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A NEW DAY OF INFAMY

A shell of what was part of the facade of one of the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center rises above the rubble created when the towers collapsed. More than 300 firefighters and more than 80 police officers were missing as of late Tuesday night.



A fireball erupts as a hijacked jet plows into the south tower of the World Trade Center at 9:03 EDT Tuesday. The tower collapsed 47 minutes later.

'Evil, despicable acts of terror' stun nation, kill untold thousands

Combined wire services

NEW YORK — In the most audacious terrorist attack in American history, hijackers rammed jetliners into each of New York's World Trade Center towers Tuesday morning, toppling both in a hellish storm of ash, glass, smoke and leaping victims.

The deadly calamity was witnessed on televisions across the world as another plane slammed into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed outside Pittsburgh.

There was no official count, but President Bush said thousands had perished.

Even as rescuers continued the grim search of the rubble for survivors, investigators focused on finding clues to the identities of those responsible and federal officials worked to beef up security across the country.

"Today, our nation saw evil," President Bush said in an address to the nation Tuesday night. He said thousands of lives were "suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror."

Said Adm. Robert J. Natter, commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet: "We have been attacked like we haven't since Pearl Harbor."

Death toll not yet known

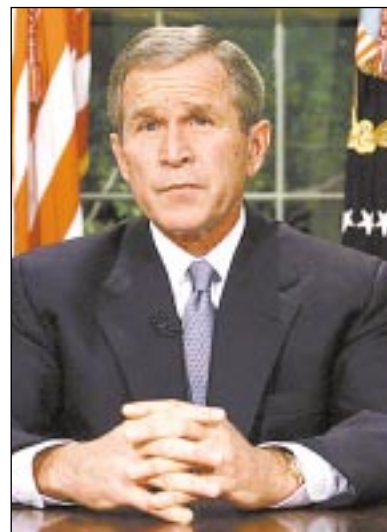
Establishing the death toll could take weeks. The four airliners alone had 266 people aboard and there were no known survivors. Officials put the number of dead and wounded at the Pentagon at about 100 or more, with some news reports suggesting it could rise to 800.

In addition, a union official said he feared 300 firefighters who first reached the scene had died in rescue efforts at the trade center — where 50,000 people worked — and dozens of police officers were missing.

"The number of casualties will be more than most of us can bear," a visibly distraught Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

Police sources said some people trapped in the twin towers managed to call authorities or family members and that some trapped police officers made radio contact. In one of the calls, which took place in the afternoon, a businessman phoned his family to say he was trapped with policemen, whom he named, the source said.

Because of fires and unstable debris, no rescue attempts were going on Tuesday night at the site of the towers, however.



President Bush addresses the nation Tuesday. Bush said: "Freedom itself has been attacked this morning by a faceless coward."

Case made against bin Laden

No one took responsibility for the attacks that rocked the seats of finance and government. But federal authorities identified Osama bin Laden, who has been given asylum by Afghanistan's Taliban rulers, as the prime suspect.

Aided by an intercept of communications between his supporters and harrowing cell phone calls from at least one flight attendant and two passengers aboard the jetliners before they crashed, U.S. officials began assembling a case linking bin Laden to the devastation.

U.S. intelligence intercepted communications between bin Laden supporters discussing the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, according to Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The people aboard planes who managed to make cell phone calls each described similar circumstances: They indicated the hijackers were armed with knives, in some cases stabbing flight attendants. The hijackers then took control of the planes.

All of the planes were bound for California and thus loaded with fuel.

At the World Trade Center, the dead and the doomed plummeted from the skyscrapers, among them a man and woman holding hands.

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Nation grieves, searches for answers

Authorities narrow list to most likely suspect — Osama bin Laden.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials began piecing together a case linking Osama bin Laden to the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history, aided by an intercept of communications between his supporters and harrowing cell phone calls from victims aboard the jetliners before they crashed on Tuesday.

U.S. intelligence intercepted communications between bin Laden supporters discussing the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, according to Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"They have an intercept of some information that included people associated with bin Laden who acknowledged a couple of targets were hit,"

Hatch said in an interview with The Associated Press. He declined to be more specific.

