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# AMERICA ATTACKED

*"Freedom itself was attacked this morning by a faceless coward and freedom will be defended."*

President George W. Bush

**M**ounting an audacious attack against the United States, terrorists crashed two hijacked airliners into the World Trade Center and brought down the twin 110-story towers Tuesday

morning. A jetliner also slammed into the Pentagon as the seat of government itself came under attack.



Photo by Carmen Taylor (Associated Press) Jet airliner is lined up on one of the World Trade Center towers in New York Tuesday.

Hundreds were apparently killed

aboard the jets, and untold numbers were feared dead in the rubble. Thousands were injured in New York alone. A fourth jetliner, also apparently hijacked, crashed in Pennsylvania.

President Bush ordered a full-scale investigation to "hunt down the folks who committed this act."



Photo by Chao Sol Cheong (Associated Press)

Smoke, flames and debris erupt from one of the World Trade Center towers as a plane strikes it Tuesday. The first tower was already burning following a terrorist attack minutes earlier. Terrorists crashed planes into the two buildings and collapsed both towers.



Photo by Suzanne Plunkett (Associated Press) People run from the collapse of World Trade Center Tower Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 in New York.

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ATTACK ON AMERICA

# 'We have been attacked like we haven't since Pearl Harbor'

## Thousands feared dead as hijacked airliners crash into World Trade Center, Pentagon; Bush vows swift retaliation

By David Crary and Jerry Schwartz  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — In the most devastating terrorist onslaught ever staged against the United States, knife-wielding hijackers crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center on Tuesday, toppling its twin 110-story towers. The deadly calamity was witnessed on television across the world as another plane slammed into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed outside Pittsburgh.

"Today, our nation saw evil," President Bush said in an address to the nation Tuesday night. He said thousands of lives were "suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror."

Said Adm. Robert J. Natter, commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet: "We have been attacked like we haven't since Pearl Harbor."

Establishing the U.S. death toll could take weeks. The four airliners alone had 266 people aboard and there were no known survivors. At the Pentagon, about 100 people were believed dead.

In addition, a firefighters union official said he feared an estimated 200 firefighters had died in rescue efforts at the trade center — where 50,000 people worked — and dozens of police officers were believed missing.

"The number of casualties will be more than most of us can bear," a visibly distraught Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

No one took responsibility for the attacks that rocked the seats of finance and government. But federal authorities identified Osama bin Laden, who has been given asylum by Afghanistan's Taliban rulers, as the prime suspect.

Aided by an intercept of communications between his supporters and harrowing cell phone calls from at least one flight attendant and two passengers aboard the jetliners before they crashed, U.S. officials began assembling a case linking bin Laden to the devastation.

U.S. intelligence intercepted communications between bin Laden supporters discussing the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, according to Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The people aboard planes who managed to make cell phone calls each described similar circumstances: They indicated the hijackers were armed with knives, in some cases stabbing flight attendants. The hijackers then took control of the planes.

At the World Trade Center, the dead and the doomed plummeted from the skyscrapers, among them a man and woman holding hands.

Shortly after 7 p.m., crews began heading into ground zero of the attack to search for survivors and recover bodies. All that remained of the twin towers by then was a pile of rubble and twisted steel that stood barely two stories high, leaving a huge gap in the New York City skyline.

"Freedom itself was attacked this morning and I assure you freedom will be defended," said Bush, who was in Florida at the time of the catastrophe. As a security measure, he was shuttled to a Strategic Air Command bunker in Nebraska before leaving for Washington.

"Make no mistake," he said. "The United States will hunt down and pursue those responsible for these cowardly actions."

More than nine hours after the U.S. attacks began, explosions could be heard north of the Afghan capital of Kabul, but American officials said the United States was not responsible.

"It isn't us. I don't know who's doing it," Pentagon spokesman Craig Quigley said.

Officials across the world condemned the attacks but in the West Bank city of Nablis, thousands of Palestinians celebrated, chanting "God is Great" and handing out candy. The United States has become increasingly unpopular in

the Mideast in the past year of Israeli-Palestinian fighting, with Washington widely seen as siding with Israel against the Arab world.

At the Pentagon, the symbol and command center for the nation's military force, one side of the building collapsed as smoke billowed over the Potomac River. Rep. Ike Skelton, briefed by Pentagon officials, said. "There appear to be about 100 casualties" in the building.

The first airstrike occurred shortly before 8:45 a.m. EDT. By evening, huge clouds of smoke still billowed from the ruins. A burning, 47-story part of the World Trade Center complex — already evacuated — collapsed in flames just before nightfall.

Emergency Medical Service worker Louis Garcia said initial reports indicated that bodies were buried beneath the two feet of soot on streets around the trade center.

"A lot of the vehicles are running over bodies because they are all over the place," he said.

Said National Guard member Angelo Otchy of Maplewood, N.J., "I must have come across body parts by the thousands. I came across a lady, she didn't remember her name. Her face was covered in blood."

For the first time, the nation's aviation system was completely shut down as officials considered the frightening flaws that had been exposed in security procedures. Financial markets were closed, too.

Top leaders of Congress were led to an undisclosed location, as were key officials of the Bush administration. Guards armed with automatic weapons patrolled the White House grounds and military aircraft secured the skies above the capital city. National Guard troops appeared on some street corners in the nation's capital.

Evacuations were ordered at the tallest skyscrapers in several cities, and high-profile tourist attractions closed — Walt Disney World, Mount Rushmore, Seattle's Space Needle, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

The Federal Reserve, seeking to provide assurances that the nation's banking system would be protected, said it would provide additional money to banks if needed.

In Afghanistan, where bin Laden has been given asylum, the nation's hardline Taliban rulers rejected suggestions he was responsible.

Bin Laden rose to prominence fighting alongside the U.S.-backed Afghan mujahedeen — holy warriors — in their war against Soviet troops in the 1980s. But former followers say he turned against the United States during the 1991 Gulf War, seething at the deployment of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War campaign to oust Iraq from Kuwait. He has repeatedly called on Muslims worldwide to join in a jihad, or holy war, against the United States.

Abdel-Bari Atwan, editor of the Al-Quds al-Arabi newspaper, said he received a warning from Islamic fundamentalists close to bin Laden, but had not taken the threat seriously. "They said it would be a huge and unprecedented attack, but they did not specify," Atwan said in a telephone interview in London.

Eight years ago, the World Trade Center was a terrorist target when a truck bomb killed six people and wounded about 1,000 others. Just the death toll on the planes alone surpassed the 168 people killed in the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

This is how Tuesday's mayhem unfolded:

At about 8:45 a.m., a hijacked airliner crashed into the north tower of the trade center, the 25-year-old, glass-and-steel complex that was once the world's tallest.

Clyde Ebanks, an insurance company vice president, was at a meeting on the 103rd floor of the south tower when his boss said, "Look at that!" He turned to see a plane slam into the other tower. "I just heard the building rock," said Peter Dierbo, a bank employ-



Photo by STEVE HELBERG/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Firefighters spray water on a section of the Pentagon Tuesday after the building took a direct hit by an aircraft.

### Attack on World Trade Center



SOURCE: Associated Press

### Pentagon Attack



SOURCE: Associated Press

ee on the 47th floor. "It knocked me on the floor. It sounded like a big roar, then the building started swaying. That's what really scared me."

The enormity of the disaster was just sinking in when 18 minutes later, the south tower also was hit by a plane.

"All this stuff started falling and all this smoke was coming through. People were screaming, falling, and jumping out of the windows," said Jennifer Brickhouse, 34, from Union, N.J.

The chaos was just beginning. Workers stumbled down scores of

flights, their clothing torn and their lungs filled with smoke and dust.

John Axtsa said he ran outside and watched people jump out of the first building, then there was a second explosion, and he felt the heat on the back of his neck.

Donald Burns, 34, was being evacuated from the 82nd floor when he saw four people in the stairwell. "I tried to help them but they didn't want anyone to touch them. The fire had melted their skin. Their clothes were tattered," he said.

Worse was to come. At 9:50, one tower collapsed, sending debris and



Photo by SUZANNE PLUNKETT/ASSOCIATED PRESS

People run from the collapse of the World Trade Center Tower Tuesday in New York.

dust cascading to the ground. At 10:30, the other tower crumbled.

Glass doors shattered, police and firefighters ushered people into subway stations and buildings. The air was black, from the pavement to the sky. The dust and ash were inches deep along the streets.

Giuliani said it was believed the aftereffects of the plane crashes eventually brought the buildings down, not planted explosive devices.

Hyman Brown, a University of Colorado civil engineering professor and the construction manager for the World Trade Center, speculated

that flames fueled by thousands of gallons of aviation fuel melted steel supports.

"This building would have stood had a plane or a force caused by a plane smashed into it," he said. "But steel melts, and 24,000 gallons of aviation fuel melted the steel. Nothing is designed or will be designed to withstand that fire."

At mid-afternoon, Giuliani said 1,500 "walking wounded" had been shipped to Liberty State Park in New Jersey by ferry and tugboat, and 750 others were taken to New York City hospitals, among them 150 in critical condition.



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# Rogers says D.C. mood is angry

By Kevin Shopshire  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Like most Americans, U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, reacted to the Tuesday's terrorist attack with shock and anger.

"This is the most grievous and cowardly act ever subjected on the United States," Rogers said.

Rogers said the attack fits the "parameters" of Mideast violence, but he warned about jumping to conclusions.

"When we seek justice, we have to ensure we have the right people," he said.

The terrorist attack in Washington, D.C., led to the evacuation of the nation's Capitol, sending legislators into the streets. Rogers said Congress was being housed in three separate buildings, but they have received situation briefings throughout the day Tuesday.

"We are pretty scattered, but we will be getting together for a briefing," he said. "There have been updates."

Rogers said the mood in Washington is one of anger and revenge, but he said the first priority should be to ensure the country is safe.

"First, we need to ensure America is safe," he said. "We need to ensure those people who are injured are rescued and safe, and finally, we need to bring those responsible to justice."

Speculation is the terrorism has come from the Palestinians, based on the crisis in the Middle East between the Palestinians and



U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers

Israelis. Rogers returned just late last month from a week-long tour of the Mideast with 15 other Republican congressmen, and he came away convinced the U.S. must use its influence to broker a peace settlement.

The trip was organized and paid for by the American Israel Education Foundation, an arm of the Israeli Public Affairs Committee, a pro-Israeli lobbying organization, but Rogers was able to meet with both Israeli and Palestinian leaders, including Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, as well as Saeb Erakat, chief negotiator for the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and its leader, Yassar Arafat.

Rogers said the violence is forcing more extremist Palestinian groups to become involved in the conflict, and those groups are pushing for more violence and more terrorism.

"Both groups said this is much more serious than the American people realize," Rogers said. "But we must not jump to conclusions."

Rogers said he saw Palestinian television commercials that recruited suicide bombers, promising them "72 virgins" in the afterlife after a successful mission.

"This certainly fits into those parameters, and it's pretty strong circumstantial evidence," he said.



Photo by ALAN WARD/DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

In a scene reminiscent of 70's gas shortages, autos line up to fill tanks at a Howell area gas station.

# Drivers line up for gas

## Motorists fear climbing costs will go higher

By Jon Zemke  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

There was a run on gas in Livingston County in response to Tuesday afternoon's tragedies.

Commuters across Livingston County waited in long lines and watched the price of a regular gallon of gas skyrocket at least 10 cents as people filled up in to avoid what they feared would be higher prices in the future.

"Because of what happened today, I know prices are going to jump," said Laura Jirasek of Howell while waiting in line for gas. "I didn't think of it earlier today because I was glued to the TV. Then I was on my way to church and I saw the long lines and I thought I should really get some gas."

The run didn't begin until about 5 p.m. Tuesday. Prices were quickly escalating from in the \$1.70s to as high as \$1.99 and higher by 6 p.m.

Long lines and really busy gas stations were reported in Brighton, Hamburg, Howell, Fowlerville, Hartland and Fenton.

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Laura Jirasek of Howell as she waited in line for gas

Lines for the Mobil on Clyde Road in Hartland Township were backed up halfway over the U.S. 23 expressway bridge and onto the northbound off ramp.

Some lines for gas were reaching 75 yards in length onto Grand River Avenue in Brighton.

Lines for gas stations were also spilling out onto Grand River Avenue, M-36 and M-59.

"Because we were at home and they said gas is going up we brought our cars out to fill up," Ann Craft of Marion Township said while waiting in line for gas in

Howell. Customers were worried that prices would go as high as \$2.50 to \$3 for a gallon in the wake of the tragedies in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

A Mobil station in Lansing had run out of regular unleaded gas by 6:30 p.m. with the last price of gas at \$2.19 per gallon. They were expecting to run out of premium soon after 7 p.m.

Prices were skyrocketing and lines for gas were getting longer in Ann Arbor, as prices ranged between \$1.62 and \$1.99 and ris-

ing for a gallon of regular unleaded.

Prices were up and down in Oakland County, ranging from the \$1.60s to \$1.90s with some stations running out of gas, too. Detroit gas stations prices were fluctuating with prices going above \$2 for a gallon of regular unleaded.

Gov. John Engler decried the surging prices.

"There is no reason for gas prices to have gone up 30 cents at the pump," Engler said.

The center for trading gas commodities was in the World Trade Center.

Although the demand for gas has surged in the afternoon hours on Tuesday the amount of supply stayed the same.

"You don't raise prices that much in that short of period of time without someone being spooked about it," Gov. John Engler said.

"But there should be no disruption in supply."

— Staff writer Mike Malott contributed to this story.

