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ART AND ESSAYS

Thousands of entries were submitted for the student art and essay contest sponsored by the Herald and Wells Fargo Bank. The winners and several hundred more of these appear in a special section in today's edition.

ARTICLES

• Thankfully, most Crossroads area residents have been spared any lasting effects from 9-11 other than the realization of possible vulnerability, according to high school counselors and local mental health officials.

• Big Spring's Dusty Shelhamer has nothing to prove, but for 65 days after the attacks, he struggled at the site along with native New Yorkers to recover survivors and bodies amidst the rubble.

• A Big Spring family plans to return to New York at the end of this month although exactly a year ago today they were just a morning jaunt away from visiting the World Trade Center.

• A last-minute plea bargain netted a 23-year sentence for a Big Spring man, far less than representatives of the victim's family were hoping for.

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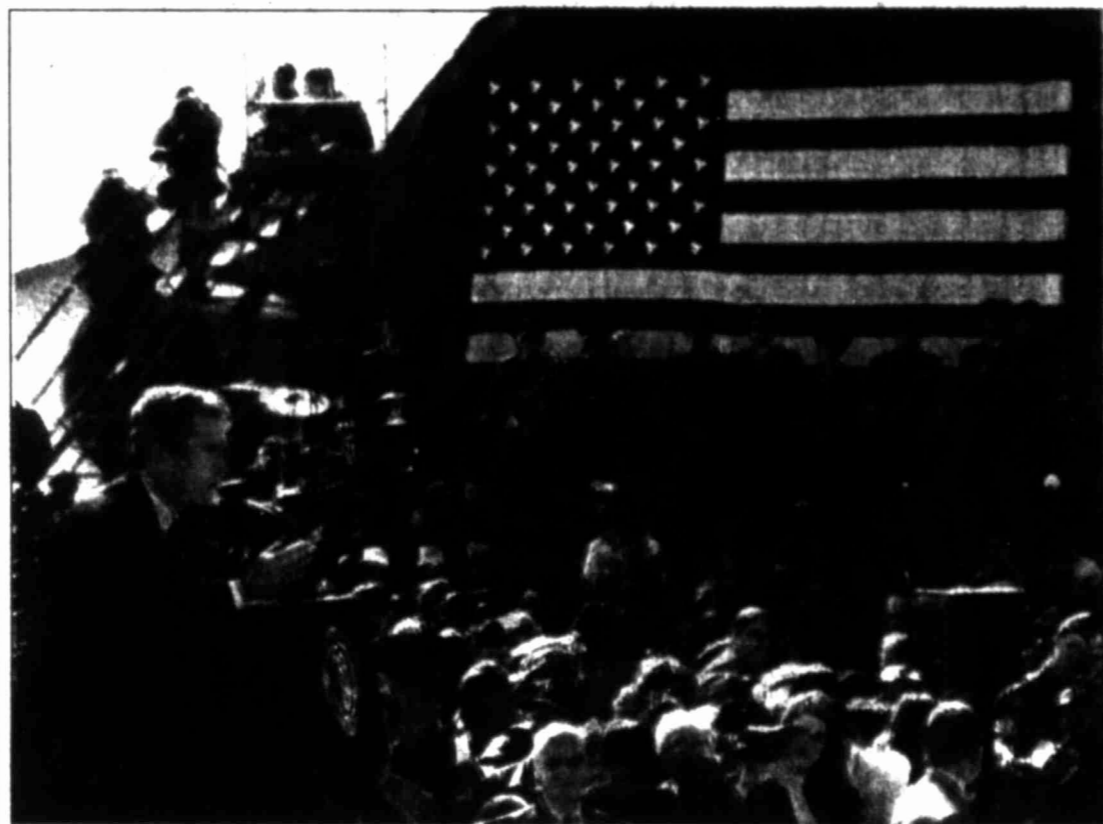
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Remembering 9-11



At top: Manhattan as viewed from New Jersey minutes after two jetliners struck the World Trade Center towers on September 11, 2001. Photo by Ray Amat/Imagedirect

Lower right: Smoke pours from the 110-story World Trade Center moments after the twin towers in New York City were struck by airliners hijacked by terrorists. Photo by Thomas Hinton/Zuma Press

Lower left: Firefighters struggle to contain spreading fire after a hijacked commercial jetliner crashed into the Pentagon. U.S. Air Force photo by TSgt Jim Varhegyi.

Middle left: President George W. Bush stresses to the crowd the point that America, "will not fall" against the war on terrorism. Bush visited Travis Air Force Base, Calif., on Oct. 17. Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Verchio.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

J.R. Moore

Funeral service for J.R. Moore, 83, of Big Spring is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Moore died today, Sept. 11, 2002, at a local nursing home.

Loyce Jane Thorp

Funeral service for Loyce Jane Thorp, 53, of Big Spring is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Thorp died today, Sept. 11, 2002, at a San Angelo hospital.

Support groups

MONDAY

☐ TOPS Club TX 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

☐ TOPS Club TX 1756 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell.

☐ Military support group meets at 6 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in room 212 the first Monday of every month. Contact Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Treva Hall at 263-8574.

☐ Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates and times of upcoming groups.

☐ Bereavement Support Group meets at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Community Care Hospice.

☐ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

☐ AA Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Closed podium meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, closed meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

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

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon women's meeting 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

☐ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking Meeting Celebrating AA Sobriety Yearly Birthdays, 615 Settles the last Saturday of every month covered dish supper at 7 p.m. Birthday meeting at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

☐ Closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Lottery

Tuesday's Texas Lottery game results:
Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday: 7-10-23-28
Bonus number 12
Estimated jackpot: \$200,000
Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday: 7-17-18-22-24
Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night: 6-4-3
Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon: 3-6-1

Police blotter

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

- **FORREST SHANE MABREY**, 21, of Hobbs, N.M., was arrested on a charge of theft less than \$50.
- **JERRY ALLEN MABREY JR.**, 24, of Loving, N.M., was arrested on a charge of theft less than \$50 and on a local warrant.
- **JIMMY JOE SANCHEZ**, 25, of 1005 E. 16th St. was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **DARRELL TRAWICK**, 40, of Sand Springs was arrested on a local warrant.
- **MANDI JO MICHELLE ELLISON**, 27, of 3906 Connally was arrested on local warrants.
- **ROBERTO TORRES**, 21, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- **SERGIO MARTINEZ**, 22, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- **MAXIMILIANO BARRON**, 18, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- **JAVIER HUERTA**, 18, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- **MARALES PADRON**, 26, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- **ALFONSO PEREZ**, 22, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- **DAVID PETREE**, 17, of 6408 South Service Road was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct — language, resisting arrest and minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **FABIAN GALAN**, 17, of 1113 Park was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **TIFFANY KING**, 21, of Big Spring was arrested on a charge of making alcohol available to a minor.
- **JASON CAREY**, 20, of 1750 E. Highway 350 was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **PAUL MORENO JR.**, 20, of 1300 Princeton was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **AGGRAVATED ROBBERY** was reported in the 400 block of South Johnson. A knife was reportedly involved in the commission of the robbery.
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1000 block of South Birdwell Lane.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Steakley Street, the 700 block of Abrams St.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported:
 - At Bauer Elementary School in the 100 block of Northwest Ninth Street. Someone reportedly caused \$100 damage and stole merchandise worth \$32 and electronic equipment worth \$150.
 - In the 700 block of Wyoming Street. Someone reportedly entered the building through an unlocked rear door and stole appliances worth \$165.
 - At J&B Entertainment in the 1400 block of East Third Street. Someone reportedly used a cutting torch to cut the lock off a side door before attempting to cut open a safe in the building. More than \$3,800 damage was reported at the location, and burglars reportedly got away with an undisclosed amount of cash and some tools.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
 - In the 1000 block of North Main Street. Household goods worth \$25 and clothes worth \$40 were reported stolen. The burglar reportedly gained access to the home through an unlocked rear window.
 - In the 4100 block of Dixon Street. Someone reportedly entered the home through a front window and stole items worth \$300.
 - In person at the police station. Home electronics worth \$182 were reported stolen from the residence.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of Anna Street. A white 1991 Chevy Caprice parked at the home reportedly sustained \$300 damage.
- **THEFT AND CREDIT CARD ABUSE** were reported at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A purse and its contents worth \$110 were reported stolen.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - At Wal-Mart. A bottle of wine worth \$6.34, feta cheese worth \$1.84, pillow jubilee worth \$2, and two Slim-Fast diet drinks worth \$5.94 were reported stolen in the incident, but were all recovered.
 - In the 1500 block of East 17th Street. Prescription medication worth \$14 was reported stolen.
 - In the 300 block of Northwest Eighth Street. Household goods worth \$45 were reported stolen.
 - In the 1300 block of Mobile Street. \$200 cash was reported stolen.
 - At a convenience store in the 1700 block of East FM 700. Items worth \$19.07 were reported stolen.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1400 block of South Birdwell Lane, the 800 block of North Lamesa Drive, the 1000 block of East 15th Street, the 600 block of South Gregg Street.
- **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 1200 block of Harding Street.
- **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1600 block of Stadium Avenue, the 2500 block of Gunter Circle, the 1300 block of Baylor Boulevard.