Hatch also said law enforcement agencies have data possibly linking one person on one of the four ill-fated flights to bin Laden's organization.

But The New York Times quoted one intelligence official who said the information was not as clear-cut as Hatch had suggested. "It is not definitive, but there certainly are a lot of indicators pointing at bin Laden," he said, referring to the Saudi exile living in Afghanistan who authorities have long identified as the chief architect of anti-American terror.

"There is information developed after the crashes that strongly suggests bin Laden," the official added. "I wouldn't be surprised if there were other, surrogate groups used by his organization as well, since this clearly required large-scale planning."

In other developments late Tuesday

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Two women hold each other as they watch the World Trade Center burn.

FAA shuts down U.S. airspace

Minutes after two hijacked jets hit New York skyscrapers, the FAA halted commercial aviation in the U.S.

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Palestinians cheer attacks

Yasser Arafat offered his sympathies, but Palestinians in the West Bank and Lebanon cheered the attacks.

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Scene of attack like a war zone

Lower Manhattan resembled a war zone Tuesday following the attacks that leveled the World Trade Center.

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Crashed plane may offer clues

The wreckage of a crashed plane in Pennsylvania may provide clues that help authorities find who was responsible.

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"If he's there, he's dead"

Across Kern County, local residents waited, prayed and phoned to find out whether friends or relatives survived.

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Local Muslims decry terrorism

Muslim leaders in Kern County decry Tuesday's violence. Some said they fear possible recrimination.

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Blood donors line up for cause

Hundreds of local residents gather to donate.

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Bin Laden suspected

America's most well-known enemy is elusive, seeks "holy war" against U.S.

By KATHY GANNON

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Highly coordinated and unprecedented in scale, Tuesday's attacks in the United States called to mind the man suspected of orchestrating some of the world's worst terrorist acts: Osama bin Laden, U.S. officials said.

No one has claimed responsibility for Tuesday's attacks, and the Afghan government that plays host to bin Laden rejected speculation he was involved. One expert cautioned against assuming bin Laden could pull off such a complex operation.

But Bush administration officials and other experts said the millionaire Saudi exile was their top suspect.

"This apparently was well-planned over a number of years, planned by real pros and experts," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said in Washington after speaking with FBI and intelligence officials. "Their belief is, at least initially, that this looks like Osama bin Laden's signature."

One administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said authorities had received a fax during the morning from unknown individuals representing themselves as being part of bin Laden's group.

A London-based Arab journalist said Tuesday that bin Laden's followers warned his newspaper by telephone three weeks ago of a major attack.

"They said it would be a huge and unprecedented attack but they did not specify," said Abdel-Bari Atwan, editor of the *Al-Quds Al-Arabi* newspaper.

The callers had made similar threats previously "but this time it seems his people were accurate and meant every word they said," he said in London.

But the Taliban, Afghanistan's ruling Islamic militia, said bin Laden lacks the resources for such an

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operation.

"We have tried our best in the past — and we are willing in the future — to assure the United States in any kind of way we can that Osama is not involved in these kinds of activities," Taliban Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil said in Kabul.

Anthony Cordesman, a terrorism expert from the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, warned against assuming bin Laden is to blame.

"There is a level of sophistication and coordination that no counterterrorism expert had ever previously anticipated, and we don't have a group that we can immediately identify that has this kind of capability," he said.

The United States has called bin Laden the architect of some of the worst acts of terrorism against Americans: the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center, the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa and last year's bombing of the USS Cole.

The FBI has a \$5 million bounty on bin Laden's head. The State Department calls him "one of the most significant sponsors of Islamic extremist activities in the world today."

Stripped of his Saudi citizenship, bin Laden has been hiding for five years in Afghanistan under Taliban protection.

He has repeatedly called on Muslims worldwide to join in a jihad, or holy war, and has declared war on the United States in religious edicts faxed to the outside world. All U.S. citizens are legitimate targets, he has said.

