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Displaced Kashmiris, left homeless after the Oct. 8 earthquake, line up Sunday at an aid distribution center on a road outside Muzaffarabad, Pakistan.

UNICEF chief pleads for aid

She says thousands more could die in quake-ravaged Pakistan.

> **BY PAUL HAVEN** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan — Thousands of people could die unwarned during a helicopter tour of diarrhea, disease and injuries that according to UNICEF. the region Sunday.

Ann Veneman said the window of opportunity to act is closing, with winter rolling rapidly toward the unforgiving Himalayan mountains. Forecasters are predicting a colder than usual winter, with as much as 17 feet of snow in some places. Relief officials say about 800,000 quake

are not treated," Veneman told The Associated Press in an interview during the helicopter tour. "It's absolutely urgent that as much aid gets in as possible. This is an area that will get much colder as the winter comes, and the people are going to need shelter and blankets.

About 80,000 people are believed

Despite dire warnings of a looming calamity, the United Nations has had difficulty raising money for the quake victims. As of Friday, it had received just 20 percent of the \$550 million it needs for the next six months. Officials have warned that the shortfall could force U.N. helicopters to stop flying as early as

Post-9/11 security deadlines missed Administration fails

to impose measures to counter terrorism

Congress burdened the agency by demanding hundreds of reports.

> BY LESLIE MILLER THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has missed dozens of deadlines set by Congress after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks for developing ways to protect airplanes, ships and railways from terrorists.

A plan to defend ships and ports from attack is six months overdue. Rules to protect air cargo from infiltration by terrorists are two months late. A study on the cost of giving anti-terrorism training to federal law-enforcement officers who fly commercially was supposed to be done more than three years ago.

The incompetence that we recently saw with FEMA's leadership appears to exist throughout the Homeland Security Department," said Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, top Democrat on the House Homeland Security Committee. "Our nation is still vulnerable.'

Congress must share the blame for the department's sluggishness in protecting commerce and travel from terrorists, according to other observers. Lawmakers piled on deadline after deadline for reports, plans and regulations while the department,

necessarily from disease, diarrhea and untreated injuries if a disaster- weather with absolutely no shelter. quake on Oct. 8, and 3.3 million weary world doesn't help quakeravaged Pakistan, UNICEF's chief thousands of people additionally to victims are believed to be children,

survivors could face the irigid to have died in the 7.6-magnitude

"The fear is that we could lose have been left homeless. Half the

this week UNICEF controls \$62 million of

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Bush may name court pick today

Federal Judge Samuel Alito seems to be the most likely choice.

BY PETER BAKER THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON - President Bush appears poised to announce a new Supreme Court nomination today, moving quickly after a weekend of consultations to put forward a replacement for the ill-fated choice of Harriet Miers in hopes of recapturing political momentum, according to Republicans close to the White House.

Judging by the names the White House floated by political allies in recent days, Bush seems ready to pick a candidate with a long track record of conservative jurisprudence — one who would mollify the Republican base, whose opposition to Miers' nomination helped scuttle it. Several GOP strategists

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Airport continues to evolve

Since 9/11, the facility has seen great changes.

BY JIM RITCHIE TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Airline passengers at Pittsburgh International Airport had essentially one choice five years ago — US Airways — but now can shop online for the best deals among several low-fare and major carriers.

What once was an airport dom-

ation now is an open market for commercial airplanes and flew air travel.

The past five years have been a dramatic period in the airport's 13-year history. It includes downsizing, bankruptcy and a merger for the area's dominant carrier, the arrival of a long-sought lowfare competitor, enhanced security measures for every passenger, wild swings in passenger loads, struggles for airport businesses and now pockets of new development.

The turning point was Sept. 11, inated by US Airways' hub oper- 2001, when terrorists hijacked

them into the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. A fourth plane crashed in Somerset County after passengers tried to take control of the jet.

After the attacks, passenger traffic plunged, sending the airline industry into a tailspin. US Airways cut flights and jobs while sliding into bankruptcy twice, leading to a merger a month ago with America West

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Susan Rowell, customer service agent, tends to passengers at the Southwest Airlines ticketing area at Pittsburgh International Airport. Southwest is one of the new additions to the airport in the past five years.

Crime fighters say anti-stalking laws need to be updated

Victims often find stalkers get out of jail after a brief stay.

BY CRAIG SMITH TRIBUNE-REVIEW

When police charged Baldwin-Whitehall school director Beverly Coon with trying to kill a former boyfriend, the alleged crime differed from most stalking incidents, according to national statistics.

Almost 90 percent of stalkers are men,

federal statistics show.

"It's very much a power and control thing," said Janet Scott, associate executive director of the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh. Stalking often begins when one person

wants to break off a relationship. The abuser sees the victim as property, and thinks, "'I'll do what I can to get you back and if I can't, I'll get you,' " Scott said. Stalking is a repetitive pattern of un-

wanted, harassing or threatening behav-

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reviewer became an

ior. The stalker might use the telephone, follow his victims, send them unwanted gifts or badger them in person. More than 1 million women and almost 371,000 men are stalked each year, according to the National Center for Victims of Crime within the U.S. Department of Justice.

Coon and her ex-lover, Bethel Park Schools Superintendent Ronald Grimm, had a two-year relationship while both were estranged from their spouses.

Grimm, who has not talked outside

court about the case, testified that he told Coon in August he wanted to break off the relationship and reunite with his wife, Joyce. On Sept. 8, Coon allegedly stopped by Grimm's apartment and gave him pastries laced with a sedative. Police said she later set his bed on fire, causing second- and third-degree burns on his face, hands, arms and ears. Coon is awaiting trial on charges of attempted homicide, arson and stalking.

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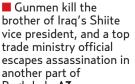
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