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WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY
TONIGHT 64°-67° TOMORROW 85°-88°

Burn victim transported to hospital

Herald Staff Report

An adult male was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center this morning after receiving severe burns from a structure fire in the Knott area.

Area law enforcement and emergency personnel responded to a fire in the area of Knott highway and U.S. Highway N. 87 where officials sought to airlift a man described as 20 to 25 years old to Lubbock from the site.

The patient was transported to the local hospital by Big Spring medical emergency service and the emergency helicopter flight was diverted to the hospital.

According to law enforcement, one structure was engulfed in flames and both Big Spring Fire Department and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department were called to the scene.

WHAT'S UP... TODAY

□ Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. at 500 Main in the basement of the Howard County Library.

□ Big Spring chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge at 219 Main.

□ Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. at the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

□ Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow. First and Goliad.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in Howard College Cactus room.

□ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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Aggravated assault trial begins in newly-renovated court building

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

The first trial to be held in the newly-renovated 118th District Court Building began this morning.

According to a spokesman for the District Attorney's Office, the trial of William Craig Crawford began today. Crawford is charged with the June 13 aggravated

assault with a deadly weapon of Dibrell's Gun Shop owner Travis Pate.

The case will be prosecuted by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson and heard by Judge Robert Moore.

According to reports from the Big Spring Police Department shortly after the crime occurred, Crawford allegedly entered the gun shop around 4:40

p.m. June 13th pretending to be interested in purchasing a gun.

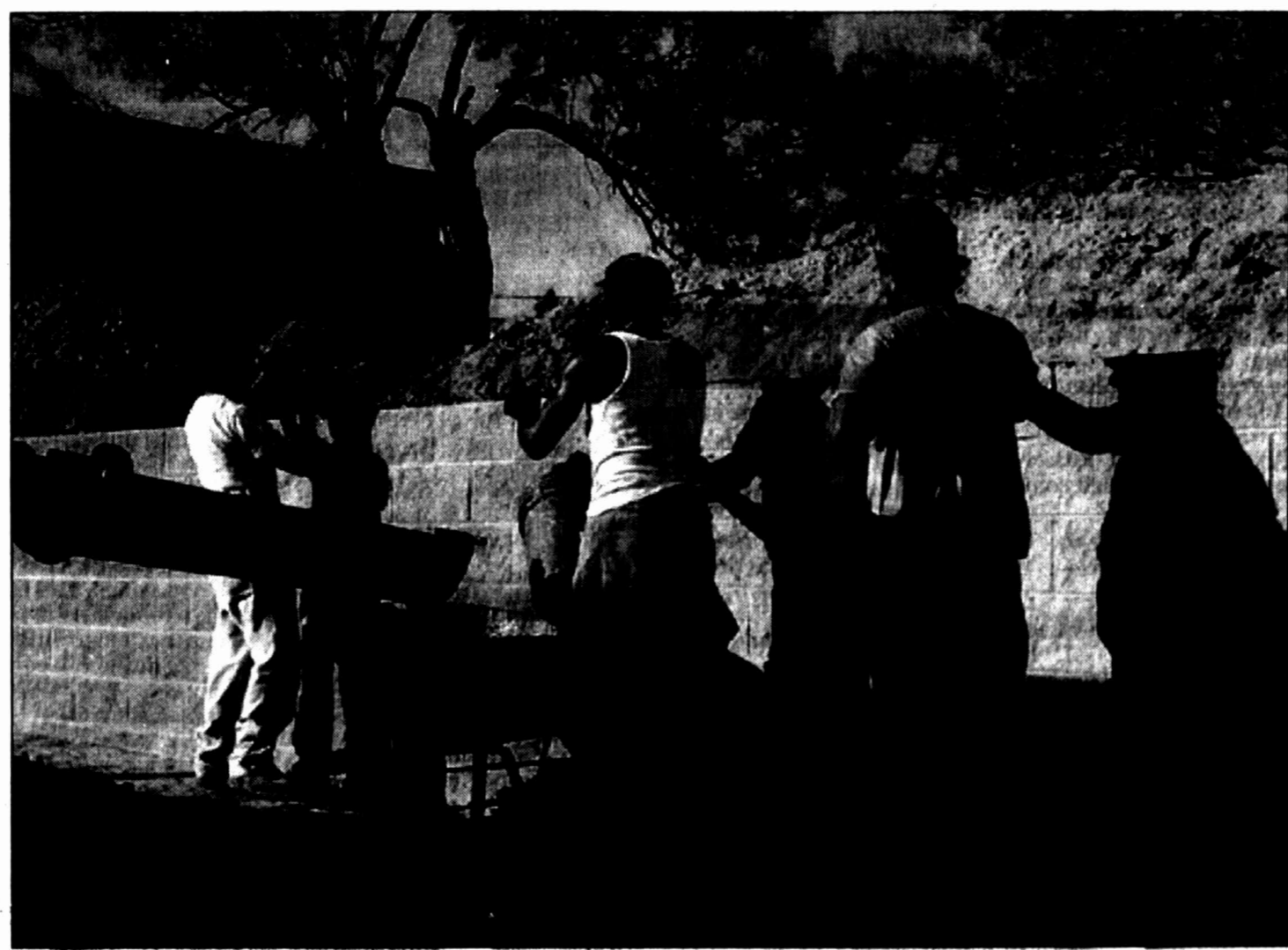
Using the store's handgun, he allegedly forced Pate to lock the door. As he was doing so, Pate grabbed the gun, wrestled Crawford to the floor and subdued him.

Police reports alleged that Crawford was intoxicated during the incident.

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Michael Martinez, left, Thomas Lewis and Riley Falkner of Clyde McMahon Concrete Company work on repairing the wall in front of the Heritage Museum.

HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin

City Council to again focus on budget

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will once again try to pass a FY 2000-2001 budget at a special meeting at 5:30 tonight.

The meeting will address the budget as well as several other items tabled at Friday night's meeting, which was itself a makeup meeting for the regular Sept. 11 meeting, cancelled because of the New York and Washington D.C. terrorist attacks.

The council tabled the budget as well as first readings of six resolutions which would allow Mayor Russ McEwen to enter into contracts with various groups, including Rape Crisis/Victims Services, Howard County, the Heritage Museum and Big Spring Main Street Inc., primarily because McEwen suggested two "compromise" changes to controversial aspects of the budget.

The change primarily responsible for the delay is to a proposal for the full-time manager at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard currently holds the title "airpark manager" on a part time basis.

McEwen said that criticism about the position that he has heard focuses on the fact that the airport operator currently handles a lot of the airpark management duties.

"My proposal is that we combine these two positions into a full-time airpark manager," he said.

McEwen noted that the airpark pays the city \$10,000 a year for Bogard's contribution to airpark management and that the current airport operator, Nelda Reagan, earns \$31,000 a year.

The new manager is budgeted to earn salary and benefits totalling between \$50,000 and \$60,000, so the McEwen's compromise would cost the airpark "...between \$9,000 and \$19,000, because we would save \$41,000," he said.

The budget currently maintains the airport operator position.

Several members of the council expressed frustration that McEwen hadn't approached them with the idea prior to the meeting.

"This is all news to me," Councilman Chuck Cawthon said. "I can't vote

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Major changes at Dora Roberts Rehab Center

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A few things have changed at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center and the center is offering new programs.

The center received funds from the Dora Roberts Foundation in January and used the money to add an additional room and a 2,400-square-foot heated pool.

"Without the Dora Roberts

Foundation and funds from individuals, we would not have the facilities we have today," Director Wesley Beauchamp said.

The public is invited to an open house at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center located at 306 W. Third on Sept. 26, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Visitors may tour the facilities and learn information about new programs the center offers such as water aerobics, spinning, step aerobics, yoga and boot camp classes.

These classes are new additions to the wellness program that offers cardiovascular and muscle strengthening as well as the

center's rehabilitation services.

Beauchamp said the staff of Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center is excited to offer more programs to the community.

"We are excited to help Big Spring," he said. "Our goal is to help people stay healthy."

The initial joining fee for the center is \$90 and includes a body fat analysis as well as setting up a program of exercise, Beauchamp said.

The wellness program costs \$30 a month.

Use of the pool including the water aerobics class costs \$25 a month and the combined program of spin-

ning, step aerobics and boot camp classes is \$25 a month.

Members can get a \$10 break if they combine the wellness program with either the water aerobics program or the spinning, step aerobics and boot camp program; the cost for either of those combinations is \$45 per month.

Currently the center is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For more information about the courses or the rehabilitation programs offered by Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, call 267-3806.

Area citizens warned that con artists use attacks to start scams

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Americans are doing what they can to help the victims of the recent terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C.

Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, warns, however, that unscrupulous people might try to take advantage of that giving spirit.

"We've had some reports of solicitors here in town, soliciting for charity," he said. "We've got some people out on the streets soliciting supposedly for church groups, but they're not from around here."

Sweatt hastened to add that he has no evidence that those passing the can are not legitimate, but says that the police department is checking their credentials.

"In general, you're safer donating through your own church or through a major charity like the American Red Cross," he said.

Both Sweatt and Sheriff's Deputy Gary Pritchett said there have been no local reports of fraudulent charity collection related to the terrorist attacks.

The Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance backs up Sweatt's warning.

"We encourage the public to contribute to helpful causes, especially at this time," said Alliance President and CEO Art Taylor. "However, it is critical for donors not to make

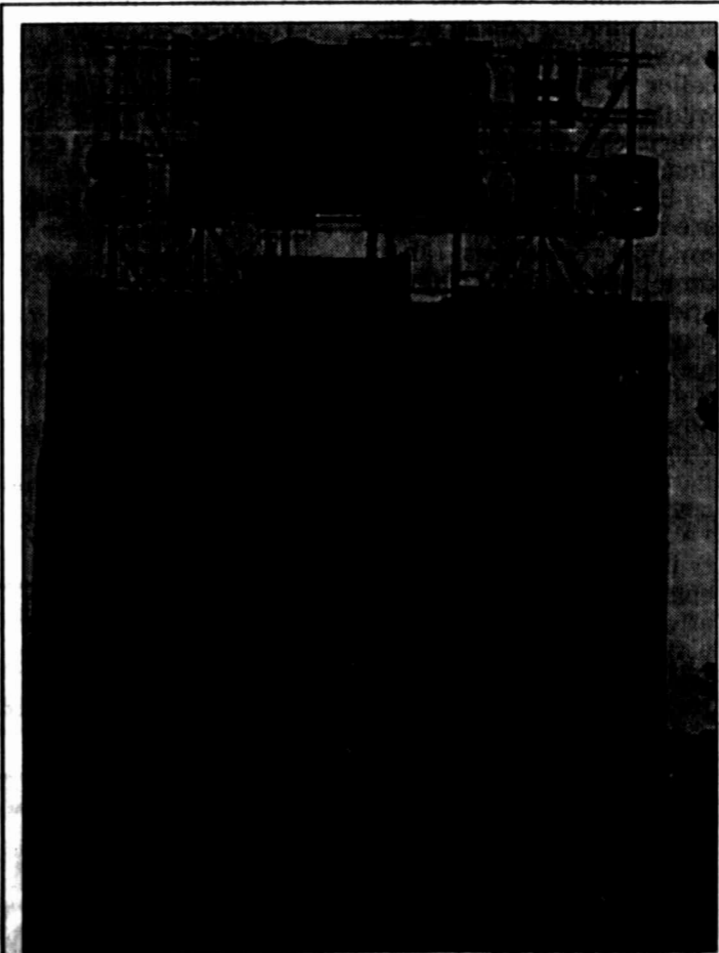
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A 30-foot flag was draped from the Settles Hotel on Friday by the city of Big Spring in remembrance of victims of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. The flag was draped a few moments before residents gathered to pray at the Heart of the City Park.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

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Rums

WASHINGTON Secretary Donald Rumsfeld raised doubts today about the surrender of Osama bin Laden, prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks that slashed the lives of thousands of Americans. Rumsfeld said the number of Americans would be enough to lead military campaigns in Afghanistan.

President Bush's House employees in Odessa to observe a week of silence marking the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. The employees, who were not allowed to work on Sept. 11, were told to observe a week of silence. The employees were told to observe a week of silence. The employees were told to observe a week of silence.