# Mall closes early

## Howell outlet mall joins other area centers

The Kensington Valley Factory Shops in Howell Township closed its doors at 4 p.m. Tuesday in response to the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

"We weighed a lot of various factors of keeping the shopping center open," said Kimberly Daine, manager of the factory shops. "After we weighed those concerns, our ownership closed due to the national tragedy."

Daine said there were other factors associated with closing the

shopping center.

"We have high school kids that were coming into work tonight. There are kids being let out of day care because all of the day cares are being closed," Daine said. "It was in everyone's best interest to be home with their family."

Shopping malls in metro Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing, and Flint all closed on Tuesday.

Daine said based on what the other nearby malls were doing, that also played a factor in closing.

The outlet shops will reopen at 10 a.m. today.

# Planes grounded in county in wake of terrorist attacks

By Kevin Shopshire  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Planes were grounded at the Livingston County Airport and area government buildings tightened security and halted operations in the wake of the terrorist attack Tuesday morning.

"No one can fly or take off, although we got an emergency medical flight up about 10 minutes ago," said airport manager Mark Johnson, shortly after the airport was shut down at 10 a.m. Tuesday. "All the aircraft that had taken off had to land immediately."

The FAA has grounded all aircraft until at least noon Wednesday.

"We understood those that didn't land would be intercepted," Johnson said.

In the rest of the county, armed sheriff's deputies patrolled high-risk buildings, such as the judicial center in the county's west complex west of Howell, were patrolled by armed sheriff's deputies. The sheriff department's new bomb-sniffing dog, Jari, was also put to work patrolling county facilities.

Dave Domas, chair of the Board of Commissioners, said all county facilities would maintain regular business hours until further notice, but precautions were taken, such as allowing egress only through main entrances and no parcels accepted until further notice.

"I'm going to be making the rounds of county facilities to ensure there precautions are being taken," Domas said.

Richard Winsett, the county's emergency management director said he would receive emergency warnings or alerts from the state



Photo by ALAN WARD/DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Security was tightened at the Judicial Center in Howell Tuesday afternoon in the aftermath of terrorist attacks in Washington and New York. From left, Livingston County Sheriff Deputies Al Heinig and Scott Manor use installed and hand held metal detectors to search visitors. Wackenhut Security officer David Toupin assists.

police who are connected to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If a terrorist attack occurred in the county, the disaster plan that would go into effect is similar to the one used in the event of an attack by a weapon of mass destruction.

"In a terrorist attack or disaster

you plan for the same thing," Winsett said. "Every city, village or community has a place that terrorists want to disrupt in the community."

"We were asked a few months ago to put together a list of potential targets," he said.

Winsett said some of those tar-

gets include large festivals, such as the Balloonfest and Melonfest, where the most casualties would occur in a terrorist attack. However, he thinks more prominent and symbolic symbols, such as the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, would be the preferred targets.

# Police urge perspective

Local police agencies were monitoring the area and placed on "heightened awareness" following the alleged terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington D.C. on Tuesday.

Yet this was the extent of police activity here in Livingston County. No police officers were actually mobilized to handle special security tasks.

"One thing they have to keep in perspective, this is on the federal level, not the local level," said Brighton City Police Chief Michael Kinaschuk.

He said his department might have been placed on higher alert and additional officers called in if

there was some indication these attacks were moving into Michigan.

Lt. Dennis MacDonell, commander of the Brighton post of the Michigan State Police, said his post had been placed on "heightened awareness."

However, MacDonell said no state troopers were mobilized for security matters in Livingston County.

In cases of natural disasters or terrorist attacks, MacDonell said the state police has its emergency management division which is trained to handle these incidents.

"Most of the time they're going to look at the more prominent areas to get their message out," Winsett said. "It's a scary day in America. It's not something we are used to."

"For some people in foreign countries this is a day-to-day occurrence," he said.

Washington, D.C., was basically shut down following the attack on the Pentagon, and buildings were evacuated. U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers and his staff were ordered out of their office building in the Cannon House Office Building just across from the Capitol Building just after 10 a.m. Sylvia Warner, Rogers's press secretary, said they were on their way to a committee meeting when they were evacuated.

"We can see smoke from where

we are at," she said. "We heard an explosion, but we couldn't see anything."

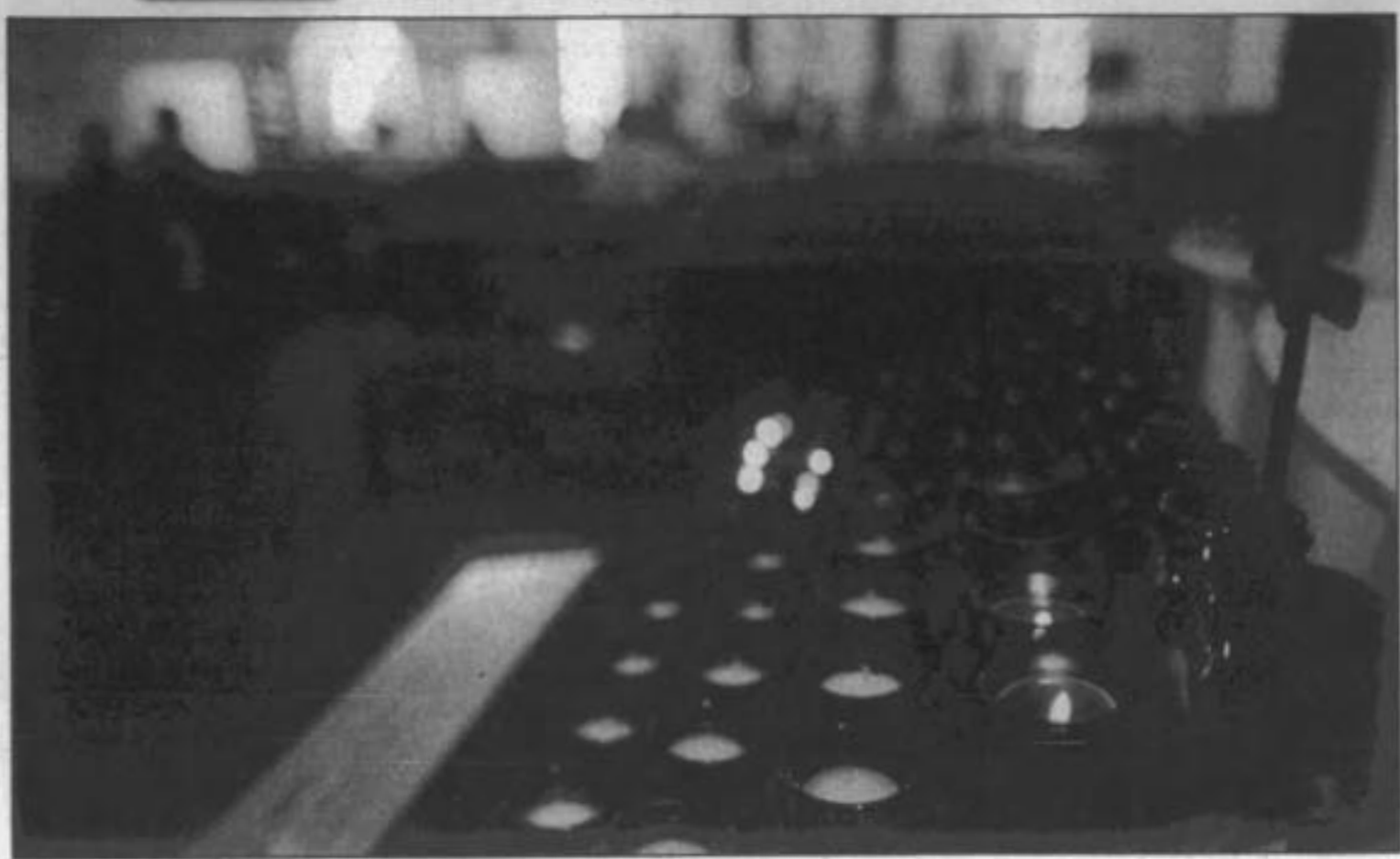
In Lansing, it was more or less business as usual; there was little disruption because the Legislature has not yet returned from summer vacation. Security has been heightened and there was limited access at state office buildings. All personnel entering had to show proper identification and package were checked. Most legislators were spending time in their districts.

"I have a brother who works just a few blocks from the World Trade Center," said state Sen. Valde Garcia.

"He used to work on the top of the Trade Center. For us, it was a rather hairy morning."



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Votive candles burn as parishioners kneel in prayer at Hamburg's Holy Spirit Catholic Church in response to the terrorist attacks on the U.S. Tuesday.

## Churches open for support, solace

By Jon Zemke  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Close to a dozen parishioners at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Green Oak Township took part in a public prayer before an exposed Blessed Sacrament (the holy host used for communion placed on the altar) early Tuesday afternoon in response to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

"It's an open presence to us that he (Jesus) is with us, so we have the opportunity as Catholics to pray in his presence," said Sue Berendt, secretary and bookkeeper with Holy Spirit.

The Blessed Sacrament is not a mass, but the chance for people to come and pray in the church.

The communion host is placed in a clear container in the middle of a golden cross that sits on the altar.

Not a sound is heard in the church: a placard at the front of the church asks for "Holy Silence" while a dozen parishioners pray.

"Well, everybody is scared. We're scared like everybody else," said the Rev. William Thomas, who leads Holy Spirit. "People have families out there. One of our parishioners has a son who works in New York. These are human responses."

The altar and the holy host (a wafer considered the body of Jesus Christ when blessed) are two of the most sacred instruments of the Roman Catholic faith. The host is only normally placed on the altar during communion, another sacred Catholic ritual.

Holy Spirit holds an exposed Blessed Sacrament prayer about once a week, but decided to hold a special prayer session in the wake of the tragedies in New York, Washington and Pittsburgh.

"I think Christians are expected

to be loyal citizens, and this is an attack against our country," the Rev. Thomas said. "... We came together in World War II as a people and we need to come together again as a people."

The Rev. Thomas also emphasized that people should not jump to conclusions or act rashly. He wanted to make it clear that all Americans are Americans and should not be treated differently, no matter who the culprit for the tragedy turn out to be.

The open prayer was followed by a special Mass at 7 p.m. with confession, and the host will be returned to the tabernacle where it is usually housed at noon today. Another Mass will be held today at 9 a.m. with confession afterward.

"It's interesting that so many people want to go to confession," the Rev. Thomas said.

### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Churches are showing their support for the victims of the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.

Churches had special prayer meetings and vigils Tuesday. Holy Spirit Catholic Church of Hamburg started a vigil after Tuesday's 9 a.m. mass that will last until noon today.

Call your church for more information on vigils; the majority of churches have had or will have some type of service.

## Response of parents guides children

Experts urge parents listen to their kids carefully and then give them information they need

By Megan Pennefather  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

For parents and children, national tragedies seem to almost have a two-fold effect: The obvious shock and fear of the event itself, and the gnawing knowledge that, without anyone's consent, the evil realities of life have invaded an already precarious innocence of youth.

The twisted tangle of shock, fear and curiosity spurred by the terrorist attack on the United States Tuesday morning leaves a nation in mourning, children with fear and questions, and parents with a challenge: How do you explain such evil acts to a child?

"The way kids see their parents respond to this is going to have a big effect on their reaction," said Matt Vergith, director of children's services for Livingston County Mental Health Services. "With younger kids, it's always a good idea to listen to what the child is hearing already."

In other words, be sure to pay attention to what your children may tell you they're hearing on the playground or at lunch time: they may hear unsubstantiated rumors that could perpetuate more fear.

Once you know what they've

*"Kids handle trauma very efficiently, usually better than adults."*

Dr. Viken Matossian, child psychologist  
Advanced Behavioral Health Center

heard, said Vergith, you can then expel needless fears and provide them with straightforward, if simple, facts.

"(A tragedy) can generate a lot of fears," he said. "And parents should be ready to listen to those (fears)."

"Parent can say, 'You're going to hear all types of stories on what happened, but here's what really happened.'"

At Challenger Elementary School in Howell, the school crisis team — which has been in place for about a year — gathered Tuesday to decide the best way to disseminate information to students.

The solution: Tell the students' teachers first, so they can process the information and answer children's questions, and then invite kids to talk about their fears with school counselors.

"(The students') main concern is

safety, for themselves, for their family, for the nation," said Challenger elementary counselor Caroline Grabowski.

Students streamed into the elementary counseling office at a steady pace Tuesday with worries about a potential war, family members in the military, and loved ones who currently may be traveling.

"We listened to them," Grabowski continued. "We assured them that as a school we were doing everything to help them feel safe."

"We kind of followed the child's lead."

Being able to follow your child's lead and formulate how best to tell him or her may be some of the most valuable tools you can use to talk to your children about the tragedy.

Before you even start talking with a kid you have to think about what you want to say," said

Grabowski, "and give yourself a chance to process (your own feelings)."

"Tonight, be there for your child. Hug them. Find out what they know."

"Clarify it for them. If they don't have the factual information, they may create their own."

Vergith added it's especially important for parents not to minimize their children's fears — however irrational they may seem.

"It's OK to be sad, it's OK to be upset, it's OK to be scared," he said.

Dr. Viken Matossian, a child psychiatrist at Howell's Advanced Behavioral Health Center, drove home Tuesday night with the unenviable task of trying to make sense of the day's events to his six children.

Matossian plans to adjust the amount of facts and information depending on how each of his kids react. But, he added, he will try to be as straightforward and honest as possible.

"Kids handle trauma very efficiently, usually better than adults," he said. "They take in the pieces they can handle and they go out and play and come in with another probing question when you thought they forgot about it."

