

# Boeing: It's one of ours

An aircraft part from one of the 9/11 planes discovered in a narrow alley in lower Manhattan was a piece of a flap control system and not landing gear wreckage as originally believed, officials said yesterday.

As the NYPD continued to guard the site behind the proposed Islamic center at 51 Park Place, two blocks north of Ground Zero, officials with the city medical examiner's office were testing the tight space where the part was found for possible toxins in preparation for today's search for potential human remains.

Officials with Boeing, which manufactured both aircraft that terrorists used to destroy the towers, said the debris found on Friday was part of a flap actuation support structure from a Boeing 767 aircraft. The structure, located on the underside of the wing, helps to raise and lower the trailing edge of the



Today, a search for human remains will begin where a Boeing 767 part was found in lower Manhattan.

plane's wing to allow it to operate at lower speeds, said a Boeing spokesman.

However, since the planes were both Boeing aircraft, it was impossible for officials to say for certain from which plane the 5-foot tall piece came from.

Videos of the south tower being hit during the attack showed a fiery explosion and an ejection of debris that appeared to go a few blocks

north of Ground Zero.

Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner, said sifting of the soil in the narrow alley was scheduled to begin today. She said technicians and forensic experts would use a fine gauge screen to sift material and soil at the site. Any human remains that are found would be taken back to the Manhattan morgue building to be examined.

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## Weather delays 1 WTC's crowning

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Rain has set back 1 World Trade Center's new plateau.

Construction crews were planning to raise the last piece of the 104-floor skyscraper to its roof yesterday, but high winds forced officials to postpone the lift until the weather cooperates.

When the spire is eventually installed, 1 World Trade Center will be the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere at 1,776 feet, according to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The final piece, at nearly six tons, is just one of 18 sections weighing 800 tons.

Crews lifted the first section of the 408-foot spire to the roof in December.

## Longer school day will get test

Some city middle schoolers will have to change their afternoon plans.

The Department of Education said yesterday it will test a pilot program to extend the school day at 20 schools by 12 hours a week as part of the Middle School Quality Initiative.



Walcott

Schools Chancellor Derris Walcott said teachers will devote that added time to academic literacy. "We're closing the achievement gap — and we're doing it through strategic models," he said.

The 20 schools will be picked later but will help 2,000 students in high needs areas over three years, Walcott said. Several groups, including the Robin Hood Foundation and the City Council, are funding the initiative.

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