Special

WASHINGTON They are training friends with the Taliban, mess with the press, and are the wrong people to lead the war on terror, U.S. special forces are bound to fight against terrorism.

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OBITUARIES

Ruby Rankin

Funeral service for Ruby Rankin, 88, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, was held today, Sept. 18, 2001, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Ernest Easley officiating. Graveside service was at 2 p.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Rankin died Saturday, Sept. 15, in an Odessa hospital.

She was born April 28, 1913, in Glasscock County and married Thomas C. Rankin on June 15, 1934, in Glasscock County. They moved to Odessa in 1937. She had been a member of First Baptist Church for over 60 years and had taught the primary Sunday school class for many years. She had worked for Sears Roebuck and Company for about 20 years before her retirement.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Thomas C. Rankin of Odessa; three sons Leroy Rankin of Odessa, Bob Rankin of Mt. Pleasant and Forrest Rankin of Odessa; one brother Floyd Phillips of Hext; one sister Ethel Cunningham of Booneville, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

J.M. "Catfish" Tucker

J.M. "Catfish" Tucker, 88, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, in a local retirement home. Graveside funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa, with Dr. David Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Big Spring, officiating.

J.M. was born on July 1, 1913, in Montague County. He moved to Tipton, Okla., at the age of 6 with his parents, Jessie Monroe and Ethel Tucker, and attended public schools there. He married Bertha Bowman on Dec. 2, 1934, in Grandfield, Okla. J.M. and Bertha later moved to Texas where J.M.

worked in refrigeration installation and later in the oil fields. He worked for Loffland Drilling Company, retiring as rig supervisor in 1976. He then worked four years for Fas Line in Oklahoma before moving to Lake Palo Pinto near Gordon. In July 2000 he moved to Carriage Inn Retirement Center in Big Spring.

J.M. was an avid fisherman and hunter and was known throughout the oil fields as "Catfish." He loved to cook and oilfield workers and family delighted in the meals he prepared and were entertained with humor and wit.

Survivors include two sons Tom Tucker of Siguetepeque, Honduras and Roger Tucker of Big Spring; three brothers Coy Tucker of Seagraves, Howard Tucker of Andrews and Bill Tucker of Wichita Falls; one sister Freda Edwards of Tipton, Okla.; three grandsons Christopher, Roger and Rex; four great-grandchildren and many other devoted family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha, on Aug. 21, 1976, an by three brothers Albert, Wayne and Gene; one sister Faye; and one grandson Joel Keith.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npWelch.com

Leona Thompson

Funeral service for Leona Thompson, 85, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Thompson died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2001, in a local nursing home.

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an immediate donation without first checking out soliciting groups to ensure their generosity is not misplaced.

The alliance also suggests avoiding phone or "spam" Internet solicitations.

The group offers the following list of hints to those interested in helping out victims of the attacks:

• Be wary of appeals that are long on emotion but short on describing what the charity will do to address the needs of victims or their families.

• If you contribute, do not give cash. Make a check or money order out to the name of the charitable organization, not to the individual collecting the donation.

• Watch for excessive pressure for on-the-spot donations. Be wary of any request to send a "runner" to pick up your contribution.

• Do not give your credit card number or other personal information to a telephone solicitor. Ask the caller to provide you with written information on the charity's programs and finances.

• Be wary of charities that are reluctant to answer reasonable questions about their operations, finances and programs. Ask how much of your gift will be used for the charity mentioned in the appeal and how much will go toward other programs and administrative and fund raising costs.

• Find out what the charity intends to do with excess contributions remaining after they have funded activities for the victims and the families of the terrorist attacks.

• Remember the opportunities to give will continue. The tragedy aftermath will not disappear when the headlines do.

Check the Alliance's Web site at www.give.org.

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The council voted to table the budget until tonight to give the members a chance

to mull over the new suggestions.

In the other of his suggested changes, McEwen proposed maintaining the city's property tax rate at 65.63 cents per \$100 of property value, instead of increasing it by two cents to

"By not increasing the tax, the city will generate about \$76,000 less than it would have with the increase, and McEwen charged City Manager Gary Fuqua and the city's other administrators to trim that amount from the budget throughout the year.

The council approved the tax rate unanimously on first reading.

It also approved on first reading an increase of \$2 for residential garbage collection and 17 percent for commercial garbage collection by a 4-3 margin. McEwen and council members Tommy Tune, JoAnn Smoot and Oscar Garcia voted for the increase, while Cawthon, Stephanie Horton and Greg Haddison voted against it.

An increase of 20 cents per 1,000 gallons in the water rate was approved by a 5-2 margin. Cawthon and Horton voted against the measure, while the rest of the council voted in its favor.

BRIEFS

55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING class will be held at the Senior Center Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost is \$10 and both days must be attended. Discount on most insurances.

For more information call 263-1576.

CANTERBURY'S FALL FESTIVAL WILL take place Tuesday from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster.

A hot dog supper will be held from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Cost is \$2.50.

There will be entertainment from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. featuring the Sizzling Seniors and lots of linedancing.

There will also be a cake walk from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED at the Coahoma Dairy Queen at 108 NW Broadway for the Hero's Fund to provide relief for the family's of the fireman and police who lost their lives in the rescue efforts in New York at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

BIG SPRING EVENING LIONS Club will start the annual Eye Photoscreening of preschool children starting with Anderson Kindergarten students on Wednesday.

The screening cost is \$1.50 per student and the Lions expect to screen over 400 students this year in the Big Spring area schools. The Coahoma Lions will provide photoscreening for the Coahoma students.

Students at Lakeview Headstart, Moss, St. Mary's Episcopal and Elbow will be photoscreened later when scheduling is completed.

Donations toward the purchase of the film for this program are greatly appreciated.

For additional information contact Bob Noyes.

NORTH BIRDWELL LANE UNITED Methodist Church will be having a stew and cornbread supper Saturday at 5 p.m. The public is invited.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center 1601 W. 11th Place. 263-1211

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY

Caregivers Night Out, meets every fourth Tuesday every other month from 6-7:30 p.m. at Community Care Hospice.

Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

WEDNESDAY Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

THURSDAY Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

MARKETS

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

CHRISTOPHER HOHERTZ, 26, of 1211 Lloyd was arrested on a charge of failure to identify and for Gillespie County warrants.

FERMIN RUDY GUIT-TERREZ, 18, of 408 S. Benton was arrested on a charge of assault class C/family violence.

ORLANDO ISAAC MONTANEZ, 20, of 508 State St. was arrested on six local warrants.

KIMBERLIE KAY PINEDA, 20, of 1905 Wasson Road was arrested

TEXAS LOTTERY

on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.

JESSICA ALVIZO, 19, of 1905 Wasson Road was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

ALFRED LEDESMA, 47, of 1311 Mobile was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

TRACY MICHELLE MONTANEZ, 26, of 508 State St. was arrested for four local warrants.

MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 1400 block of Stadium Avenue and the 2000 block of South Gregg.

LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 2000 block and the 1900 block of South Runnels.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

In the 900 block of East 14th Street. About \$100 worth of damage was done to a gold 1997 Geo Prizm in the area.

In the 500 block of Westover, \$25 worth of damage was done to a window screen.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of Howell. Someone reportedly broke the glass of the rear door to gain entry to the home, causing about \$50 worth of damage. The burglar then reportedly stole \$280 worth of electronic home entertainment equipment.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1900 block of Runnels. Someone reportedly stole \$520 worth of items from a brown 1985 Chevrolet in the area.

THEFT was reported in the 700 block of Anna. Someone reportedly entered the home through an unlocked front door and stole between \$50 and \$500 worth of items.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity for August:

DETECTIVES - 4 investigators

45 percent clearance rate

88 previously assigned cases

70 new assigned cases

71 cases cleared

14 cases inactivated

PROPERTY - \$47,019 value reported stolen

\$8,411 value recovered

IN-HOUSE TRAINING - 24 officers

88 classroom hours

ADULT ARRESTS - 157 arrests

57 drunk

0 weapons

19 driving under the influence

7 narcotics

0 assaults

JUVENILE ARRESTS - 17 arrests

1 burglary

2 theft

0 weapons

2 liquor laws

0 public intoxication

0 curfew

4 runaway

0 aggravated assault

CRIMES REPORTED - 0 sexual assault

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CASH 5: 16, 20, 29, 32, 34

0 robbery
44 assault
20 burglary
60 theft
1 unauthorized use of a motor vehicle
24 family violence
0 murder
S.T.E.P. (SCHOOL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND PATROL)
7 officers
69 hours overtime
51 citations
56 written warnings
15 verbal warnings
564 miles driven

PATROL
26967 miles driven
1850.4 gallons of gasoline used
387 written reports
73 accidents
195 arrests
16 driving under the influence
520 citations
219 written warnings
433 verbal warnings
29 field interviews
68 alarm responses
560 building checks
305 house watches

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in Rattlesnake Gap.

A LOOSE BULL was reported in the 1900 block and the 2000 block of Driver Road.

DISTURBANCE was reported at Sunset Tavern in the 1800 block of North Birdwell.

THEFT was reported in the 1300 block of Oil Mill Road.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 100 block of Jalisco Road, the 6200 block of Interstate 20 and near the intersection of Old City Highway and Gail Highway.

LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in north of Interstate 20 on Highway 176.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

10:11 a.m. - 1600 block of Canary, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:27 p.m. - 1400 block of E. 14th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:42 p.m. - 2000 block of Runnels, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Monday's high 94
Monday's low 71
Record high 101 in 1945
Record low 43 in 1991
Average high 87
Average low 63
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Month to date 0.00
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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Lloyd Click, 91, died Sunday. Services were 10:00 AM, today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial was at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 www.npWelch.com J. M. "Catfish" Tucker, 88, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 10:30 AM, Thursday, at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa.

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Rumsfeld: Terrorism is bigger than Osama bin Laden alone

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld raised doubts today about whether the surrender of Osama bin Laden, prime suspect in the attacks that slaughtered thousands of Americans one week ago, would be enough to avert a U.S.-led military campaign against terrorism.

President Bush joined 300 White House employees on the South Lawn to observe a moment of silence marking the attacks that occurred a week earlier. It was another calm, sunny morning, much like the one made violent when two hijacked planes rammed the World Trade Center in New York, one crashed into the Pentagon and one went down in a Pennsylvania field.

"May God continue to bless America," Bush said. After he left, some of his staff stretched the silence for a while longer, until 7:48 a.m. CDT, the moment of the first impact in Manhattan.

Across the country, radio sta-

tions marked the time with patriotic songs.

Bush also planned a Rose Garden ceremony to thank rescuers and announce an Internet site to collect donations for stricken families, and a dinner with French President Jacques Chirac to broaden an international coalition against terrorism.

"Clearly you begin on a journey with one step, and he would be one step," Rumsfeld said. But he added, "If bin Laden were not there the organization would continue doing what it's been doing. So clearly the problem is much bigger than bin Laden."

With Bush plotting a military response against "those barbaric people" who attacked the United States a week ago, Taliban leaders in Afghanistan were reported today to be considering a proposal from Pakistan for the extradition of bin Laden to a third country — under certain conditions.

A Pakistani government source said the conditions for a possible

extradition deal, including international recognition of the Taliban government, were discussed in a meeting with Taliban leaders Monday but no agreement was reached and the Pakistani delegation was returning home later Tuesday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity and did not detail what other conditions were discussed.

In New York, Pakistan's ambassador to the United Nations said his country's delegation tried to convey the gravity of the moment to the Taliban. "I cannot predict at this stage what the outcome is going to be," Shamshad Ahmad said. "In our view it was worth making an effort through diplomatic engagement."

Asked on CBS' "The Early Show" whether the surrendering of bin Laden would be enough to avert a conflict, Rumsfeld said the problem is bigger than one man. "Bin Laden is one person who is unambiguously a terrorist," he said. "The al-Qaida network is a

broad, multihedged organization" with a presence in 50 to 60 countries, including the United States.

Pakistani officials have said some skeptics in the region might be more easily convinced of bin Laden's guilt if the United States released more evidence of his involvement. Rumsfeld said it would make no sense to give out intelligence.

Asked what Americans should expect in the war on terrorism, he said: "We certainly can expect that there will continue to be terrorist acts."