"I'm fighting so I can die a martyr and go to heaven to meet God. Our fight now is against the Americans," bin Laden was once quoted by *Al-Quds Al-Arabi* as saying.

Last spring, bin Laden instructed activists attend-

ing a Muslim convention in Afghanistan to prepare the next generation for the jihad.

"Issue a call to the young generation to get ready for the holy war and to prepare for that in Afghanistan because jihad in this time of crisis for Muslims is an obligation of all Muslims," he said in a statement read at the May gathering.

Bin Laden's group met earlier this year with the Palestinian group Islamic Jihad and the Egyptian al-Gamma al-Islamiya "to put in place a common strategy against the United States," Middle East expert Antoine Sfeir noted Tuesday, citing European intelligence sources.

But if he is involved, bin Laden and his followers probably acted alone Tuesday, Sfeir said in Paris.

"Bin Laden is the one with the financial means and the human needs and the logistic means," Sfeir said.

Bin Laden came to prominence fighting alongside the U.S.-backed Afghan mujahedeen — holy warriors — in their war against Soviet troops in the 1980s.

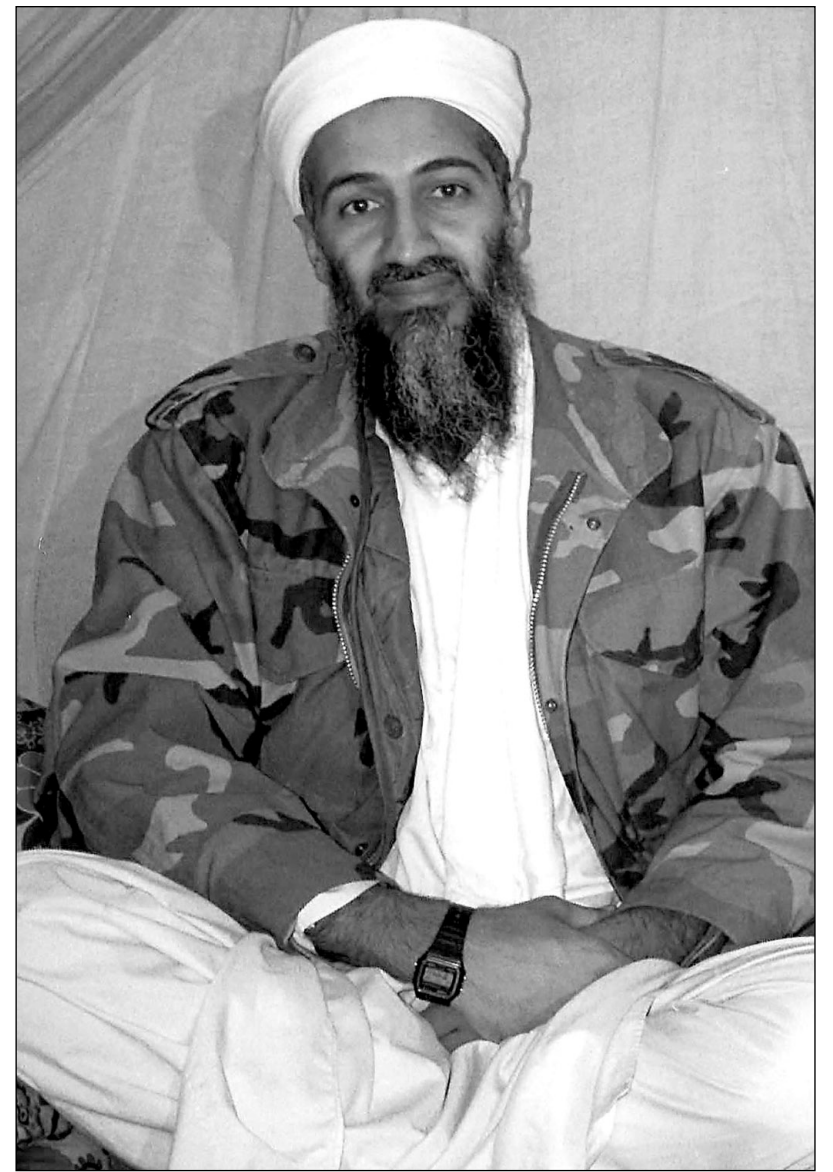
But former friends and followers say he turned against the United States during the Gulf War, and began campaigning against America from Saudi Arabia.