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact Herald Features Editor Andrea Medlin at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

TODAY

☐ Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 N. Ayelsford Street, will be open all day Wednesday for those who would like to come pray about the national tragedy.

☐ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, will offer free screenings of the hour-long HBO documentary, "IN MEMORIAM: New York City 9-11-01" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

☐ The Family Faith Victory Center International in Big Spring will hold a memorial service from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

The event will include a live satellite telecast by Dr. Kenneth Copland from the World Trade Center attacks ground zero in New York City. Following the service, a prayer service will be held in front of the church around the flagpole.

☐ The First Baptist Church of Big Spring will be hosting a "9-11 Remembered" service.

The service will begin at 7 p.m. with the Color Guard of Big Spring's Police Department presenting our nation's symbol of freedom.

The Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church Big Spring will lead the service with "The Star Spangled Banner," "God Bless America," and a multi-media presentation entitled, "Who Are The Brave."

☐ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 West Third.

THURSDAY

☐ Gideons International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

☐ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe located at 1706 East FM 700.

☐ Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Big Spring Main Street meets at noon at the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main.

☐ Christmas in April meets at noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork meets at noon, 409 East Third.

☐ Friends of the Library meets at noon at the Howard County Library.

☐ American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 West Hwy 80.

☐ Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

☐ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

EMS

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

TUESDAY

12:58 a.m. — 1600 block of East 11th, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:53 a.m. — 500 block of Westover, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:55 a.m. —

8:57 a.m. — 1600 block of Sycamore, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

9:37 a.m. — 2200 block of Lancaster, trauma call, service refused.

10:07 a.m. — 1700 block of Settles, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

12:44 p.m. — 1600 block of Lancaster, trauma call, service refused.

1:41 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, trauma call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

1:37 p.m. — Flightline, medical call, one patient transported to Big Spring State Hospital.

1:17 p.m. — 1900 block of Wasson, residential fire, extinguished.

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Big Spring responds to anniversary with special services

Counselors, mental health officials say most local citizens spared lasting effects of terrorist attacks

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

Features Editor

Ripples of emotion are far reaching.

Despite the thousands of miles and culture differences between West Texas and New England, the loss of lives and destruction of one of man's greatest achievements did not go unfelt by local citizens.

Thankfully, however, most have been spared any lasting effects other than the realization of possible vulnerability, according to high school counselors and local mental health officials.



GREEN

"With all that had happened it was as if our school was in sync," said Cheryl Green, counselor for Coahoma High School. "I don't know if it was because we are such a small school, but we just kind of took care of each other."

Green went on to say that there were some concerns about loved ones in the military as well as a sense of outrage and anger, but there have been no signs of severe depression among the students or faculty.

With its homecoming scheduled this week the school has been careful about how it celebrates as well.

"(Today) is red, white and blue day," explained Green. "We wouldn't normally have that day...we are trying to be respectful." The town of Coahoma also participated in the Hopes for Hugs teddy bear drive following the attacks.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Big Spring city employee Teresa Knight, right, presents Coahoma's Sandra Spindler with a handful of Black-eyed Susan seeds as Big Spring's Keill Tredaway looks on during a flower-planting ceremony at Memorial Gardens in Comanche Trail Park this morning. Area police, fire and emergency officials joined local residents from throughout the area in commemorating the Sept. 11 attacks by planting wild flower seeds at the site.

Many made mad dashes to seek divine providence but that quickly dissipated as well.

"The effect was more profound in the New York area," commented Jeff Janca of Forsan Baptist Church. "We saw an initial increase in attendance, but then it dropped off."

"God is a great bail out," said Jimmy Watson of First Christian Church. "There has been no effect on my

church since Sept. 11."

Christ's Community Church pastor, Malcolm Pointon noticed "a restoration of patriotism" but not a significant rise in attendance.

Although Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, has not seen a growth in his congregation he did get some interesting phone calls.

"There was an increase in interest in the Bible and

Bible prophecy," he said and indicated that there is some concern in the prophecies "coming to pass." And First Presbyterian pastor David Marx said his congregation has grown "a hair" but is uncertain whether is due to the terrorist's attacks.

Along with the candlelight vigil being held by Cornerstone Church located at 706 East 12th Street from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. the opportu-

nity to pay respects at Sacred Heart Catholic Church located at 508 N. Ayelsford Street will be available all day.

However, most other places of worship will not hold special services, but will include messages in some of their curriculum.

What has been designated as Patriot Day by Congress in observation of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, will be marked by several events.

• Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 N. Ayelsford Street, will be open all day for those who would like to come pray about the national tragedy. Church members have decorated the chapel in patriotic colors in recognition of the first anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. For more information call Sacred Heart at 263-7884.

• The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, will offer free screenings of the hour-long HBO documentary, "IN MEMORIAM: New York City 9-11-01" until 5 p.m.

"This is a very well produced video," said Tammy Burrow Schreengost of the Heritage Museum. "It is narrated by former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. It's very moving and at times explicit. We've all seen the scenes before but it puts them all together."

• The Family Faith Victory Center International, 3401 E. 11th Place, will hold a memorial service from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will include a live satellite telecast by Dr. Kenneth Copland from the World Trade Center attacks ground zero in New York City. Following the service,

SPECIFIC EVENTS

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Step up in security is matter more of safety than potential as target for attacks, CEO says

JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

With the United States embroiled in an ongoing war with Muslim terrorists, one might expect an Israeli-owned business like the ALON USA refinery in Big Spring to be nothing short of fanatical about security.

But the term "fanatical" simply doesn't apply.

While ALON President and CEO Jeff Morris acknowledges that the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., did prompt a step up in security at the refinery, he maintains that any improvements made needed to be made regardless.

What's more, he maintains that being an Israeli-owned operation plays little factor in such decisions. The potential for being a target for terrorists is not an overriding concern.

"It's something that we're aware of," Morris said in admitting that some might think ALON could be more of a target as a result of its ownership. "We don't hide the fact that we're Israeli-owned, but we don't advertise it, either."

"The thing you have to remember is that security is always something you have to be aware of in the refining business," he added. "We've stepped up security, but I'd have to say it's prob-

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Jeff Morris, ALON president and CEO

ably more a matter of safety than anything... safety for everyone that's in the plant, employees and visitors. And we've gotten a lot of cooperation from the Big Spring Police Department and the (Howard County) Sheriff's Office... we appreciate that."

As a matter of fact, Morris says ALON regularly has visitors at the refinery and is happy to have them.

Morris made it clear that many of the company's managers have attended conferences where security was a prominent topic, but maintained a somewhat philosophical approach when discussing just how much any business can do to protect itself in such situations.

"People who want to make a political or religious statement through an act of violence or terror are pretty hard to deter. That's just the world we live in today and I think we're all sensitive to the potential," said Morris.

"We have visitors all the time and are happy to have them and show them around, but they're always escorted," he explained. "As far as the refinery being a target, I don't perceive us having any greater threat than we have been in the past."

"We're not a bit concerned about having visitors in the plant. I'd say 99 percent of the people who could get into the plant wouldn't know what to do to really create a problem," added Morris, who was himself aboard a commercial airliner when the attacks took place a year ago today.

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OUR VIEWS

Anger, shock are replaced with resolve

Anger, shock and disbelief are gone, supplanted by resolve. Americans and their government survived the best terrorists could muster and are methodically battling back.

While there are still plenty of questions that we may never have answers to, as a nation we've been able to rebound from the shock of Sept. 11, 2001, and begun to carry the fight to those avowed to deprive us of our way of life.

The first detonation of a 1,000-pound cruise missile warhead in the Afghan mountains made it clear that President George W. Bush and the American people were filled with resolve.

Instead of the immediate, knee-jerk reaction that we're sure Osama bin Laden and his cohorts would have liked, U.S. forces methodically erased the Taliban's power in Afghanistan and sent Al Qaeda's operatives scurrying like cockroaches when the lights come on.

There's no longer a shred of doubt that bin Laden and his fanatical following were responsible for the Sept. 11 hijacking attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

He made that clear a few days later in his "holy war" harangue on a prerecorded videotape broadcast following the first raids over Afghanistan.

What is also evident is that the war on terrorism in which we are now engaged is unlike any war the United States has ever waged — one that's we're all still getting used to.

There are no pivotal battles for territory or other traditional military objectives.

Rather, this war is a test of faith.

Will the truths our forefathers termed as self-evident outlast religious fanaticism?

We believe they will.

None of us wants to erase the Muslim faith, but those who would try to destroy the freedoms Americans have fought and died for during the past 227 years need to understand that we can be ruthless and have been when it was necessary.

