying is give peace a chance" moral equivalency equivocators will soon be back. They'll try to wear down our resolve. They should be ignored. They have lost all credibility, just as the "peace in our time" crowd did at the start of World War II.

We know the enemy. We know where they live. Let's go get them before they get any more of us, and let the moralizers sort it all out later.

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HOW YOU SEE IT

America will prevail

EDITOR:

May God be with those who were victims and whose loved ones were victims of such a hideous and unspeakable crime. And may God bring to justice those responsible for the inhumane acts brought forth Tuesday. We need to stay strong for those suffering now and to prove to the terrorists that we will not tolerate these attacks on our freedom or on the lives and safety of innocent citizens. We will prevail — that I am sure of.

BECKY BONDONI
Canton

U.S. freedom foremost

EDITOR:

As a mother of two, I was deeply affected by the terrorist attacks — so much so, that my employer let me go to retrieve my girls from a "lock-down."

It is unfathomable to me that people could hate others so much, that their fears overcome them and they feel the need to kill others to make themselves feel powerful, and for what cause? To make us feel as if we were vulnerable?

Well, I believe that we will overcome this dreadful time and show the world that we are still a force to be reckoned with. Thank you for allowing me the freedom to write this letter. Maybe if those who attacked us had a few more freedoms, like the freedom of expression, this tragic event would never have happened.

CATHERINE FOCKLER
Struthers

Blame the evil-doers, not all from Mideast

EDITOR:

The day of Sept 11, 2001, will live in the memory of everyone. It may become one of the worst events in the history of the United States.

Most of us are hurt and angry, but we must come together and find out who has done this and take them out.

I may only be a college student and I may see many more events, but this is one of those things that anyone over the age of 8 or 10 will remember.

I just want to hope that everyone will come together and not blame those of Middle East origin. Not all of them are the evil ones but just the ones that caused it.

The people who were in the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania are the heroes and the firefighters and police officers who have been missing so far they are the bravest people in the country, by going into the building to save people even though they knew that they may die. They deserve the Purple Heart for everything they have done.

JULIA KATZ
Struthers

■ The writer is a YSU student.

Now not the time for hasty judgments

EDITOR:

The destruction of the World Trade Center towers is far more than terrorism.

An act of that horrific magnitude may have had this purpose: To lure the leaders of the United States into a hasty, ill-conceived retaliation against the wrong people and nations, thus causing an international conflict, harming us as much or more than anyone else, and leaving the undetected planners to remain unscathed and able to increase their own power and influence in the aftermath.

The situation may be far more complex than what may seem all too obvious to many of our leaders.

MILTON R. NORRIS
Canfield

■ Ed's note: More letters can be found on A6 and A7.

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As a nation, we have a deep and abiding capacity to pull together in the face of tragedy. From the very earliest moments, people throughout the United States — and indeed the world — have come together wanting to help. But by far the greatest sacrifices were made by the innocent victims whose lives were so tragically cut short, and by their families, friends and communities.

National City and the American Red Cross have partnered to help provide assistance in this time of need. We will accept donations for the American Red Cross disaster fund which will be directed specifically to the September 11, 2001, tragedies. You do not need to be a customer to make a donation.


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Please join me in expressing our deepest condolences and in offering assistance to all those who have suffered the loss of loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and with our great nation.

Your donation is deeply appreciated.


 Phil Rice
 President
 National City Bank of Ohio

UNITED STATES: SIEGE FALLOUT

Industries count their losses

The financial cost of the attack on the World Trade Center is sure to run into many billions of dollars. The losses due to property damage in Manhattan will be known soon, said Jay Mueller, an economist at Strong Capital Management, but "the cost of interruption of business will take a month to three months to be known." Here is a brief look at how different sectors of the economy will be affected by the worst terrorist attack in the nation's history.

AIRLINES
Expected losses: The International Air Transport Association said airlines have already lost \$10 billion in ticket revenues after being grounded Tuesday and only now are resuming operations.

Analysts expect the airlines will have to spend heavily to meet new security requirements at a time when demand for air travel will be low, adding to the industry's losses.

Prospects for recovery: Analysts are pessimistic, saying that if the airline industry resorts to cut-rate fares to lure leisure travelers, it will lose huge sums of money. But raising fares may not be possible until the peak travel season next summer.