"They have publicly stated that they intend to do that."

Before the Pakistani official spoke on the conditional offer, Taliban rulers were admonishing their countrymen in Afghanistan to prepare for a holy war against the United States. Bush was preparing America for conflict.

"This will be a different type of war ... a different type of enemy than we're used to," Bush said Monday as the nation simultane-

ously grieved for the victims of last week's attacks and groped toward a more normal workaday routine.

Administration officials gave no sign a military response was imminent, although Bush resorted to frontier-style language when he said he wanted bin Laden "dead or alive."

The Taliban call to arms came as a grand Islamic council in Afghanistan prepared to take up a demand from neighboring Pakistan to turn over bin Laden or face attack by the United States. U.S. officials have held out little hope the Taliban would eject bin Laden.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, in answer to a reporter's question Monday, said a quarter-century-old executive order barring assassinations "does not limit America's ability to act in its self-defense."

He added, "I'm not going to define all the steps that may or may not be taken."

Special forces step up: Unconventional warriors for unusual war

WASHINGTON (AP) — They are trained to make friends with the right people, mess with the minds of the wrong people and kill with precision.

U.S. special operations forces are bound to be in the thick of the campaign against terrorism; they could end up deep in Afghanistan itself. They are unconventional warriors in this most unconventional of wars.

They are bound by rules of combat, but they do not dwell on the fine print.

"They are a hammer in the kisser," said military analyst Andy Messing, a retired special forces major.

"They're directed like light coming out of the magnifying glass. The beam of light fries the ant."

If inserted into hostile territory, they may find it

especially challenging to make their own way and impossible to blend in. The ability of U.S. soldiers, intelligence officers and investigators to penetrate Islamic cultures and get by in languages of the region is limited, analysts say.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has suggested special operations troops may be key to rooting out terrorists in places like Afghanistan or Sudan.

"These are people who operate in the shadows, and we have to deal with them in the shadows," Rumsfeld said.

President Bush met with war planners Monday at the Pentagon for a briefing on special forces capabilities.

The forces are a multilayered presence through the military, some 29,000 of 1.4 million Americans in uni-

form.

They go by names such as Delta Force, Rangers, SEALs, and within those organizations, subgroups like the Night Stalkers (motto: "Death waits in the dark").

Adventures, and sometimes misadventures, go with their furtive territory. Rangers performed lightning raids in the Gulf War, taking no casualties.

But when a Navy SEALs unit came out of the sea in Somalia in December 1992, it was TV cameras, not death, that waited in the dark. The effect was more sheepish than fearful.

Death came in October 1993 when 18 Army Rangers and Army Delta Force troopers were killed in a fierce firefight during a futile search by special forces for a Somali warlord. The

episode soured the Clinton administration on its intervention there.

The training of special forces in psychological warfare may make them uniquely qualified to terrify terrorists.

Tales are still told in military circles of covert U.S. forces that put Philippine communist insurgents on the run in the late 1940s by using local folklore to make them think they were being chased by a ghost.

And when Rangers parachuted on Panama's airport in 1989, special operations troops from the Psychological Operations Groups were with them, bellying U.S. propaganda into bullhorns. They also blasted rock music at the Vatican Embassy where Manuel Noriega was taking refuge, hoping to unnerve him or at

least keep him awake.

"These guys are the fingernails on the blackboard," an Army official said.

Yet they are also part social worker, specializing in civil affairs and social order, and tending, when abroad, to mix with local populations more than bunkered regulars do.

The super-secret Delta Force is specially trained to take on terrorists, and the Navy's SEALs are famed for their skill in underwater demolition and reconnaissance and unconventional warfare.

Michael Haas, a retired Air Force colonel who spent much of his career in special operations, said such forces are suited for this war.

Haas said Rangers, for example, might be called on to infiltrate Afghanistan by

helicopter to launch a quick-strike raid against a hide-out of the Taliban religious militia.

In the longer term, other Army special forces might be used to train resistance groups opposing the Taliban, he said.

Messing says the ability of special forces to discriminate between foes and non-combatants on the ground makes them an apt choice in Afghanistan, where the population is not uniformly behind the ruling Taliban.

But he ventured: "An ability to penetrate any Afghan cell is just beyond our capabilities."

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OTHER VIEWS

We must
not give up
our integrity

They ravaged the New York skyline as a bitter show of their force. They hijacked planes filled with unwitting passengers to prove that they are as ruthless as they are organized. They invaded the heart of the U.S. military and showed Americans that we are vulnerable to terror.

Terror.

Whoever they are, they want America to be frozen in terror.

Even people not involved in the attack want America to suffer. Those toothless Palestinians who reacted by celebrating and yelling, "God is great," want us to turn into Western versions of them — dedicated to a stupefying hatred. They want us to be as ugly as they are.

Rage, dear reader, at the carnage, at the innocent lives snuffed, at the cruel way the victims died. Rage at the senselessness of an operation dedicated to killing people who aren't even an enemy.

Rage, but resolve not to let this episode turn America into a lesser country.

President Bush ordered "a full-scale investigation to hunt down and to find those folks who committed this act."

Great. Still, the president should know that there are many Americans less interested in speed than accuracy and effectiveness. Get the real bad guys, and if there is military action, work to minimize "collateral damage." Terrorists don't care who they kill. The United States of America should.

Precision, please. Remember that an early, off-base strike can enable some of those cowards to elude punishment.

Pundits already are comparing this day to Pearl Harbor, and Admiral Yamamoto's declaration that he feared the bombing had awakened "a sleeping giant." America will never be the same, some say. Hereafter, the country will be more vigilant. That's fine, as long as the vigilance doesn't turn the country into a nation bent on distrust.

Congress no doubt will investigate how intelligence agencies were blindsided. Washington politicians will ask why, for example, Osama bin Laden was not tracked down and brought to justice since both the attack on the World Trade Center in 1993 and the bombing of the USS Cole in 2000. They'll be outraged that prosecuting terrorists was not accorded due priority.

Then there are those countries that have been happy to harbor terrorists. President Bush should come up with a payback plan that squeezes them. Frequent travelers cannot be surprised that airport security failed to prevent four hijackings. Security checks of late have had the feel of a bureaucratic nuisance, not only for passengers, it seems, but for many security workers, as well. Washington must look for ways to make air travel less vulnerable to terrorism.

At the same time, Americans must beware of the danger of going overboard. Law enforcement must be careful to refrain from reckless racial profiling that gratuitously targets various ethnic groups. Civil liberties must not be sacrificed in a post-attack hysteria.

The terrorists win if Americans retreat into their homes, avoiding planes and government buildings. Citizens must resolve not to let this attack turn America into a barricade nation.

Never forget why terrorists target America. It's not our faults that bother them as much as our strengths and basic goodness.

Those are thoughts for tomorrow. For today, we must take a moment to bow our heads in remembrance of those who died. This week, families will gather to cry and rage at the loss of fathers and mothers, daughters and sons. There is no way to give their deaths meaning. One can only hope that their deaths don't spawn more stupidity and violence.

-Debra J. Saunders

A difficult act to help overcome fear

Later this week, God willing, I will get on an airplane to fly cross-country. I know I'll be frightened, but I feel it is my patriotic duty to overcome my fear. If we give into terror, the terrorists win.

In the best of times, I'm a white-knuckle flyer, yet I fly more than 50,000 miles every year. I've been on planes when the hydraulic system has gone out shortly after take-off, when engines failed, when galley fires erupted. I've been through aborted landings and take-offs and had one near-miss coming into Los Angeles International, when another plane was on the very runway we'd been given clearance to land on. On Jan. 13, 1982, I took off in a blinding snowstorm from Washington's National Airport headed to Florida. The plane taking off behind us, Air Florida, Flight 90,

crashed moments later into the Potomac River. Until I landed safely in Miami some three hours later, my family and co-workers thought I was on the doomed flight.

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, I was on the runway again at National waiting to take off on a 9:05 a.m. flight on the first leg of a trip to Oklahoma City. Uncharacteristically, I had dozed off when the pilot came on to announce we were second in line for take-off. But then I felt the plane turn, and I looked out the window to see that we were pulling off the runway, along with another plane. I said to my seat mate that there must be a problem at our destination, bad weather or an air traffic hold.

Like thousands of other travelers that morning my journey ended abruptly — and with searing panic. I learned of the tragedy at the World Trade Center over my cell phone as I sat on the airport tarmac, trapped inside the plane. I have never been so terrified. Slowly we made our way back to the terminal, with the pilot informing

the passengers what had happened only when we arrived at our gate. The terminal itself was nearly deserted, with scattered security personnel fleeing along with the few passengers from the canceled flights.

When I finally reached the outside, the sky above was black with the billowing smoke from the Pentagon, hit just moments before. People stood, frozen, staring at the sky. I fled, running up a grass hill in high heels to retrieve my car from the parking garage, frantically dialing my children and husband from my cell phone as I ran.

I am still shaken, not to mention saddened and angered, by what has happened. At this moment, I would like nothing more than never to set foot on an airplane again, never to go into a tall building, to keep my family next to me at every moment. But we don't live in a world in which such choices are real options. And I doubt I would be happy for long if such a world existed.

So, I, like millions of others, must decide to go on

living a normal life, which includes getting on airplanes. I can't promise I won't be terrified as we speed down the runway. I hope they won't confiscate my rosary with its small, silver crucifix at the security checkpoint, but I'll have a Bible and a prayer book with me just in case. I've always measured runways in Hail Marys. This time won't be any different.

In the days ahead, many American servicemen and women will risk their lives to defend our country. But most of us are neither young, strong, nor courageous enough to join them. The best that we can do is to go bravely about our ordinary tasks.

C.S. Lewis once wrote: "Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of."

For me, stepping on a plane in a few days will be that small act.



LINDA CHAVEZ

TWIN TOWERS



Anti-terrorism plans ignored

WASHINGTON — Only when people could be seen fleeing down the streets of New York did any of it seem real. Now we know that the horror of September 11, 2001, will change not just the lives of those who lost people they love, but the way all of us manage our daily affairs. We will have to accept restrictions on our liberties and intrusions into our privacy seldom before contemplated.

It is time to adopt the plan put forward last year by a special congressional commission on terrorism, but which was never embraced by the Clinton or Bush administrations. Some of the measures are controversial. All, we know now, are necessary. Here is what must be done:

— Abolish the 1995 guidelines that forbid the CIA to recruit informants who have been involved in human rights violations. The best defense against terrorism is effective intelligence.

Currently, our satellite systems work fairly well, but human intelligence — information gathered by

actual agents — is not good enough. It must be understood that to get adequate intelligence, it is critical to deal with bad people at times because they're the ones who know what other bad people are doing. We use members of the Mafia to inform on their compatriots. The same methods must be available in the fight against terrorists.

— Permit the Federal Bureau of Investigation to use electronic surveillance that can be activated on a faster basis. Also, allow the FBI to conduct physical searches of foreign agents without the cumbersome procedures now demanded.

— Grant FBI and CIA special agents who do anti-terrorism work full reimbursement for personal liability insurance.

Otherwise, they tend to be too cautious when bold responses are crucial.

— Hire more linguists to translate the voluminous computer files seized in raids on hideouts of terrorists. How can it be known what is relevant if nobody is available to decrypt the data and make sense of code words? The material must be converted to plain English.

— Stop the flow of funds to terrorists from non-governmental organizations, some of which pose as benign, do-good groups. They are not benign, and they do great harm. This is a job for the secretaries of

treasury and state. The commission also called for a task force of agencies all across the government that deals with this kind of fund-raising.

— Monitor foreign students across the country. If a student drops out or suddenly changes his major from English to nuclear physics, that event should be investigated.

— Try suspected terrorists in open court if possible and, if not, then try them before the Alien Terrorist Removal Court created in 1966 to expel dangerous people from the country. If classified evidence is used, make it available in unclassified summary form to attorneys cleared for security. This is a fair way to handle a serious problem.

The United States has no obligation to allow individuals who threaten the safety of its people to stay here or to make public secret information that could jeopardize sensitive operations.

Unfortunately, Congress and the executive branch have done nothing about this report. That is beyond regret.

While these measures might not have averted the carnage of this week, they could help in the future. As one observer said, with terrorists "you don't get any second chances." The people of New York and Washington certainly know that now.