Most of all, we will be unrelenting and we will never forget.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Let us be a shining beacon of goodness for you, Lord, help us in the study of your word. Amen

We are a better people for the experience

Few of those in my generation could have imagined that in our lives world events would provide a more riveting moment in history than the assassination of John F. Kennedy. But the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., were just that.

Today, one year later, none of us can forget where we were and what we were doing when terrorists hijacked four airliners, steering two of them into the World Trade Center's twin towers and another into the Pentagon.

I was working the Herald's news desk that morning, filling in for a vacationing Bill McClellan, and was in the process of putting together that day's front page when the telephone rang and someone told me I needed to go turn on the television in the our conference room.

"I don't have time," I remember responding. "John, just turn on the TV," the caller said.

Other Herald employees

had received similar calls at almost the same time, so there was somewhat of a parade into the conference room. I turned on the television just in time to see the second plane slam into the World Trade Center.

Actually, there had been enough time to view the smoke billowing out of the first plane's crash for me to wonder how such an accident could occur on what was obviously a clear day in New York.

The second plane's crash told me immediately that it was a terrorist attack.

Today, my mind tells me I immediately returned to the news desk and called the Associated Press bureau in Dallas to ask what I had to do to get AP pictures of the attack.

Obviously, it wasn't that immediate.

In fact, those of us gathered around the television spent several minutes riveted to the screen, watching in near disbelief as ABC News ran the initial footage it had of the second crash over and over.

Eventually, newsmen's instinct took over. The AP was called and photos arranged for, and Herald staffers changed gears, stopping work on the stories they were writing at the moment and went to work on local reaction pieces.

In the process we learned of the attack on the

Pentagon and that both of the WTC towers had collapsed.

It would take some time before we learned that a fourth plane had been hijacked and that passengers on that flight had fought back against the terrorists and sacrificed themselves to avert being used as another suicide weapon.

While it was obvious that literally thousands had been killed, I doubt few of us could comprehend just exactly had happened.

Truth be told, I initially expected the death toll to be in the tens of thousands.

I hadn't considered that many in the towers would have the opportunity to escape the buildings.

I also hadn't considered that hundreds of New York City firemen and policemen would die when the towers collapsed.

I'm sorry to say that even though my profession has allowed me to know police and fire department personnel better than the average citizen, it took the events of that day to open my eyes and allow me to really reverse emergency responders in the manner they deserve.

In the days and weeks that followed, however, I became proud of a great many people. I was daily reminded of just how wonderful my homeland is and how special my fellow citizens are.

Those reminders are still arriving today.

And each of them reinforces something my father, who as a young teenager experienced the sacrifices made by Americans during World War II, had always told me: That we Americans are at our best when times are darkest.

Indeed, volumes have been written about the kind deeds that have been displayed and patriotic sacrifices made in the wake of the attacks.

Today, a year since perhaps the most heinous act ever perpetrated on the United States, we are a better people for the experience.

We seem little kinder to our neighbors. We're more appreciative of the service rendered by law enforcement and other emergency personnel. And we are once again collectively proud of the sacrifices made by our nation's military personnel.

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Justin Watson, Big Spring High School

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:
When I heard about the terrible thing that happened on Sept. 11, 2001, I felt sad and at the same time felt scared.

At first I did not know what the World Trade Center towers were. Then I heard my mother, father, Tia and my grandparents talking about it.

When I heard about it on the news I didn't know what I should do, what I should think or how I should feel. It's kind of hard to write about this. I keep thinking about it and it's hard.

One day I was thinking hard about it and I thought, "Will the United States come to an end?" But then I said, "No. We'll stand proud and strong." So all you people don't worry, our Lord is watching us. Have faith.

AMBER GONZALES
AGE 9
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
Please allow me to thank the Herald and Wells Fargo Bank for giving the students of Howard County the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings concerning the tragic events of last year. So many of the students

who created work for me were drawn to the everlasting image of the twin towers or the constant image of our freedom: the American flag.

Many students expressed the extreme shock and sorrow we felt as innocent people lost their lives with a type of war in which we have had little experience. Others gave tribute to heroes of that day.

Perhaps this contest and its results will aid some in the process of moving on with their lives but always remembering the great sacrifice made on that September morning.

Thank you for highlighting the talents of Howard County youth.

JUDY TERELETSKY
BSHS ART DEPARTMENT

To the Editor:
In memory of those who served on Sept. 11, 2001, we would like to honor our local emergency personnel for all they do every day to preserve the peace and keep us safe.

Thanks!
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TO THE EDITOR:
As the mother of one of the soldiers assigned to the

82nd Airborne Division home based in Ft Bragg, NC, and currently stationed in Afghanistan, I look to the observances of September the 11th in a different light than probably most.

I'm thankful for the recognition the nation and the world is now giving to our men and women in uniform and I don't just mean the military. I know my son is shooting over there, I know there are lives being lost just as there were lives lost during World War I, II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War and now this war.

I see the patriotism that is rampant in our country and the flags displayed all over the United States.

I was fortunate enough to be at Ft Bragg prior to the departure of the 82nd. I expected a big send-off, perhaps a parade with a military marching band and the wives and families standing on the tarmac waving good-bye to their loved ones, praying they would see them again. However, that isn't the way it happened. The base had a section roped off. Big C-5s lined up; all kinds of equipment standing silently

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By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

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To the Editor:
On behalf of the College and the H. Flight Club I would express my appreciation to Publisher Hank Moseley for the Big Spring Herald media coverage we have received from our Booster Club athletic teams.

Sports Editor Tom Wells and Manager John Moseley received a picture of our staff and a story

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Stenholm, Combest: Nation learned lessons from Sept. 11

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
Managing Editor

While there may have been many hints of what would happen in the skies over New York and Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11, 2001, it seems virtually impossible that the United States government could have prevented the terrorist attacks that left thousands dead and a nation in shock.

That's the take both Congressmen Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, and Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, have following congressional hearings looking into the events surrounding the attacks.

With both the government and media spending a great deal of time analyzing the facts, a great many "Monday morning quarterback" have questioned whether or not authorities should have been able to avoid the hijackings and subsequent suicide attacks.

Neither Stenholm, nor Combest is among that number.

And while both will be in their offices working today as they were when the attacks occurred a year ago, they say they'll be taking part in observances of the tragedies.

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COMBEST

"We always need to be aware and remember what took place that day, not only in here in Washington and in New York, but in the skies over Pennsylvania. That day and what took place is something that time should never erase," he added. "We should always remind ourselves of what happened and how it's affected us."

"One of the things the attacks did was put the focus on just how difficult a proposition it is to deal effectively with terrorism. We've got the strongest military in the world ... capable of destroying any nation on this planet. But the war on terrorism isn't anything like what we've fought before."



STENHOLM

Washington and in New York, but in the skies over Pennsylvania," said Combest, who will serve Howard County when the current

House realignment plan is implemented in January. "We need to remember ordinary citizens' bravery, put aside political differences

like we did in the first few days following the attacks.

"That day and what took place is something that time should never

erase," he added. "We should always remind ourselves of what happened and how it's affected us."

While both acknowledge that different federal agencies might have had hints that something was in the air, there was simply no way one could expect the different pieces of information to have been put together and avert the attack.

What the attack accomplished, both said, was to point to changes that needed to be made in a number of areas, particularly the American intelligence community, immigration regulations and airport security.

"I think what Sept. 11 showed us were some failures in our system ... primarily in airport security and in intelligence gathering and sharing," said Combest, who has served as representative for 19th Congressional District of Texas since 1985 and is former chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. "However, I'm confident a good beginning has been made to remedy those shortcomings."

"I think we found a great deal that needs to be improved, but we

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ready to be loaded. There was a hush around the area. Movement was very slow and no one really saying much. The only thing was, no one knew if this was the day or not. The men would leave early in the morning, say good-bye and if they did not leave for Afghanistan then they would be back that evening.

I watched my daughter-in-law who on the inside was probably torn up but on the outside accepted this way of life as nothing new. She is a tower of strength. She is very brave in front of my two precious granddaughters. I watched and was a little ashamed of the tears that flowed freely down my face.

I noticed when we would go to the PX (base exchange) I asked my daughter-in-law why some men were in tan uniforms when everyone else was in the green camouflage. She said the ones in the tan were leaving for Afghanistan. I noticed that there was a different way everyone treated them. The clerks would stop and talk to them. People would smile at them, even other military men and women would let them go ahead of the line. I was so intrigued by the respect these guys were getting that I too, got caught up in the emotional moment and went to one of the guys and told him I appreciated his making this sacrifice for us. He looked at me and said he was just doing his job.

My son said all the men were ready to do their part. I regret that when my husband was in the military he still has visions of the signs on the grass of homes that said dogs and sailors keep off. I'm so glad we are not like that today. Even if there had not been a Sept. 11 there were still men and women who were protecting our freedoms and defending our country.

May God bless our men and women in uniform no matter what uniform they wear, whether its military, law enforcement or fire.