## Heard on the street

*"I think it's just terrible. Whoever is liable should be brought to justice and prosecuted."*

Margaret McElabb of Fowlerville

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*"I got chills. It's too coincidental to be an accident."*

Virgina Bowman of Howell

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*"Shock. Devastation. Terror."*

Shelly Spooner of South Lyon, describing her response to the tragedy

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*"Yeah, I was supposed to be flying on Friday. I was going to go to Kansas City, Friday. I don't know. Maybe I'll drive there."*

Theresa Borough of South Lyon

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*"I didn't believe it. It was just a surprise, but it was bound to happen in this country somewhere. It's stupid. It really is. I do know that this country will not roll over and play dead. But unfortunately it will probably cause more violence. I feel sorry for all of the people on that high-jacked plane and all of those people in the World Trade Center."*

Doug Ross of Whitmore Lake

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*"This was insane and scary. It's scary because these people happened to get through security and everything."*

Debbie Castelo of Howell

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*"We were eating breakfast (in the Howell Big Boy) and the waitress told us. I was in disbelief actually. In this day and age ... I don't know. It's a shock. I feel angry. I just am. I was only 15 years old when Pearl Harbor was bombed. I was younger then. I didn't realize the situation. I didn't even know where Pearl Harbor was, but I had a brother who was stationed there in 1936. I knew it was in Hawaii. Our country was very ill-prepared at that time and it sounds like we are ill-prepared now."*

Joe Schroeder of Howell, a World War II vet

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*"How can human beings hate each other so much to do this? I can't believe there is this much hate in the world."*

Tom Beauvais of Howell

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*"It's terrible because of the loss of life and how these people could get into the country."*

Martin Shaw, Howell

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*"This is worse (than Pearl Harbor) because I think our country is just about crippled. But in Pearl Harbor it didn't touch (the greater 48 states). That was military. This is civilian. I called my son in Boston and told him to stay off of the subway. I told him, 'Bob stay home.'"*

Joe Seward, Howell WWII veteran with the Canadian Merchant Marines, was in London in 1942 during the Blitz

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*"It's hard to put into words. I'm overwhelmed."*

Berlene Radaick of Dearborn Heights

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*"Where is the radar? We should be able to see them. How did they get past the radar?"*

Pam Daniels of Howell

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*"It's very sad."*

Shawn Shaw of Howell

## Other districts cancel evening, sporting events in wake of terrorist attacks

By Kristin Lukowski  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Livingston County schools cancelled all sports events and one school implemented a complete lockdown yesterday in the wake of terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center Area schools.

But mostly, educators tried to soothe the students and parents by pursuing "normalcy in abnormal conditions."

"We are walking a fine line between overresponding and underresponding," said Chuck Breiner, superintendent of Howell Public Schools. "Cancelling school would send the message we're in chaos."

The Brighton Area Schools district enacted a complete lock-down procedure, which is in accordance with its Safe School Plan. This required the school to be locked, with entrances and exits limited to one monitored door, and no one was admitted without valid reason. Students were not allowed to go outside for recess and were continuously supervised.

"We felt that with everything that was going on we would make sure the students were safe," said Brighton Schools Superintendent Dave Pruneau, saying that

although the action might have been "overly cautious," the safety of students took first priority.

The Safe School Plan has been in the works for the past year and a half, Pruneau said, and been used once before as a result of a bomb threat at Lindbom Elementary. This is the first time the plan had to be implemented district-wide.

No other school districts had a lock-down, but all canceled all of their afternoon activities, including meetings and adult education classes. All Kensington Valley Conference games and practices were cancelled yesterday as well.

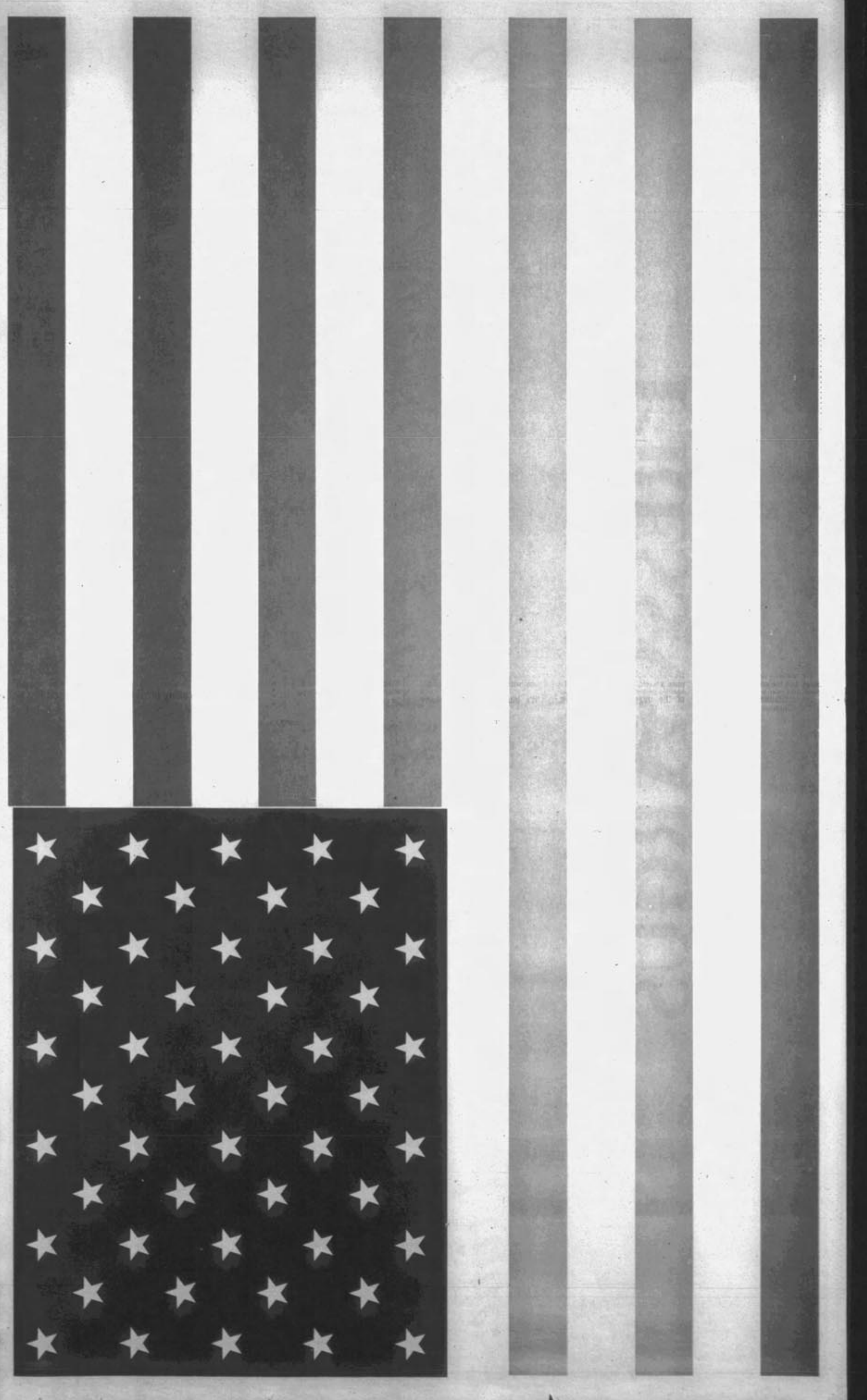
In Howell, administrators communicated via e-mail and monitored the radio between buildings to keep everyone updated, and that radio and television were monitored for any new advancements.

Breiner said parents were welcome to pick their children up from school regardless of grade level if parents felt they would be safer at home, also the case for the other districts.

In the Hartland Consolidated School district, superintendent Peter Caroselli said the schools were more aware of securing while trying to conduct a normal business day, especially in the lower grades. The instructors tried to have a "high degree of normalcy in abnormal conditions," he said.

In Pinckney schools, superintendent Michael Couchman said he sent a letter home with students regarding how to deal with events such as these.

— Staff writers Lon Medd and Andrew Demino contributed to this report.



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ATTACK ON AMERICA

# Sept. 11 is etched into memories

## Area residents express outrage and sorrow over terrorist attacks

By Jim Totten and Andrew Domino  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Whether you were at work, in school or at home, Sept. 11, 2001, will be a day remembered by everyone.

The alleged terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., had residents glued to radio stations or watching television throughout the Brighton area.

"I think I was just numb," said Kathy Emery, a Brighton VFW employee who first heard about the World Trade Center attack on the radio. She arrived at the VFW hall to see the live TV coverage of the fire and collapse of the buildings. "Watching it on the television, I just got a chill."

Rich Price of Brighton said the activity in New York City was the first thing he heard in the morning. "I turned on the TV — I thought

it was a movie," he said. "My sister was on the Web, to see if there was something with the date."

While some media outlets noted that Tuesday was the 23th anniversary of the Camp David Peace Accord signed between Israel and Egypt, Matt Nedela of Saltine observed something different.

"Today's date is 9-11 — nine-one-one," he said.

Nedela was working construction in Brighton when he heard the news on the radio. He went with co-workers to the Cozy Inn to watch TV reports. Nedela was in the U.S. Army from 1992-96, and has three months remaining in an inactive reservist.

"That's the furthest thing from my mind right now," he said. "It's tragic, that's all I can say."

"It's unbelievable," said Brighton resident Ken Emerson, who was watching coverage at the Cozy Inn Tuesday morning. Emerson, who

*"It's a historical moment. Every young person is going to remember where they were when this happened ... I remember being in fourth grade when Kennedy was shot."*

Dan Garber  
Chief Assistant Livingston County Prosecutor

had worked until 2 a.m. on an excavating project, was awakened by a friend pounding on his door and telling him to turn on the television.

"I just hope they find out who did it," said Emerson, a six-year U.S. Army veteran who spent his entire duty stationed in Germany. While overseas, he saw terrorist attacks involving car bombs and rocket launchers. He said those terrorist

attacks "never made any sense" because those injured or killed usually had nothing to do with the conflict.

As far as something on the scale of Tuesday's attacks, Emerson said he had "never seen anything like that."

Livonia resident Joann Knoeri sat in her mini-van outside Champ's Pub in Brighton and listened to the radio accounts on the

attacks.

"I'm just sick about it," Knoeri said. She had been in Hartland taking care of her grandkids and helping them off to school when her husband called and told her to turn on the television.

"It just brought tears to your eyes," she said, and she wondered what would happen next.

"What does this mean? What is going to happen?" Knoeri said.

Vera Berkey of Lakeland said she, too, was caught by surprise on hearing news of the explosions. She spent the morning at the VFW hall in Brighton, watching TV news.

"I was shook up," Berkey said. "I went to my chiropractor in Ann Arbor (Tuesday) morning. I felt real good then the girl came in and said, 'Did you hear the news?' It's like a dream (happening) in America. It's a shock to everybody. My mind is a blank."

Dan Garber, chief assistant Livingston County Prosecutor and friend of the Brighton VFW post, helped lower the flag to half-staff.

"I don't think those people (terrorists) realize what they've done," Garber said. "I think the American people are outraged, and there is going to be hell to pay."

Garber compared the attacks to how people felt on the day President Kennedy was assassinated, something several other residents also said.

"It's a historical moment," Garber said. "Every young person is going to remember where they were when this happened ... I remember being in fourth grade when Kennedy was shot."

While everyone was shocked, there were others who were already thinking about revenge.

"Find the guilty party and annihilate them," said Brighton VFW member Doug Jenkins.

## Residents getting good news about NYC loved ones

The fear and horror of yesterday's terrorist attack reached Livingston County residents as they waited for word about the safety of relatives who lived and worked near the World Trade Center.

In at least three instances, when they finally received word, it was good news.

Former Howell resident Steve DeBruyne, who recently appeared in the Livingston Players production of "Camelot" as Sir Lancelot, moved to New York earlier this summer to study acting at a music and dramatic academy in Manhattan's theater district.

DeBruyne's mother, Dorothy, saw the attack on the news and called her son on his cell phone; she didn't get an answer but left a message for him to call her back.

After she heard that the buildings had collapsed, she feared Steve and his friends had gone down to see the wreckage and got caught when the buildings collapsed.

As it turned out, Steve couldn't use his cell phone right away and had to walk to a friend's house several blocks away before he could call her to let her know he was safe.

Dorothy DeBruyne has been getting a lot of phone calls from friends and family, she said, to make sure Steve is fine.

"It's nice to know that people care about him," she said.

Brighton businessman George Moses, who publishes the Marketeer and the Parade of

*"He (Dick Bologna's brother-in-law) had actually witnessed the building going down."*

Dick Bologna, executive director  
Livingston County United Way

Homes, has a daughter, Kim-Nora, who lives in New York City and works as a graphic artist for the Wall Street Journal in a building adjacent to the World Trade Center.

Fortunately, Moses said, she does not report to work until 11 a.m.

"She called home (from her city apartment) at five after nine this morning," Moses said.

Livingston County United Way Executive Director Dick Bologna has a brother-in-law who works as an engineer in a building two blocks away from the World Trade Center.

He called after the planes hit the building but before the buildings collapsed to say he was safe.

There were anxious moments until about noon when he called his mother to say that, although he was confined to his office building, he was all right.

"He had actually witnessed the building going down," Bologna said.



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### Telling it like it is

The Business Imaging Group readerboard at 7475 W. Grand River Ave., had words of comfort and support Tuesday in reaction to the stunning terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The popular signs are updated regularly to converse with passersby.



## Howell National Guard Armory on alert

Guardsmen monitor area police agencies, stand ready for activation if needed

By Kevin Shopshire  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

The Michigan National Guard was placed on a heightened state of alert in light of Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., as a precaution.