INSURANCE
Expected losses: Moody's Investors Service estimates insurers will have to pay \$10 billion to \$15 billion, making the disaster somewhat cheaper than Hurricane Andrew, which at \$20 billion set the record. Standard & Poor's, meanwhile, said the insurance payout will probably be the largest in history and other estimates range as high as \$25 billion.

Prospects for recovery: Industry analysts say the insurance industry is strongly capitalized and can handle its liabilities

without danger of collapse. The life and property insurance covering the victims is shared among many insurance companies around the world.

The insurance industry typically raises rates to recoup its losses and is expected to do so again, meaning higher premiums for life and property coverage.

TOURISM
Expected losses: The World Tourism Organization said it cannot forecast losses in the travel industry, but warned that it could be as bad as the 1991 Gulf War, when tourists stayed at home out of fears of terrorism.

U.S. residents spent \$578 billion on national and international travel last year, and visits from residents of other countries are vital to the economies of New York, San Francisco and other tourist destinations.

Prospects for recovery: After the Gulf War, and despite a recession, travel spending rose from \$366 billion in 1991 to \$378 billion in 1992, as tourists were assured they could safely go abroad. That same bounce could happen again.

MEDIA
Expected losses: With broadcast networks not running advertising since the events began unfolding, the cost to the networks is believed to exceed \$100 million alone this week. The news weeklies, hurt by the struggling ad economy, saw more than 20 percent of their advertisers pull out this week - not wanting to look like they were profiting from the tragedy.

Total costs to media, including added circulation and newsprint and special editions, may approach \$200 million for the week.

Prospects for recovery: Both cable news networks and broadcast networks see long-term benefits to sticking with non-stop coverage of the terrorist attacks despite the major revenue hits.

REAL ESTATE
Expected losses: Property damage alone in lower Manhattan is likely to be \$3 billion to \$5 billion, according to the National Association of Independent Insurers, a Des

Plaines, Ill.-based trade group. The twin towers of the World Trade Center were valued at \$3.2 billion when control of the 4.7-million-square-foot complex was transferred July 24 from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to a joint venture. But there is damage to many other buildings as well.

Prospects for recovery: Those landlords whose buildings were not destroyed or damaged from the attacks are likely to benefit. With as much as 20 million square feet of space destroyed or temporarily unusable, companies are scrambling to find as much replacement space as is available in a market where the overall vacancy rate is just 5.3 percent.

The vacancy rate will go down to zero, real estate officials predict. Some companies will turn to the suburbs to meet their needs, analysts say.

ENTERTAINMENT
Expected losses: Hollywood is expected to take some short-term losses as studios pull back on films with violent themes. Already a number of potential blockbuster disaster movies scheduled for the holiday season have been scratched.

Theme parks could see double-digit declines in attendance throughout the remainder of the year, mirroring similar declines after the Persian Gulf War in 1991, analysts say. All told, entertainment officials expect a revenue decline of 6 percent to 8 percent in the \$372 billion entertainment industry in the next 12 months.

Prospects for recovery: While the downturn is expected to be greatest over the next few months, the entertainment industry could see some leveling off sometime in the first quarter of next year, said Michael Jenkins, president of Dallas-based consulting and design firm Leisure and Recreation Concepts.

Right now "people are glued to their TVs," Jenkins said. "What we're finding is that people are staying home and discovering their own backyards."

