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Hersey's football team makes its entrance onto the field before the school's first varsity game on the new artificial turf.

9/11 threat puts cities on alert

Top concern for New York, D.C.

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WASHINGTON — Undaunted by talk of a new terror threat, New Yorkers and Washingtonians wove among police armed with assault rifles and waited with varying degrees of patience at security checkpoints Friday while intelligence officials scrambled to nail down information on a possible al-Qaida strike timed to coincide with the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

Counterterrorism officials have been working around the clock to determine whether the threat is accurate, and extra security was put in place to protect the people in the two cities that took the brunt of the jetliner attacks killing nearly 3,000 people at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon a decade ago.

It was the worst terror assault in the nation's history, and al-Qaida has long dreamed of striking again to mark the anniversary. But it could be weeks before the intelligence community can say whether this particular threat is real.

Security worker Eric Martinez wore a pin depicting the twin towers on his lapel as he headed to work in lower Manhattan on Friday where he also worked 10 years ago when the towers came down.

"If you're going to be afraid, you're just going to stay home," he said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, too, made a point of taking the subway to City Hall.

Briefed on the threat Friday morning, President Barack Obama instructed his security team to take "all necessary precautions," the White House said. Obama still plans to travel to New York on Sunday to mark the 10th anniversary with stops that day at the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pa.

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Jim and Marie Ryan lost a daughter to a brain tumor, a son to suicide. Now they're working to help children with siblings who have taken their lives.



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Former Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan and his wife Marie talk about their son's suicide and the Catholic Charities program that gave them support and comfort.

'A hole in your heart that never heals'

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Jim Ryan comes out of his home office holding a framed photo of his two youngest children.

They are two peas in a pod, the same blond hair, the same giggly smiles. Annie's small hand rests on her beloved older brother's shoulder.

"This picture just kills me," the former Illinois Attorney General says quietly.

"When I think they're both gone ..."

Annie died in 1997 at age 12, with little warning, from a brain tumor. Patrick committed suicide four years ago, at 24, shooting himself as police surrounded the Ryans' Elmhurst home, his



COURTESY OF THE RYAN FAMILY
Patrick and his little sister Annie were close, and her death from a brain tumor, at 12, hit him hard.

terrified family huddled together in prayer at a neighbor's house two doors away.

Jim and Marie Ryan endured the worst nightmare a parent can imagine. Twice.

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Jim and Marie Ryan talk about losing their son Patrick in 2007.

Ryan recalls the moment he knew they'd lost Annie.

"I saw the (hospital) chaplain coming through the door. I looked at her, and I thought to myself, 'My God, you're not going to say she's gone, don't say that.' It was like in slow motion, I could not believe my ears."

And then, a decade later — his son.

"Our home was surrounded

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Duplex fire kills resident

No violence found to have occurred first to Barrington man

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Authorities are investigating the cause of an early morning fire in Barrington that left a man dead Friday.

Richard Sowa, 52, lived alone in a duplex on the 400 block of June Terrace where a fire was reported by a neighbor at 6:06 a.m., said Barrington Assistant Fire Chief Christian Toussaint.

Officials said they attempted lifesaving efforts after finding Sowa unconscious, but he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Another neighbor, June Shannon, 43, was awakened by the police with the bad news early Friday. She said she called Sowa's sister to notify her of the death, in a very difficult conversation.

"He was a wonderful man with a big heart," said Shannon of her friend and landlord. "He didn't deserve to die like this."

She said Sowa was divorced and had two children, with most of his family living in the Chicago area. He had lived in his home for more than 20 years.

After living nearby for more than four years, Shannon said she will miss Sowa's sense of humor and hearing him laugh. She said she spent a lot of time with him, cooking for him, playing cards and keeping him company.

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Authorities investigate a fatal fire on the 400 block of June Terrace in Barrington on Friday.

Huge Japanese eatery, classic-car shop help fill center

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Two new businesses, including what village officials say is the Midwest's largest Japanese restaurant, will be celebrated next weekend for breathing new life into Hoffman Estate's Golf Center shopping complex.

Located on the west side of Roselle Road between Golf and Higgins roads, the center is home to 17 businesses. It underwent major improvements in 2005, including a new facade, parking lot and landscaping.

The shopping complex's newest additions are Royal Japanese Seafood Buffet,

which opens on Sept. 15, and Underground Autosports, which opened on May 15.

The village is hosting a Fall Shopping Extravaganza and Grand Opening event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17-18. It will feature sales at about a dozen of Golf Center's businesses, along with prize drawings, a

car show and other family-friendly activities. Tours of the new businesses will also be available.

The Shopping Extravaganza is part of a new campaign launched by the village earlier this month to encourage residents to shop locally.

"Any new business, obviously, in today's environment,

is welcome and we celebrate that," said Gary Skoog, director of economic development for Hoffman Estates. "But we're really excited about these (two new businesses) because they're really unique."

The family-run Royal Japanese Seafood Buffet fills about

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