NELDA REAGAN
BIG SPRING

Hawk Flight Club membership. The response has been overwhelming! My office has received numerous calls from prospective boosters who saw the picture, read the article and want to jump on board and join the Hawk Flight Club. Several businesses have indicated they want to take advantage of the low cost for an advertising panel displayed in the Coliseum arena as well.

Bottom line, the *Herald* is a great source for advertising and promoting your club, business or event. The staff at the *Herald* are true professionals that exhibit a genuine concern for the betterment of Big Spring.

I encourage you to make the short drive down to the *Herald* and meet these outstanding individuals.

STAN FEASTER
HAWK FLIGHT CLUB
COORDINATOR

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to thank you for the coverage you gave of Northside Community Action League's presentation to me of the plaque for services rendered over the years.

The biggest thank you should actually go to Sidney T. Clark; he took up Northside's cause almost from its inception and started them off with his accounting services, also at no cost. I have just followed the tradition which he started many years ago; his concern for causes to help the Big Spring community has been an inspiration over the years to me. I loved the article on Jimmie Barrier; he was one of the finest people I have had the pleasure to be around. I spent quite a few hours dogging him around the barn while he took care of my horses' shoes and trims, talking about friends, family and, of course, horses. I consider

myself blessed to have been a part of his circle.

PAMELA POPE McMILLAN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

We wish to sincerely thank the *Herald* for its coverage of Matt Wynn's illness the past 21/2 years. It was great to have a local newspaper staff that cares.

We also wish to thank KBST for announcing all the fund-raisers for Matt. The children's announcement for the golf tournament was so precious.

Again, we say thanks to all the beautiful people who supported us with love, prayers, gifts and concern. It is a tremendous blessing to live in a small West Texas community with fantastic friends and family.

MARVIN, ELOISE AND LOMA JEAN WYNN
COAHOMA

TO THE EDITOR:

In a recent column, I wished for a place within the city to leave aluminum cans to be recycled. A kind reader called and said there is such a location. It is at Fourth and Lancaster in the parking lot of the Assembly of God Church. Also, the Humane Society will pick up aluminum cans at your residence or place of business on Tuesdays. Just call them at 267-7832.

JEAN WARREN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Two or three weeks ago Felipe Moron passed away here in Coahoma. I wanted to let everyone in Howard County know what a wonderful community Coahoma is. Fern Roberts visited with the family and asked what could be done. She learned that they could use help on feeding the family. Her church opened their fellowship hall to feed. She then got in contact with five other churches. On

Saturday food began coming in from everyone.

The Moron family was so grateful. They thanked everyone.

I just wanted everyone to know that in time of need all faiths can come together and help our. Isn't it great that we live in the U.S.A. where we can do this. It is so great to be a part of the community that has the religious fellowship to help each other.

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Dusty Shelhamer recalls 65 days working at Ground Zero

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Ground Zero at the site of the New York World Trade Center attacks was a proving ground for heroes.

Big Spring's Dusty Shelhamer has nothing to prove, but for 65 days after the attacks, he struggled at the site along with native New Yorkers to recover survivors and bodies amidst the rubble.

"I was a recovery worker at Ground Zero," he said in a telephone interview from Alamogordo, N.M. "We were actually on site at Ground Zero assisting with the work."

A full-time Big Spring firefighter/paramedic, Shelhamer is a member of the Texas 1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team, part of the National Disaster Medical System that gets called up during large-scale medical disasters.

This past week, Shelhamer was in New Mexico on a much-needed vacation with his cross-country motorcycle club, the Permian Basin Motorcycle Riders Association. When contacted by Fire Marshal Carl Condray, Shelhamer was willing to take time out to relay some of his experiences.

"Very dusty, very smoky and extremely foul odor," he said in describing Ground Zero. "It was extremely emotional. It's very emotional to look to your left and see a grown man crying. These are some of your peers that you've worked with for a long time and some of the people that you respect the most. Just to see them break down and cry is kind of hard to deal with. It's kind of like seeing your dad cry for the first time. It wasn't long until you were crying. Everybody was crying."

Part of the medical team's job was to sift the rubble for survivors. Shelhamer said he found none of those, just more and more bodies.

"There was plenty of those to find," he said. "To say it was a good experience would be wrong. There was good involved in the experience. Very sad, very humbling time. You think you can handle anything, but it doesn't take much to show you you're not as tough as you really think you are."

The patriotism and support for victims of the attacks and the rescue workers was "wonderful," Shelhamer said.

"I think it will show the world that America isn't just going to roll over," he said. "We do fight and bicker amongst ourselves, but it showed that when you push us, we're all going to stick together regardless. It kind of reminded me of a brother and sister. We can fight amongst ourselves, but nobody else is going to fight with us. That's kind of the feeling I got out of it."

That feeling has subsided a bit, the firefighter said.

"I think it's still around, but I don't think it's near as strong as it was, and I really hate that," he said. "I wish it would stay strong and undaunted. But I think it's just nature. If it's not right in front of us at the moment, people aren't going to think about it."

The government responded well to the attacks, he

said.

"I'm really pleased with the way the government handled the issue," he said. "They got on top of things really quick and went in and tried to find out who did it, and I think they handled things really well."

Some of Shelhamer's best experiences in the trip came away from the work site.

"There's several that were unique," he said. "I got to attend the season opening of Saturday Night Live with Mayor (Rudy) Giuliani and the New York firefighters. That was kind of neat. We got to appear on the David Letterman show and that was kind of unique."

One incident shines out among the rest.

"There was one evening when me and another buddy, we decided we wanted to go out on Times Square and just forget about things," he said. "We went down and bought us some regular civilian clothes because all we had with us was work clothes."

Incognito, the pair headed to the famous intersection to unwind.

"A lady stops me. She looks me in the eye and, all but crying, she says, 'Thank you for coming.' I kind of looked back at her and said, 'Well, ma'am, you're welcome, but how did you know who we are?' She said 'Both of you gentlemen are firefighters.' I said, 'Yes, ma'am, we are. We're both firefighters from different states.' She said, 'I can see the sadness and emptiness in your eyes. My husband was a firefighter and he was lost at the World Trade Center.'"

Shelhamer said he will never forget the meeting.

"That moved me more than anything, because how she knew who we were out of the thousands of people walking around Times Square I'll never know," he said. "But she picked us out. That will stay with me forever."

Although Shelhamer has more bad experiences to deal with than he can count, he declined to relate any.

"I'd kind of like to keep all of those to myself," said the Big Spring hero.

Shelhamer will return to New York in October to represent Big Spring at a memorial service for the rescue workers who died to save others.

"I would like to give my personal thanks to the Big Spring Professional Firefighters, the firefighters union," he said.

"They are going to send me back to New York on Oct. 12 for the big memorial service," he continued. "The union's going to foot the bill. It was a lot of the older hands. When it came up to a vote of who they were going to send, several of the older hands stood up for me and said, 'Dusty was there. He needs to go back.' It really means a lot to me that they think of me that way."

A member of the Disaster Medical team for six years, Shelhamer also participated in relief efforts after the Houston flooding last year and in cleanup following tropical storms George and Bret.



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Big Spring firefighter Dusty Shelhamer, part of the National Disaster Medical Assistance Team, worked at ground zero in New York for 65 days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Shelhamer, who said the experience was extremely emotional, will return to New York for a memorial service in October.

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ARTURO VELA

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ADOLPH M. ARIZA

Primary Leader AMEDD Noncommissioned School, Rappel Mountain, the United States Army with his wife, Patricia. They have a son.



JESSE HERRERA

His unit is no duty either in America or part of the world. His destination is the south. He has three children, Jesse, Ybarra and Simón.

Andrew J. Calles is a Reserve under the program to delay his return up to 270 days.

After completing his military career job special permanent duty.

The recruit of Calvin, a 2002 graduate reported for basic training in South Carolina. He is the son of...



CHAD E. BALES

Training. Bales is a graduate of Bales School.



MICHAEL J. M...

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
Special Election
NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Explanatory Brief for HJR 2

HJR 2 would amend the constitution to allow the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years. The records of a constable office that is declared dormant will be transferred to the county clerk. If the office is declared dormant, the previous officeholder does not continue to hold the office. The office may not be filled by election or appointment unless the commissioners court votes to reinstate the office or a majority of votes cast in an election held on the issue favor reinstatement. The reinstatement election may be held if the commissioners court on its own motion orders such an election, or the reinstatement election must be held if the commissioners court receives a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of the constable precinct.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows:
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el 5 de noviembre de 2002. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711. PUBLISHED BY SECRETARY OF STATE GWYN SHEA



ARTURO VELA

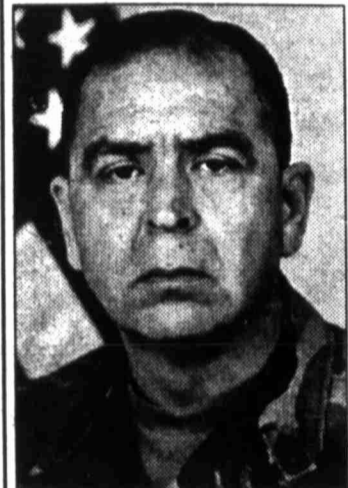
Pvt. Arturo Vela Sr. graduated from Basic Combat Training in Fort Jackson, S.C. on July 25, 2002.