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RICHMOND, Va. — The Rev. Jerry Falwell apologized Monday for saying God had allowed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks because of the work of the American liberties group and its supporters.

Falwell said his comments were insensitive and inappropriate during a time of national mourning. President Bush called the minister's remarks inappropriate.

"In the midst of this shock and mourning, it is a dark week for America. I should not have made a statement which I sincerely regret," Falwell said.

He added: "I would like to apologize to every American, including those who were killed."

In an interview during religious programming on the radio, Falwell blamed the Sept. 11 attacks on pagans, feminists, homosexuals, and other groups. He said the American Liberties Union had been "People for the Way."

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WASHINGTON — The Bush administration's terrorism package, General John Ashcroft's recommendations, and the possibility of still more terrorism in the United States.

The Senate Judiciary Committee's hearings this week on Ashcroft's recommendations for terrorism laws will be a test case for the House of Representatives.

One day after President Bush's personal leaders, the House of Representatives is expected to quickly tap authority on those who are terrorists and increase their own power.

Ashcroft, a former FBI director, needs

Parents

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The father of an American aid worker in Afghanistan who was killed in a plane crash said he pleaded with the country's rulers to let him take his daughter's place.

"I offered to go in my daughter's place," said Mercer, squeezing his eyes closed to stop his tears. His head bowed, his voice choked. Mercer said he was a very serious offer to do it."

Mercer said he had a meeting with Taliban authorities in Afghanistan and the Afghan embassy in Islamabad and they would not respond to his offer to take the place of his daughter, Heather.

He was joined at a conference in the capital, Islamabad, by Heather's mother, Oddy; Oddy's brother, Delmer; and Nancy, the mother of Day, and the other American

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PORT ISABEL, Calif. — The death count from the collapse of a port in the Queen Isabella Channel rose to five Monday. The Texas Department of Transportation said three people remain missing.

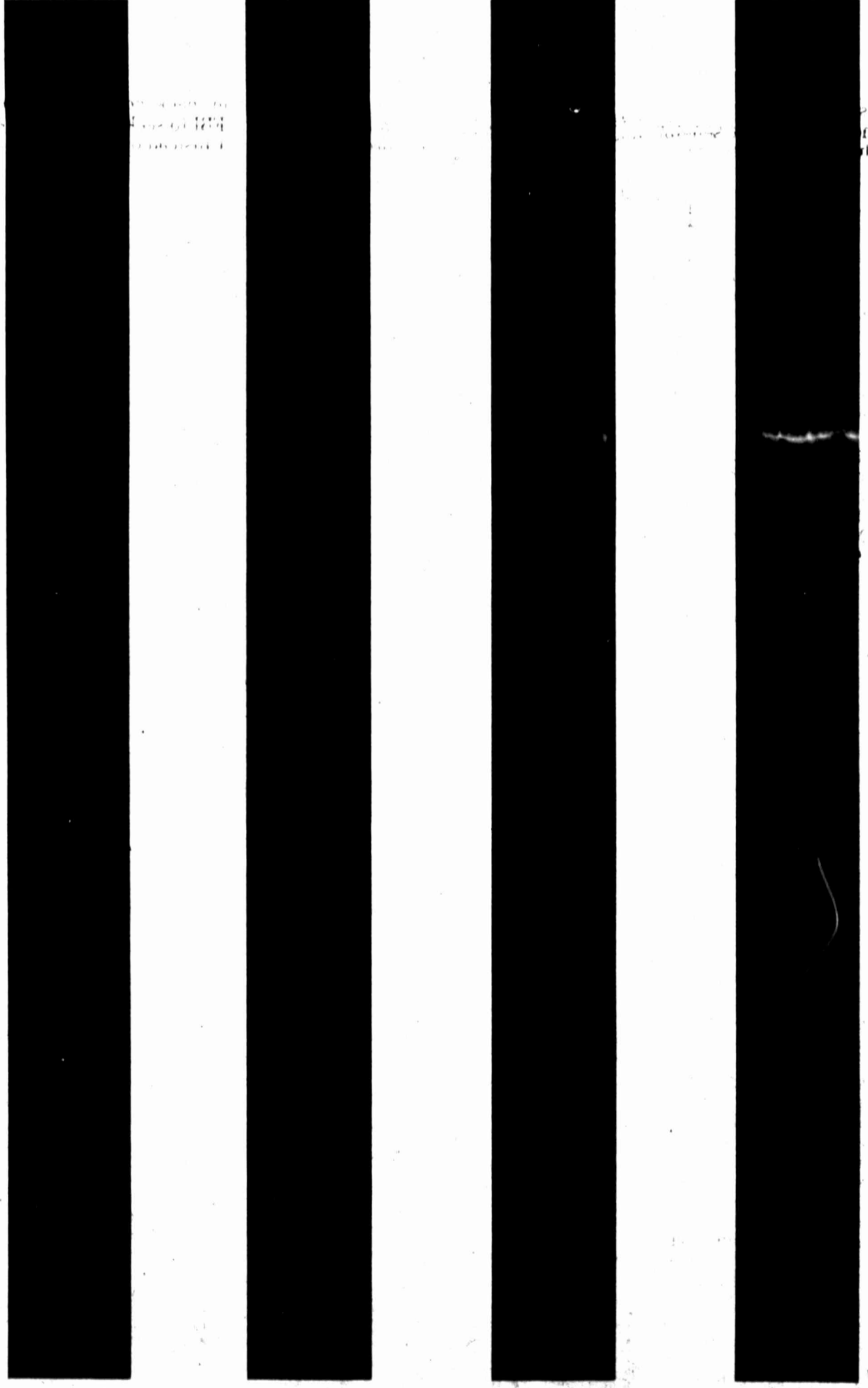
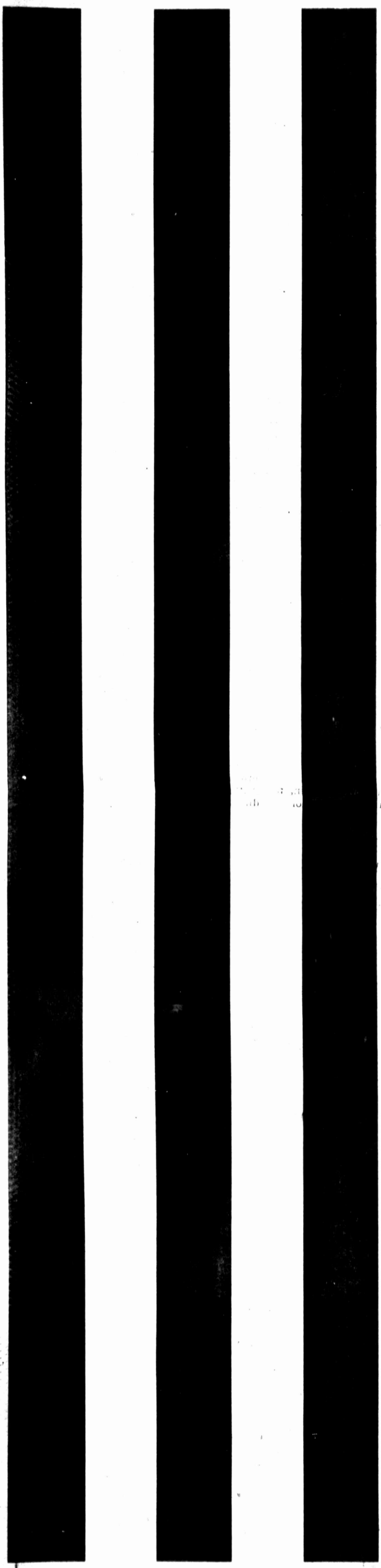
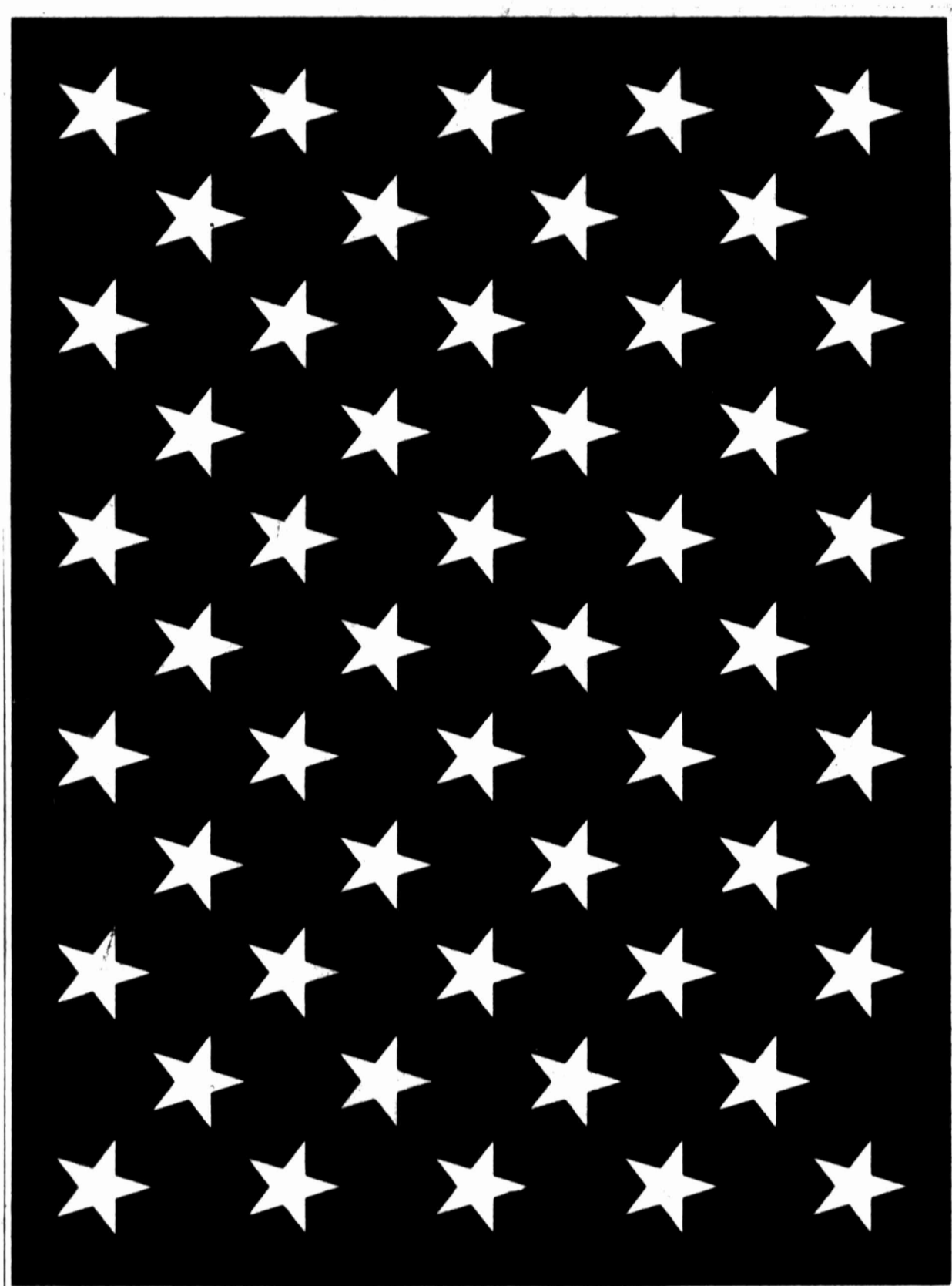
A section of the bridge collapsed when a tugboat struck it Saturday.

Trooper Adrian, a DPS spokesman, said bodies have been found and divers have recovered a fifth body in a casket. Rivera said another four people are missing.

The 15-member search team halted its search at 7:30 p.m. Monday as vehicles were pulled from the scene.

The search is continuing today.

"It took about as long as we thought it would," Lt. Lynn Dixon, a diver, said. "There is a lot of debris, it's difficult



Falwell apologizes for recent remarks

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The Rev. Jerry Falwell apologized Monday for saying God had allowed terrorists to attack America because of the work of civil liberties groups, abortion rights supporters and feminists.

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He added: "I want to apologize to every American, including those I named."

