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## THE WEATHER

TODAY: Occasional rain, ends early afternoon, 60-65  
TOMORROW: Mostly sunny, highs in lower 60s  
HIGH TIDE: 8:56 a.m., 9:13 p.m.  
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# Confronting the terror



**TURNING TO PRAYER** — In a display of patriotism and grief, a crowd of about 15,000 people from many faiths gathered on Boston's City Hall Plaza for an hour yesterday to mourn the victims of Tuesday's terrorist attacks. **B6**

## Plot may have been in making for 5 years

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Investigators have evidence that the planning of the suicide hijackings of American commercial airliners by Islamic extremists began at least five years ago, and that the men who commandeered two Boston flights began casing Logan Airport at least six months ago, law enforcement sources say.

The FBI also has evidence suggesting that at least five of the 10 men who hijacked the planes that departed from Boston and plowed them into the World Trade Center exploited the good reputation of the United States' staunchest Arab ally, Saudi Arabia, to gain entry to the country and access to aeronautics training in Florida — training they used to kill thousands of Americans in the worst act of terrorism in US history.

At least one of the Boston hijackers, Mohamed Atta, was able to enter the United States despite having been implicated in a 1986 bus bombing in Israel, according to federal sources. In interviews with the Globe yesterday, flight instructors in Florida said that it was common for students with Saudi affiliations to enter the United States with only cursory background checks, and sometimes none.

Some of the hijackers who became kamikaze pilots after commandeering two Boston-to-Los Angeles flights on Tuesday had pilot licenses that indicated they were sponsored or employed by Saudi Arabian Airlines, which is owned by the Saudi government, investigators said. Others were listed on public records as being employed by Saudi Arabian Airlines.

At least one of the hijackers of the Boston flights, Atta, carried a Saudi passport, while two others, Waleed Alshehri and Marwan Alshehri, had been living in Saudi Arabia before they arrived in Florida last year to attend flight school, law enforcement and other sources said.

Two alleged associates of the hijackers, Adnan Bukhari and Amer Kamfar, attended flight schools in Florida and listed the Saudi Arabian Airlines post office box in the Saudi city of Jeddah as their home address on their commercial pilots' licenses. Bukhari, 41, who lived in Vero Beach, Fla., was taken into custody by FBI agents on Tuesday and questioned, law enforcement sources said. He was released after the

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## Suspects linked by flying school, Florida residence

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MIAMI — They ranged in age from their early 20s to their late 30s, 10 men from the Middle East — including Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — who had lived near one another in Florida for several years and seemed to share a common interest in flying.

None are known to have had any enduring links to the Boston area, but several arrived in Boston in early September and began making visits to Logan International Airport.

Then, on Tuesday morning, the 10 arrived at Logan International



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Airport, some aboard a 6 a.m. flight from Portland, Maine, others by car, a white Mitsubishi with Virginia plates that they parked in an airport garage.

After passing without incident or question through airport metal detectors, they made their way aboard American Airlines Flight 11 and United Air Lines Flight 175, both bound for Los Angeles.

Within an hour, they would commit the most deadly terrorist act in world history.

Although the identities of the 10 terrorists aboard the two planes have not been made public, the names are listed on the complete passenger lists for the two flights obtained by the Globe. Through the use of databases and interviews with neighbors and law enforcement officials, the Globe has found common links among six of the suspected terrorists.

Mohamed Atta and Marwan Alshehri once shared the same rented room in Venice, Fla. But they

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## An emotional Bush promises victory

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WASHINGTON — President Bush promised yesterday to turn the full force of his office toward winning a protracted worldwide battle against terrorism, acknowledging that this week's attacks have radically transformed the future of his presidency.

In an emotional appearance in the Oval Office, Bush, fighting back tears, described a "quiet anger" that had overcome the country in 48 hours. He also announced plans to travel today to New York, scene of the worst terrorist attack in American history, one of numerous signs that he now views his role through the lens of the war he all but declared on Wednesday.

"The nation must understand this is now the focus of my administration," Bush said. "We will — we're very much engaged in domestic policy, of course. I look forward to working with Congress on a variety of issues. But now that war has been declared on us, we will lead the world to victory — to victory."

Congress moved toward new priorities of its own, as leaders said they would push an antiterrorism package that could exceed \$20 billion, and provide aid for the damaged areas of another \$20 billion. Congressional leaders also prepared a resolution authorizing Bush to use force against the terrorists who attacked the United States, as well as any countries that harbored or assisted them.



REUTERS PHOTO

**BUSH, Page A26** President Bush discussing the attack victims yesterday.

## US flights resume; NYC shuts airports

Arrest bolsters fears of new attacks in works

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Passenger jets warily returned to the nation's skies yesterday, even as the FBI arrested a man who allegedly tried to use a false pilot's license to evade security at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City.

Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik said five or six people, some of them of Arab descent, were detained at New York airports. The news bolstered fears that the terrorists who struck Tuesday may not be finished, and officials closed New York's airports just hours after they had reopened.

The man accused of having a false pilot's license had been booked Tuesday for a Los Angeles-bound flight that was canceled after the attack on the World Trade Center, the Associated Press reported.

Meanwhile, authorities began analyzing a flight-data recorder recovered from an 8-

foot-deep gouge in a grassy field outside Pittsburgh, looking for critical clues in the nation's worst terrorist attack.

"We have taken every precaution to make sure it is safe to fly in America," President Bush said earlier in the day. "There are beefed-up security in our airports. There's increased presence on the airplanes."

The president, who vowed to win a global war against terrorism, planned to lead a national day of prayer today in New York City, where 4,763 people were missing and 30,000 body bags were ordered.

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### Setting sights

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell calls Osama bin Laden a prime suspect but indicates no action is imminent. **A27.**

### A warning

The Saudi exile reportedly says that thousands have been trained in warfare and are ready for martyrdom. **A28.** Coverage, **A25-38.**

## 'A terrible limbo we are in'

In search of loved ones, New Yorkers follow an agonizing trail

By Beth Daley  
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**Ian Rubin seeking information on his missing fiancée, as his uncle, Frank Corso, filled out forms in New York City yesterday.**

NEW YORK — Day three of the search for Joanne Rubino began at 6:30 a.m. in Brooklyn's Canarsie neighborhood. Her fiancée, Ian Rubin, jumped into a relative's car in front of the couple's apartment and set out for Manhattan, determined to track down the World Trade Center tax accountant.

"We must bring her home," Rubin said early in his journey yesterday. "I'll tend to her if she's sick; I want to find her alive. Today, I have all day to look for her. I won't stop until I bring her home."

His journey, a grim circuit in search of information, epitomized those of hundreds, perhaps thousands, yesterday in

New York City.

Accompanied by his uncle, Frank Corso, Rubin headed straight for Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan, arriving in time to see camera crews setting up and the first few photographs of missing people being taped on a nearby construction wall.

After a short consultation, the two gave several television interviews, hoping someone would recognize the two photographs of Joanne that Rubin kept holding up for cameras. "Maybe someone, somewhere, has seen her," Rubin kept saying. "I'll do this all day."

Once inside Bellevue, they found no answers. Patient lists were only two or three pages long and Joanne's name was not there. They looked twice. A worker helped Rubin look at

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#### Artificial heart

In the second such procedure this year, a self-contained device made in Danvers is implanted in a man in Louisville, Ky. **Nation, A2.**

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