Pvt. Vela graduated a classified expert in rifle marksmanship and grenade throwing.

He is currently attending Advanced Initial Training in Fort Lee, Va.

After returning from AIT, he and his wife, Teri and their two children, Lauren and Arturo Jr. will be stationed in Germany.

Pvt. Vela is the son of Belinda Vela and Adam Vela and the grandson of Gilbert Lopez Sr. and Frank and Juana Vela, all of Big Spring.



ADOLPH M. ARISTA JR.

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Adolph M. Arista was born in Big Spring.

He enlisted in the United States Army in October 1972.

He received his Basic Combat Training at Fort Polk, La., and Advanced Individual training as a Medical Specialist at Fort Sam Houston.

He is presently working on a General Studies degree at Central Texas College in Killeen.

His military education includes the Instructor and Faculty Development Course, Basic Airborne School,

Primary Leadership Course, Basic and Advanced AMEDD Noncommissioned Officers Course, Air Assault School, Rappel Master School, first Sergeants Course and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

CSM Arista currently resides on Fort Sam Houston with his wife, Paula.

They have a son, Adolph III.



JESSE HERRERA JR.

PFC Jesse Herrera of the 82nd Airborne was born and raised in Big Spring.

He graduated from Big Spring High School in 2000.

He is stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky. and is assigned to the 187th Air Assault Airborne.

Jesse was sent to Afghanistan immediately following the Sept. 11, terrorist attacks where he remained for seven months.

While in Afghanistan he earned his combat infantryman's badge.

He was promoted to PFC on his return.

His unit is now in training for an additional tour of duty either in Afghanistan or some other country in that part of the world.

His destination is not yet known.

Jesse is the son of Tony and Mary Lou Saldana. He has three brothers, Charles Valverde, Julian Herrera and Simon Saldana Jr., and one sister, Roxanne Ybarra.

Andrew J. Calvin has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 days.

After completion of basic military training, most soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty prior to being assigned to their first permanent duty station.

The recruit qualifies for a \$5,000 enlistment bonus. Calvin, a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School has reported for basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Karen A. Harbin of Big Spring.

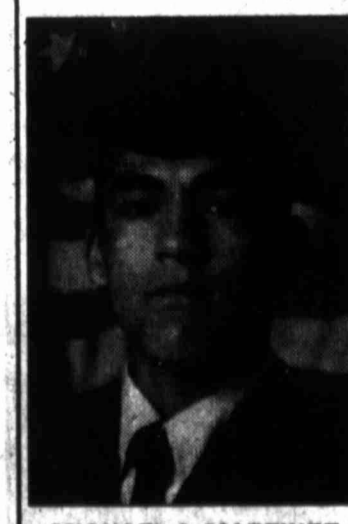


CHAD E. BALES

Marine Corps Pvt. Chad E. Bales, son of John Wayne and Ginger Metcalf of Coahoma and Kem and Lori Bales of Muleshoe recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

The training included physical conditioning, first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat, and assorted weapons training. Receiving Rifle Expert upon completion.

Pvt. Bales is currently in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., undergoing Motor Transport Training. Bales is a 2001 graduate of Coahoma High School.



MICHAEL J. MARTINEZ

Airman First Class Michael Joseph Martinez is currently serving in the Air Force in Arizona.

He is being trained for top secret work with the National Intelligence Strategic Command Center in Maryland. Representatives of each branch of the military work in conjunction with the Central Intelligence Agency during this training.

Martinez is a 2001 graduate of Big Spring High School.

He is the son of Susan Sutton and the grandson of Pat Sutton, both of Big Spring.

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RANDY CADENHEAD



RICKY CADENHEAD

Joe and Mary Cadenhead of Big Spring have two sons serving in the Army and both stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

Specialist Randy Cadenhead is a 1992 graduate of Big Spring High School. He and wife, Carmelita live in Midland and have two daughters, Bianca and Brandy.

Sgt. Ricky Cadenhead is a 1987 graduate of Big Spring High School. He and wife, Maurine live in Big Spring and have two daughters, Mariah and Cassidy, and one son, Kevin.

Both were deployed to Fort Sam Houston following Sept. 11.



STEVEN HENRY



RUSSELL L. HENRY

Jessie and Karen Henry of Sand Springs have two sons currently serving in the U.S. Army.

Army Pvt. Steven Henry, 20, is currently stationed at Fort Campbell, Kent, and is in the 101st Air Assault. He enlisted in the Army on Feb. 23, 2002.

E4 Specialist Russell L. Henry, 24, is in the Army 82nd Airborn in Afghanistan. He has a 5-year-old daughter who lives at Fort Bragg, N.C.

They are the grandsons of Jo Nell Daniels of Sand Springs, the late Murphy Daniels and the late Violet Melton. They have one brother, Murphy Henry of Big Spring.



JEFFREY A. RODRIGUEZ



CHARLES A. RODRIGUEZ

Charlie and Marlene Rodriguez of Big Spring have three sons currently serving in the military.

Air Force Airman 2nd Class Christopher A. Rodriguez, 20, is stationed at Scott Air Force Base and is employed in biochemical warfare.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeffrey A. Rodriguez, 22, is an electronics technician aboard the USS Harry Truman at Norfolk, Va.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Charles A. Rodriguez, 23, is a machinist mate aboard the USS Kearsarge at Norfolk, Va. He and wife, Melissa have two

sons, Jonathan and Nicholas.

Charlie, Christopher and Jeffrey are the grandsons of Charlie Sr. and Hope Rodriguez.



JAMES L. SAINT

USMC Sgt. James L. Saint, 25, is stationed at Iwakuni, Japan.

He has been in the Marine Corps for seven years.

He is the son of Steve and Judy Westbrook and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cauble and Clara Westbrook.

Specialist E4 James W. Hobdy, enlisted March 15, 2001.

He attended Basic Training at Fort Benning, Ga. where he was voted Soldier of the Cycle for his platoon and qualified expert with M-16's, and then to Fort Gordon, Ga. Signal School.

There he graduated as a distinguished honor student and receive the Army Service Ribbon and National Defense Service Medal.

He is currently stationed at Fort Hood in 124 signal Battalion, 4th Infantry Division.

While there he received Certificate of Achievement for competing in Command Sergeant Major Run, he received Soldier of the Quarter for the 124th Signal Battalion. While at Fort Irwin California he received the Army Achievement Medal for Service.

His MOS is 31 F Network Switching Systems Operator/Maintenance.

Hobdy, his wife, Mandy and his two children, Hannah and Jetly reside in Copperas Cove.

He is the son of Vallene Sawyers of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Drew and Aloma Hobdy of Sand Springs.



JAMES W. HOBDY

SSG Frank L. Marin Jr. is currently serving with the Army National Guard.

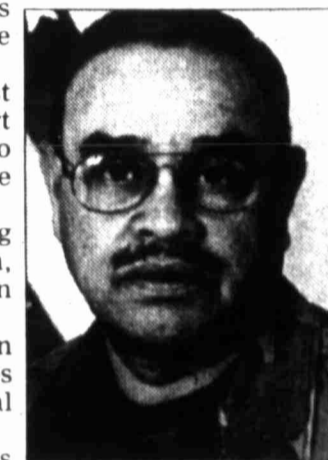
Marin was one of the first companies deployed to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio immediately following the Sept. 11, terrorist attacks.

Marin is currently serving in C Company, 2nd Battalion, 142 Infantry for Operation Noble Eagle.

He served in Vietnam in 1969-1970, joined the reserves and enlisted in the National Guard in 1973.

Marin's wife, Janie, resides in Big Spring.

They have one daughter, Marlina Peredez and two sons,



FRANK L. MARIN JR.

Army Staff Sergeant Robert Rodriguez has been in the Army for 14 years. He is currently stationed at Fort Stewart Georgia with his wife Lori Gonzales and their children, Alyssa, Robert Jr., Michelle and Michael.

Rodriguez works in communications and has had two tours of Germany as well as a tour to Bosnia where he was a part of the Peace Keeping Force.

He is the son of Eulalio and Gloria Rodriguez of Big Spring.



ROBERT RODRIGUEZ

Cpl. Jeremy Paul Bronaugh is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1998 graduate of MCRD in San Diego, Calif.

He is currently stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii as a heavy helicopter mechanic in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He is the son of Joe and Sharon Adams and Chuck and Rhonda Bronaugh and the grandson of Nell Clark and Fern Bronaugh, all of Big Spring.

He has one brother, Mat Bronaugh of Burnet.



JEREMY PAUL BRONAUGH

Pvt. Cruz Martinez of Big Spring is the 19-year-old son of Henry and Liz Hernandez-Sanchez at Knott.