In an interview Thursday during religious broadcaster Pat Robertson's TV program "The 700 Club," Falwell blamed the devastation on pagans, abortionists, feminists, homosexuals, the American Civil Liberties Union and the People for the American Way.

"All of them who have

tried to secularize America. I point the finger in their face and say, 'You helped this happen,'" he said.

Falwell, a Baptist minister and chancellor of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., also expressed a belief shared by other evangelicals that divine protection is withdrawn from nations that violate God's will.

However, some Christian thinkers warned there was no way to know which sin led to which punishment. On Monday, Falwell agreed.

"When I talked about God lifting the curtain of protection on our nation, I should have made it very clear that no one on this earth knows whether or not that occurred or did not occur," he said.

He said if the destruction was a judgment from God it was a judgment on all sinners, including himself.

Falwell told The Associated Press that no one from the evangelical community or the White House pressured him to apologize.

Men detained on immigration violations

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

An associate of a former Arlington man is among a half-dozen people detained in Texas and questioned as federal law officers stepped up their nationwide search for possible collaborators in terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Mohamed Abdo was held Tuesday at Dallas' Lew Sterrett Justice Center. He was jailed on Sunday at the request of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and is being questioned by the FBI.

"He's being detained because of a request from INS," said Robert Webster, chief of the criminal division at the U.S. attorney's office in Dallas.

"We can't say much more than that," Webster told The Dallas Morning News.

Meanwhile, a source told the newspaper the FBI has turned up possible ties between two men detained in Fort Worth and a radiologist arrested in San Antonio.

Ayub Ali Khan and Mohammed Jaweed Azmath were removed from an Amtrak train bound for San Antonio, where Dr. Al-Badr Al-Hazmi lives.

The federal source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the newspaper there "appears to be" a connection between Al-Hazmi and the train riders, who carried Indian passports. All three men were taken to New York for questioning and remained in custody on immigration violations, said officials.

Connections between the physician and the train riders are "something we are beginning to see evidence of and are continuing to investigate," said the source, declining to elaborate.

A law enforcement official in New Jersey told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Tuesday's editions that investigators are working under the presumption that Khan and Azmath, who were arrested with box-cutters, had intended to hijack a flight.

Justice Department officials said Monday none has been charged in connection with the attacks.

Webster said Abdo will remain under investigation "until we're assured that he and others do not pose a potential threat and did not have any connection to the events of Sept. 11."

Abdo, 38, is a known follower of Motaz Al-Hallak and came to his aid when he

was ousted as imam of the Islamic Society of Arlington mosque last year.

Al-Hallak was accused in 1999 by federal prosecutors of being a contact between members of Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, but the government has never charged him.

In a 1999 court filing, federal prosecutors in New York charged that Al-Hallak provided cover for the business activities of Wadh El-Hage of Arlington, a top bin Laden lieutenant sentenced to life in prison for his role in a ring that bombed U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998.

Al-Hallak is one of more than 100 people the government wants to question in connection with last week's terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

Meanwhile, two men being held on immigration violations in an East Texas jail were questioned by the FBI on Monday.

On Friday evening, an INS agent arrested Mohammed L. Fahad, 18, on a federal detainer.

Tyler-based FBI agents arrested Mustafa Abu Jdai, 28, early Saturday and are holding him for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, according to Smith County jail records.

The pair, caught with expired visas, will remain in the county jail until Thursday, when they will be transferred to Fort Worth to begin deportation proceedings, according to the Tyler Morning Telegraph's editions Tuesday.

INS spokesman Tomas Zuniga in Dallas declined to talk about the men and referred questions to the FBI.

"We've been instructed not to make any comments on anything related to Tuesday's tragic events," Zuniga told The Associated Press on Monday evening.

Spokesmen for the FBI did not immediately return calls to the AP.

Fahad was born in India while Jdai's jail information does not list a country of origin, said Lt. Deal Folmar, jail administrator. He said he does not know where they were arrested or whether they know each other.

The two were interviewed by the FBI on Monday morning, a sergeant in the Smith County jail told the AP. The INS fingerprinted the pair that evening, said the officer, who declined to give his name.

The men have been segregated from the other prisoners, kept in isolated cells.

Committees ready to move on Ashcroft's request for new anti-terrorism law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional committees plan to move quickly to take up the Bush administration's new counterterrorism package, prompted by Attorney General John Ashcroft's warning that terrorists could still be active in the United States.

The Senate Judiciary Committee canceled its hearings this week so it can take up Ashcroft's recommendations, and anti-terrorism laws will be the next order of business for the House Judiciary Committee as well.

One day after privately briefing congressional leaders, Ashcroft publicly urged Congress to quickly expand the FBI's wiretapping authority, impose stronger penalties on those who harbor or finance terrorists and increase punishments on terrorists themselves.

Ashcroft, a former senator, told lawmakers the FBI needs his package passed this

week, even though Congress is observing the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah.

"I'm optimistic that we will be able to act quickly to provide law enforcement with the additional tools that are necessary to fight terrorism," Ashcroft said.

House and Senate leaders had yet to see the specifications of Ashcroft's proposal Monday afternoon.

The attorney general said it would be ready in a "day or two," which led to uncertainty over whether committees will hold hearings or just send the package directly to the House and Senate floors for votes.

The Senate already has approved changing wiretapping laws by amending the Commerce-Justice-State appropriations bill last Thursday to make terrorism a reason to request a wiretap.

Part of Ashcroft's terrorism package includes a request to allow the FBI to seek wiretapping orders for a suspect instead of

a specific telephone.

That would mean law enforcement agents would be able to tap any phone a suspect uses, instead of having to ask for a new wiretapping order whenever the suspect changes telephones.

"That's a key piece of legislation that would be helpful to us," FBI Director Robert Mueller said Monday.

Ashcroft also wants wiretapping orders to extend over state lines. That would allow investigators around the country to tap all of a suspect's calls without getting a separate wiretapping warrant in each jurisdiction.

The attorney general also said he wants Congress to give him expanded electronic surveillance and search authority as well as the ability to identify, seize and forfeit terrorists' assets.

The package would make contributing to terrorism groups a crime under money-

laundering statutes, lift the statute of limitations on prosecuting terrorists and increase penalties for harboring terrorists.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., the top Republican on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said, "All of us want to see the details of any legislative plan if there's going to be a legislative response, but Congress, I believe, is in the mood to do whatever it takes to win this war against terrorism."

But some groups warned against moving too fast.

The American Civil Liberties Union, for one, says Congress should slow down and hold hearings and deliberative debates on Ashcroft's proposed legislation to ensure it doesn't infringe on civil liberties.

"If we allow our freedoms to be undermined, the terrorists will have won," said Anthony Romero, the ACLU's executive director.

Parents plead for safety of daughters in Kabul

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The father of an American aid worker jailed in Afghanistan on charges of preaching Christianity said he pleaded Monday with the country's Taliban rulers to let him take his daughter's place.

"I offered to go in place of my daughter," said John Mercer, squeezing his eyes closed to stop his tears. His head bowed, his voice shaking, Mercer said "it was a very serious offer. I would do it."

Mercer said he met Taliban authorities at the Afghan embassy in Islamabad and that they did not respond to his request to take the place of his 24-year-old daughter, Heather.

He was joined at a news conference in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, by Heather's mother, Deborah Oddy; Oddy's husband, Delmer; and Nancy Cassell, the mother of Dayna Curry, the other American woman

jailed in Afghanistan.

Heather Mercer, 24, and Curry, 29, both attended Baylor University and were active members of Antioch Community Church.

Members of the Waco church planned a news conference Tuesday morning for the students, both members of the "Shelter Now" relief organization and among eight held for trial in Afghanistan on charges of preaching Christianity.

The students' parents left Afghanistan on Thursday after the deadly terrorist attacks in the United States made it too risky to stay in the country, which has refused to hand over the prime suspect, Osama bin Laden and is a possible target of retaliatory U.S. strikes. All foreign aid workers left over the weekend.

"I don't know if you have a child, but you can imagine what it must be like for a mother to leave her daughter

in a situation like this. I can't describe it. It's a heartbreak," said Cassell, a teacher from Thompson's Station, Tenn.

Mercer and Cassell had been in Afghanistan for more than two weeks when they left. Deborah Oddy had arrived Sept. 11, the day of the attacks, and saw her daughter, Heather, that evening. That was the last visit any of them had with their children.

Heather Mercer and Dayna Curry were arrested in early August along with six other foreign aid workers of the Christian-based Shelter Now International aid group on charges of preaching Christianity in this devoutly Muslim nation. The six other jailed aid workers are German and Australian.

They have been held in a reform school in the center of Kabul by Taliban guards armed with Kalashnikov rifles.

Their trial began about three weeks ago, but only last week were they able to appear in court or hear the charges before them. The family hired a Pakistani lawyer before leaving Afghanistan, but the lawyer, who is versed in Islamic law, has been unable to get an Afghan visa to go to Kabul to meet with his clients.

It's not clear when the trial will resume. In Kabul, the Taliban's chief justice said they were still reviewing the evidence and waiting for the lawyer of the eight aid workers to arrive.

Mercer said he and Cassell have twice written to the Taliban's leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, pleading with him to show mercy for their children, apologizing if the two women had offended anyone.

The parents said their daughters were motivated by a desire to help.

Stock market mixed early this morning

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market was mixed this morning in early trading as Wall Street tried to stabilize itself a day after fearful investors sent the Dow to its biggest one-day point loss.

After starting about 30 points higher, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 42.90 at 8,877.80 in the first half-hour of trading.

The broader market was mixed: The Nasdaq inched up 2.39 to 1,581.94, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 3.85 to 1,034.92.

On Monday, the first day of trading since the terrorist attacks, the Dow lost a record 684.81 points and fell below 9,000 for the first time in more than 2 years. The tech-heavy Nasdaq dropped more than 115

points to 1,579.55, also a 7 percent loss.

Analysts expect the market to be weak and vulnerable throughout the week. Investors now have more to be nervous about than the weak economy, which had been dragging down stocks for weeks.

Insurance and financial companies were among the losers in Tuesday morning trading. But airlines, which suffered double-digit dollar losses Monday, were up.

Investors had looked to Tuesday's session with apprehension, fearing further damage to the market.

"To buy stocks you need some kind of clarity and confidence, and right now you've got neither," said Bill Barker, investment consultant at Dain Rauscher in Dallas.

Five confirmed dead, four may still be missing

PORT ISABEL (AP) — The death count from Saturday's collapse of a portion of the Queen Isabella Causeway rose to five Monday and the Texas Department of Public Safety said three to four people remain missing.

A section of the bridge collapsed when a barge and tugboat struck it early Saturday.

Trooper Adrian Rivera, a DPS spokesman, said four bodies have been recovered and divers have located a fifth body in a vehicle.

Rivera said another three to four people are missing.

The 15-member DPS dive team halted its search about 7:30 p.m. Monday after three vehicles were pulled out by crane.

The search resumed today.

"It took about twice as long as we thought," said Lt. Lynn Dixon, leader of the divers. "There's so much debris, it's difficult to

see anything down there."

Meanwhile, the Texas Department of Transportation said it will have to demolish more sections of the bridge before it can begin rebuilding. Repairs are expected to take up to four months.

The U.S. Coast Guard is launching a formal investigation into the accident "due to the severity of the case," said Lt. Robert Wyman, a Coast Guard spokesman.

The Department of Public

Safety identified the victims as Port Isabel Fire Chief Robert Harris, 46; Robin Leavell, 29, of Mercedes; Stevan Rivas, 22, of Humble and Gaspar Hinojosa. The fifth confirmed victim, whose body remained in a submerged vehicle, has not been identified.

Cameron County Judge Gilberto Hinojosa broke into tears as he announced Harris' body was found in his badly damaged red pickup truck.

Cars toppled into the Gulf

Intracoastal Waterway early Saturday as two 80-foot sections of the bridge collapsed.

A third section of the 2.37-mile span collapsed Saturday afternoon.

Amadeo Saenz, TxDOT spokesman, said officials will have to tear down an additional 80 feet of the bridge on either side of the gap and remove one set of columns on each side. Those areas should be demolished no later than Friday.

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The Top Twenty Five Post Press college football poll, in parentheses, records 25 points based on one point for a 25-vote ranking.

