Locals with ties to tragedy start fund

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A Farmington couple who
grow up in Brooklyn is collecting
money to aid the families of New
York City firefighters affected by
the terrorist attacks.
Tony Szezygielski and wife
Pat have stories of siblings
souched by the terrorist attack:
Tony's sister Joan Budgell was
in the lobby of the World Trade
Center at 9 a.m. Tuesday.
"It's a pretty huge, huge subway stop," her brother
explained.
"She was going to work, she

explained.

"She was going to work, she passes through the lobby and all hell broke loose. People actually fell down - this is when the first plane hit. She said she dove under a table at Sbarros Restau-

rant, and pulled out her cell phone to call her husband John and tell him to turn on the TV."
"She told him, 'I think the World Trade Center's being bombed." Her husband told her that an airplane, the first, had hit. 'He said, 'You better get out of there,' her brother recalled.
"She ran outside and there was pandemonium, debris falling; the way she described it there were already people outside dead. She was running and screaming; she ran into a cousin of mine's wife, she never did get to work." "She talked of walking up 34th.

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"She talked of walking up 34th Street, she got home probably about 11 o'clock that night." Then thero's the story of Pat's brother Bill Walsh, a New York City fireman. Szczygielski said

Walsh would have been among the firemen to first respond to the Trade Center attack - but he was not on call that day.

"They work 24 hours on and 24 hours off, he was off," Tony Szczygielski said.
So many firefighters were lost from his company that Walsh, who had passed his captain's test, was promoted.
"Generally when you're promoted it's a very happy affair, Szczygielski said."! havon't talked him directly but I talked on his mother, my mother-in-

talked him directly but I talked to his mother, my mother-in-law, he's totally devostated."
Walsh may also be known to viewers of the TV show "Third Watch," where he plays a fireman named "Walsh." Szczygielst said it's not unusual for firemen to have more than one job,

and he enjoys acting.
Pat added, "We've had such an outpouring of friends in Michigan calling us non-stop. We've been on the phone continually with family. We've been very lucky every one of our direct relatives is OK.

Szczygiolski said rather than walt for a firemen's relief effort to organize, she is seeking donations in her neighborhood and at Providence Hospital in Southfield where she works.

She asks that checks be made out to "New York City Fire Department." Cash donations will be kept in the bank until they are converted to a cashier's check. The Szczygielski's dadress is 23\(\theta\)- of All Road, Farmington, 48335. Their phone number is 474-3607.



For which it stands: City Manager Steve Brock leads city
workers in the
Pledge of Allegiance at Friday's ser-vices at Hills City Hall.

BRYAN MITCHELL

MILITARY NEWS

JONES WITH USS SHREVEPORT

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Amphibious transport dock
ships are the Navy's most reliable method of transporting and
landing United States Marines
and their equipment. Lance Corporal Eric Jones, son of David
and Pauline Jones of Farmington Hills, is an anti-tank assault
guided missileman for the
Marine Corps serving aboard the
USS Shreveport.
USS Shreveport is part of the

USS Bataan Amphibious Ready Group. Their mission is to deploy wherever American sup-port is necessary, and to remain on station and ready to land

port is necessary, and to remain on station and ready to land Marines.

Jones joined the Marine Corps in February of 2000. "I joined the military to prove to myself that I could meet the demands of the Marine Corps," said the North Farmington High School graduate. "The two most impor-

tant things the Marine Corps has taught me are self-discipline and patience."

GREENBERG JOINS DELAYED ENTRY OREENBERG JOINS DELAYED ENTRY
Lindsey Greenberg has joined
the United States Army under
the delayed entry program. The
program gives young men and
women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to

entering active duty for up to one year.

Greenberg, a 2600 graduate of Farmington High School, report-ed to Fort Leonard Wood, Way-nesville, Mo., for active duty on Sept. 11. She is the daughter of Steven Greenberg of Farmington Hills and Sharon Greenberg of Fayetteville, N.C.



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our countrymen have suffered is so far beyond our understanding, she said.
"Strengthen us as a nation, as a people, as individuals."
City Councilwoman Vicki Barnett removed the wireless microphone from its podium-mounted clip, to turn and face the stars and stripes. She led the group in The Star-Spangled Banner' and "God Bless America." Several city workers had to wipe their cyes.

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Walting for the ceremony to start were department of public works operator Al Farrow and parks supervisor Randy Lovett.
'Il's a tragedy words can't even express,' Farrow said of Tuesday's terrorist attacks.
The city ceremony, Lovett said, 'Is definitely overdue. It's a

sad day."

The ceremony to bring together the family of city workers "is typical of Farmington Hills," said former mayor Aldo Vagnozzi.

"They always show concern when there's a tragedy of this kind. It's a caring, loving community. It's what I expected," he said.

sid. Trainington City Manager
Frank Lauhoff said a numbor of
employees took time off during,
their days to gather outside.

"It was just giving them the
opportunity to take a few minutes away from work," he said.
"I talked to a number of people
during the day. There are so
many feelings. Everybody wants
to do something."

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A swearing-in ceremony for new citizens will go on Friday, as planned. The committee will work with Farmington Hills police regarding security. Belsen said they, like most Americans, have safety concerns now.

"We're confident members of the community are going to react in good ways," she said.

No one wants to play into the hands of the terrorists by cowering in fear and completely canceling planned events.

"We thought about continuing with it because we know that we still need to celebrate each other's heritage," Bolsen said.



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