He is currently stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

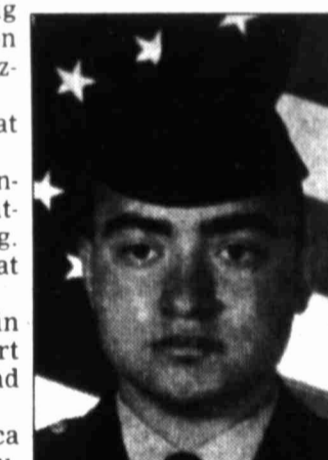
He completed combat training on Aug. 23, and is presently in military police training.

He will graduate from that training on Oct. 25.

He was awarded Expert in Marksmanship and Expert Hand Grenade Throwing and Expert in M-16s.

He is married to Rebecca Martinez and is a 2002 graduate of Sands High School.

He is the grandson of Ventura and Elvira Martinez of Knott.



CRUZ MARTINEZ

Airman 1st Class Danielle Lindsey Wilson of Big Spring is the daughter of Roxanne Wilson and George Wilson, both of Big Spring. She was born in Big Spring and was a lifelong resident. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1996. She attended Howard College and received her basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. She trained at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi, Miss.

She underwent survival training at Spokane, Wash. and is presently training for Airborne Battle Manager at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City.

She will be a crew member of an AWAC reconnaissance jet.

She received her wings at Biloxi, Miss.

She is the granddaughter of Elmer and Bobbie (deceased) Bolte of Big Spring and Catherine and George Wilson of Baldwin, Mo.

She is the sister of Melissa Newton and Christopher Wilson both of Big Spring.



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HEATHER EDWARDS

My youngest daughter, EW3 Heather Edwards, was right across the harbor on her ship, the USS Detroit, when the Twin Towers went down. By the end of the week, she was on her way to the Arabian Sea. She spent the next six months at sea with the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt fleet and they set a record 189 days at sea without port while bombing Afghanistan. I am so grateful for her e-mails during this time and think it helped keep both of our

sanities intact.

She returned safely to homeport in New Jersey at the end of March 2002 and was able to come home to Big Spring for a week in the middle of April.

We are so proud of her, even though she thinks she did nothing special.

We live in the best country in the world and we should all be thankful for this. No one can kill the American spirit.

Debbie Green



DANIEL R. NORRELL

Sgt. Daniel R. Norrell is a 1982 graduate of Big Spring High School.

He is the son of Stanley R. and Joy L. (Norrell) Harbin of Big Spring.

Daniel is stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.



DEVON SWAFFORD

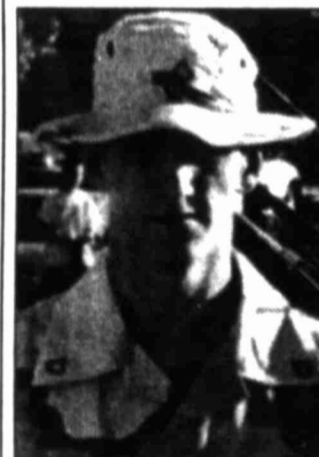
Devon Swafford, 3rd Class Petty Officer in the Coast Guard is currently stationed at Morgan City, La.

Devon, who has been in the Coast Guard for two years, is the son of Carol Swafford of Big Spring and Bill Swafford of Big Spring and the grandson of Neoma Clanton of Big Spring and Coleen Cooley of Blue Springs, Mo., and Vernon Swafford of Paradise.

He has two brothers, Mica Swafford of Big Spring and Rick Swafford of Iceland, and one sister, Sandy Izzard of Big Spring who is in the reserves.

He and wife, Sarah have a 2-year-old daughter, Ophelia. U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. James L. Saint, 25, is stationed in Iwakuni, Japan and has been in the Marines for seven years.

He is the son of Steve and Judy Westbrook and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cauble and Clara Westbrook.



JEREMY CLANTON

Army Specialist Jeremy Clanton, 20, attended Stanton schools and was employed by Ate Telecom and Wheeler Water Well service before joining the Army.

He is stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, but is currently deployed to South West Asia. His training is in communications.

Jeremy and wife, Summer have one son, Nathaniel and one daughter, Stormi.

He plans to re-enlist in September 2003 with hopes to be stationed in Colorado.



JOE LOYA

and Alberto Loya.

Army Corporal Joe Loya in 1-9th Infantry 1st Calvary Division and is stationed at Fort Hood.

He is the son of Jessie and Lupe Loya and the grandson of Flora Loya and Manuela Casteneda, all of Big Spring.

During his career in the Army Joe has received the Army Achievement Medal, Expert Infantry badge, the National Defense ribbon, Primary Leadership, Development course and the Physical Fitness Award.

Loya has three brothers, Jessie Loya Jr., Margarito Loya



MICAH TRAVIS EPLEY

He and wife, Heather have one son, Paysen Travis and are currently stationed in West Virginia.

Navy CTI E-6 Micah Travis Epley graduated from Forsan High School in 1992 and enlisted in June 1993.

He is the son of J. and Kathleen Epley of Big Spring.

He has served nine years active duty and attended language school in Monterey, Calif., technical school at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo and has been stationed in San Diego, Calif., Ottawa, Canada and Sugar Grove, W.Va.

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JORDAN RAINEY



JOSHUA RAINEY



LINDSAY HULL

Jerrye and Buford Hull of Big Spring have three grandchildren currently in the United States Navy.

AM3 Jordan Rainey graduated from Naval RTC in March 2000.

After training in Pensacola, Fla., he was stationed in Atsugi, Japan.

On this tour of duty he has been to Australia, Singapore, Thailand, Korea and Guam.

He is a structural mechanic and works on radar planes.

He received Junior Sailor of the Quarter.

Born in Big Spring and a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School, Jordan is the son of Wanda and Perry Gamble.

AM2 Joshua Rainey graduated from Naval RTC in June 1997.

After training in Pensacola, Fla., he was in Guam for two years.

Joshua and his wife, Chrissy are stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

He is currently deployed in Okinawa. He is a structural mechanic for helicopters and planes and received Junior Sailor of the Year.

He was born in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1995. He is the son of Wanda and Perry Gamble.

Jordan and Joshua are the grandsons of Jerrye and Buford Hull, Shirlene and Gorman Rainey, Rose Gamble and Joe T. and Mildred Gamble, all of Big Spring.

GM3 Lindsay Hull graduated from Naval RTC in 2000. After training in Pensacola, Fla., she was assigned to the USS Camden in Bremerton, Wash.

She was deployed to the Arabian Sea after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Her ship is currently deployed with a Lincoln battle group in the West Pacific and is a gunners mate.

She received commendation from the ship's captain for exemplary service. She has been to Thailand, Singapore, Bali, and Hawaii.

She was born in Big Spring and is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School.

She is the daughter of Beverly and Mike Hull and the granddaughter of Monty and the late Jean McGuire and Jerrye and Buford Hull, all of Big Spring.



NATHAN PAUL HERROD



DUSTIN HERROD

Nathan Paul Herrod, 23, is stationed in San Diego, Calif. on board the USS John Paul Jones (destroyer).

He is a 1997 graduate of Forsan High School and is an Information Systems Technician 3d Class Petty Officer. He monitors all of the communication circuits and all incoming and outgoing message traffic.

On Sept. 11, 2001, he was in Panama on a six month deployment on board the USS David R. Ray.

He has been enlisted for four years and has been on two six month deployments. He is scheduled to re-enlist in October for six more years.

Nathan and wife, Lisa (Sackett) Herrod have a son, Nathan Paul Herrod Jr., who is 1 and a half years old.

Dustin Herrod, 21, a 1999 graduate of Forsan High School, is stationed at Bremerton, Wash., on board the USS Carl Vinson (aircraft carrier).

He is a Fire Controlman 3rd Class (FC3).

He maintains and repairs a tactical data system that allows the ship to track airplanes, other ships, submarines and anything else on, below or above the water.

On Sept. 11, 2001, he was on a six month deployment in the North Arabian Sea, had just sat down to dinner, and saw everything on CNN.

Already being in the area, his ship was the first one to send bombs into Afghanistan.

He has enlisted for three years and plans to become a commissioned officer and complete a degree to work in the field of engineering.

His wife is Ginger (Sullivan) Herrod.

We Will Always Remember

Esthela Ornelas, ADAN, 21, has been in the Navy for two years and is stationed at Norfolk, Va.

She was awarded ribbons for National Defense, Sea Service, Battle E. Meritorious Unit command and Sailor of the Month.

She is the daughter of Elsa Hernandez and Frank Ornelas of Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of Anglina Hernandez and Maria Guadalupe Ornelas and Maria Guadalupe Ornelas of Big Spring.



ESTHELA ORNELAS

Air Force Airman 1st Class Landon Wegner, 21, is currently stationed at Hulbert Field Fort Walton Beach, Fla. He is the son of Sara Wegner and Tommy Wegner and is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School.

