



Playing an electric guitar, Matt Delp, minister at the Church of The Nazarene, led people who attended a community-wide prayer vigil Wednesday night in song. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

# President Bush to visit Friday

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rubble — three of them police officers. In a call to Giuliani and New York Gov. George Pataki, President Bush said he would visit the nation's largest city on Friday.

"I weep and mourn with America," he said, describing Tuesday's attacks as "the first war of the 21st century."

The president will find a reeling metropolis. A vast section of the city has been sealed off as emergency workers struggled to cope with the unprecedented destruction.

Work was slowed by hellish bursts of flame and the collapse of the last standing section of one of the towers taken out by suicide jets.

The effort was mirrored at the Pentagon, where 190 people were feared dead and 70 bodies had been recovered.

The 4,763 missing reported by Giuliani, added to the deaths in Wash-

ington and Pennsylvania when commandeered airliners crashed into the Pentagon and a grassy field southeast of Pittsburgh, would bring the total to more than 5,000.

That would be higher than the death toll from Pearl Harbor and the sinking of the Titanic combined. A total of 2,390 Americans died at Pearl Harbor nearly 60 years ago, and the sinking of the Titanic claimed 1,500 lives.

A thick cloud of acrid, white smoke blew through the streets Wednesday after the four-story fragment of the south tower fell.

Gusts of flame occasionally jumped up as debris was removed from the smoldering wreckage.

Meantime, the vast search to uncover the terrorist plot stretched from Miami to Boston to Portland, Maine, and on to Canada and Germany. Up to 50 people were involved in the attack, the Justice Department said, with at least four hijackers trained at U.S.

flight schools. Saudi fugitive Osama bin Laden remained a top suspect.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said authorities had "thousands and thousands" of leads. He said they had determined that 18 hijackers were on the planes: five on each of two planes and four each on the other two.

In Washington, Bush worked with Congress on legislation authorizing military retaliation, and officials disclosed that the White House, Air Force One and the president himself had been targeted Tuesday.

America's NATO allies bolstered Bush's case for military action, declaring the terrorist attacks an assault on the alliance itself.

Ripples continued to spread. The National Football League called off the 15 games scheduled for this weekend, following in the path of major league baseball, which had already had postponed three days of games.

But gradually, some sectors returned

to normal. The government gave the go-ahead for commercial and private flights to resume, but schedules were expected to be in disarray, and heavy security was the rule.

In New York, the landscape was a haze of gray dust, splayed girders, paper and boulders of broken concrete. Firefighters armed with cameras and listening devices on long poles searched for survivors.

German shepherds and golden retrievers clambered over the debris, sniffing.

A morgue set up in a Brooks Brothers clothing store received remains a limb at a time.

Three financial companies with offices in the complex had nearly 1,400 workers unaccounted for. Marsh & McLennan, an insurance firm, said it had not been able to account for 600 of 1,700 employees; Keefe Bruyette & Woods, a securities firm, said 69 of 172 employees were missing.

## Son anxious to help

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able to contact Courtney later in the day.

The couple decided to donate blood, she said, but were turned away because the center didn't have enough workers to handle the number of people wanting to give blood. "They were told to come back on Wednesday," she said.

Along with many people in New York and across America, Huang said, her son woke up Wednesday morning anxious to help. She said he volunteered for several hours at a hospital, trying to match victims with family members.

Huang said the experience was emotionally straining for her son, who had to tell some people that their family members were not at the hospital.

"I could not find a match for any relatives who came," Huang said her son

told her. "One woman was missing three relatives. Two young ladies were looking for their fiancés. I was so helpless. I couldn't find a match."

Huang, who didn't have too much trouble telling the first part of the story, began to cry. Not because her son felt helpless, she said, but because she is proud of him. She said he planned to volunteer again after work today.

"I was so very proud of him," she said. "He felt the least he could do was to volunteer. To help the victims' families and to help fellow Americans."

Huang said she's received calls from family, friends and schoolmates of Lung's, who knew he was living in New York.

"We appreciate all of the care and concern," she said.

Lung has two sisters: Lauren Morris lives in Omaha, Klissa Kaufman in Lawrence.

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Junior High Principal Jim Mull told the Goodland School Board on Monday that the professional development committee is asking the board to approve an amendment to the current point system.

"The committee has approved this increase in the point system," Mull said, "but it must be approved by the school board."

He said the amendment adds points to the implementation part of the program, which can be used by teachers as part of their continuing education program to receive college credit for attending workshops, and then for using that knowledge in their classrooms and teaching others what they have learned.

"We did not add points to the 'sit and get' awareness portion," added Sharon Gregory, Central elementary principal.

Board member Ron Schilling made the motion, seconded by Kathy Russell, to approve the report and the

amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Schylor Goodwin talked to the board about being on a float for the junk parade to be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, and invited them to join the city commissioners and the county commissioners as part of the parade.

He said the group had collected about 6,000 pounds of junk over the past weekend, and would be going out again this weekend to collect more junk to be part of the parade. When asked if there was anything else the district could do, Goodwin said they need more trailers to carry the junk.

Goodwin also presented his preliminary plan for the full-time grant writer who would work for the school board, the city and the county trying to bring additional money into the area. He had previously made the same presentation to the city and the county commissioners. He said there would need to be quite a bit of work done before this can be implemented, and asked the board for a volunteer to meet with represen-

tatives of the other boards to work on the project.

Goodwin said the plan would cost each board about \$16,667 a year to pay salaries and costs for the grant writer and a helper, and that with a return from administrative fees — especially on private foundation grants — the actual cost would be less.

The basic plan would be to have each board put up the money for the first year and that a person would be hired to write grants of any and all types for the three.

Schilling said he felt the plan deserves more examination, and volunteered to be the school board representative.

Board member Mike Campbell asked who would be responsible for supervising the grant writer and determining the priority level of projects. Goodwin said that would be one of the major details to be worked out before anyone is hired.

The building principals each reported on the opening of the school

year and detailed programs they are doing.

Board President Dick Short said each staff member, teacher and administrator deserved congratulations for the great start.

In other action, the board:

- Read a series of new board policies recommended by the Kansas Association of School Boards and accepted them on first reading.

- Some of the policies included changes in credit card use, that the stun gun be included in the list of weapons and removal of a requirement for a Kansas Bureau of Investigation check applicants who has not been in Kansas for 10 years.

- Accepted the resignation of Illia Enfield as an at-risk tutor for Grant Junior High.

- Hired Peggy Klinge as a bus driver, and David Hardy as assistant volleyball coach.

The next school board meeting will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 24, at Grant Junior High.

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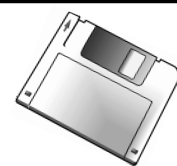
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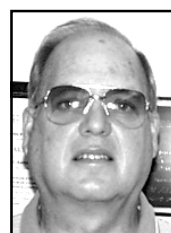
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