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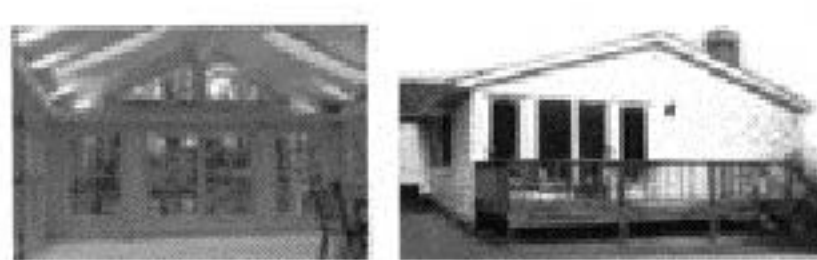
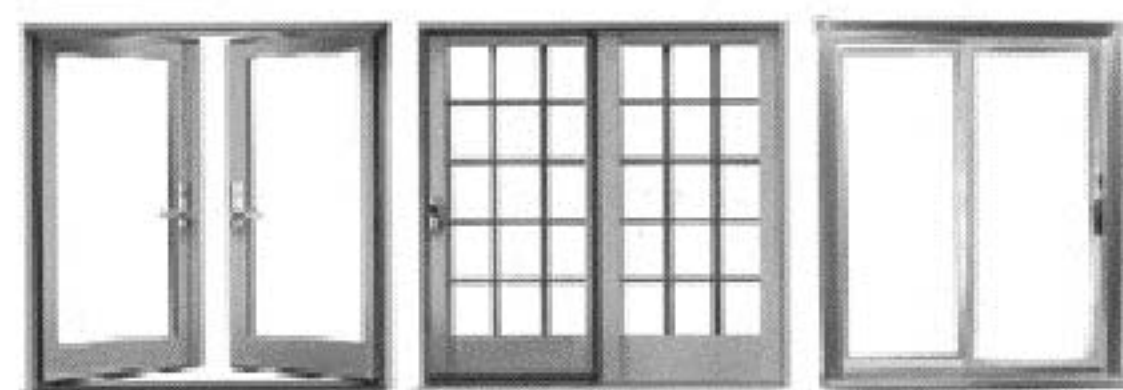
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GLOBAL MARKETS

Analysts expect changes in policy on domestic energy production

An oil analyst advocates adopting a policy that reduces America's need for foreign oil.

ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The attacks on the United States continued to shudder through global energy markets with oil prices falling sharply and gasoline prices climbing.

But experts are beginning to predict that Tuesday's terrorism may mean not only short-term volatility in global energy markets but a fundamental shift in thinking about energy and oil in America.

Many speculated that the sense of vulnerability in the wake of the attack and possible connections to oil-producing nations of the Mideast may strengthen arguments for domestic energy security, including drilling in more of the nation's waters and lands, such as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

"A change has happened," said Gareth Crandall, an analyst with Purvin & Gertz Inc. in Calgary, Alberta. "It gives urgency to developing ... oil."

Indirect association: The link between oil and Tuesday's attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon is not a direct one.

But a broad desire for heightened security, a narrowing focus on Islamic extremists such as Osama bin Laden, whose family made a fortune in construction on Saudi Arabia oil spending, and an unease in world oil markets that U.S. retaliation could target oil-producing nations or destabilize relationships with Mideast suppliers could increase calls for increased domestic production — no matter the environmental costs.

"A policy right now that supports reducing our dependence on the Middle East would be very powerful," said Adam Sieminski, a Deutsche Banc oil analyst in Baltimore, who released a report Wednesday on oil prices.

The United States produces only 40 percent of its daily oil consumption. Most of the balance comes from the 11 OPEC members, six of which are in the Middle East. To boost U.S. oil flow and offset imports, President Bush has advocated exploration in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, off North Carolina, on federal land in the Rocky

Mountains and in Alaska's Arctic Refuge. All have met stiff resistance. Some plans have been scuttled entirely.

Alaskan oil: For Alaska, the key issue is the refuge's coastal plain, a 1.5 million-acre swath east of the North Slope oil fields. The refuge is considered a rich oil prospect but environmentalists have lobbied Congress fiercely to keep it closed to oil development.

"To trade a relatively small environmental damage to the Porcupine caribou herd in return for the World Trade Center? I know where I would come down. Who wouldn't?" Sieminski said.

In Washington, refuge infighters resisted discussion on one of the Capitol's hot topics. With the Pentagon still smoldering, a key Washington aide to Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles, a Democrat, called the refuge discussion "hollow." And Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, canceled meetings on energy legislation for the week.

Asked about the refuge, Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, said the matter may convince some people of the importance of domestic oil supply.

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PHILADELPHIA

Muslim clerics explain the real teachings of Islam

Scholars say the extremist beliefs that Osama bin Laden holds are abhorrent to traditional Muslims.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

PHILADELPHIA — Killing oneself in God's name, and taking innocent lives with you?

Believing that God — in this case, Allah — has guaranteed you a place in paradise for such a deed?

These concepts are anathema to Islamic teachings, says Philadelphia Muslim scholar Masood Ghaznavi. He is emphatic: They are loathsome to the vast majority of the world's Muslims.