He is a crew chief for an AC 130 fighter air craft. He prepared and oversaw maintenance of the aircraft on the carrier. He was deployed to the Afghanistan area in early January of this year and returned home to Big Spring at the end of April.

He is the son of Sara Wegner and Tommy Wegner and the grandson of Clovis and Janie Phinney and Bob and Sherry Wegner. He has two brothers, Kyland Wegner of Florida and Grayson Wegner who is a freshman at Big Spring High School.



LANDON WEGNER

Senior Airman E4 Jennifer J. Mata has been in the Air Force for three years and is currently stationed at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota.

She is an E-4 in Security Forces and is a member of the Elite Honor Guard.

On Sept. 11, she was part of a unit that provided security for the nuclear weapons stored in the northern part of the United States.

She will be stationed in Korea as of Oct. 1.

She is the daughter of Fernando and Mary Mata and the granddaughter of Miguel and Belem Mata.

She has one brother, Jonathan Mata who is a freshman at Big Spring High School.

Staff Sergeant Sebastien C. Goillandeau is currently serving with the United States Air Force in Europe and has recently returned to his home base in Italy after a TDY in support of military engagements in Afghanistan.

He has been in the Air Force for two years and has received Airman of the Year and Airman of the Month.

He is the son of John and Martha Simmering.

His wife is April Goillandeau of Italy.



SEBASTIAN C. GOILLANDEAU

National Guard Sgt., Sean Harper Buchanan was deployed in August to guard a location. His MOS is tank driver and national security.

He enlisted in 1996.

Buchanan served in the Armored Division of the 7th Calvary in Korea for one year.

His wife, Angela, is attending medical school at Baylor.

He is the son of Sam and Linda Buchanan and the grandson of the late Sam M. Buchanan, Faye Buchanan of Robey, Hiram and Marcia Ruggles of Sand Springs, and Bill and Joann Gill of Wichita Falls.



SEAN HARPER BUCHANAN

USN Stg 2, surface warfare Keith Edwin Boyd II, stationed at Sima Naval Reserve Maintenance Facility at Corpus Christi.

He is a 1995 graduate of Coahoma High School.

He is the son of Keith and Wendy Boyd of Big Spring



KEITH EDWIN BOYD II

E4 Specialist Keith W. Rich has served two years in the Army and works as a Network Switching Systems Operator while stationed with his wife, Brianne (Fryar) Rich at Darmstadt, Germany. He has received the expert marksman medal.

He is the son of Glenn and Pam Rich and is a 1998 graduate of Coahoma High School.

He is the grandson of J.T. and Delpha Rich and H.R. and Janie Parsons, both of Colorado City.

Keith is the brother of Randall Rich.



KEITH W. RICH



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Staff Sergeant Jose Augustine (Boyer) Rios is the son of Joe Rios of Monahans and Debbie Rios of Big Spring. He graduated from Universal Technical Institute in Humble on in November 1997 as an electrical air conditioner and heating technician. On Dec. 29, 1997, he joined the Army and attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He graduated in communications at Fort Gordon, Ga., on July 23, 1999. He is currently stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., with the 18th Airborne Corp, 35th Signal Brigade Alpha Company 50th Signal Battalion.

JOSE AUGUSTINE (BOYER) RIOS

During his tour he has graduated from the 1st Battalion 50th Parachute Infantry in Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga., earning his wings and from Air Assault School at Fort Bragg, N.C.

His wife, Mari Balcazar Rios and sons, Elija, Antonio, Isaac Valentine Rios reside in Fayetteville, N.C. Jose is the brother of Rosalinda Rios Moreno, Christina Dawn Rios of Big Spring and Corrine Jean Rios of Odessa.



(ROBBY) ROBERT BREWER

(Robby) Robert Brewer is stationed in San Diego, Calif., aboard the USS John C. Stennis. He is the son of Earl and Dee Dee King of Coahoma and Bob and Patty Brewer of Brownwood. He is the grandson of the late Roland and Beth White, Hulbert and Faye Brewer and W.C. and Helen King. Robby and wife, Kim Brewer have one son, Jacob Brewer and one daughter, Hope Brewer.



DANIEL K. MAR JR.

Daniel K. Mar Jr., 1983 graduate of Coahoma High School and attendant of Howard College, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1988. He was stationed at Hill Air Force Base, Utah for four years and served six months in the United Arab Emirates during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

He was honorably discharged from active duty in 1992 to serve in the Air Force Reserves. He served six weeks in Kuwait in support of Southern Watch enforcing the No Fly Zone over Iraq in 2000. Daniel was called back to active duty in October 2001 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and served three months in Oman during Operation Anoconda/Enduring Freedom.

He is an E6 and is currently a member of the Security Forces stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene. Daniel and wife Terrie have two sons, Derek and Cody.

He is the son of Margaret and the late Daniel K. Mar and the step-son of Smokey Rigdon. He is the grandson of Clifton and Hazel Mar and the late Henry Mar.



JEFFREY NOLAN COOK

Air Force Captain Jeffrey Nolan Cook is the son of Don and Kay Cook of Big Spring and Larry and Jennan Swafford of Virginia.

Cook graduated from Forsan High School in May of 1991 and attended Howard College for two years before enlisting in the Air Force in June of 1993. Jeff completed basic training as a Top Honor Graduate and was named Honor Graduate after completing Tech School in September 1993.

He graduated from Park College with a bachelor of science degree in health care management in 1997 and received his master of arts degree from Webster University in health services administration in 1999.

He was commissioned as a 1st Lt. in the Medical Services Corps in 2000 and in March of 2002 gained the rank of Captain and is currently serving as the Group Practice Manager at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla.

Jeff and wife, Tina White of Bohnam have one child, Jenna Rebecca Cook, who is 5 months old.



PATRICK REAGAN



KEVIN REAGAN

Airman 1st Class Patrick Reagan is in the Air Force and is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

Army Staff Sgt. Kevin Reagan is in the 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan. His home base is Fort Bragg, N.C.

Military Support Group keeps list of those serving

The following list provided by the Military Support Group consists of local individuals currently serving in the military.

Christopher Allen is a E-4 quartermaster in the Navy and is stationed in California.

Adolfo Arista Jr.

Allen Baker is an SRA in the Air Force and is stationed in Korea. He is the son of Bobby and Paula Baker.

J.G. Baker is a chief petty officer in the Navy and is stationed on the USS Carl Vinson in Bremerton, Wash. He is the son of Joey and Jill Baker.

Jeremy Blount is the son of Gary Blount.

Jeremy (Paul) Bronaugh is in the Marines and is stationed on the USS Detroit in Japan. He is the son of Sharon Adams.

Randy Briggs is stationed in Florida.

Randy Cadenhead is in the Army and is stationed in San Antonio. He is the son of Mary Cadenhead.

Ricky Cadenhead is in the National Guard and is stationed in San Antonio. He is the son of Mary Cadenhead.

Matthew Casteneda is in the U.S. Marine Corps in San Diego. He is the cousin of Roxanne Carr.

Danny Cisneros

David Cisneros

Gilbert Cisneros Jr.

Jeff Cook is in the Air Force and is stationed in Florida. He is the son of Don and Kay Cook.

Mark Corrales

Jesse R. Crane is a Staff Sergeant in the 82nd ABN Division.

Bret Crenwige is a major in the Air Force and is stationed at O'Fallon, Ill.

Rudy Dominguez III

Collin Dulaney is an OS-1 (SW) in the Navy and is stationed at Millington, Tenn. He is the son of Vera Dulaney.

Heather Edwards is an EW3 in the Navy and is stationed at the Persian Gulf Leonardo N.J. She is the daughter of Debbie and Donny Green.

Jennifer Encamacion

Matthew Espinoza

Bradlee Evans is a Special Forces paratrooper in the Army and is stationed in Korea. He is the son of Sandra Bloom.

James Evans is Military Police in the Army and is stationed in Korea. He is the son of Sandra Bloom.

Jason Fealy is in the Special Forces in the Army. He is the grandson of Leona Ford.

Marcus J. Fernandez is an E-4 Spec. Inf. in the Army and is stationed at Fort Sam Houston. He is the son of Marcus M. Fernandez.

Esique Fierro is in the Navy and is stationed in Georgia.

Gabriel Garcia is a private at U.S. Marine Corps and is stationed in West Virginia. He is the son of Josephine Garcia.

Ricky Gonzales

Kyle Hayter. He is the son of Carolyn Stevenson.

Joe G. Henderson is a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He is the son of Holly and Robert Moore.

Russell Henry is a E-4 C Company, 1st 504th Infantry in the Army and is stationed at parachute regiment at Fort Bragg, N.C. and is currently deployed in Afghanistan. He is the son of Karen Henry.

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Jesse Herrera Jr.

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Yvonne Howland is a Medic in the Army and is stationed in Germany.