Trucks were placed in front of the entrance to the Howell National Guard Armory, located on Isbell Street just north of Mason Road in the south end of Howell, to control access to the



Photo by ALAN WARD/DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Heavy trucks block the driveways into the parking lot of the Howell Army National Guard Armory on Isbell Street in Howell, just north of Mason Road.

compound. "They are just on a heightened state of security for their building," said Major Jim McCrone, a spokesperson for the National Guard. "They are checking IDs and the other normal, common sense security measures."

There were rumors National Guard units across Michigan would be activated, but McCrone said that's not the case.

"We aren't expecting that to happen," he said. "We are monitoring the situation, we are working with the (Michigan) State Police and our operations center is open 24 hours."

The state police announced that the State Emergency Operations Center was activated Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. as a result of the terrorist attack.

Gov. John Engler held a press

conference Tuesday afternoon with Col. Michael D. Robinson, Director of the Michigan State Police and State Director of Emergency Management, to ensure citizens their was no danger.

"There is nothing to indicate there is anything in Michigan that is a target for terrorism," Robinson said.

"We are urging calm."

## Red Cross looking for blood, donations

Regularly scheduled blood drives hoping for good turnout

By Candy Parent  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

When a tragedy happens, Livingston County residents come forward to offer assistance in any way they can. And, when assistance is needed, it's only natural to turn to the Livingston County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

However, the chapter has been inundated with calls ever since the terrorist attacks in Washington, D.C. and New York City Tuesday.

Deb Barnard, administrative coordinator at the local office, is asking residents to read the newspaper or listen to the radio for the latest information and updates, rather than call the office.

A special blood drive will not be held in Livingston County because the nurses and equipment necessary for a drive are already scheduled at advertised drives. Tuesday drives had long lines — with as many as 100 people waiting to donate, says Barnard.

She wants to remind residents blood will be needed for weeks to come.

"Blood has a very short shelf life," says Barnard. If too much comes in at once, there is a possibility it wouldn't be able to be processed. "We don't want to waste any blood ... we need a continual supply."

Residents are asked to donate bottled water and juice, packaged cookies, napkins and Styrofoam cups to care for the additional blood donors expected at upcoming blood drives.

Monetary donations also are being accepted.

Donations can be dropped off at the Red Cross office, 415 N. Barnard St., Howell.

Blood drive sites are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Monday in Livingston County.

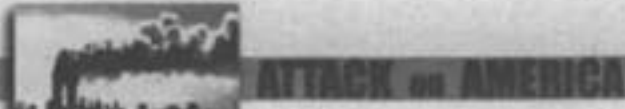
- 1-7 p.m. Friday, First Presbyterian Church in Howell, 323 W. Grand River Ave.

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7701 M-36, Hamburg.

- 2-8 p.m. Monday, First United Methodist Church of Howell, 1230 Bower St., located across from Northwest Elementary School.

So far, there has not been a request for the Disaster Response Team, although individuals are ready if they receive a call.

"The outpouring's been incredible," says Barnard. "Livingston County really comes through when there is a need."



# Nation reacts to terrorist attack

'America's been attacked. Those who attacked us will pay a price'

**By David Foster**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Far from the smoke and rubble, Americans everywhere reeled from the blow of Tuesday's terrorism. Then, as the shock subsided, anger flooded in.

"We will respond," vowed Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill. "America's been attacked. Those who attacked us will pay a price."

"I feel like going to war again. No mercy," said Felix Novelli of New York, a World War II veteran who served aboard the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier. "We have to come together like '41, go after them."

For many citizens, from homemakers to lawmakers, the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington were a devastating

bolt from the blue. People gathered around big-screen TVs in public places, transfixed by the unbelievable horrors they were watching. Some sobbed. Some shook their fists in anger. Others just stood there, paralyzed.

"I'm numb," said Corinne Zuege, 49, of West Lafayette, Ind. "This is such a tragedy. They always said there would never be another Pearl Harbor, and here it's happened on our shores."

Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner ordered schools and state agencies to close early, as the state's National Guard units moved to high alert.

"I'm still in shock over today's events," she said. "I have hung my head in sorrow and I have prayed in earnest over what will

be a tremendous loss of life."

Even those who know how dangerous the world has become were surprised. At an anti-terrorism conference being held in Salt Lake City, event moderator John Sullivan said he always knew this day would come.

"I didn't know it was going to be this soon," he said.

The memory of Pearl Harbor was invoked everywhere, but the "them" was not immediately verifiable — a disturbing fact for those trying to determine if they, too, were at risk.

Planes were grounded nationwide, and heightened security went into effect at government and corporate offices, oil refineries, military bases and state capitals.

Landmarks such as the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and the Space Needle in Seattle were closed.

Even officials at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J., tightened security, calling the pageant site vulnerable because it is a "national icon."

"I don't think there's any place in America right now that's not at risk," said Andrew Hudson, a city spokesman in Denver, where emergency officials gathered in the basement of City Hall.

"I feel violated," said Lorna Cannon in Salt Lake City, some 2,000 miles from Tuesday's carnage. She feared for her son stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. For all she knew, maybe that base would be next on the terrorists' list.

"You think of the Oklahoma City bombing as the worst thing possible, and then this happens," Cannon said. "I would just like to be with my husband right now. I would like to gather my family around me."

Even as many Americans spoke angrily of retaliation, religious leaders counseled prayer.

"We have been reminded very powerfully of the existence of evil in our world and of the power that evil can seem to have," said Bishop George J. Lucas, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Springfield, Ill. "We are praying from our hearts for those who have been killed and injured and for the heroic people who are involved in the rescue efforts. May God bless us with courage and strength."

## A scene of terror at the Trade Towers

**By Helen O'Neil**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — It was the scene of a nightmare: people on fire jumping in terror from the Trade Towers just before the buildings collapsed.

"Everyone was screaming, crying, running — cops, people, firefighters, everyone," said Mike Smith, a fire marshal from Queens, as he sat by the fountain outside a state courthouse, shortly after the second tower collapsed. "A couple of marshals just picked me up and dragged me down the street. It's like a war zone."

Others compared it to Pearl Harbor as thousands of people poured off the Brooklyn Bridge, fleeing Manhattan covered in gray dust and debris. Many wore respiratory masks, given by the police and fire departments.

Ambulances screamed down every major thoroughfare in Manhattan, depositing casualties at hospitals and returning to get more. Clusters of people, their hands clutched to their heads in horror, stood at boomboxes set up outside stores to listen to the news. Others gathered around cars, their doors open and radios turned up high.

Looking down West Broadway through billowing brown and black smoke, Tower Two tilted across the street. Ash, two inches deep, lined the streets.

Police and firefighters gasped for air as they emerged from the sealed-off area.

At least three explosions were heard, perhaps from gas lines. Army Humvees whizzed by on their way downtown.

Workers from Trade Center offices wandered lower Manhattan in a daze, many barely able to believe they were alive.

Kenny Johannemann, a janitor, described seeing a man engulfed in

flames at One World Trade Center just after the first explosion. He grabbed the man, put the fire out, and dragged him outside. Then Johannemann heard a second explosion — and saw people jumping from the upper stories of the Twin Towers.

"It was horrendous; I can't describe it," Johannemann said as he stood outside the building.

Donald Burns, 34, was being evacuated from a meeting on the 82nd floor of One World Trade Center, when saw four severely burned people on the stairwell. "I tried to help them but they didn't want anyone to touch them. The fire had melted their skin. Their clothes were tattered," he said.

After the initial blast, Housing Authority worker Barry Jennings, 46, reported to a command center on the 23rd floor of 7 World Trade Center. He was with Michael Hess, the city's corporation counsel, when they felt and heard another explosion. First calling for help, they scrambled downstairs to the lobby, or what was left of it. "I looked around, the lobby was gone. It looked like hell," Jennings said.

Boris Ozersky, 47, computer networks analyst, was on the 70th floor of one of the buildings when he felt something like an explosion rock it. He raced down 70 flights of stairs, and outside, in a mob in front of a nearby hotel. He was trying to calm a panicked woman when the building suddenly collapsed.

"I just got blown somewhere, and then it was total darkness. We tried to get away, but I was blown to the ground. And I was trying to help this woman, but I couldn't find her in the darkness," Ozersky said.

After the dust cleared, he found the hysterical woman and took her to a restaurant being used by rescue workers as a triage center.



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### Overwhelming sadness

Brenda Jackson-Gray, of Chicago, a flagger with A&L Construction on the Chicago Skyway, holds a sign Tuesday, that she made with lipstick and a foam construction board to express her feelings about the attacks in New York and

Washington, Tuesday morning. Jackson-Gray said she was filled with a feeling "overwhelming sadness" about the events of the day.

## Chaos and fear reign in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secret Service agents at the White House shouted at tourists to get away. At the Capitol, stunned congressmen huddled under the shade trees outside. Downtown, students ran to a dorm roof to watch the Pentagon burn.

Across Washington, people left work and jammed streets and subways to try to get home as the seat of government was evacuated after devastating terrorist attacks at the Pentagon and in New York City. Sirens wailed across the city. Cars jammed the streets, and bomb-sniffing dogs patrolled the Washington Monument.

"I just want to get out of downtown, get someplace safe," said

"I just want to get out of downtown, get someplace safe."  
— Tracey Nicholas  
Mother of third grader

Tracey Nicholas, who had collected her son from his elementary school in downtown but was stranded with no way to get home. She bought Marcus, a third-grader, a hot dog and tried

to think what to do.

Standing in line at the White House, Elmar Torenga of Holland and a friend heard the news of the World Trade Center attacks on a radio. Then they heard a big explosion. "We were quite scared. ... A policeman who seemed quite panicked told us to get ... out of here."

Inside the Capitol, guards ran through the hallways shouting at people to leave. "There's a plane coming," one frantic guard shouted. "Get out!"

Outside, Senate President Pro Tem Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., talked to reporters until a loud boom from behind the Capitol caused an aide to grab him by the arm and try to

drag him away. "Some people in the world are bent on destruction," Byrd said.

At George Washington University near the State Department, student Aaron Costello, 20, of Richmond, Va., ran to his dorm roof to see the Pentagon smoking across the Potomac River.

"It's still just unreal to me right now," Costello said.

At his house on a hill near the Pentagon, John Croom, a 69-year-old retired Army staff sergeant was dumbfounded as he watched the smoke.

"I don't understand how they could do this. ... I thought Washington was protected," Croom said.

### First lady reassures nation

**By Sandra Sobleraj**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — First lady Laura Bush, who was to make her policy debut before a Senate committee Tuesday, instead stepped grim-faced to news cameras and tried to reassure an anxious nation.

"Parents need to reassure their children everywhere in our country that they're safe," Mrs. Bush said after Sen. Edward Kennedy, chairman of the Senate Health, Education and Labor Committee, announced its hearing on early childhood learning was postponed by the chaos of terrorist attacks in New York.

Her face pinched, Mrs. Bush tried to speak in a soothing tone. "Our hearts and our prayers go out to the victims of this act of terrorism," she said.

that Washington was also a target and the first lady, surrounded by nervous-looking Secret Service agents, joined the hundreds of congressional aides who evacuated the Russell Senate Office Building. Mrs. Bush was whisked by motorcade back to the White House.

Like Vice President Dick Cheney, the first lady was then taken to a "secure location" that White House spokespeople refused to identify.

Tuesday's unprecedented Senate hearing was to have put the current first lady and former first lady on opposite sides of the witness table, but on the same side of early education.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the former first lady who now sits on Kennedy's committee, was still at her Embassy Row home as first reports came in from the plane crash into New York's World Trade



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### Giving blood

Television news reports of terrorist attacks play Tuesday, at left, as Akiba Wells, center, a phlebotomist at LifeSource Blood Service in Chicago, draws blood from Ariel Hantin, lower right. The blood service was filled with a steady stream of people who showed up to give blood.

## Radar tracking system vulnerable to jamming

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Transportation Department report cautions that the satellite system the Federal Aviation Administration plans to use to help track airliners in flight is vulnerable to natural obstructions and electronic jamming.

The report by the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center said the signal from the satellites, known as GPS or Global Positioning System, could be blocked by buildings or interference from other transmissions.

In addition, the signals could be jammed or the satellites could even be attacked in a "highly unlikely" scenario.

"As GPS further penetrates into the civil infrastructure, it becomes a tempting target that could be exploited by individuals, groups or countries hostile to the United States," the report said.

Use of the existing satellite system is part of the FAA's \$11.5 billion plan to allow more planes to land, take off and fly from place to place.

Michael Shaw, director of radio

Transportation Department, said the FAA will be able to proceed with its plans for reducing delays.

"The use of satellite navigation is going to bring effectiveness to the national airspace," Shaw said. "There are some vulnerabilities but there are some tremendous benefits. We have to balance both."

Because of the potential problems, the FAA will have to keep its existing tracking systems as a backup. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta has asked all the department's agencies to report to him in 60 days with their plans for backup systems, Shaw said.

The FAA's plan to reduce delays does not rely on untested new technology but makes changes in the current air traffic control system. The plan also calls for giving pilots and controllers more freedom to route planes through the sky, rather than following fixed paths, and allowing planes to fly closer together than the current 2,000 feet.

While fewer planes have been delayed this year as compared with 2000, one in five flights still arrives





# A World on Fire

Tuesday's attack on the United States prompted reactions — some mournful, others celebratory — throughout the world

By Beth Gardiner  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Governments around the world offered condolences to an America that looked more vulnerable than ever after Tuesday's terror attacks, but thousands of Palestinians celebrated in the West Bank and in Lebanese refugee camps.

People on every continent watched in horror as astonishing images of terror in the United States filled their television screens. But in the West Bank town of Nablus, Palestinians cheered and distributed candy to passers-by, and Iraqi television played a patriotic song that began "Down with America" as it showed the World Trade Center towers collapsing.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat offered his sympathy to Americans and said he was horrified by the devastating attacks, which also hit the Pentagon.