The possibility that last week's terrorist hijackers were Muslim extremists motivated by those very rogue beliefs sickens Muslims, Ghaznavi said. Media speculations about it — and the scattered incidents of retaliation against foreigners in this

country — have the Muslim community defensive and angry.

Suicide forbidden: "In the law-making and in Islamic literature, it is an agreed-upon thing that taking your own life is un-Islamic and is forbidden," said Ghaznavi, a founder of the American Muslim Society of the Tri-State Area. "There is no approval or sanction of it."

While the Koran does say paradise awaits the martyr, a person who kills innocents does not qualify, he said.

"I don't know of any Muslim scholar who says this gets one to paradise. They have all condemned this terror and violence and say there is absolutely no sanction for it."

Ghaznavi was able to open his Koran and quickly put his finger on a

key "aya," or passage, from Surah 2, Verses 189-90. Translated, it states: "It is not piety to come to the houses from the backs of them; but piety is to be God-fearing; so come to the houses by their doors, and fear God; happily so you will prosper."

And fight in the way of God with those who fight with you, but aggress not: God loves not the aggressors.

Self-defense: "Islamic theory is very much based on this 'aya,' that war in Islam is in self-defense," Ghaznavi said. "In the detailed commentary, it says you should not kill women, children, old people and non-combatants. This is in the general writings of Islam and is not in dispute. It says you don't burn the property or orchards. There is to be no destruction of any kind."

"In ordinary circumstances, anything of that kind is totally forbidden because the basic principle of Islam-

ic law is that life and property God has made inviolable, that no individual has a right to take anyone's life or anyone's property," he said.

The problem, according to historian John O. Voll, is that martyrdom and self-defense are semantically loose terms — and have been interpreted by a few renegade clerics to justify suicide attacks. Author of "Makers of Contemporary Islam" and "Islam and Democracy," he has tracked the phenomenon and cited the situation in Pakistan and India.

"There, some mullahs incite people to be suicide bombers, particularly in regard to the suicide terrorism in Kashmir," he said. "But there are also mullahs there who say that is against Islam."

The message, he said, also is heard closer to home, with Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, the Egyptian cleric convicted in the 1993 World Trade Cen-

ter bombing. Abdel-Rahman has close ties with Islamic militant Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in last week's terrorism.

Bruce Lawrence, an Islamicist at Duke University, said Muslim militants have taken the key phrase from the Surah verse about "fighting in the way of God" and misinterpreted it.

Lawrence, author of "Shattering the Myth: Islam Beyond Violence," said all of the Muslim scholars he has consulted said it means "do not be the one who practices enmity. In Arabic, it literally means don't call others the enemy. They have to fight you first."

Under Islamic custom, Ghaznavi explained, wars must be declared by ruling authorities for the tenets of self-defense and martyrdom to take

effect. Bin Laden and other militants, driven by hatred of the West, have acted unilaterally.

It is a situation that Islam, like other religions, has had to contend through the centuries, Ghaznavi said.

The renegade teachings also twist the principles of martyrdom that "are commonly accepted and believed among Muslims," Voll said. "If you die as a martyr in the path of God, you are assured a place in paradise. It comes out of the centuries of interpretation and tradition."

Voll noted that these beliefs are hardly foreign to Christianity. He cited Matthew 5:10: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

WASHINGTON

Attacks push Bush into warrior role

Former President Bush said it is far more difficult to fight an enemy who 'refuses to show his face'.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush came to office as a two-term Texas governor with scant foreign policy experience. Suddenly he faces one of the most complicated national security challenges ever to confront a U.S. president.

As his father before him, Bush has been transformed into a wartime president by events beyond his control. But few, not even the elder Bush, believe that the president can orchestrate the kind of offensive that enabled the first Bush administration to prevail over Iraq in a 1991 war that lasted a mere month.

"This is far more difficult" than even Pearl Harbor, the elder Bush said last week after Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington that left an estimated 5,000 dead. "It is far more difficult to fight an enemy who refuses to show his face."

Does the younger Bush have the right stuff to lead the nation in an uncertain war?

Put to test: "Tragedies and accidents and events that can't be controlled by the president can thrust them into greatness. Lincoln is an example of that," said James Thurber, a political scientist at American University.

"I think that this president is going to be tested. He started out slowly, almost stumbling at the beginning. But he is looking better," Thurber said.