Disowned by his family, bin Laden — believed to be in his 40s — is said to have moved in early 1996 with a band of followers to Afghanistan, where he allegedly operates several training camps.

Earlier this summer, a federal jury in New York convicted four alleged bin Laden associates in connection with the 1998 embassy bombings in Africa, also a coordinated attack.

In retaliation for the bombings, President Clinton ordered missile strikes on bin Laden's suspected hide-out, and Washington and the United Nations have exerted diplomacy and sanctions to get Afghanistan to hand him over.

It refuses, saying the United States has no evidence linking bin Laden to terrorism.



AP FILE PHOTO

This is an undated file photo of Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden, wanted by the U.S. government in connection with the 1998 bombing of two U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Bin Laden is hiding out in Afghanistan as a guest of its Islamic rulers, the Taliban.

ATTACK: Death toll from attacks may not be known for several weeks

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Shortly after 7 p.m., crews began heading into ground zero of the attack to search for survivors and recover bodies. All that remained of the twin towers by then was a pile of rubble and twisted steel that stood five stories high, leaving a huge gap in the New York City skyline.

Officials assert U.S. power

"Freedom itself was attacked this morning and I assure you freedom will be defended," said Bush, who was in Florida at the time of the catastrophe. As a security measure, he was shuttled to a Strategic Air Command bunker in Nebraska before leaving for Washington.

"Make no mistake," he said. "The United States will hunt down and pursue those responsible for these cowardly actions."

More than nine hours after the U.S. attacks began, explosions could be heard north of the Afghan capital of Kabul, but American officials said the United States was not responsible. "It isn't us. I don't know who's doing it," Pentagon spokesman Craig Quigley said.

Officials across the world condemned the attacks but in the West Bank city of Nablus, thousands of Palestinians celebrated, chanting "God is Great" and handing out candy. The United States has become increasingly unpopular in the Mideast in the past year of Israeli-Palestinian fighting, with Washington widely seen as siding with Israel against the Arab world.

American symbols down

At the Pentagon, the symbol and command center for the nation's military force, one side of the building collapsed as smoke billowed over the Potomac River.

The first airstrike — on the trade center — occurred shortly before 8:45 a.m. EDT. A burning, 47-story part of the trade center complex, long since evacuated, collapsed in flames just before nightfall.

Emergency Medical Service worker Louis Garcia said initial reports indicated that bodies were buried beneath the 2 feet of soot on streets around the trade center.



AP PHOTO / BOUDICON ONE

A cameraman poses next to a fire truck in the debris-covered streets of downtown New York, Tuesday, after terrorists crashed two jetliners into the upper floors of the World Trade Center towers, collapsing the 110-story buildings.

"A lot of the vehicles are running over bodies because they are all over the place," he said.

Said National Guard member Angelo Otchy of Maplewood, N.J., "I must have come across body parts by the thousands. I came across a lady, she didn't remember her name. Her face was covered in blood."

For the first time, the nation's aviation system was completely shut down as officials considered the frightening flaws that had been exposed in security procedures. Financial markets were closed, too.

Top leaders of Congress were led to an undisclosed location, as were key officials of the Bush administration. Guards armed with automatic weapons patrolled the White House grounds and military aircraft secured the skies above the capital city. National Guard troops appeared on some street corners in the nation's capital.

Evacuations were ordered at the tallest skyscrapers in several cities, and high-profile tourist attractions closed — Walt Disney World, Mount Rushmore, Seattle's Space Needle, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

The Federal Reserve, seeking to provide assurances that the nation's banking system would be protected, said it would provide additional money to banks if needed.

Terrorist protected

In Afghanistan, where bin Laden has been given asylum, the nation's

hardline Taliban rulers rejected suggestions he was responsible.

