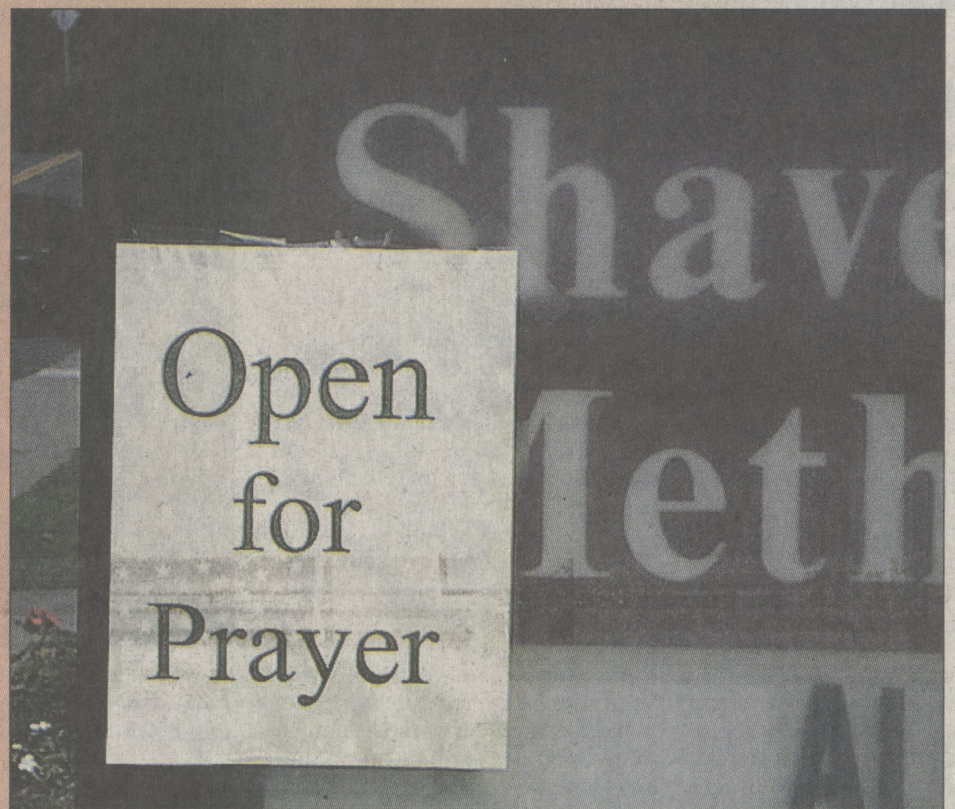
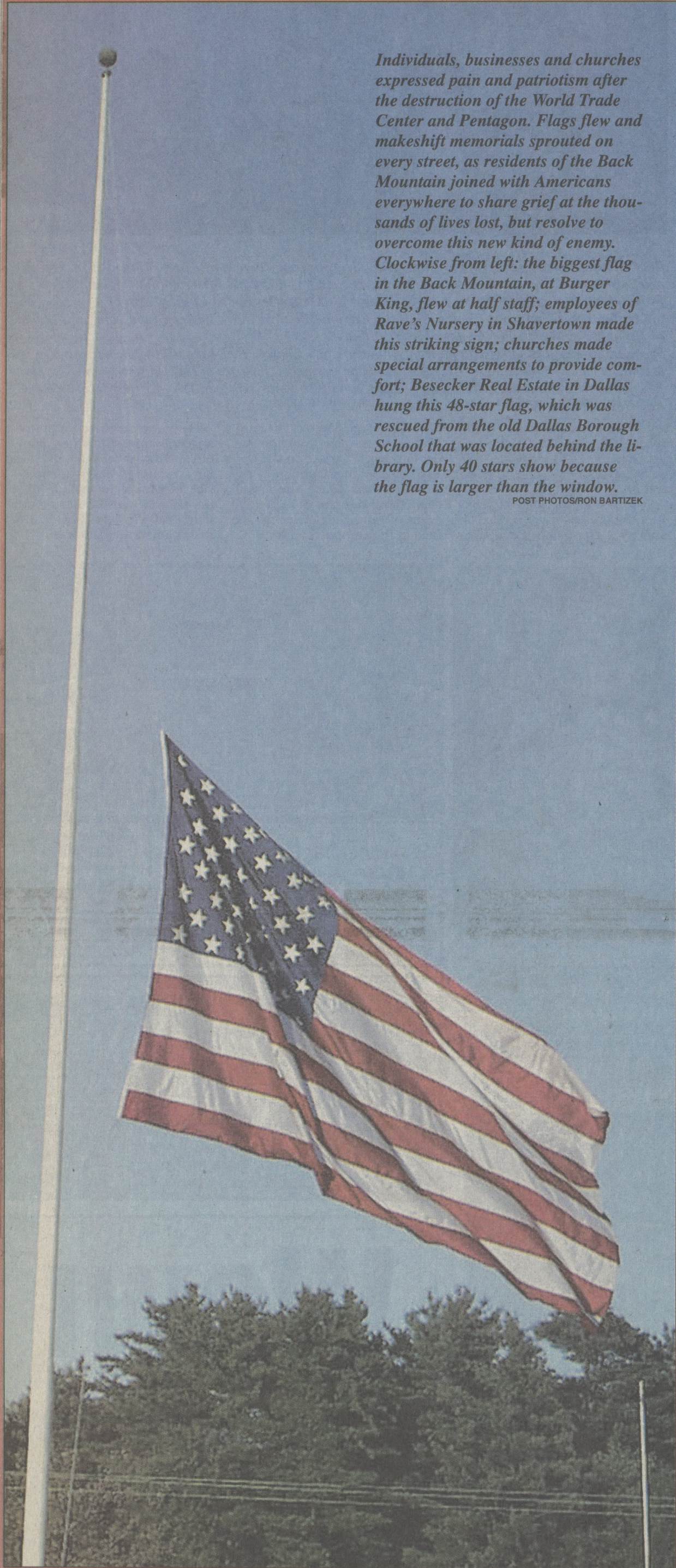