Leaders around the world — including most in the Middle East — offered messages of support.

Afghanistan's Taliban rulers condemned the attacks and rejected suggestions that suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden, who has been given asylum in Afghanistan, could be behind them.

"It is premature to level allegations against a person who is not in a position to carry out such attacks," said Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban ambassador in Pakistan. "It was a well-organized plan and Osama has no such facilities."

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, one of three countries that recognize the Taliban's government, condemned the attacks and called for cooperation to combat the "modern-day evil" of terrorism.

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

Britain and Belgium banned commercial flights over their capitals, and Britain warned its citizens traveling in the United States to beware of possible further attacks. Israel closed its airspace to foreign flights and evacuated staff from diplomatic missions and Jewish institutions around the world.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, about 3,000 people poured into the streets shortly after the attacks began, chanting "God is Great" and handing out candy in a traditional gesture of celebration.

There were no reports of celebrations elsewhere in the West Bank and Gaza.

Sheik Ahmed Yassin, whose Islamic militant Hamas group has carried out a series of suicide bombings in Israel, said he was not interested in exporting such attacks to the United States.

"We are not ready to move our struggle outside the occupied Palestinian land. We are not prepared to open international fronts, however much we criticize the unfair American position," Yassin told reporters in Gaza City.

In Ein el-Hilweh, Lebanon's largest refugee camp, where about 75,000 Palestinians live, revelers fired weapons in the air, witnesses said. Similar celebratory gunfire was heard at the Rashidiyeh camp near the southern city of Tyre.

Libyan leader Moammar



AP Photo  
**A Palestinian woman receives free sweets from a vendor as groups of locals in east Jerusalem's Old City celebrate after hearing the news of the terrorist attack Tuesday.**

Gadhafi, whom the United States has accused of backing international terrorism, called the attacks "horrifying" and urged Muslim aid groups to offer help "regardless of political considerations or differences between America and the peoples of the world."

Syria's government condemned the attacks and offered condolences to the United States and the American people, the official Syrian Arab News Agency reported. Syria has also been at odds with the United States, which has accused it of backing terrorism.

Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, a moderate who is struggling for power against the country's hard-line Islamic leaders, expressed "deep regret and sympathy with the victims" and said "it is an international duty to try to undermine terrorism."

Many countries beefed up security at American embassies, and President Bush put all American military forces overseas on high alert.

Ordinary citizens offered condolences at American embassies around the world — Norwegians left bouquets of flowers in a park near the U.S. Embassy, Russians placed flowers near the Moscow mission and in Budapest, there were dozens of candles.

In Berlin, hundreds of people marched silently down Unter den Linden boulevard at nightfall to a service at the city's main cathedral to mourn the victims.

NATO called an emergency meeting of its governing council and urged an intensified war against international terrorism. "Our message to those who perpetrated these unspeakable crimes is clear: you will not get away with it," it said.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council condemned the attacks and urged all nations to work to bring the perpetrators to justice.

"It is impossible to fully comprehend the evil that would have conjured up such a cowardly and depraved assault," said Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Russian President Vladimir Putin condemned the attacks and called them "a blatant challenge to humanity."

"This mass terrorism is the new evil in our world today," said British Prime Minister Tony Blair. "It is perpetrated by fanatics who are utterly indifferent to the sanctity of human life."

Queen Elizabeth II said she was watching developments in "growing disbelief and total shock."



AP Photo  
**U.S. Embassy official place flowers on the fence outside the U.S. Embassy in Moscow Tuesday to express condolences over the terrorist attacks that struck the United States on Tuesday.**

Pope John Paul II condemned the "unspeakable horror" and said he was praying for the victims' souls and for their families.

While Iraqi-TV appeared to salute the attacks, Modhfar Bashir, a 35-year-old poet watching the news in a Baghdad coffee shop, said he condemned such violence. "The problem is that America has created so many enemies inside and abroad," Bashir said.

China said it was "horrified" and Chinese President Jiang Zemin expressed "grave concern for the safety of Chinese in the U.S."

"This outrageous and vicious act of violence against the United States is unforgivable," said Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

Arafat offered his condolences to the American people and government. "We are completely shocked. It's unbelievable," he said.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said "there can be no doubt that these attacks are deliberate acts of terrorism, carefully planned and coordinated. ... I condemn them utterly."

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak called the attacks "horrible and unimaginable." In Germany, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder described them as "a declaration of war."

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad Mahathir expressed sadness, but urged the U.S. government not to seek revenge.

"Retaliation will lead to the deaths of many people and will be



AP Photo  
**A group of children near east Jerusalem's Old City hold Palestinian flags as they flash the V-sign reacting to the news of a terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York Tuesday.**

followed by more counter-strikes," he was quoted as saying.

In the U.S. Caribbean territory of Puerto Rico, people scrambled for news of relatives and friends in New York, where an estimated 2 million Puerto Ricans live.

Groups gathered on the corners

of cobble-stoned streets in San Juan, clinging to strangers in search of more details.

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

Broadcasters around the world broke into programming to show images of the disasters.

"This portends the end of the world," said Ekima Ibassa, a civil servant in Congo's capital, Kinshasa. "It could be the beginning of a new world war," Ibassa added.

## U.S. denies responsibility for Afghanistan bombing

By Kathy Gannon  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — Explosions resounded north of the Afghan capital near its airport early Wednesday, hours after devastating terror attacks in the United States.

The United States quickly denied any involvement in the violence in Afghanistan, which has been shielding Osama bin Laden, suspected terrorism mastermind linked by some U.S. officials to

Tuesday's attacks in New York and Washington.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the fighting in Kabul appeared to be rocket attacks by opposition rebels in response to the attack on rebel general Ahmed Shah Massouda Sunday.

The insurgents blamed the attempt on the ruling Taliban, a hard-line Islamic group.

An opposition spokesman denied the rebels were responsible for

Wednesday morning's violence and a Taliban spokesman blamed the explosions on a fire at an ammunition depot.

The explosions began around 2:30 a.m. and came in rapid succession, seconds apart, making buildings shudder. There were no sounds of airplanes or anti-aircraft fire.

Rockets also reportedly landed in the northern suburb of Khair Khana, hitting the Taliban depot. Giant plumes of black smoke bil-

lowed skyward. A Taliban military division is nearby.

Officials at the airport could not be reached.

In the northern suburb of Khair Khana, giant plumes of black smoke billowed skyward from a burning Taliban ammunition depot. The area contains a Taliban military division.

From the Taliban's headquarters in southern Kandahar, Abdul Hai Muttmain, a spokesman for the Islamic militia, blamed the explo-

sions on a fire at the ammunition depot. He did not say how the depot caught fire, but denied that there was an attack on the capital.

"There was an explosion in an ammunition depot, and our aircraft were flown to a safe place, creating a misunderstanding that there had been an attack. We deny that there was any attack on Kabul," he said.

However, it was unclear from his statement why it was necessary to move the aircraft to safety.

White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said explosions reported in Kabul are not retaliatory attacks by the United States.

"The United States is not responsible," she said.

Her comments were echoed by U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld during a Pentagon briefing in Washington. "I've seen those reports," he said of the Kabul explosions. "In no way is the United States government connected to those explosions."





## Michigan reactions to terrorist attacks

"All Americans — Christians, Muslims and Jews — condemn this vicious act of cowardice. This is a time for all Americans to pull together and support each other. These acts seek to divide us — we must not allow that to happen." — **U.S. Rep. David Bonior, D-Mount Clemens and House minority whip.**

"I am appalled at what has happened and deeply saddened at the death and injury of so many Americans. I grieve for those killed or wounded, and their loved ones are in my prayers. We must find out what happened and who is responsible and bring them to justice. In the meantime, we must go forward and cannot allow this to intimidate or paralyze America or its people." — **U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Deerborn**

"At this time of great national tragedy, I call for our nation to pause and take a moment to pray for victims of this morning's tragedies, to pray for our families and to pray for our country." — **U.S. Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Holland.**

"Life in America has been changed forever. I am horrified by the magnitude and brutality of the hijackings and subsequent terrorist attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon." — **Detroit Roman Catholic Archbishop Adam Malda**

"We must pull together as one people to protect our nation and our way of life. America must lead the civilized world in a relentless campaign to root out and defeat terrorists and terrorist states." — **Sen. Carl Levin, D-Detroit**

"These terrorist assaults must be thoroughly investigated and those who are responsible must face swift and certain justice." — **Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D-Detroit**

"American freedom, won through revolution against tyranny, defended and continued through civil war and world war, will not be stopped by the acts of terrorists." — **Michigan Secretary of State Candice Miller**

"We have no reason to believe any building in Michigan is a target." — **state police director Col. Mike Robinson**

"You can't put into words what's going down. You don't ever think about somebody that would actually attack the U.S." — **Tom Pickard, 29, of Shreveport, La., a passenger at Detroit Metropolitan Airport whose flight was canceled**

"I can't believe what happened to so many innocent people. I'll always remember this day." — **Marisol Castillo of Paramus, N.J., at Detroit Metro on a stopover for a business trip to Los Angeles**

"We're basically getting as ready as can be and hope that nothing happens." — **Mark Sparks of Wayne County Emergency Management, after county's emergency declaration**

"I'm going to pray today, that's what I'm going to do." — **Louise Dudy, 71, a Dearborn poll staffer working in Tuesday's primary election**

"In trying times, Americans come together with amazing courage and compassion, and it reminds us all that we are proud to be citizens of the greatest nation on earth." — **Gov. John Engler**

"Today, the people of America and Michigan stand shocked, angered and in mourning at the tragic loss of life brought about through the cowardly attacks on our country. ... I encourage everyone who is able to answer the calls from the American Red Cross to donate blood to help those wounded in today's attacks." — **Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus**

## Passengers remain calm at airport

By Ed Garsten  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROMULUS — Weighted down with both her baggage and emotion, Marisol Castillo stood stone-faced as she joined other stranded travelers watching the three televisions in the Smith Terminal's PGA Tour Shop.

"It's very scary," she said. Marisol, who lives in Paramus, N.J., was on her way from New York City to Los Angeles for a business trip. She was on a stopover at Detroit Metropolitan Airport to change planes on Spirit Airlines.

"I am always going to remember this day," she said with a shaky voice.

Julee and Daniel Formosa, who were on their way from Anchorage, Alaska, to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., said they had no idea what had happened until they landed in Detroit.

"It's very upsetting," said Julee Formosa. "Right after the news came on they turned off all the TVs in the concourse."

Hilda Shehadel, of Novi, Mich., stood frantically near the security check points, which were shut down for a time and then reopened only to ticketed passengers.

She had come to pick up her elderly parents who were supposed to be returning to their home in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"They called me to get them when they canceled the flights, now I can't get to them," said Shehadel.

About 30 minutes later, Shehadel was reunited with her parents after passengers who had been stuck at the gates were allowed to leave.

Speaking of the attacks, Shehadel's mother Evelyn Harb said, "I'm angry, I don't like that. We should love each other."

No flights will take off or land at Detroit Metropolitan Airport until at least noon EDT Wednesday, said Dan Kerber, deputy director of airport operations.

The decision on when to resume operations would be up to the Federal Aviation Administration, Kerber said. About 70 aircraft are grounded at the airport, including 10 planes that had been diverted from other destinations, he said.

Northwest Airline vice president for customer relations, Robert Ball, said a flight from Beijing was diverted to Grand Rapids, Mich.

In Traverse City, five flights were diverted and landed at Cherry Capital Airport, airport manager Stephen Cassens said.

One of the diverted flights, a DC-9, had come from John F. Kennedy airport in New York and was headed to Minneapolis. It was taken to an isolated parking spot and a bomb-sniffing dog helped inspect all the baggage.

Patrick Bero, 33, of Clarkston was headed from Detroit to Green Bay, Wis., on a Northwest flight when it was diverted to Traverse City.

The pilot came on the speaker and said there had been a terrorist attack.

"We were all just stunned. Everybody just kind of looked at each other. We were hoping it wasn't true," Bero said.

By early afternoon, the airport was eerily quiet.

"The last time it was like this was before the Wright brothers," Cassens said.

Mike Symonds, of Brewster, Wash., wandered the nearly deserted terminal, awaiting his wife, who took a separate flight and was stranded in Chicago.

"It's incredible, it's mind-boggling, I can't comprehend it," he said.

Symonds, 67, said the attacks reminded him of the Japanese assault on Pearl Harbor.

"I remember having my ear to the radio and listening to the reports," he said. "I was only 7, but I still remember it. But back then, we knew who the enemy was. Now, who knows?"



Photo by CARLOS OSORIO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Passengers wait at Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus Tuesday, after the terrorism attack on New York and Washington. All U.S. airports were closed down in the wake of the attack on the World Trade Center.

Two flights were diverted to Sawyer International Airport in Marquette: a Northwest flight from Hartford, Conn., and a Sun Country charter flight from New York City. Both had been en route to Minneapolis.

Passengers on the Northwest flight were being bused to Minneapolis, while the Sun Country passengers were taken to motels in the Marquette area, airport manager Hal Pawley said.

At the Detroit airport, aside from an occasional frustrated traveler, both terminals were quiet and calm with short lines at most ticket counters.

It was busier at the baggage claim areas where airline workers had to tediously remove luggage from each plane and call out the

names on ID tags.

Despite the wait, travelers stood patiently, or sat on the carpet, playing cards, making telephone calls or tapping on laptop computers.

Green-vested customer service workers employed by the airport stood at curbside ready to answer questions or direct travelers. Northwest Airlines, the predominant carrier in Detroit, booked about 450 hotel rooms in the area, Ball said.

