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THE VALLEY REMEMBERS

September 11, 2001



“ I THINK WE ARE AS WELL PREPARED AS WE CAN BE CONSIDERING ALL THE FANATICS OUT THERE, BUT SURE I THINK IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN.”

LEO KRUISE, Youngstown

Talks fail to yield accord at YSU

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YOUNGSTOWN

Talks are expected to resume Monday between the Youngstown State University administration and faculty union leaders.

The two sides met for hours Friday but could not reach an agreement.

The university's board of trustees meet Tuesday.

YSU spokesman Ron Cole would not say whether the trustees will vote to impose the contract.

In considering the current and future financial situation, "all options are on the table," he said.

Stan Guzell, the YSU Ohio Education Association's chief negotiator, said he believed the university will impose its last, best offer as a contract.

"When people negotiate, they look for ways to find a solution," Guzell said. "But [the administration] just keeps saying, 'We're holding. We're holding. We're holding.'"

Both sides say there are still several areas of disagreement, but health insurance was

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Veteran perspective

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Sept. 11, 2001.

Ten years later, the terrorist attacks on the United States that killed more than 2,800 unsuspecting people, nearly all civilians, remain indelibly etched upon the minds of area military personnel.

They remember where they were and what they were doing.

They watched in disbelief and horror as commercial jets hijacked by terrorists flew into New York City's World Trade Center twin towers and the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. Passengers in a fourth plane headed for the White House or U.S. Capitol attempted to overcome the terrorists who had hijacked it, and it

crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pa.

Then came jaw-clenching anger followed by a resolve to get the people responsible for the attacks and not let them be repeated.

Like in the aftermath of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, some quickly enlisted or re-enlisted in the military determined to defend their country and their families.

The surprise Japanese attack on the U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, killed 2,402 men and wounded 1,282.

Several area veterans and reserves talked about Sept. 11, 2001, and how it

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Sunday: Families who lost loved ones in the attacks discuss their feelings 10 years later. We also look at how 9/11 has impacted businesses for the commemoration and how children react to the tragedy.

Monday: Vindicator staff and photographers attend several 9/11 memorial services taking place Sunday.

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ValleyCare downsizing to affect 90

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

At least 90 ValleyCare Health System employees should know their fates by next week.

ValleyCare Health System, which bought the former Forum Health, announced Friday it will adjust the statuses of full-time positions, either through layoffs, department changes or reduced hours.

Eric Williams, president of Youngstown General Duty Nurses Association, said he will meet with ValleyCare officials Monday to discuss seven nursing positions at Northside Medical Center.

Nurses, through the YGDNA, agreed to extend their contracts for one year in May to give them more time to adjust to the sale of the former Forum Health to Community Health Systems, Williams said.

Forum was sold to Community Health for \$120 million in October 2010.

Williams said he received a memo last

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SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR
Vindicator staff writer Robert Guttersohn, facing the camera, during the invasion of Iraq in 2003 in the city of As Samawah. Guttersohn, who enlisted in the Army in 2002, said the 9/11 attacks and his three tours in Iraq changed his outlook on life.

The day that changed not only America, but me as well

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, began normally, like most tragic days.

I was a senior in high school then, living in a quiet Detroit suburb.

Up to that morning, I had no recollection of the name Osama bin Laden. I knew something of his various attacks: the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993; the attack on the USS Cole in 2000.

But to a 17-year-old who had only flirted with the idea of joining the military, bin Laden's name was too long and too foreign to remember, and he lived in a country too far away for me



Robert Guttersohn

to care.

That changed.

Near the end of my morning physics class, my teacher turned on the radio. There was chatter throughout the school of a plane accidentally flying into one of the buildings in New York. But through the static of the AM news station, we realized the

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NYC, Washington take terror threat in stride

Associated Press

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.

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 that killed 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

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ASSOCIATED PRESS
A New York City police officer directs traffic at a vehicle checkpoint Friday. The city is deploying additional resources in response to a potential terror threat.

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inside today

BETRAS TO MEET WITH OBAMA IN COLUMBUS

Mahoning County Democratic Party Chairman David Betras will be among a small group meeting Tuesday with President Barack Obama after Obama gives a speech in Columbus.

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VALLEY REALITY CHECK

A Youngstown woman will be featured on "Bridezillas" at 9 p.m. Sunday and again on Sept. 18. On Sunday's episode, viewers of the WE reality show will meet Bridezilla Frankie, aka "Rae Rae."

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