Bin Laden came to prominence fighting alongside the U.S.-backed Afghan mujahedeen — holy warriors — in their war against Soviet troops in the 1980s. But former followers say he turned against the United States during the 1991 Gulf War, seething at the deployment of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War campaign to oust Iraq from Kuwait. He has repeatedly called on Muslims worldwide to join in a jihad, or holy war, against the United States.

Abdel-Bari Atwan, editor of the *Al-Quds al-Arabi* newspaper, said he received a warning from Islamic fundamentalists close to bin Laden, but had not taken the threat seriously. "They said it would be a huge and unprecedented attack, but they did not specify," Atwan said in a telephone interview in London.

Eight years ago, the World Trade Center was a terrorist target when a truck bomb killed six people and wounded about 1,000 others. Just the death toll on the planes alone could surpass the 168 people killed in the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

Sequence of events

This is how Tuesday's mayhem unfolded:

At about 8:45 a.m., a hijacked airliner crashed into the north tower of the trade center, the 25-year-old, glass-and-

steel complex that was once the world's tallest.

Clyde Ebanks, an insurance company vice president, was at a meeting on the 103rd floor of the south tower when his boss said, "Look at that!" He turned to see a plane slam into the other tower.

"I just heard the building rock," said Peter Dicerbo, a bank employee on the 47th floor. "It knocked me on the floor. It sounded like a big roar, then the building started swaying. That's what really scared me."

The enormity of the disaster was just sinking in when 18 minutes later, the south tower also was hit by a plane.

"All this stuff started falling and all this smoke was coming through. People were screaming, falling, and jumping out of the windows," said Jennifer Brickhouse, 34, from Union, N.J.

The chaos was just beginning. Workers stumbled down scores of flights, their clothing torn and their lungs filled with smoke and dust.

Meanwhile, at about 9:30 a.m., an airliner hit the Pentagon — the five-sided headquarters of the American military. The military boosted security across the country to the highest levels, sending Navy ships to New York and Washington to assist with air defense and medical needs. A half-hour after the Pentagon attack a Boeing 757 jetliner en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco, crashed about 80 miles from Pittsburgh.

INVESTIGATION: Passengers on board planes called to report hijackings

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night:

• Investigators seized two pieces of luggage that had missed American Airlines Flight 11 because of a late connection from a US Airways flight from Portland, Maine, the *Boston Globe* reported quoting sources at Logan Airport in Boston. That flight was the first aircraft to crash into one of the Trade Center's towers. One of the bags, a black suitcase bearing a tag with an Arabic name, contained instructional videotapes on techniques for flying large aircraft, a knife, some type of flight plan or log, a wheel-shaped calculation device used by pilots, and a copy of the Koran, the sources said.

• Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., and vice chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, said the government had received some "general warnings" in the recent past, but he said that there were "no specific warnings," of an assault against the United States.

• Authorities were focusing some of their efforts on possible bin Laden supporters in Florida based on the identification of a suspected hijacker on one of the manifests of the four jets that crashed, law enforcement sources said. The sources told The Associated Press the FBI was preparing to search locations in Broward County in south Florida and Daytona Beach in central Florida. The locations had links to the suspected bin Laden supporter on the jet manifest, the officials said.

Government and industry officials said at least one flight attendant and two passengers called from three of the planes as they were being forced down in New York and Washington — each describing similar circumstances.

The callers indicated hijackers armed with knives, in some cases stabbing flight attendants, took control of the plane and were forcing them down toward the ground, officials said.

One of the passengers was Barbara Olson, the wife of a top Justice Department official who called her husband as the hijacking was occurring.

Olson, the wife of Solicitor General Theodore Olson, was aboard American Airlines Flight 77 that left Dulles International Airport in Washington and was forced to crash into the Pentagon.

The officials said Olson told her husband the attackers had used knife-like instruments to take over the plane, and forced passengers to the back of the

jet.

Theodore Olson confirmed his wife made the calls before dying. "She called from the plane while it was being hijacked. I wish it wasn't so but it is," he said.

