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REMEMBERING SEPT. 11

S'ville accepts steel beam pulled from wreckage of WTC



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Schererville firefighters remove the American flag that covered a 16-foot steel beam from the World Trade Center. The beam, which will be put on permanent display, arrived in town Friday morning.

ENDURING STRENGTH

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SCHERERVILLE | Like a funeral procession for a fallen brother, police and firefighters escorted a 16-foot flag-draped steel beam Friday morning to a stop in front of Schererville Town Hall.

Conversations in the crowd fell silent. In a fog of drizzle, 9/11 survivor Don Bacso, a Dyer resident, joined the uniformed Schererville emergency responders in lifting the American flag off the beam and carrying the flag inside Town Hall. Bacso has a connection to the

beam. The piece of slightly bent steel came from the rubble of the World Trade Center. Bacso escaped the north tower on Sept. 11, 2001.

"I get a little choked up when I see this," Bacso said.

It brought back a lot of bad memories, he said.

Members of the 9/11 Memorial Committee in Schererville obtained the piece of steel, which will be incorporated into a permanent memorial in town. Town leaders said they are honored to host a piece of history.

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Tragedy forces Muslims to defend faith

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When terrorists hijacked four planes on Sept. 11, 2001, some say they also hijacked a religion.

Local Muslims mourning the loss of fellow Americans say they also were forced to defend their beliefs in the wake of the attacks. Mosques throughout the country were vandalized, and law-abiding citizens were watched with suspicion.

"When (the terrorists) hijacked

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Suzanne Kawamleh, of Union Township, left, and Sarah Shaaban, of Crown Point, stand at the Northwest Indiana Islamic Center in Crown Point.

JOHN LUKE | THE TIMES

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Osama Estwani, of Crown Point, talks about his experiences as a Muslim in the United States following the Sept. 11 attacks. Watch the video.

VU will acquire hospital facility

Porter Healthcare to sell downtown Valpo building to university

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VALPARAISO | Porter Healthcare System plans to sell its downtown Valparaiso hospital to Valparaiso University.

A news conference to make the announcement is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday in the hospital parking garage. Porter CEO Jonathan Nalli, Valparaiso University President Mark Heckler and Valparaiso Mayor Jon Costas are scheduled to speak.

Last month, Nalli led a media tour of the new Porter hospital under construction at the northwest corner of Ind. 49 and U.S. 6. During the tour, he said the hospital, scheduled to open in 2012, will be nearly double the size of the 250,000-square-foot campus at 814 LaPorte Ave. in downtown Valparaiso. During the August tour, Nalli said there weren't definitive plans for the old hospital building.

New facility

Once completed, the new Porter hospital will have 225 private in-patient rooms, and a "hospital within a hospital" with the new Cardiac and Vascular Institute. It will have created 600 construction jobs and 126 full-time jobs. The health system also decided to build a 60,000-square-foot office building on the same site, at Ind. 49 and U.S. 6. Porter CEO Jonathan Nalli said last month that 36 local companies have been hired to build the entire campus.

Prosecutor's comment is now on trial

Man in shooting case says remark had impact on jury



DONALD HULS

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VALPARAISO | Porter Superior Judge Bill Alexa is considering a request to toss out a shooting conviction over a comment made during the trial by the prosecutor.

Defense attorney Scott King argued Friday afternoon that a new trial should be ordered for his client, Donald Huls, because Porter County Prosecutor Brian Gensel commented in front of the jury that Huls would be testifying.

Huls ended up exercising his right not to testify and it was improper for Gensel to draw attention to the issue, King said.

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