Initially the president drew criticism for not returning to Washington on Tuesday from Florida to take command. The administration said he acted on the advice of the Secret Service because the White House and Air Force One were possible targets.

Bush moved quickly to cover the major bases. He unified a divided Congress, comforted a grieving nation, reached out for international support and rallied rescue workers in the rubble of New York's World Trade Center.

Bush proclaimed the United States engaged in the "first war of the 21st century." Congressional leaders, too, were quick to use the word "war." Hardening his tone, Bush on Saturday said flatly, "We're at war."

United Congress: By week's end, both chambers of Congress had put aside their partisan differences to vote unanimously to give Bush the authority to use military force against terrorists linked to the attacks and against those that sponsor them. Congress also approved a \$40 billion anti-terrorism package.

Most Americans didn't seem quite ready to issue a verdict on Bush's young presidency before hijacked jetliners slammed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Tuesday.

His approval ratings in national polls since have soared from the mid-fifties to about 80 percent — near his father's approval ratings at the end of the Persian Gulf War. But there is no guarantee that those numbers will remain so lofty — as the elder Bush discovered when the economy soured, his popularity plummeted and he lost the White House.

Need for strength: Bush has just eight months of experience as president as the nation looks to him to be a confident leader and act decisively as commander in chief.

"Nobody should be questioning any decisions he [Bush] makes," former President Clinton said in a telephone interview. "We ought to be hanging in there, giving his national security team the time it takes."

"This is probably the most complex multilevel challenge that a president has faced since the Civil War," said presidential historian Stephen Hess. Among the challenges: an enormous disaster-relief effort, a complex criminal investigation, trying to force an international coalition against an enemy that is not a nation-state and incredible military logistical problems.

Focal point: Despite those obstacles, the fight against terrorism "is now the focus of my administration," Bush said.

Echoing his father's words after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, the president declared, "This act will not stand."

REACTION

Hollywood halts films with terrorism themes

Studios are scrambling to revise scripts and theater trailers.

WASHINGTON POST

LOS ANGELES — As real-life tragedy continues to unfold in New York and Washington, Hollywood is struggling with how — or whether — to release certain movies that once aimed to titillate audiences but now strike too close to home in a shell-shocked nation.

At least two major movies have been put off: the action thriller "Collateral Damage," once scheduled to open Oct. 5 and now delayed indefinitely, and "Big Trouble," a dark comedy pushed from its Sept. 21 release date to sometime in November. Other films are undergoing last-minute revisions to suit a dramatically different social climate.

Eerie similarity: In "Collateral Damage" Arnold Schwarzenegger plays a firefighter whose wife and child are killed in a car bomb explosion in Los Angeles. By Tuesday afternoon, with firefighters buried beneath the rubble of the World Trade Center, "we were thinking, 'Oh my God, how could we possibly mount a publicity campaign?'" said Steve Reuther, a producer of the film.

Reuther met Wednesday with Warner Bros. executives and Schwarzenegger, and all agreed to postpone the release, despite having already spent \$20 million advertising the film.

Similarly, Disney quickly pulled "Big Trouble," a comedy starring Tim

Allen and Rene Russo, from its release date. The plot turns on a nuclear device that is hidden in a suitcase and slipped onto a plane.

Citing heightened "sensitivity," Paramount Classics also announced it would postpone the romantic comedy "Sideways of New York," starring Heather Graham and Ed Burns, scheduled for release Sept. 21, to an undetermined date. The studio considers the film a "celebration of Manhattan," inappropriate to release so soon after the carnage there, said studio co-President David Dinerstein, who was reached in Toronto, where a film festival was hobbling forward with little enthusiasm.

Audience mood: Others speculated that studios might delay movies because they fear audiences will be in no mood for any entertainment at all. Warner Bros., for example, put off the release of "Training Day," a gritty police-corruption drama starring Denzel Washington, from Sept. 21 to early October. In a press release, the studio attributed the decision to "a variety of reasons."

Studios are also modifying scripts and coming-attractions trailers to account for last week's attacks. For "Men in Black 2," now in production, a scene set against the backdrop of the World Trade Center is being rewritten. Sony has yanked from theaters a trailer for its mega-budget "Spiderman" that pictured the now-obliterated Twin Skyscrapers, and is recalling posters that show the towers reflected in Spiderman's eyes.

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