When operations do resume at the airport, Kerber said passengers will likely experience some delays.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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Case No. 2001-18548-CH  
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THIS MATTER having come before the  
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unknown, the Court being satisfied that diligent  
inquiry to ascertain it has been undertaken,  
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants  
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# OPINION

PRESS ARGUS

# 'We will show the world that we will pass this test'

## America will respond the way America always responds

*"The resolve of our great nation is being tested. But make no mistake, we will show the world that we will pass this test." — President George W. Bush*

That's right. We will pass this test.

Throughout our history, we've been tested time and again, and each time, we've passed the test. The Civil War, Pearl Harbor, Watergate, Oklahoma City ... each time our resolve has been tested, we've passed the test.

And we'll pass this test, too.

We're still sorting through everything that happened on Tuesday, and we're still trying to sort out our feelings. We've never been through anything like this before in our country, so when the events started unfolding in New York and Washington and elsewhere, we weren't sure quite how to react.

In Livingston County — like Americans everywhere — we reacted with sadness, shock and outrage. We were glued to our TV sets, watching the horror unfold and wondering what kind of world we live in.

We reacted in official ways in Livingston County, as well. We closed government buildings and stepped up security. We canceled sporting events and after-school activities. We lowered our flags to half-staff.

And we reacted in unofficial ways, too. Among the most prevalent: starting Tuesday afternoon, lots of us lined up at gas stations and started panic-buying fuel.

More than anything, though, we mourned our countrymen, we hugged our children and — for the first time in our lives, probably — we actually wondered if we were safe on our own soil.

That's a common fear in other parts of the world, but in America, it was a new, frightening feeling. We've always enjoyed a sense of security here. We've always felt safe from enemy attack.

On Tuesday — for the first time most of us can recall — that sense of security was threatened. A terrorist attack on American soil left us feeling vulnerable and insecure.

The thing is, though, despite their ability to kill thousands of innocent people, these cowardly terrorists will never win. Never.

They'll only win if they break our spirit and crush our resolve, and that'll never happen.

Never.

As President Bush said, "We will show the world that we will pass this test." We'll find out who's responsible, we'll punish who's responsible, and we'll come out of this tragedy stronger



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than we ever were before — in every way.

This was a dark day in American history — the darkest one I'll ever see — but as Americans, we'll respond in kind. We'll respond by showing the world that this kind of cowardly attack will never break us.

Like many of you, I sat back on Tuesday and wondered what I could do to help. Donate blood? Donate money? What?

Well, there are certainly plenty of tangible things we can do. Giving blood is a terrific way to help. The Livingston County Red Cross has some blood drives coming up this weekend, and it would be great to see long lines there.

Overall, though, I think the main thing we can do is this:

Remember where we are, remember who we are, and remember what we are.

We're Americans. And Americans respond to crisis and tragedy by displaying remarkable strength and resolve. We always have and we always will. That's why we've survived as a republic for over 200 years. We'll come together and we'll get through this.

We'll give our kids an extra hug today, we'll mourn the unspeakable loss of humanity and we'll go on about our lives — stronger than before.

And the terrorists will see that once again, they've lost. They'll never, ever be able to win. Never.

Remember the president's words: "We will pass this test."

I'm sad today. I'm angry and I'm shocked and I'm disgusted.

More than anything, though, I'm proud to be an American.

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## Our country's reaction to this must be swift, just and permanent

Yesterday, September 11, 2001 is a new date which will live in infamy.

For the first time since Pearl Harbor, almost 60 years ago, an unknown declared enemy suddenly and deliberately attacked the United States of America and its good citizens.

It was a cowardly and despicable attack, and one which should not and will not go unpunished. We are right to feel horrified, outraged, and yes, violated. But in this time of travail, and we must ask ourselves: What is the appropriate response? What full measure of anger should we dish out, and to whom?

The malignant scourge of coordinated terrorism has never before been laid at freedom's door, but yesterday changed all that. In our innocence or naivete, we could only imagine the horror of a concentrated terrorist effort against our country.

Or even worse, maybe we could not accept even the logic of someone attacking our citizenry. We are sure many of us are guilty of the "it couldn't happen here" mentality. Before September 11, we had not felt the full brunt of brute barbarism.

That was yesterday, however. Today, our thoughts and emotions will not let us be so benign. Today, we are not so innocent. Today, we feel the pain. Today, we feel the anger.

But in our rush to judgment, please remember that we are Americans, and our response should reflect our maturity as a nation and as a people.

If revenge is a dish best served cold, then so be it. But let us take our righteous indignation and let it simmer. Our long-term resolve should be to find out what happened, why it happened, and how we can prevent this from occurring again — if at all possible.

Then — and only then — can the best and full effort of our government with all its resources be applied to finding out who did this. Once we have done this, then we should show no quarter to the cowards who planned the attack.



**TERRY FITZWATER**

Our response should be decisive, total and lasting. But we need to take emotion out of the equation, so that our response does not simply beget another. If the Middle East and its violent terrorist history teaches us anything, simply compiling one horrific act upon another doesn't lead to a permanent solution.

Our reaction and how we deal with this as a nation must be one of civil and rational thought. It will take us some time. Therefore, we should use it to our benefit.

But when the appropriate time comes, let the word go forth to all those who would practice terrorism against our country: we will give no quarter. We will find you, and our punishment will be just, forceful and absolute. We will have our vengeance, and woe to those who think otherwise. We must surgically remove the tumor of terrorism from this good earth, and anyone who supports or plies this trade of evil should know we will no longer allow it to exist.

Yesterday, the sleeping giant known as America awoke to its new enemy. Now it's time for the perpetrators to start fearing the wrath of a righteous and vengeful people.

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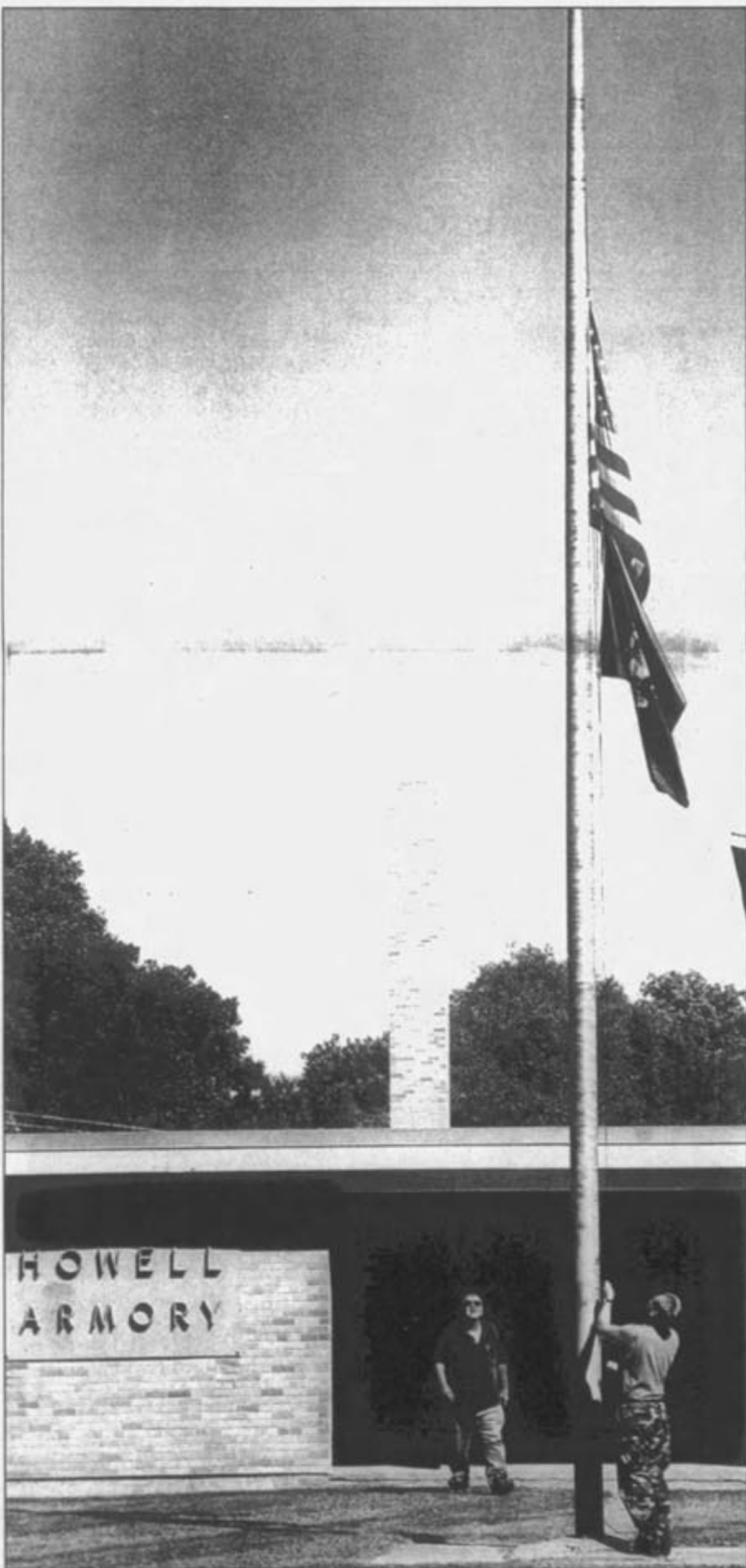


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A guardsman lowers the State of Michigan and United States flags to half-staff on Tuesday afternoon at the National Guard Armory in Howell, following the attacks in Washington and New York.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What's your opinion of the attacks in New York and Washington? The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus is inviting you to offer your comments and sentiments on the situation. Send your letters to: Daily Press & Argus, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. You can also fax your letters to (517) 548-3005, or send them via e-mail to [bmoorehouse@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:bmoorehouse@ht.homecomm.net).



ATTACK on AMERICA

# Business grinds to near halt in U.S.

## Stores close, companies send workers home as badly shaken nation responds to attacks

By Amy Baldwin and Anne D'Innocenzio  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Workers were sent home and shop doors locked shut at many businesses in a badly shaken nation's response to the terrorist attacks in New York City and the nation's capital Tuesday.

A suspension of air traffic nationwide crippled operations at businesses that rely on air transportation, such as package carriers FedEx and United Parcel Service. Evacuation of landmark buildings, such as the Sears Tower in Chicago, seriously disrupted activity at many firms.

Other companies, from Coca Cola Co. in Atlanta to Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, Mich., canceled meetings and allowed workers to leave.

"This is a national tragedy, and our sympathy goes out to all those affected," said Nick Sharkey, a Ford spokesman. "Ford is taking all reasonable precautions for our employees and our facilities."

General Motors Corp. allowed employees to go home if they chose, while DaimlerChrysler AG shut down Tuesday.

Mall operators across the country, including the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., and The Taubman Centers, a Bloomfield Hills, Mich., company that operates 27 malls in 12 states, closed their doors. Those shopping centers that remained open beefed up security.

Major theme parks across the country, including Disneyland Resorts and Universal Studios Hollywood shuttered their facilities and major sporting events were canceled.

In New York, the entire Wall Street area, choked by smoke and rocked by shock waves from the attacks and the subsequent collapse of the World Trade Center towers, was shut down. With bridges to Manhattan closed and subway and train service disrupted, many offices closed. The Rockefeller Center buildings were mostly evacuated.

Saks Fifth Avenue closed its flagship Manhattan store, but others, including Bloomingdale's, stayed open, not only serving shoppers but also providing havens for employees stranded without public transportation.

"If they have to be here, we will be here," said Anne Keating, spokeswoman for the department store. "Companies have ordered blankets from us for their employees to sleep on," she said.

Many business outside the targeted areas of New York and Washington, said they closed because they knew their workers were worried about friends and family, and about nation's overall security.

"It is a time when people need to be with their families. We recognize that and have closed all our business operations," said Jim Eldred, chief financial officer for Cincinnati-based Human ChoiceCare, a division of Louisville,



Photo by SHAWN BALDWIN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Firefighters fight a blaze amidst rubble after terrorists crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center in a deadly series of blows that brought down the twin 110-story towers in New York Tuesday.

### Net traffic slows, news sites jammed following attacks

By Anick Jesdanun  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Internet traffic slowed and major news Web sites were jammed Tuesday as people craving details on the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks flooded online.

The Net also proved its mettle as a communications facilitator in a time of crisis.

Electronic mail was a godsend for many people trying to reach loved ones but frustrated by clogged telephone voice circuits, and Web sites were established to help people find out whether friends and family survived.

The Internet search engine Google directed news seekers to radio and television. "Many online news services are not available, because of extremely high demand," a statement read on the popular site's home page.

Television broadcasts did not appear to promote their Web sites as heavily as they normally do during breaking news.

America Online's Instant Messenger service was sporadic in New York throughout much of the day.

AOL's dial-up connections in New York were constantly busy, although the service was sometimes reachable by making long-distance calls elsewhere. AOL

spokesman Jim Whitney said the service was running normally from the company's end. He did report a slight spike in instant-messaging traffic.

MSNBC.com, the most popular news site on the Web, was working without problems, but spokesman Ben Billingsley said technicians had removed graphics from the site to allow users to access the news faster.

CNN.com also streamlined its site, temporarily removing video, ads and non-breaking news in the early hours after the attack. Spokeswoman Edna Johnson said Internet users were viewing 9 million pages an hour by afternoon, compared with a normal average of 14 million for the entire day.

The site for ABC News reported four times normal traffic. Reaching the Web site was difficult in the morning, before ABC took measures including borrowing server capacity from ESPN.com, owned by the same company as ABC.

Keynote Systems Inc., which measures Internet performance, said that in the early hours the Web sites it tracked took longer to reach — nearly 13 seconds, compared with a daily average of five.

