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People gather to remember the 217 victims, dedicate granite memorial

year anniversary

Crash of EygptAir

Flight 990 marks

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Relcrash of EgyptAir Flight 990 gathered Tuesday, the first anniversary of the disaster, to dedicate a memorial whose rough-hewn sides symbolize their pain.

The granite memorial stands in a seaside park in the city where families went a year ago after the Boeing 767 plunged into the Atlantic off the Massachusetts island

of Nantucket. More than 500 relatives, friends and dignitaries attended the memorial service, which began about an hour late as buses brought people to Brenton Point State Park. Some mourners held flowers and some cried as a chill wind whipped the tent shielding them.

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National Transportation Safety Board Chairman James Hall told the mourners his agency was still working diligently to determine the cause of the crash and he hopes to release his final report by December. Hall also expressed the condolences of President Clinton.

"I want you to know that we have continually thought of you throughout this investigation," Hall said. "I hope you can draw some strength from each other and some comfort in knowing people all around the world share your grief."

The Rhode Island medical exatives of the 217 victims of the aminer, Dr. Elizabeth Laposata, told the mourners that 128 of the victims have been identified from the 6,000 tissue fragments recovered from the ocean.

Five coffins of the unidentified remains have already been buried in the Island Cemetery. A sixth was to be buried Tuesday in a private service for the families.

In Egypt, independent religious ceremonies also were held Tuesday to mourn those killed when the plane went crashed about an hour after taking off from New York en route to Cairo.

There has been no final determination of the crash's cause, but there has been speculation that copilot Gameel El-Batouty deliberately crashed the plane. Egyptians have vehemently rejected that possibility, instead favoring theories that a missile or mechanical failure were to blame.

Hall said last week that his agency has found no sign of mechanical failure.

The granite monument is roughly hewn on three of its four sides, symbolizing the families'

difficult journey since the crash. An inscription in gold lettering on a black background reads: "In loving memory of the 217 family members and friends lost on EgyptAir Flight 990. ... May God's eternal light shine upon them.'

The final phrase, "They are not gone from us," is inscribed in French, Arabic and English.

On the ground before the monument are 217 bricks etched with the names of those who died.

"There's nothing beautiful about it," said Jack Afonso of Riverside Stone Co., who created the monument. "This is to commemorate the dead." Beyond the monument is a panoramic view of the ocean, the sound of the waves lapping against the rocks a few hundred feet away.

On Wednesday, the NTSB will allow families to tour the aircraft wreckage, stored in a hangar at a former Navy base.

Grim reaper



The grim reaper, student who works in Agricultural Communication, who wishes to remain anonymous, haunts students in front the John R. Blocker Building. The the student's third year to perfo

Singapore Air jet crash TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - A Singa-

pore Airlines jumbo jet speeding down a runway in darkness and rain slammed into an object before takeoff for Los Angeles and burst into flames Tuesday, scattering fiery wreckage across the tarmac, witnesses said. At least 66 people were killed and dozens more were injured, an airline official said.

It was not immediately clear what Flight SQ006 hit, but the collision wreaked havoc on the plane. Video footage showed the Boeing 747-400 spewing flames and thick black smoke despite the heavy rain. Afterward, parts of the blue-and-white fuselage were badly charred, with a gaping hole in the roof of the forward section.

Airline spokesman Rick Clements said in Singapore that 47 U.S. citizens ing to blow up."

and 55 Taiwanese were

"It felt like we bumped in" thing huge," said Doug Viller of New Iberia, La., who was state By Noe outside the Chang Gung Memo The Bat Hospital, wrapped in a hospital of The and smoking a cigarette. "It looked councils the front end just fell off. From the onight it just started to fall apart. I ran to crease r escape hatch with the stewardes lic place we couldn't get it open. Two feet Both from me, I saw flames.

Everyone was just panicking sentative said. "I tried to open the escape of the on the top just a slit and saw a about t smoke. The fumes were just income mobile. But eventually we got it ope We were just all so scared it was

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Napster gets industry help

NEW YORK (AP) - In a deal that could rescue Napster from legal limbo, Bertelsmann said Tuesday it was teaming with the Internet music-swapping service to develop a new membership-based distribution system that would guarantee payments to artists.

The German media giant will drop its lawsuit against Napster, make its music catalog available and gain the right to buy a stake in Napster. Bertelsmann will

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in the meantime loan Napster money to help develop the subscription service.

Microsoft tries to find hacker

SEATTLE (AP) - Microsoft security experts tried and failed to catch the

weeklong game of electronic cat and mouse through the computer software giant's vast system, company officials disclosed Monday.

"We are continuing to work closely with law enforcement," said company

hacker in a more than spokesman Rick Miller yond that, we really o say much more."

Company officials lieve the hacker had cess for about 12 days, only to the source code blueprint, for a single p uct that is still in the stages of development

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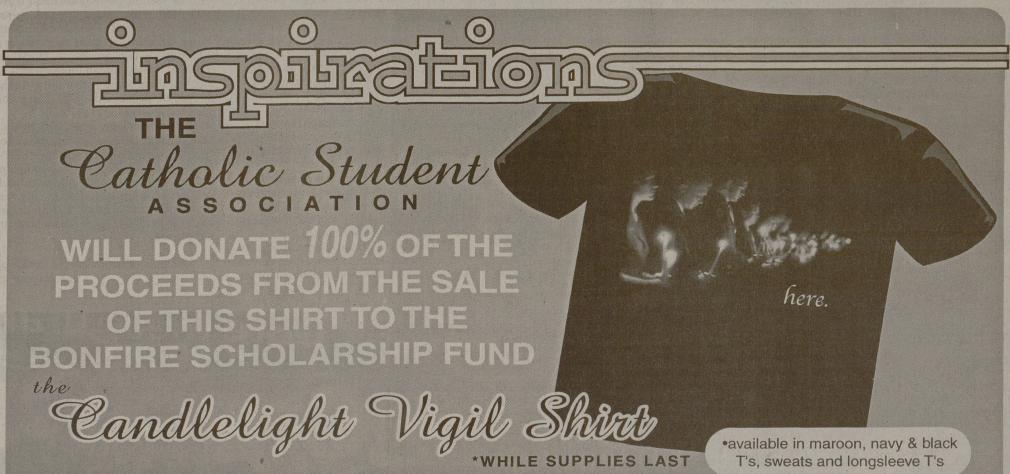
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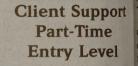
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