1. Miami(40)	20
2. Florida(14)	20
3. Oklahoma(11)	30
4. Nebraska(2)	30
5. Texas(4)	20
6. FloridaSt.	20
7. Oregon	20
8. Tennessee	20
9. VirginiaTech	20
10. GeorgiaTech	30
11. FresnoSt.(1)	30
12. KansasSt.	10
13. Washington	10
14. UCLA	20
15. LSU	20
16. Northwestern	10
17. MississippiSt.	10
18. SouthCarolina	20
19. Clemson	10
20. Michigan	11
21. OhioSt.	10
22. Oregon St.	11
23. Notre Dame	01
24. BYU	30
25. Louisville	30

Others receiving votes: Pu Colorado 49, Auburn 46, Georgia 22, Wisconsin 19, 16, Illinois 15, Maryland Southern Miss 11, Southern 8, Alabama 7, East Carolina 4, Arizona St. 3.

HIGH SCHOOL

Here is the Associated Press with records, first place vote and points based on 1 through games of Sept. 18:

Class 5A

1. AustinWestlake(17) 2
2. TylerJohnTyler(1) 1
3. Lubbock 1
4. Adkins 1
5. TheWoodlands(1) 1
6. ArlingtonLamar 1
7. GalenaParkNorthShore 1
8. Copperton 1
9. MidlandLee 1
10. PlanoEast 1

DROPPED OUT: Duncanville
Also receiving votes: Flo 12, Converse Judson 10, Antonio Churchill 5, Katy Longview 4, San Antonio Mc Duncanville 3, San Antonio Antonio Marshall 2, Abilene 1.

Class 4A

1. BayCity(12) 2
2. Ennis(4) 1
3. DentonRyland(4) 1
4. CorpusChristiCatalan 2
5. KilleenHarkerHeights 1
6. Corsicana 1
7. Stephenville 1
8. WestOrangeStark 0
9. Brownwood 2
10. LaMarque 1

DROPPED OUT: San Antonio
Also receiving votes: San 21, Smithson Valley 21, High Marcos 10, Southlake Can Oren 8, Texas City 8, G University 5, Hays Consolidated 3, Brenham 2, Kerrville Thy 1.

Class 3A

1. Forney(19) 2
2. Commerce 1
3. AbileneWylie 1
4. LaGrange(1) 1
5. Everman 1
6. Sinton 1
7. Sweetwater 1
8. CameronYoak 2
9. ChinaSpring 1
10. Lindale 20

DROPPED OUT: Newton
Also receiving votes: New Gladenwiler 5, Gainesville Midland Greenwood 4, Se Atlanta 3, Diboll 3, La Feria Lamesa 3, Aledo 2, Altair R Bandera 2, Elgin 2, Denver C Muleshoe 1.

Class 2A

1. Celina(20) 2
2. Apr 2
3. PilotPoint 2
4. Farmersville 1
5. Mart 1
6. Rogers 2
7. Garrison 2
8. Refugio 0
9. Spearman 1
10. Sonora 1

DROPPED OUT: Corrigan-Car
Also receiving votes: Cor Elysian Fields 14, Alto 1, Comanche 9, Albany 7, Blain Poth 6, Big Sandy 5, Stanton 2, Hardin 2, Brazos 1, Nico 1.

Class A

1. Stratford(19) 1
2. Roscoe 2
3. Wadsworth(1) 1
4. Shiner 1
5. Beckville 1
6. Rankin 2
7. Cleste 2
8. Iraan 1
9. Collinsville 1
10. Nazareth 2

DROPPED OUT: None.
Also receiving votes: Worr 9, Charlotte 9, Mount Enter Chico 6, Iola 4, Mildred Rosqueville 2, Rice 1, Robert 1.

TRANSACTION

Monday's Sports Transactions

BASEBALL
American League — Boston Red Sox — Su Everett four games for violation of contract for next season Guerrero.
CINCINNATI REDS — Executed contract for next season Guerrero.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Ac Jimenez from the 15-day disabled list.
INDIANA PACERS — Waived F4 National Basketball Association.
INDIANA PACERS — Waived ORLANDO MAGIC — Re-s Williams.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Van Vorst vice president for National Football League.
NEW YORK JETS — Waived National Hockey League.
COLUMBUS BLUE JAYS — JACI Derrick Walser to a one-year D Scott Heffernan, D Louis M Bandera, G Andrew Penner, Tyler Sloan and LW Riley G teams.
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National Football League — NEW YORK JETS — Waived HOCKEY National Hockey League — COLUMBUS BLUE JAYS — JACI Derrick Walser to a one-year D Scott Heffernan, D Louis M Bandera, G Andrew Penner, Tyler Sloan and LW Riley G teams.
FLORIDA PANTHERS — New tending consultant.
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Sebastian Centomo, G J Christian Chantler, D Allan Hartton, D Jonathan Zion, F Craig Mills, F Don MacLer Travnicko to St. John's of the FOOTBALL.

Officials to vote on deal with NFL

IN BRIEF

Forsan Buffaloes cross country results

Although team results were not available from Forsan's trip to the Reagan County Cross Country Meet over the weekend, four boys ran well for Forsan with Ross Rhoton running an 18:19 time for 35th place.

Trey Paredes was 70th with a 19:35, Mitchell Hooper was 76th with a 19:55 and Michael Paredes placed 81st in 20:45.

In girls action, Heather Hisc ran a personal best to lead the Lady Buffaloes with a 14:22 and a 36th-place finish while Misty Meguire ran her first meet of the year, settling into 65th place with a time of 15:49. Cyenthia Becerra paced the Lady Buffaloes, running a personal best time of 13:52 and almost meddled with her 21st-place finish. But Becky Zubiate out did all her Forsan teammates, setting a school-record of 13:24, breaking her own mark of 13:33 which she established last season.

NFL tightens security for this week

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL has implemented the tightest security measures since the 1991 playoffs and Super Bowl during the Gulf War.

"The commissioner has decided that security is top priority," Milt Ahlerich, the senior director of security, said Monday.

In a memo sent to all teams, Ahlerich outlined a series of security measures that will take effect this Sunday and remain in effect indefinitely.

The league is set to resume play after calling off the second weekend of the season after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

PREP SLATE

TODAY

VOLLEYBALL
BIG SPRING — vs. Lakeview at 6 p.m.

TENNIS
BIG SPRING — vs. Sweetwater at the Figure-7 Tennis Center, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL
BIG SPRING — at Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m.

COAHOMA — at Post 7:30 p.m.

FORSAN — vs. Sterling City, 8 p.m.

GARDEN CITY — vs. Irion County, 8 p.m.

GRADY — vs. Dawson, 7:30 p.m.

SANDS — vs. Borden County (HC), 7:30 p.m.

STANTON — vs. Iraan, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

CROSS COUNTRY
BIG SPRING — hosting meet at the Airpark, 10 a.m.

COAHOMA — at Big Spring Meet, 10 a.m.

FORSAN — at Big Spring Meet, 10 a.m.

GARDEN CITY — at Big Spring Meet, 10 a.m.

TENNIS

BIG SPRING — vs. Levelland 9 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

BIG SPRING — at Levelland, 2 p.m.

ON THE AIR

RADIO
BASEBALL
6:40 p.m. — Texas Rangers, KBST, 1490 AM.

Television
BASEBALL
6 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies, WTBS.
7 p.m. — Oakland Athletics at Texas Rangers, FXS.

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL and its officials agreed to a new contract Monday, all but ending the lockout and the need for replacements, a league source told The Associated Press.

The deal, which must be ratified by the 119 officials, is for the same amount of money the league had offered on Sept. 4, although some details are different.

It calls for a 50 percent raise this season and 100 percent by the fourth year of a six-year contract, the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The officials were to vote on the deal by e-mail, a process expected to be finished by Wednesday morning.

The deadline is noon EDT, Wednesday. Tom Condon, chief negotiator for the union, had no immediate comment.

The deal was worked out with Bill Carollo, the executive director of the NFL Referees Association, and Jeff Bergman, two of the four members of the negotiating committee, the source said.

One official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said that Dan Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and Jeff Pash, the league's lead negotiator, had been talking with Carollo and Bergman.

In past NFL labor disputes,

Rooney has been called in to close deals when an agreement was imminent.

NFL spokesman Joe Browne said the league had no comment.

"We will not say anything until we have agreed to a deal," he said.

Sources on both sides said the agreement was speeded up in the wake of the terrorist attacks, which cast a whole new perspective on sports events in general. They said both sides agreed the horror and destruction trivialized the dispute.

The replacement officials, who are guaranteed four weeks' salary at \$2,000 a week, worked the final week of the preseason and the first games of the regular season.

When talks broke off nearly two weeks ago, the NFL had cut back its offer to a 20 percent increase in the first year, the offer it had on the table last June 12. Its last offer to the officials before the lockout was a 60 percent increase the first year, with a doubling of officials' salaries in two years.

The NFL source said this deal has the same total value as that one.

Under the previous agreement, signed in 1994, a fifth-year official made \$42,295 last year. An official entering his 10th season made \$64,215 last year.

Big Spring tennis team sweeps Lake View

Steers Glance

What: Big Spring Tennis vs. Sweetwater
Where: Figure-7 Tennis Center at Comanche Trail Park
When: 4 p.m.
Next: Levelland at Big Spring

HERALD Staff Report

After a complete sweep of Lake View over the weekend, Sarah Corse and her Big Spring tennis team return to the Figure-7 Tennis Center today with an undefeated 2-0 District 4-4A record for a non-district match at 4 p.m. when the Steers host Sweetwater.

After hosting the Mustangs today, Big Spring returns to district action, hosting Levelland Saturday.

Levelland presents the third rung on the seven-step district ladder that Corse and her netters are trying to climb as a team this season. After Saturday's lopsided, 19-0, sweep, Corse said she was especially proud of her team for taking the challenge and working as a team to complete the district sweep.

"I told them I wanted to see some bagels and that's what we got. We got six in the sweep and didn't lose a match Saturday," the second-year head coach said.

For complete results from Saturday's match at Lake View, see page 7A.



During a recent Big Spring tennis match at the Figure-7 Tennis Center, Veronica Villarreal won her match. Saturday, she led her girls' team to a complete sweep.

Lady Steers fall to 2-2 in District play

HERALD Staff Report

After a frustrating loss at Andrews over the weekend, Big Spring volleyball coach Traci Pierce said he was happy with her Lady Steers, despite the loss that left Big Spring with a 2-2 district record.

"We played extremely well," Pierce said. "Kim (Wrightsil) and Leina (Braxton) really stepped up their game and Sterling (Burkett) did an excellent job of getting the ball to Kim and Leina. She worked hard today. I am so proud of all these girls and our whole team. I told them in the locker room that this season will not be decided until the final game and the final match of the district season. I feel like this team has a real shot at it."

Pierce and her Lady Steers won't have long to wait. They return to the court today, taking on Lake View at Steers Gym, starting with freshman and junior varsity action at 6 p.m. before the varsity squad follows at 7.

Big Spring started strong Saturday, winning a close first match, 16-14 before losing focus in the second, evening the three-game match at 1-1 with a 15-3 loss

Lady Steers Glance

What: Big Spring Volleyball vs. Lake View
Where: Steers Gym
When: 6 p.m. JV, 7 p.m. varsity
Records: 12-12 overall, 2-2 District 4-4A 2-2
Next: Saturday at Levelland, 2 p.m.

before the Mustangs mustered a 17-15 win in the final for an important district win over perhaps its biggest rival.

Wrightsil and Braxton led the Lady Steers at the net, combining for 48 of the team's 50 kills with Braxton getting 28. Both had double-digit digs with 10 each and Braxton managed a triple double with 16 blocked shots while Wrightsil added six to the team's 23.

Burchett totaled 44 good sets while Carli Wise added 13. The pair combined for 35 assists with Wise taking 10 and Burchett 25.

After hosting Lake View today, the Lady Steers return to the road with a 2 p.m. start set for Saturday at district opponent Levelland. Big Spring then has a two-match home stand with Plainview and Friendship visiting.

Like other people, Cowboys go on with their jobs

Dallas Cowboys Glance

What: Dallas Cowyboys
Where: At San Diego Chargers
When: Sunday, 3 p.m.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys safety George Teague knew he had a job to do when he got to practice Monday. No matter what was going on outside the Valley Ranch facility.