Performance improved by late afternoon.

Ky's Humana Inc., a health care company employing 15,000 people across the country.

"It is hitting everybody. It is incredible how many people have connections to people who work there," Eldred said, noting that at least a dozen workers at their Cincinnati office friends or family who work in downtown New York.

Printer maker Lexmark International closed operations, telling its 5,000 workers to go home, Tuesday afternoon but said it would be business as usual Wednesday.

"We are here in the heartland, far away from the east coast, but people will want to be with families," said Tim King, spokesman for the



Photo by SUZANNE PLUNKETT/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Smoke rises into the skyline after the bombing of the World Trade Center Towers Tuesday in New York. In a horrific sequence of destruction, terrorists hijacked two airliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center in a coordinated series of attacks that brought down the twin 110-story towers.

Lexington, Ky. company.

Some companies tried to go about their normal day of business, but most found it difficult to do so. "People are concerned and upset ... it is not a typical day," said Jim Nolan, a spokesman for Mutual of Omaha. The company gave updates over its public address system as employees gath-

ered in conference rooms to watch and listen to news reports. A moment of silence was held for those killed and injured in the attacks.

"At this point, everyone in America is glued to their TV sets," said Tom Williams, spokesman for Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Wal-Mart was keeping stores

open but allowed employees, especially those on the East Coast, to go home. It's slow — clearly. What most people are doing is sitting at a TV set. Obviously, people are in shock and they want to get as much information as they can," said Jerre Bryant of Maine Mall, in South Portland, Maine, the state's largest shopping mall.

# 'We are being hijacked...'

## Passenger delivers message before plane crashes in Pa.

By Todd Spangler  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. — A passenger on United Airlines Flight 93 called on his cell phone from a locked bathroom and delivered a chilling message. "We are being hijacked, we are being hijacked!" Minutes later the jetliner crashed in western Pennsylvania with 45 people aboard, the last of four closely timed terror attacks across the country.

Radar showed the San Francisco-bound Boeing 757 from Newark, N.J., had nearly reached Cleveland when it made a sharp left turn and headed back toward Pennsylvania, crashing in a grassy field edged by woods about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. There was no sign of any survivors.

"There's a crater gouged in the earth, the plane is pretty much disintegrated. There's nothing left but scorched trees," said Mark Stahl, of Somerset, who went to the scene.

The Boeing 757 crash was one of four reported Tuesday by United and American Airlines. Two jetlin-

ers crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City and one hit the Pentagon in Washington.

United said Flight 93 left Newark at 8:01 a.m. with 38 passengers, two pilots and five flight attendants.

Minutes before the 10 a.m. crash, an emergency dispatcher in Pennsylvania received a cell phone call from a man who said he was a passenger locked in a bathroom aboard United Flight 93. The man repeatedly said the call was not a hoax, said dispatch supervisor Glenn Cramer in neighboring Westmoreland County.

"We are being hijacked, we are being hijacked!" Cramer quoted the man from a transcript of the call. "The man told dispatchers the plane was going down. He heard some sort of explosion and saw white smoke coming from the plane and we lost contact with him," Cramer said.

FBI agent Wells Morrison would not confirm that the plane was hijacked, but said the FBI was reviewing the tape of the 911 call. "At this point, we're not prepared to say it was an act of terrorism,

though it appears to be that," Morrison said.

Reporters were taken to the top of a hill overlooking the scene. The crash left a V-shaped gouge in a grassy field surrounded by thick woods, just below a hilltop strip mine. The gouge is 8- to 10-feet deep and 15- to 20-feet long, said Capt. Frank Monaco of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Investigators believe the plane crashed there and disintegrated, sending debris into thick trees nearby, Monaco said.

"There's nothing in the ground you can see," Monaco said of the crash site. "It just looks like tiny pieces of debris."

Michael R. Merringer was out on a mountain bike ride with his wife, Amy, about two miles away from the crash site.

"I heard the engine gun two different times and then I heard a loud bang and the windows of the houses all around rattled," Merringer said. "I looked up and I saw the smoke coming up."

The couple rushed home and drove near the scene. "Everything was on fire and there

was trees knocked down and there was a big hole in the ground," he said.

In Chicago, United CEO James Goodwin said the airline was sending a team to Pennsylvania to assist in the investigation and to provide assistance to family members.

"Today's events are a tragedy and our prayers are with everyone at this time," Goodwin said.

Without citing a death toll, United said Tuesday afternoon that it had identified all passengers and crew members on board the two planes and was notifying family members. No names were released immediately.

In Pennsylvania's Richland Township, police Chief Jim Mock said air traffic control coordinators reported Tuesday morning that a large aircraft was heading toward John Murtha Johnstown Cambria County Municipal Airport in the township, about 60 miles east of Pittsburgh.

The air traffic controllers said the aircraft would not identify itself, according to Mock, who is also the airport's emergency coord-



Photo by KEITH SPANOC/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Emergency workers look at the crater created when United Airlines Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pa., on Tuesday. Radar showed the San Francisco-bound Boeing 757 from Newark, N.J., had nearly reached Cleveland when it made a sharp left turn and headed back toward Pennsylvania, crashing in a grassy field edged by woods about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

inator. Shortly after talking to the controllers, Mock said, a plane crashed north of the Somerset County airport about 20 miles away.

"It shook the whole station," said Bruce Grine, owner of Grine's Service Center in Shanksville, about 2 1/2 miles from the crash. "Everybody ran outside, and by that time the fire whistle was blowing." Stahl was listening to reports about the World Trade Center attacks on the radio when he heard Flight 93 crash. He took pictures showing a billowing cloud and a large, black hole burrowed into the ground surrounded by small piece

of airplane still on fire.

"I didn't know what to think, it was shocking," Stahl said.

At San Francisco International Airport, where the plane was headed, an evacuation was ordered. Bomb-sniffing dogs patrolled the hallways and a counseling center was set up for relatives of the people aboard Flight 93.

"This is a time for compassion. It's not a time for long sermons," said the Rev. John Delatwa, a Catholic priest who is part of the airport's counseling team.

Flight 93 also operated as a code-share flight with Air Canada as Flight AC4085.



ATTACK ON AMERICA

# State will be 'cautious' but 'not intimidated' — Engler

By Mike Malott  
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

"We're Americans. We are not going to be intimidated. But we are going to be cautious," Gov. John Engler said Tuesday afternoon in reaction to the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

The comment characterized the state government's overall reaction to the attacks. Although he assured residents that state officials had no information indicating any danger or threat to any location in Michigan, the Department of State Police opened its Emergency Operations Center and tightened security at state buildings and ports of entry. Extra security was placed at the Ambassador Bridge, the Windsor

Tunnel, the Blue Water Bridge, Metropolitan Airport and the Mackinaw Bridge. The Ambassador Bridge and the Windsor Tunnel were closed to traffic but were reopened by the end of the day. Flights were suspended at Metro Airport and were not expected to resume until sometime Wednesday.

State buildings were not evacuated, but were closed to the public. Only employees with passes and those bearing state credentials were allowed entry. Engler said state officials would assess whether to reopen state buildings to the public Wednesday.

Engler said he believed schools in Michigan, many of which were locked down through the day Tuesday, should reopen Wednesday and continue on with their business.

"As proud Americans, we must

not let the unspeakable terror of this day make us fearful or change our way of life," he said.

"About the best thing people can do is donate blood," said Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, also present at the governor's press conference. "The Red Cross has been in contact with us, and there is a call for donations. Office hours will be extended into evening hours."

Col. Michael Robinson, Director of the Department of State Police, agreed donations were the best way to lend assistance. He said the Red Cross will not be accepting assistance from rescue volunteers unless they have already been trained.

Engler said that Gen. E. Gordon Stump, Director of the Michigan Department of Military Affairs, would make National Guardsman and medical personnel available to

assist New York and Washington, but he said he expected they would first turn for assistance to neighboring states.

The National Guard was also placed on alert as a precaution.

Engler decried the price hikes at the gas pump that occurred during the day Tuesday, saying he believed it was the result of panic.

"There is no reason for gas to have gone up 30 cents at the pump during the day," he said. The commodity trading center through which gasoline sales are made, Engler explained, was located in the World Trade Center, so there may be some disruption in the administration of gasoline sales.

"You don't raise prices that much in that short of a period of time without someone being spooked about it, but there should be no disruption in supply," he said.

Engler and Robinson also urged residents not retaliate against members of ethnic groups. Engler said the state is "incredibly diverse" and that such acts are always inevitably the work of only a small group. Robinson recalled the reaction Americans had toward Japanese-Americans. Later, Americans learned they had overreacted, he said.

Robinson said he was pleased with the state's Emergency Operations Center swung into action, assembled its teams, and made contact with federal sources as well as law enforcement officials at the state.

This is the first time the state emergency center has been activated for a terrorist incident. Typically, it has been used to respond to severe weather, but Robinson said the center has run scenarios for a variety of

incidents, including terrorist attacks.

Robinson said the center would remain in operation throughout the day Tuesday.

Engler said the state of Michigan would grieve for the victims and their families.

"I have the utmost confidence that President Bush and his administration will act quickly to offer comfort and assistance to the victims and to punish the villains who are responsible for this horrific crime," Engler said.

But he said there will also have to be a review of what broke down at airports that allowed terrorists to apparently get by security and take control of so many airliners at a variety of airports.

"The injury to the American psyche is pretty profound today," he said.



Photo by DANNY WILCOX TAYLOR/ASSOCIATED PRESS

## A nation stunned

Megan Elise McFarlane, center, reacts while watching television coverage of the attacks in New York City and Washington on Tuesday in Iowa City, Iowa.

### GENOA TOWNSHIP LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE GENOA TOWNSHIP DORR ROAD WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (2001) - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

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(1) The Township Board of Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the "Township") in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, has determined to levy special assessments against lands in the GENOA TOWNSHIP DORR ROAD WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (2001) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (the "District") that will be benefited by the construction of certain improvements to the Township's water and sewer distribution system in the District. The District consists of the properties located within the area with the following borders: Between Gray Road on the West and Dorrr Road on the East and between Grand River Avenue on the North and I-96 on the South. The Special Assessment District includes the specific properties that are identified by the following permanent parcel numbers:

11-10-400-003	11-15-200-013	11-15-200-022
11-10-400-004	11-15-200-014	11-15-200-023
11-10-400-021	11-15-200-015	11-15-200-024
11-10-400-023	11-15-200-016	11-15-200-025
11-15-200-005	11-15-200-017	11-15-200-026
11-15-200-006	11-15-200-018	11-15-200-027
11-15-200-012	11-15-200-020	

(2) The proposed special assessment roll for the District (the "Roll") has been prepared and is now on file in the office of the Township Clerk and is available at such office for public examination during the hours the Township Hall is regularly open to the public for business.

(3) The Township Board will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., local time, on September 17, 2001, at the Genoa Township Offices, 2911 Dorrr Road, Brighton, Michigan, to explain and answer questions pertaining to the Roll and to hear objections to the Roll. Any person objecting to the Roll must file his or her objections before the close of the public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

(4) The owner or other person having an interest in property that is specially assessed is entitled to file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the Roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing are required by law in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party in interest or his or her agent may (i) appear and protest in person at the hearing or (ii) file an appearance and protest by letter before the close of the hearing. The Township Board will maintain a record of the persons who appear and protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was so recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

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## ATTACK on AMERICA

"Today, our nation saw evil..." — President Bush

# President joins in mourning victims, vows to punish those responsible

By Sandra Sobleraj  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A grim-faced President Bush asked the nation to find comfort in Scripture as he mourned the deaths of thousands of Americans in Tuesday's atrocities and vowed to avenge their killings. "Today, our nation saw evil," he said.

In his first prime-time Oval Office address, Bush said the United States would retaliate against "those behind these evil acts," and any country that harbors them.

Bush spoke from the Oval Office just hours after bouncing between Florida and air bases in Louisiana and Nebraska for security reasons.

Fighter jets and decoy helicopters accompanied his evening flight to Washington and the White House, where his Marine One helicopter stood vigil on the South Lawn in the event of another evacuation.

With smoke still pouring out of rubble in Washington and New York, Bush declared: "These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve."

He spoke for less than five minutes from the desk that Bill Clinton and John F. Kennedy used before him. Beside the door, a TelePrompTer operator fed Bush the words that he and his speechwriters hastened to pen just an hour earlier.

He stumbled a couple of times even as he strove to maintain a commanding air. Aides pushed an American flag and one with the presidential seal behind him for the somber occasion.

Immediately afterward, Bush joined a late-night meeting of his National Security Council and planned to remain overnight at the White House.

Bush said the government offices deserted after the bombings Tuesday would open on Wednesday.

He asked the nation to pray for the families of the victims and quoted the Book of Psalms, "And I pray they will be comforted by a power greater than any of us spoken through the ages in Psalm 23.



Photo by DOUG MILES/ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Bush addresses the nation Tuesday from the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, about the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Bush said, "Freedom itself has been attacked this morning by a faceless coward."

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for you are with me."

The United States received no warning of the attacks on the Pentagon and New York's World Trade Center towers, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

U.S. officials privately said they suspected terrorism: Osama bin

Laden, protected by Afghan government, was behind the tragedies. The Afghan government has rejected the accusations.

"We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them," Bush said.

"Today, our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom, came

under attack in a series of deliberate and deadly terrorist acts."

"Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror," Bush said.

The Oval Office address was his third statement on the tragedy.

He began his day in Sarasota, Fla., where he intended to talk about education. The remarks were

scrapped and Bush headed to Louisiana.

He made a brief statement from a conference room at a Louisiana military base, assuring Americans that he was in regular contact with his command post in Washington: Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and the White House

national security team.