Separately, a businessman, his wife and young child aboard a United flight that left Boston and crashed into the World Trade Center twice called his father in Connecticut as his plane was being hijacked, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the victim's father told the FBI his son made two calls, and both times the phone cut off. In the first call, the businessman said a stewardess had been stabbed. In the second call, the son said his plane was going down.

The man was identified as former Easton, Conn., resident Peter Hanson. A minister confirmed the cell phone call to his father, Lee Hanson, an official in Easton, a small town near Bridgeport.

"He called to his parents' home, and so in that way they were so together in that moment," the Rev. Bonnie Bardot said.

And a flight attendant aboard the second jetliner that struck the World Trade Center managed to call an emergency number from the back of the airplane, an American Airlines source said. The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the flight attendant reported her fellow attendants had been stabbed, the cabin had been taken over, and they were going down in New York.

Attorney General John Ashcroft confirmed the American Airlines Flight 11 that left Boston for Los Angeles "was hijacked by suspects armed with knives."

The stories of these cell phone callers matched those of a call apparently made aboard a plane that crashed in rural Pennsylvania around the same time. Officials believed that plane was hijacked and was turning around from its planned West Coast destination, possibly headed toward the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland or the U.S. Capitol in Washington, officials said.

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Saturday's winners

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5 of 5 without Mega	6	\$19,787
4 of 5 with Mega	38	\$1,562
4 of 5 without Mega	970	\$101
3 of 5 with Mega	1,492	\$59
3 of 5 without Mega	40,793	\$10
2 of 5 with Mega	20,578	\$11
1 of 5 with Mega	102,958	\$2
Megamillion only	152,921	\$1

Tonight's jackpot: \$10 million

List of victims on hijacked planes includes familiar name

The Associated Press

Some of those killed on flights commandeered by terrorists Tuesday:

BARBARA OLSON, 45, was the wife of U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson. She was aboard American Airlines Flight 77 from Dulles International Airport when it crashed into the Pentagon. She twice called her husband as the plane was being hijacked and described some details, including that the attackers were using knife-like instruments. Barbara Olson was a chief investigator for the House Government Reform Committee in the mid-1990s. She later became a lawyer



Olson

and wrote a book about Hillary Rodham Clinton.

DAVID ANGELL, 54, was executive producer of the NBC television show "Frasier." He was flying on American Airlines Flight 11 from Boston to Los

Angeles with his wife, Lynn, according to Angell's brother, The Most Rev. Kenneth Angell, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vt. The Angells were returning from their summer home in Chatham, Mass., where Bishop Angell and other relatives had just spent a joyful family wedding weekend.

DANIEL C. LEWIN, 31, co-founder of Akamai Technologies in Cambridge, Mass., was aboard American Flight 11. He also was the company's chief technology officer and a board member. Lewin is survived by his wife and two sons. Lewin, who attended graduate school at MIT, became an instant billionaire — at least on paper — in

October 1999 when Akamai made its Wall Street debut.

JOHN OGOONOWSKI, 52, of Dracut, Mass., was the captain on American Flight 11. A former Air Force pilot, Ogonowski had just celebrated his birthday. He left a wife and three daughters — Laura, 16; Caroline, 14; and Mary Catherine, 11. He was also a farmer who loved the land. His brother, Jim Ogonowski, said his 150-acre property would be preserved as open space, as his brother would have wanted.

EDMUND GLAZER, 41, of Chatsworth, Calif., was chief financial officer and vice president of finance and administration of MRV Communi-

cations, a manufacturer of optical network components and systems. He is survived by his wife, Candy, and son, Nathan.

TOM MCGUINNESS, of Portsmouth, N.H., was co-pilot of American Airlines Flight 11, an official at his church confirmed. Rick DeKoven, administrator at the church, said McGuinness was married with two teen-age children, a boy and a girl. He said church pastors were with his wife when she was notified Tuesday morning. A prayer service was being held for him Tuesday night. DeKoven called him "a devoted family man," who was active in his community and church.