"We have that mindset that when we walk through the doors we have to let everything else go," Teague said. "You concentrate on football. It's your job. It's no different for us than other Americans doing a job."

The Cowboys practiced for more than two hours, taking another step to turning their attention to the resumption of the NFL schedule and Sunday's game against San Diego.

Like so many other Americans, it's also easy for Teague's mind to wander when he's finished at work these days.

Teague has personal interest in any American response to last week's terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. Teague worries that his father, retired Air Force and living in Turkey as a civil engineer, could get caught in the middle of a war.

"I don't know if our game is that powerful to keep people's minds off of it," Teague said. "I don't see how this overshadows something that's that serious."

Coach Dave Campo realizes this will be a difficult week to prepare to play a game. He knows that not everyone can have their full focus on football.

"It's not easy to do. I'm not suggesting that it's not on anybody's mind. We're in a dual situation," Campo said. "Our guys have a job to do. It's not any different than going to work at IBM or you guys (reporters) doing your job. It's something we've got to do."

Campo delivered a simple message to his team, both in words and by the extended running session after more than two hours in pads: that the mind has to control the body.

"If there is any week more for the mind to control the body, it's now," Campo said. "We've got two things going on at one time. We've got a football game and our sense of duty to our country."

The Cowboys will take part in a fundraiser at Texas Stadium on Friday, around their scheduled practice. They planned to release details of that effort Tuesday, a day off for the players.

Tight end Jackie Harris said the biggest struggle is preparation and practice during the week. But kickoff Sunday will be a little different.

"It's tough to get going," Harris said. "But the emotions of the game sweep you away. You get caught up in the moment... but you don't forget what happened."

While the Cowboys tried to regain some sense of normalcy with a long practice, the status of rookie starting quarterback Quincy Carter's right thumb remained uncertain.

Carter injured the thumb on his throwing hand during practice last week. Just like he was Saturday, Carter was limited Monday to throwing balls before practice and during individual drills.

"He ripped the ball pretty well. We are optimistic he will practice on Wednesday and will evaluate it at that time," Campo said.

Anthony Wright took most of the snaps with the No. 1 offense Monday.

After practice, Carter admitted he was still feeling pain in his hand after throwing. "The difference between injury and pain is that I can take a lot of pain," Carter said. "It's day to day basically. It's getting better. I'm definitely seeing progress."

Extra points: The Cowboys say security will be tighter Sunday at Texas Stadium. Team officials refused Monday, however, to elaborate, saying the plans were still weren't completed. Campo said linebacker Orantes Grant (right ankle) was out for Sunday's game. Tight end James Whalen has a sprained Achilles' tendon.

Police will be present at games

Things will be different when the NFL reopens Sunday. Tailgating, the schedule and how many teams get to play for Super Bowl spots all could be changing.

There probably will be a 16-game season — commissioner Paul Tagliabue is expected to announce Tuesday that the games called off Sunday and Monday will be made up on what would have been wild card weekend Jan 5-6.

The locked-out regular officials might even be back — there were indications Monday that the two sides were trying to work out an agreement.

But fans who blithely drive into parking lots three hours before a game, tailgate for 2 hours, then casually walk to their seats just in time for kickoff, won't be able to do that anymore.

"The commissioner has decided that our No. 1 priority is security," Milt Ahlerich, the NFL's senior director of security, said Monday.

"Our fans are going to have to be more patient. We're suggesting that they get to the stadiums early and then get to their seats early. We want to alleviate that last-minute game crush."

There will be more uniformed police at games. Fans will not be allowed to bring bags into stadiums,

and cars will be required to park a good distance away. Those were among the security measures used during the 1991 playoffs, which took place during the Gulf War.

But there will not be fighter planes circling stadiums while games are being played. "The threat has not come to that level," Ahlerich said.

As teams returned to practice Monday, things still seemed a bit wary.

"As you might have expected, our focus wasn't quite at the level that we would normally expect it to be," Detroit coach Marty Mornhinweg said.

Some players and coaches remained concerned about travel. Carolina coach George Seifert said the Panthers were considering driving to Atlanta for this week's game rather than flying.

"I've never been on a bus for 4-to-5 hours before. That might be a new experience," tight end Wesley Walls said. "We'll see how I like it."

Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay and New Orleans will be off next weekend, and Arizona, which was off the first week of the regular season, hasn't played since its last exhibition on Aug. 31. That will make it 24 days without a game when the Cardinals face Denver in Tempe on Sunday night.

The Steelers, Saints, Bucs

SPORTS EXTRA

COLLEGE POLL

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 8, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

HIGH SCHOOL POLL

Here is The Associated Press' high school poll with records, first place votes in parentheses and points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, through games of Sept. 18:

Class 5A
1. AustinWestlake(17) 2-0 1
2. TylerJohnTyler(1) 2-0 3
3. Lufkin(1) 1-0 4
4. AdineEisenhower 1-0 5
5. TheWoodlands(1) 1-0 6
6. ArlingtonLamar 1-0 8
7. GalenaParkNorthShore 1-0 9
8. CoppertonCove 1-0 10
9. MidlandLee 1-1 2
10. PlanoEast 2-0 1

Class 4A
1. BayCity(12) 2-0 1
2. Ennis(4) 1-0 3
3. DentonRyan(4) 1-0 2
4. CorpusChristiCalallen 2-0 7
5. KilgusHarkerHeights 2-0 8
6. Corsicana 1-0 9
7. Stephenville 1-1 10
8. WestOrangeStar 0-1 4
9. Brownwood 2-0 6
10. Lindale 2-0 18

Class 3A
1. Forney(19) 2-0 1
2. Commerce 2-0 2
3. AbileneWylie 2-0 4
4. LaGrange(1) 1-1 3
5. Everman 1-0 5
6. Sinton 1-0 6
7. Sweetwater 2-0 8
8. CameronYoe 2-0 9
9. ChinaSpring 1-0 10
10. Lindale 2-0 18

Class 2A
1. Celina(20) 2-0 1
2. Aap 1-0 4
3. PilotPoint 2-0 6
4. Farmersville 1-0 7
5. Mart 1-1 8
6. Rogers 2-0 9
7. Garrison 2-0 10
8. Refugio 0-1 3
9. Spearman 1-0 5
10. Sonora 1-1 2

Class A
1. Stratford(19) 1-0 1
2. Roscoe 2-0 2
3. Windthorst(1) 1-0 3
4. Shiner 1-0 4
5. Beckville 1-0 5
6. Rankin 2-0 6
7. Celeste 1-0 7
8. Sison 1-0 8
9. Collinsville 1-1 9
10. Nazareth 2-0 10

Class B
1. Stratford(19) 1-0 1
2. Roscoe 2-0 2
3. Windthorst(1) 1-0 3
4. Shiner 1-0 4
5. Beckville 1-0 5
6. Rankin 2-0 6
7. Celeste 1-0 7
8. Sison 1-0 8
9. Collinsville 1-1 9
10. Nazareth 2-0 10

Class C
1. Stratford(19) 1-0 1
2. Roscoe 2-0 2
3. Windthorst(1) 1-0 3
4. Shiner 1-0 4
5. Beckville 1-0 5
6. Rankin 2-0 6
7. Celeste 1-0 7
8. Sison 1-0 8
9. Collinsville 1-1 9
10. Nazareth 2-0 10

Class D
1. Stratford(19) 1-0 1
2. Roscoe 2-0 2
3. Windthorst(1) 1-0 3
4. Shiner 1-0 4
5. Beckville 1-0 5
6. Rankin 2-0 6
7. Celeste 1-0 7
8. Sison 1-0 8
9. Collinsville 1-1 9
10. Nazareth 2-0 10

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns: American League, East Division, West Division, National League, East Division, Central Division, West Division. Rows list teams like New York, Boston, Toronto, Baltimore, Tampa Bay, Cleveland, Minnesota, Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City, Seattle, Oakland, Anaheim, Texas, etc.

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National League gets baseball back on track

Baseball was awash in red, white and blue and patriotic songs when games resumed and flag-waving fans returned, ready to pick up where they left off six days ago — when cheering came easier.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Cal Ripken will close out his 21-year career with the Baltimore Orioles at home on Oct. 6 in a game rescheduled to avoid a conflict with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens.

title games and four others, including Army-Navy. All that changed after the 58 Division I-A games scheduled last weekend were called off.

Amid heightened security, six games were played, all in the National League. The one scheduled American League game, between the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Devil Rays, was postponed for logistical reasons.

Following last Tuesday's terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, coolers, backpacks and large bags have been banned at ballparks, as well as parking within 100 feet of stadiums.

Three SEC games postponed Saturday were rescheduled for Dec. 1 — No. 8 Tennessee at No. 2 Florida, Auburn at No. 15 LSU and Vanderbilt at Mississippi.

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

Big Spring cross country results from Saturday at Lubbock
Eva Tobar, 15-14.3, 50th
Nicole Williams, 15-25, 57th

Jake Smiley (BSHS) def. Frank Diaz 60-60
Alex Edgemon (BSHS) def. Santiago Martinez 7-6 (7-2), 6-1
Michael Roffers (BSHS) def. Marcos Ruiz (BSHS) 6-1, 6-2

Heather Parnell (BSHS) def. Victoria Mirlis 60-60, 6-4
April Ward (BSHS) def. Jennifer Mussewhite 6-1, 6-1
Meagan Roffers (BSHS) def. Melissa Whitlock 6-0, 6-0

BOYS DOUBLES

J. Shroff-Edgemon (BSHS) def. Cauthorn-Martinez 6-3, 6-3
Roffers-Wingert (BSHS) def. Ruiz-Royal 6-1, 6-1
Williamson-Vela (BSHS) def. N. Shaw-J. Shaw 6-1, 6-2

GIRLS SINGLES

Veronica Villarreal (BSHS) def. Deborah Buswell 6-2, 6-2

MIXED DOUBLES

Roffers-De Hoyos (BSHS) def. Buswell-Diaz 6-0, 6-4

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HOW TO PLAY
Select a winner from each of the week's games, listed below. Select in descending order of your CONFIDENCE in your choices. Win points at left for each correct selection toward possible total of 136 points. See complete rules below. You must be at least 8 (eight) years old to enter. To enter, clip along dotted line, then place game entry in POWER POINTS container at co-sponsor's retail outlet(s). Entrants must list name, address and phone number below.
LIMIT: You may enter only once weekly.
DEADLINE: 2 P.M. FRIDAY
TIEBREAKER 1 Total points scored (both teams) in CARDS game.
TIEBREAKER 2 Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.
THIS WEEK'S GAMES
Baltimore at Cincinnati St. Louis at San Francisco
Buffalo at Indianapolis San Diego at Dallas
Carolina at Atlanta Tennessee at Jacksonville
Detroit at Cleveland Denver at Arizona
Minnesota at Chicago Washington at Green Bay
NY Giants at Kansas City Oklahoma at Texas A&M
NY Jets at New England UNLV at Arizona *CATS
Oakland at Miami Arkansas at Alabama

POWER POINTS OFFICIAL RULES
1. Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line. If that team wins its game that week, you win 16 points. Write the name of your second-surest winner on the 15-point line and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a toss-up. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yards from both teams in the game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly Southwest region winner of the contest will receive \$1,000.
2. Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
3. Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and other similar teams.
4. No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.
5. Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.
6. Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
7. Any inquiry about or protest of weekly results must be made by noon on the Friday following the announcement of winners.
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9. Weekly deadline for entries will be 2 p.m. Fridays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.
10. Neither this newspaper nor co-sponsor will be responsible for legibility of entries. Entries lost, stolen or damaged in any way will not be replaced.
11. Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant; group entries, systems or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filing out extra forms and putting your name and relatives names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Wednesday, Sept. 19:

Your understanding of
finances increases this
year. Curb any tendency to
be overindulgent.
Ultimately, you could undo
a very lucrative period. You
will not have to go far to
enjoy yourself, which you
seem to do easily. Your day-
to-day life becomes much
more fulfilling. If you are
single, you meet people easily.
A friendship will take
on a special tone or will
change in nature. If you are
attached, live each moment
together as if it were your
last. You learn to cherish
each other once more.

SCORPIO brings out your talkative qualities.