He then boarded Air Force One at 1:30 p.m. EDT for a secret destination that turned out to be Nebraska's Offutt Air Force Base, home to the U.S. Strategic Command, which controls the nation's nuclear weapons. Until three years ago, the Strategic Command also housed the so-called doomsday plane that had been specially equipped to serve as a flying White House in the event of nuclear war.

White House officials were sensitive to any appearance that Bush was not at the helm.

Fleischer said Bush wanted to be in Washington, where Cheney led the crisis operations center at the White House, but "he understands that at a time like this, caution must be taken" with his location.

At the first reports of attacks on New York's World Trade Center, Bush told his Sarasota elementary school audience that he was hastening back to Washington. All of that immediately changed — and he was diverted to Louisiana — when a plane slammed into the Pentagon, and Washington, too, was under attack.

On Capitol Hill, first lady Laura Bush, who was to have made her debut testifying before the Senate on education, tried to soothe a horrified nation.

"Parents need to reassure their children everywhere in our country that they're safe," she said, grim-faced, as she and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., announced their hearing was postponed.

Mrs. Bush and a handful of aides were whisked by motorcade to a secret location away from the White House, which had been evacuated but for the small corps of foreign policy advisers who staffed the basement Situation Room.

Fleischer said the 19-year-old girls, Barbara at Yale University and Jenna at the University of Texas, were also moved to secure locations.

Associated Press writer Sonya Ross contributed to this report from Air Force One.

## Officials: Osama bin Laden remains the No. 1 suspect

By Karen Gullo and John Solomon  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials began piecing together a case linking Osama bin Laden to the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history, aided by an intercept of communications between his supporters and harrowing cell phone calls from victims aboard the jetliners before they crashed on Tuesday.

U.S. intelligence intercepted communications between bin Laden supporters discussing the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, according to Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"They have an intercept of some information that included people associated with bin Laden who acknowledged a couple of targets were hit," Hatch said in an interview with The Associated Press. He declined to be more specific.

Hatch also said law enforcement has data possibly linking one person on one of the four ill-fated flights to bin Laden's organization.

Government and industry officials said at least one flight attendant and two passengers called from three of the planes as they were being forced down in New York and Washington — each describing similar circumstances.

The callers indicated hijackers armed with knives, in some cases stabbing flight attendants, took control of the plane and were forcing them down toward the ground, officials said.

One of the passengers was Barbara Olson, the wife of a top Justice Department official who called her husband as the hijacking



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An undated file photo of Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden.

was occurring.

Olson, the wife of Solicitor General Theodore Olson, was aboard American Airlines Flight 77 that left Dulles International Airport in Washington and was forced to crash into the Pentagon.

The officials said Olson told her husband the attackers had used knifelike instruments to take over the plane, and forced passengers to the back of the jet.

Theodore Olson confirmed his wife made the calls before dying. "She called from the plane while it was being hijacked. I wish it wasn't so but it is," he said.

Separately, a businessman, his wife and young child aboard a United flight that left Boston and crashed into the World Trade Center twice called his father in Connecticut as his plane was being hijacked, a law enforcement official

told The Associated Press.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the victim's father told the FBI his son made two calls, and both times the phone cut off. In the first call, the businessman said a stewardess had been stabbed. In the second call, the son said his plane was going down.

The man was identified as former Easton, Conn., resident Peter Hansen. A minister confirmed the cell phone call to his father, Lee Hansen, an official in Easton, a small town near Bridgeport.

"He called to his parents' home, and so in that way they were so together in that moment," the Rev. Bonnie Bardot said.

And a flight attendant aboard the second jetliner that struck the World Trade Center managed to call an emergency number from the back of the airplane, an American Airlines source said. The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the flight attendant reported her fellow attendants had been stabbed, the cabin had been taken over, and they were going down in New York.

Attorney General John Ashcroft confirmed the American Airlines Flight 11 that left Boston for Los Angeles "was hijacked by suspects armed with knives."

The stories of these cell phone callers matched those of a call apparently made aboard a plane that crashed in rural Pennsylvania around the same time. Officials believed that plane was hijacked and was turning around from its planned West Coast destination, possibly headed toward the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland or the U.S. Capitol.

## 'The whole building shook'

A hijacked Boeing 757 plane carrying 58 passengers crashed into the Pentagon Tuesday morning. About 20,000 military and civilian personnel work at the Pentagon, which covers 34 acres.



## Military responds swiftly following attacks

By Susanne M. Schafer  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Air Force F-16s patrolled the skies over Washington, Navy warships were sent to Manhattan and military commanders ordered forces on highest alert after Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

President Bush, in an Oval Office address, vowed to find those responsible. "We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them," he said.

At a Pentagon briefing earlier, Joint Chiefs Chairman Henry H. Shelton said, "I have no intention of discussing what comes next. But make no mistake about it, your armed forces are ready."

Some 10 hours before that briefing, a Boeing 757 plowed into the Pentagon, after two hijacked airliners had struck the towers of New York's World Trade Center.

But what would happen next — including potential retaliatory strikes — wasn't exactly clear.

President Bush put U.S. forces around the globe on the highest possible alert. "Threatcon Delta," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld denied that

U.S. forces were responsible for the explosions heard Tuesday night near Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan. "In no way is the U.S. government connected," he said at the Pentagon briefing.

A senior defense official said the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, which was due to come home from the Persian Gulf, was ordered to remain in the area indefinitely. A second carrier, the USS Carl Vinson, remains in the area as well, the official said.

Officials at military sites across the country reported that only essential military personnel would be permitted on their bases. All unnecessary military flights were canceled, and the North American Aerospace Defense Command took steps to protect the military's computer systems from hackers, a spokesman said.

Around the country, fighters, airborne radar and refueling planes were scrambled, according to an Air National Guard spokesman at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. NORAD was also on its highest alert.

"We have all of our air sovereignty aircraft — fighters, surveillance and other support aircraft — ready to respond," NORAD said in a statement.

Air Force fighter jets scrambled over Washington shortly after the attack.

## Properly, athletics takes a back seat

Every major event in our lives is indelibly etched in our memories, not only of the event itself but what we were doing when we heard of it.

Births, deaths, announcements, promotions, demotions, hirings, firings — all imprinted, for the most part.

Now, of course, we add Sept. 11, 2001, to the list.

For the record, I woke up at the usual 10 a.m. (after working until 12:30 a.m.) and turned off "SportsCenter" to flip around the channels and see what else might be on.

I came across CNN and saw the World Trade Center on fire and thought, "Aren't there two towers?"

Seconds later, I learned about the collapse of one tower and a few minutes after that the other collapsed on live television.

Here in the sports department, the first question was: Would the Tuesday schedule be postponed or would there be games?

That's always a tough call, especially in the Kensington Valley Conference and especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which are the days most sports are scheduled to be played on.

It didn't take long, however. The decision to wipe clean the Tuesday schedule of practices and games was made before noon.

Despite the logistical nightmares it will cause, the move was a sound one.

I can understand the show-must-go-on sentiment, where we are determined Not To Show Weakness in the wake of a national tragedy.

But high school sports is not the place for this.

Neither are professional sports. Both levels properly recognized this and postponed Tuesday's schedule, and today's schedule is not certain, either.

ESPN and its networks switched to news coverage, as did channels where news only intrudes when someone is selling autographs.

All had the proper perspective. Today we have different concerns.

How many casualties, we wonder. And when we say "casualties," we really mean: How many dead? How about those we know who are in New York, or those we know who know others? How are they?

Where are they? Sports, of course, is on everyone's back burner, as it should be.

But, at some point, perhaps as soon as today, we will gather for the games.

In normal circumstances, we watch athletic events casually, as something to do to fill in time during the afternoon or evening.

We discuss what happened on a field or in a locker room as if it were the most important thing at the moment, as if the reeling Tigers or the Lions quarterback soap opera or MSU's special teams problems were truly significant.

I daresay it will be quite a while before sports is uppermost in anyone's mind.

The memories of Tuesday's horror will be as fresh as the front page of today's paper at every event, with moments of silence for those who died.

But the games will resume as we try to resume our lives in a mostly vain effort to forget the horror of what happened, of watching that plane fly straight into a building, of watching a 110-story tower collapse on itself, of seeing the Pentagon aflame, to forget the reality of thousands of likely deaths.

We'll also watch with a new eye, appreciative of the opportunity to be able to enjoy athletic events, and mindful, hopefully, of the wonder that life can afford us — in contrast to the horror we watched over and over again on Tuesday.

Call sports editor Tim Robinson at (517) 552-2863.



Tim Robinson  
SPORTS EDITOR

## Games postponed; rescheduling begins today

### KVC athletic directors set to meet to fill in schedule

By Tim Robinson, David Troppens & Frank Dimich  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Kensington Valley Conference athletic directors are scheduled to meet today to determine when to reschedule more than a dozen games in several different sports which were postponed in the wake of Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

Today's schedule was not affected, although there were few events scheduled.

The cancellations were announced shortly before noon Tuesday.

"Our superintendent, Pete Carouselli, felt a situation like this dictated the need for students and families to spend time together at such a tragic moment," Hartland athletic director Kirk Evenson said. "We need to be together to honor those who died."

There were other considerations, too.

"We felt that because of the

national emergency, that (KVC schools) had athletes had family members involved in this," said Howell athletic director Doug Paige, referring to the plane crashes in New York City and Washington, D.C. "Those families and their loved ones were a much higher concern than any athletic event."

Besides the game cancellations, all athletic practices were postponed as well.

"We wanted to make a decision

as a total league," Paige said. "We tried to make a decision that was fair for everyone involved."

Paige also indicated the possibility, given time constraints and the availability, or lack of, of referees and venues, that not all events would be rescheduled.

One event, the Brighton girls basketball game at Milford, has been rescheduled for Sept. 27, which had been a common off day for both teams.

Among the events which were postponed was a swim meet at Howell featuring the Highlanders and Pinckney, whose coach, Dan

Aten, wholeheartedly agreed with the decision.

"Without a doubt," he said Tuesday. "The kids are freaked out. They're overwhelmed by it. I wanted to go back to my family. I didn't want to go swimming after that."

The Hartland junior varsity golf team, was competing at an invitational in Byron when the decision was made to scrub Tuesday's schedule.

The team was pulled off the course after completing eight holes and brought back to Hartland High

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### LEAGUES REACT TO TRAGEDY



Enron Field, home of the Houston Astros, sits empty Tuesday in Houston. Major league baseball postponed its entire schedule of 15 games Tuesday night, including a scheduled game between the Astros and San Francisco Giants, following terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

# SPORTS ON HOLD

## 'National tragedy' leads to Tuesday baseball postponements; pro and college football games may be off this weekend

By Ronald Blum  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Major league baseball postponed its entire schedule of 15 games Tuesday night following terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, and other sports also called off their events.

Aside from work stoppages, it was the first time since D-Day in 1944 that baseball wiped out a whole day of regular-season play.

"In the interest of security and out of a sense of deep mourning for the national tragedy that has occurred today, all major league baseball games for today have been canceled," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said.

The NFL, criticized for playing after President Kennedy's assassination in 1963, said it wasn't sure what it would do with this weekend's schedule. College football commissioners were considering the postponement of the weekend's entire schedule of games, with a decision expected as early as Wednesday. Race tracks around the nation called off their cards.

Selig called off the baseball owners' quarterly meeting that was set

*"I was stunned by the JFK assassination... But this is incomprehensible."*

**Bud Selig,**  
baseball commissioner, on his reaction to Tuesday's events

to start Tuesday in Milwaukee but did not make any decisions about Wednesday's games.

"I will continue to monitor the situation on a daily basis and make ongoing decisions accordingly," he said. "My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the families and victims of this horrendous series of events."

It was only the third time the major leagues postponed an entire day's schedule, aside from labor strife or weather, according to Scot Monrore of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

The others were Aug. 2, 1923, when President Warren G. Harding

died; June 6, 1944, when Allied forces invaded France in World War II. Exhibition games were called off on April 14, 1945, two days after the death of President Roosevelt.

In 1945, the All-Star game was canceled because of wartime travel restrictions. The 1918 season ended a month early on Sept. 2 by order of the U.S. War Department.

"I was stunned by the JFK assassination and it took me a long time to get over that. I didn't think that was possible," Selig said at a news conference. "The (San Francisco) earthquake in '89, the World Series, that was a tragedy. But this is incomprehensible. The greatest country in the history in the world being attacked. So all of this doesn't mean very much today."

Selig said he and his wife were in New York last week, and "we went to the World Trade Centers because I hadn't been there in a while. Now to believe that they don't exist anymore."

Yankee Stadium, perhaps the building that most symbolizes American sports, was evacuated within 90 minutes of the first

## Tigers off, Red Wings on; Lions, colleges in limbo

By Jim Irwin  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Major League Baseball called off its Tuesday night games, including the contest between the Minnesota Twins and Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park, following the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

Tigers spokesman John Hahn said Commissioner Bud Selig's office had not issued a decision about future games. Detroit was to play Minnesota on Wednesday and Thursday, then host Kansas City in a three-game weekend series.

Elsewhere in Michigan, the Detroit Red Wings planned to open training camp as scheduled today in Traverse City, Hahn said. All players, including those

from Canada and Europe, were in the United States before the attacks shut down all commercial air travel, he said.

The National Football League said it wasn't sure what it would do about games scheduled for the second week of the regular season. Those games included the Detroit Lions' home opener Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys.

"No decisions will be made regarding the status of the weekend games for at least 24 hours, and possibly 48 hours," Lions spokesman Bill Keenist said Tuesday evening.

No practice was held Tuesday, but the coaching staff and front office employees were at the

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