Back Mountain pays

Individuals, businesses and churches expressed pain and patriotism after the destruction of the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Flags flew and makeshift memorials sprouted on every street, as residents of the Back Mountain joined with Americans everywhere to share grief at the thousands of lives lost, but resolve to overcome this new kind of enemy. Clockwise from left: the biggest flag in the Back Mountain, at Burger King, flew at half staff; employees of Rave's Nursery in Shavertown made this striking sign; churches made special arrangements to provide comfort; Besecker Real Estate in Dallas hung this 48-star flag, which was rescued from the old Dallas Borough School that was located behind the library. Only 40 stars show because the flag is larger than the window.

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What can you do to help?

Here's a partial list of organizations that are helping victims and volunteers in the recovery effort.

September 11th Fund

Established by the United Way and The New York Community Trust to help victims of the terrorist attacks. Funds will be administered to victims and their families.

Anyone interested can send tax-deductible donations via checks made payable to: The September 11th Fund, c/o United Way of Wyoming Valley, 450 Mellon Bank Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

American Red Cross: Disaster assistance

is free and made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. The Red Cross also supplies nearly half of the nation's lifesaving blood, also through donations. To help disaster victims, call 1-800-HELP-NOW (1-800-435-7669.) Or send a donation to American Red Cross, Wyoming Valley Chapter, 156 S. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. To donate blood call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543.)

The Salvation Army

Salvation Army canteens have been mobilized to the World Trade Center site to feed comfort rescue workers and victims. Pennsylvania canteens are waiting to provide reinforcement. To volunteer or to donate funds to the relief efforts, call 1-800-SAL-ARMY or visit www.salvationarmypendel.org or send your contribution, earmarked 'World Trade Center Response,' to The Salvation Army, 701 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19123.

Where can you find help?

American Legion Military Support Network 1-800-504-4098: Family members and military personnel can call the hotline around the clock. Calls are processed and referred to local American Legion volunteers who can offer a number of services to military families. Callers are expected to provide their name, city and state they are calling from, and a telephone number where they can be reached.



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Lake-Lehman cheerleaders Olivia Barra and Melissa Simonson were moved with emotion during a pre-game tribute Saturday.