The Stars Show the Kind
of Day You'll Have: 5-
Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-
Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Go full-steam ahead with an idea that popped up in the middle of the night.**

First thing, schedule a
leisurely lunch with some-
one who has been on your
mind. You make this per-
son feel very special. Focus
on others in this way as
well. Tonight: A friend's
suggestion works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Emphasize the positives in your work and personal life.**

Use the morning
for key tasks, but expect to
be distracted by the after-
noon. Family and interper-
sonal relationships play a
large role. Be available to
others who seek you out.
Tonight: Go with someone's
proposition.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Use your imagination

HOROSCOPE

and creative thinking. Be
sensitive to a child or new
friend who reaches out for
you. Be more caring than
a loved one. Let others know
that you need time to com-
plete a project this after-
noon. Screen calls accord-
ingly. Tonight: Work as late
as need be.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your family appreciates your efforts.**

As a
Cancer, you naturally sink
money into your home or
your family. You certainly
make those close to you
happy. Use your imagina-
tion this afternoon at work
as well. Hold up your share.
Tonight: Put on your tennis
shoes and take off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Your caring ways
make a difference to many.
Others often use you as a
role model. They wish to
have your diplomatic style.
Return calls and answer
requests. Consider taking
work home if you really
want to get everything
done. You're too popular, it
seems! Tonight: Screen
calls.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You opt for a treat or
fun purchase. You delight
others with your thought-
fulness, be it bringing
doughnuts to work or get-
ting a surprise for the fam-
ily. You deal well with others
in the late afternoon.
Return calls and answer e-
mail. Tonight: Catch up on
news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Your efforts come
back in multiples this
morning. Attend a meeting
or reach out for others. Use
your charisma while it

HOROSCOPE

works. A call to a friend
gives you a real kick.
Establish your presence
financially. Ask questions,
but also express your opin-
ions. Tonight: Treat some-
one to dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Listen to others.**

By
asking key questions, you
come up with great ideas
and solve a problem with
ease. In mid-afternoon, you
enter a period where your
charisma and energy peak.
Save important interper-
sonal dealings until then.
Tonight: Go for what you
want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Express your personable side with the full expectation of being well-received.**

Retreat in the
afternoon. You might want
to do something by your-
self. If you can, throw your-
self into your work.
Recognize that another's
feelings could become a
problem. Tonight: Get a
good night's sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Use your ability to convert others to your way of thinking.**

Work with
someone this morning. A
business lunch tosses an
arrow on the bull's-eye. Get
together with others later
in the day. A meeting
draws out others' opinions.
Share your good news.
Tonight: Celebrate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Pursue a discussion or dialogue with someone at a distance.**

You might
need to defer a decision
about a trip a little longer.
Someone helps you out. Get
going on your work.
Concentration helps you
relax and gain a perspec-
tive on recent develop-
ments. Tonight: Work as
late as need be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Deal with a partner on a one-on-one level, especially if you are talking about money or feelings.**

You easily agree on a pro-
ject that might be impor-
tant to both of you. Share
positives. Discuss a poten-
tial trip or event. Invite
someone along. Tonight:
Hop on the Internet or play
a favorite game.

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CASA launches "Family Day - a day to eat dinner with your kids"

Dear Ann Landers: For
several years, intensive
research and teen surveys
have consis-
tently
revealed that the more
often chil-
dren eat din-
ner with
their par-
ents, the less
likely they
are to
smoke, drink
or use illegal
drugs.



ANN LANDERS

To remind
parents of the importance
of family dinners, the
National Center on
Addiction and Substance
Abuse (CASA) is launching
an annual event called
"Family Day -- a Day to Eat
Dinner with Your
Children." The event will
take place on the fourth
Monday in September. This
year, the date is Sept. 24.

Our goal is to create a
symbolic day to highlight
the importance of parental
involvement and encourage
Americans to make family
dinners a regular feature of
their lives.

"Parent Power" is the
most potent and underuti-
lized tool to prevent teen
substance abuse. Family
dinners are a great way to
keep our children drug-
free. -- Joseph A. Califano
Jr., President, The National
Center on Addiction and
Substance Abuse at
Columbia University, New
York

Dear Joe Califano: What
a wonderful idea! The key to
helping our children grow
up drug-free is communica-
tion, and the kitchen table
provides the ideal environ-
ment. Families should have
dinner together as often as
possible.

I hope every family in
America will be sure to
schedule dinner together on
Monday, Sept. 24. It doesn't
have to be a gourmet meal.
'Take-out pizza will do. The
point is to spend time with
your children, talking
about their day and yours,
finding ways to work
through problems and let-
ting your children know
you are available. I grew up
in a family that had din-
ners together. We ate in the
kitchen, and no subject was
off-limits. It was wonderful.

Dear Ann Landers: I have
been married to the same
woman for 30 years, but it
wasn't until recently that I
realized how deep-seated
her selfishness is.

I have been in and out of
work several times over the
past few years and am now
at the end of my line of
credit. My wife, on the
other hand, has a job that
pays very well, but she
refuses to help me out
financially. She says she
has no intention of "sup-

porting" me. Ann, I have
supported her for most of
our marriage. Not only
that, but I have given her
many expensive birthday
and anniversary gifts. For
my birthday, she buys me
cheaties.

I still love her. After all,
she is the mother of my
children. However, I don't
know that I want to spend
the rest of my life with a
woman who is so petty and
ungenerous. I thought mar-
riage was a partnership,
but it seems my wife thinks
differently. Do you have
any advice for me? --
Feeling Abused in
Cincinnati

Dear Cincinnati: It seems
strange that your wife is so
unwilling to help you. Do
you manage your money
poorly? Are you out of work
so often that she feels insec-
ure? You need to get a job,
any job, and the sooner the
better. I also suggest joint
counseling. It sounds as if
your wife has some major
complaints, and you need to
find out what they are.
Don't waste any time. Your
marriage is shaky, and it
needs attention.

Dear Ann Landers:
Recently, my wife and I
received an invitation to the
wedding of a friend.
Our daughter, "Alice," how-
ever, was not mentioned in
the invitation. She is 35
years old and lives by her-
self. We have not told Alice
about the invitation
because she would be hurt
if she knew she wasn't
invited. Would it be proper
to approach our friends and
ask if it was an oversight? --
Perplexed in Ohio

Dear Perplexed: Please
don't embarrass yourself or
the hostess by trying to get
your daughter invited. I'm
sure Alice would be humili-
ated if she knew you suc-
ceeded in "elbowing" her in.
Spare her.

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"Nuggets and Doozies," has
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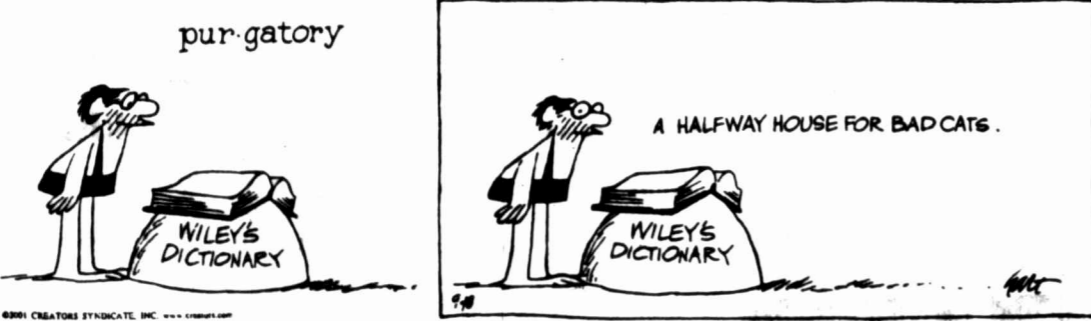
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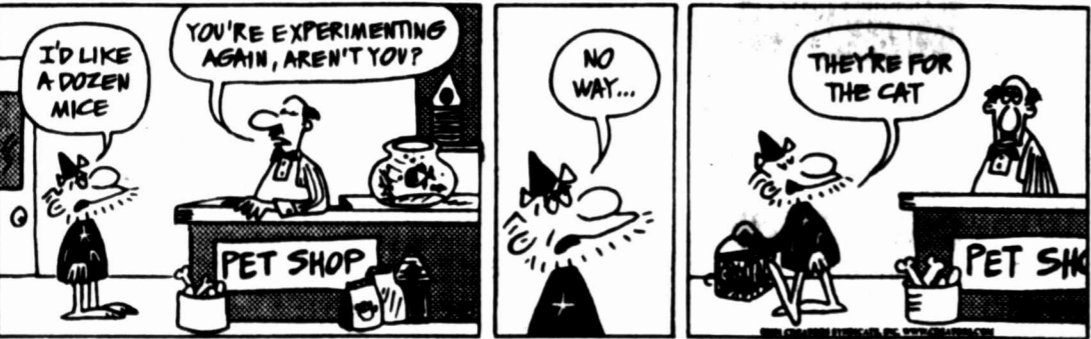
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Sept. 18, the 261st day of 2001. There are 104 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred and 50 years ago, on Sept. 18, 1851, the first edition of The New York Times was published.

On this date: In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the British.

In 1793, President Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1810, Chile declared its independence from Spain.

In 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which allowed slaveowners to reclaim slaves who had escaped to other states.

In 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) made its debut with a basic network of 16 radio stations.

In 1947, the National Security Act, which unified the Army, Navy and newly formed Air Force into a National Military Establishment, went into effect.

In 1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia.

In 1970, rock star Jimi Hendrix died in London at age 27.

In 1975, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1981, a museum honoring former President Ford was dedicated in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Ten years ago: Saying he was "pretty fed up," President Bush said he would send warplanes to escort U.N. helicopters searching for hidden Iraqi weapons if Iraqi President Saddam Hussein continued to impede weapons inspec-

Today's Birthdays: Actor Leon Askin is 94. Actor Jack Warden is 81. Actor Robert Blake is 68. Singer Jimmie Rodgers is 68. Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, is 68. Actor Fred Willard is 62. Singer Frankie Avalon is 61. Rock musician Kerry Livgren (Kansas) is 52. Rock musician Dee Dee Ramone is 49. Actor James Gandolfini is 40. Singer Joanne Catherall (Human League) is 39. Actress Holly Robinson Peete is 37. R&B singer Ricky Bell (Bell Biv DeVoe and New Edition) is 34.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like STAR, CALIF, YMAE, etc.

Newsday Crossword

PUT A LID ON IT by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 Identical, 5 Hepburn's quartet, 11 KLM rival, 14 Great Lake, 15 Balzac's Le pere, 16 Nabokov novel, 17 A rink sport, 19 Sodom survivor, 20 'Yankee Doodle dandy', 21 Ancient Iranian, 22 Chicago cow owner, 24 Genre for Tolkien, 26 Swizzle stick, 27 That guy's 28 Elegant, 29 Katmandu's land, 32 Strapped for cash, 33 Milk source, 36 Bring in, 37 Geyser output, 38 Rural route, 39 Twosome, 40 Senior member, 41 Played like Pan, 42 Yuppie's auto, slangly, 44 Lapel jewelry, 48 Cande brackets, 47 Trumpet-fanfare, 51 Act the toady, 52 Malicious gossip, 53 Chest muscle, for short, 54 The whole shebang, 55 #1 song, 58 Golf-club part, 59 Burrito kin, 60 Shoppe, 61 sign word, 61 Boot the ball, 62 Planned in advance, 63 Tracy's Trueheart, 9 Space-shuttle appendage, 10 Doer of dos, 11 Pro team's spending limit, 12 Be gaga over, 13 Woodland dely, 18 Computer message, 23 Triage ctrs., 25 Lighter-air, 26 Van Dyke, on Diagnosis Murder, 28 "Olé" is one, 29 Nancy Drew's beau, 30 de Cologne, 31 One who strikes while working?, 32 Eye annoyances, 34 Dollar bill, 35 Tie the knot, 37 A bit, 38 Fabric fuzz, 40 Boils down, 41 Two-color horse, 43 Adjective suffix, 44 Separated, 45 Compete in, 17 Across, 46 Hue, 47 Champ's claim, 48 Granny Smith, e.g., 49 Oboist's supply, 50 Builders' units, 52 Utter bore, 56 Doc bloc: Abbr., 57 Poker prize

