



Terrorists hit U.S.



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Flames erupt from the upper floors of the World Trade Center in New York City this morning, in this image from television, after a second plane crashed into one of the towers. Planes crashed into the upper floors of both World Trade Center towers minutes apart in a horrific scene of explosions and fires that left gaping holes in the 110-story buildings. The tops of both towers later collapsed.

Planes hit World Trade Center; Pentagon burning; other fires in D.C.

NEW YORK (AP) — An aircraft crashed into the upper floors of one of the World Trade Center towers this morning, and black smoke poured out of two gaping holes, witnesses said. Shortly afterward a second plane hit the other tower. In Washington, officials said the FBI was investigating reports of a plane hijacking before the

crashes. There was no immediate word on injuries or fatalities in the twin disasters, which happened shortly before 9 a.m. and then right around 9 a.m. Shortly before 9:30 a.m. came a third explosion. Initial indications were that remnants of one of the planes had exploded. The FBI told major news organiza-

tions that it was beginning to investigate the explosions as a terrorist attack. President Bush, traveling in Sarasota to speak about education reform, prepared to make a statement after being briefed by White House officials. Reuters News Service reported that trading on Wall Street, in lower Manhattan, was postponed indefinitely. The Federal Avi-

ation Administration suspended domestic air travel. A senior government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the agency is pursuing reports that one or both of the planes were hijacked and that the crashes may have been the result of a suicide mission. The source stressed that the reports are prelimi-

nary. "It certainly doesn't look like an accident," said a second government official, also speaking on condition of anonymity. "Two airplanes have crashed into the World Trade Center in an apparent terrorist attack on our country." **Please see WHITE, A6**

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Lighter Side

HOT SPRINGS, S.D.

(AP) — This not-so-little piggy really didn't want to go to market.

It was being unloaded with other pigs at Black Hills Meat Co. on Wednesday when it made a break for it.

"That big old sow put her nose under the gate,

flicked it open and escaped," said Hot Springs Police Chief Roger Exum.

Officers finally got the upper hand more than a day later.

"They shot it. It was the only way they could capture it," Exum said.

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Rain turns treasure to trash

► Steady rain soaks piles of donations later taken to dump

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AUBURN — One man's trash can be another man's treasure. But when mountains of clothes, furniture appliances, toys, books, bric-a-brac and appliances sit in a heavy rainstorm for hours, they're nobody's prizes.

Sandie Hollihan, manager of the Salvation Army's thrift store on Grant Avenue, arrived at work Monday morning and found an overwhelming number of dona-

tions, as well as a big pile of trash. And the steady rain ruined nearly everything of value. The store had to take most of the items to the city landfill. At 3:30 p.m., David Cummins, the store's driver, made the last of four trips, and received a bill for \$350 for disposal costs.

"We usually do have a truck here on Sundays for donations when the store is closed, but there was no truck here Monday," Cummins said. "When we're short drivers, we can't have the truck here, and then things like this happen."

Signs around the store warn people not to drop off anything when the store is closed. Many people made sure the items they

placed around the three white bins on the building's east side Sunday would stay dry, one person wrapped an old couch in heavy plastic secured by plenty of duct tape. But there was still a considerable amount of junk scattered haphazardly: a broken 8-track player, a chair with one leg, a rusted exercise bike with no wheels, half a television set.

Half a TV

"Yes, half a television," Hollihan said. "Why would anyone leave half a television and expect us to be able to use that?"

There were also bags of outright garbage, Hollihan said, old papers and other refuse, mixed

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Dave Cummins, left, and Julio Hernaiz dispose of a television set left outside of the Salvation Army store.

Auburn employee fired over residency rule

► Anthony Garropy calls law requiring he live within city limits unfair

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AUBURN — Anthony Garropy was supposed to be honored a week ago for his more than 10 years of service to the city.

Instead, he was suspended Thursday to await the results of a city investigation to determine where he actually lives.

Garropy was fired Monday for

failing to prove that he lives within the city limits, a decision his union vows to fight.

"We will pursue a legal remedy against the city," said Mark Kotzin, spokesman for the Civil Service Employees' Association, the city employees' union.

By contract, city employees must live within the city limits. Garropy claims he does live within the city, but thinks the residency requirement is unfair.

"We shouldn't have it, that's the bottom line," he said. "Police and fire shouldn't have different requirements than other city employees."

Garropy, a motor equipment operator, works third shift, plowing, salting and cleaning city streets. He said it's unfair that firefighters and police officers are allowed to live outside the city, while other city employees must live within city limits.

Cops, firemen exempt

Police officers' contracts allow them to live within 10 miles of the city, although most live within the city anyway, said Tim Cottrell, union president for the police officers.

State law dictates where firefighters may live, based on the city's population.

"For Auburn's population, firefighters can live anywhere within the county," Fire Chief Michael Quill said.

Keith Barnes, labor relations specialist for CSEA, also opposes residency restrictions because the city allows exceptions to the rule, namely the fire and police departments.

"I've made several arguments against (the residency requirement)," during contract negotiations, he said. But, so far, he has been unsuccessful.

Garropy is living within the city limits with his cousin, Rich Sheffey, at 285 Seymour St. He

moved there after reaching an agreement with his wife, Bonnie, to live separately. Anthony Garropy built a house for his wife on Beech Tree Road, in Aurelius, although he plans to continue living in the city.

Establishing residency

But Garropy's address is listed in the Verizon SuperPages telephone book as 6519 Beech Tree Road in Aurelius. He says that's not where he lives, but he owns a garage there for his business, Start To Finish Carpentry. The phone number listed is his wife's number. He used that

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