Lindsay Hull is a Petty Officer 2nd class in the Navy and is stationed in Seattle on the USS Camden. She is the daughter of Mike and Beverly Hull.

Matt Jones is in the Air Force and is stationed in New York.

Travis Jones is in the Air Force and is stationed in New York.

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Steve Kincheleo is in the Navy and is stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Tanya (Tucker) Kinny is in the Air Force and is stationed in California. She is the daughter of Edson Kinney.

Charlene Kirby is a E-3 Medic in the Navy and is stationed in Texas.

Felicia Lara

Joe Loya is an E-4 Specialist in the Army and is stationed at Fort Hood. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Loya.

Frank Marin Jr.

Israel Martinez

Santos Martinez

Adam McCarty is in the Army and is stationed in

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Roy L. Metcalf Jr. is stationed at San Diego, Calif. He is the son of Roy Lynn Reid and Roy Lee Metcalf.

Joseph Molina

Valerie Molina

John Anthony Morellion III

Jeremy Myers is in the Air Force and is stationed in San Antonio. He is the son of Roy Lynn Reid and Roy Lee Metcalf.

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David Pope is LCPL Marine Expeditionary Unit in the Marine Corps and is stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is the son of Daryl and Sherry Pope.

Lane Purcell is a Sargent in the Marines and is stationed at Cairo, Egypt. He is the son of Jim and Vicky Purcell.

Jordan Rainey is an Aviation Structural Mechanic in the Navy and is stationed in Japan. He is the son of Wanda and Perry Gamble.

Joshua Rainey is a Petty Officer 2nd Class in the Navy and is stationed in Hawaii. He is the son of Wanda and Perry Gamble.

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Jerome Range is in the Army. He is the son of Dr. E.B. Range/Murphys

Kevin Reagan is in the Army and is stationed at Fort Campbell, Kent. He is the son of Nelda and Darrel Reagan.

Patrick Reagan is an E-1 in the Air force and is stationed at Wichita Falls. He is the son of Nelda and Darrel Reagan.

Jacob Reid is an A1C and is stationed at Kunson, South Korea. He is the son of Ruth and Gary Reid.

Rocky Renteria is in the Army and is stationed at Bamberg, Germany. He is the son of Clara Renteria.

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Robert Rodriguez

David Rose

Rounie Ruiz is in the Army National Guard.

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Kevin Stansel is in the Marines in California. He is the son of Stan Stansel.

Derek Tant is in the Air Force and is stationed at Anderson, Alaska.

Damlen Tarpley is in the National Guard and is stationed at Texas Tech University. He is the son of Mike and Barbara Tarpley.

James K. Taylor is a LCpl in the Marines and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor.

Mike Travis is in Naval Intelligence in the Army and is stationed at the Language School/The Presidio, Calif.

Michael Valli is an AC 2 in the Navy and is stationed at Norfolk-Oceanic. He is the son of Mary and Robert Miller.

Landon Wegner is a Private in the Air Force and is stationed at Fort Walton Beach, Fla. He is the son of Tommy and Sarah Wegner.

Shawn Whisenant

Justin Williams is a PFC. He is the grandson of Jody Bynum.

Zack Young is a Private in the Army and is stationed at Kilsen.

Military support group meets at 6 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in room 212 the first Monday of every month. Contact Wanda Gambic at 263-7180 or Treva Hall at 263-8574.

Big Spring family was just miles away when jet liners struck the twin towers

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring family who almost witnessed the World Trade Center tragedy close up plans to return to New York at the end of this month.

"I want to go down there, even though I know there is nothing there. I want to see what I wasn't able to see," Jan Hansen said.

Jan, her husband, Terry; her mother, Helen Worthan; and her mother-in-law, Lela Hansen, were caught in New York when commercial jet liners under control of Al-Qaeda terrorists destroyed the soaring buildings.

The family had been vacationing in New York for about three days. On the morning of Sept. 11, they planned to make a visit to the Wall Street area.

"All four of us were sharing a room so I had last bathroom rights," Terry said. "We were literally jumping in the shower and getting out, walking downstairs and a block to the subway station and probably a quick five minute ride down to lower Manhattan."

"We had the TV on the local station and they broke in and had a story of a fire they said was in the World Trade Center," he continued.

"Really, nobody knew what was going on. The broadcaster, if I remember right, said there was a report, an unconfirmed report, that a plane may have struck the World Trade Center."

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the side toward the buildings and then the screen went black.

"We knew this was not an accident."

Manhattan and the world suddenly changed.

"We were on the 37th floor of the hotel at Times Square and I'd say within an hour or two the streets were virtually cleared of traffic except for police, fire-fighters and emergency vehicles."

"We peeked out the window and we couldn't believe our eyes," Lela said.

Later in the morning, the family decided to venture out of the hotel.

"We were at St. Patrick's (Cathedral) talking to a policeman," Terry said. "In the conversation he told me there were 40,000 policemen out on the streets of Manhattan at that point of the day."

"And they were just visible everywhere," Lela said.



The Hansen family poses with a few items they brought back from their trip to New York last year in September. The family was caught in New York at the time of the terrorist attacks. Pictured are Lela Hansen, left, Terry Hansen, Jan Hansen and Helen Worthan.

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"On every street corner, in all the subways stations, they were everywhere," Terry said. "And so was the grief. Just walking past the fire stations you could see the grief in their faces of the firemen who lost so many of their buddies in that tragedy," Lela said.

Dust filled the sky. "The dust really lingered the whole time while we were there and the odor that came from it," Terry said.

"It was different from anything I had ever smelled," Lela said.

The next day the group walked to about a mile from the trade center, the closest authorities

would let people to the site.

"They had a barrier set up on the south side of Houston Street," Terry said. "They were not even letting people that lived down in that area back in. People were saying, 'But my dogs are in the apartment. We've got to get my dog.'"

Because of the tragedy, the city came together as patriots, Terry recalled. "There was so much patriotism there will all the flags," he said. "People would line up to cheer the rescue workers."

Apprehensive about when they would be allowed to leave the

island, a sudden loss of freedom also loomed over the small company.

"The most disturbing thing to me is that we have so much freedom in this country and to be told that you cannot leave the city, the city is sealed, that was a new feeling for me," he said.

"Americans have not been in that situation very often," Lela said.

Terry said he hopes patriotism and support of our leaders, military and law enforcement continues.

"We tend to take things for granted, to be complacent," Terry said. "Something can't be

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"The tragic events made me appreciate my family a whole lot more, and made me more grateful



for the little things in life. It made me realize how lucky I really am, and it makes you realize how great it is to live here."

— Lisa Hobbs

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"I try not to think about it, because you have to move on with your life. It's hard, but I think the Lord takes

care of things"

— Jasper Case

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"It concerned me a lot, but my main concern were my children who live in New Hampshire."



— T.J. Johnson

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"It hadn't changed my life so much, except that they sent our granddaughter to Korea. I wish she could

come home."

— Bonnie Coker

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"It was terrible. It hadn't changed my life too much, but it was just a terrible thing to happen and you just can't



watch everybody or be to careful."

— Chap Coker

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"I was more concerned about my safety," said Doyce Reed, "It didn't change my life so much, but I felt sorrow for the nation."

— Doyce Reed

'I ran like I have never run before...'

Angela Sinclair's world changed in an instant

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

One year ago today former Big Spring resident Angela Sinclair adored her job and life in New York. In an instant, both were taken away from her.

The 31-year-old software tester worked as a consultant for an investment bank. Her office was located in One Liberty Plaza facing the World Trade Center.

The buildings were connected by underground tunnels.

"It was a really beautiful day and I was really enjoying myself," Sinclair spoke about that day. "As I was walking into the building I noticed this really weird smell and I thought 'Gee, they really need to start moving the smokers farther back.'"

But it wasn't cigarette smoke she smelled.

"It was airplane fuel because I guess one of the planes had already hit," she said. "It must have hit when I was in the subway."

Unaware of the danger, Sinclair and a colleague took the elevator intending to head to an office located on the 10th floor.

"They stopped us at the seventh floor and pulled us out," she said. "They said a plane had hit the World Trade Center."

The building was quickly evacuated. "When we got outside, it was like a parade — a parade of papers, dry wall and everything. We got covered in dry wall, dust, fiberglass and whatever else was in the air."

"I told Tony (her colleague) I'd better call my mom and let her know I'm OK."

The attacks knocked out cell-phone transmitters, so Sinclair went in search of a land line phone.

She walked about a block and a half when something unbelievable happened.

"All of a sudden I hear this sound and I look up," she said. "There is a big, huge plane and it is flying, flying towards the building. I thought, oh my goodness, this really is happening."

"I ran towards the World Trade Center because I had asked my friend Tony to wait for me," she continued. "By the time I got

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Angela Sinclair



Angela Sinclair, left, poses with some friends following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. Absent from the skyline pictured in the background are the twin towers of the World Trade Center. Sinclair was next to the World Trade Center when the planes bombed the building.

Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

over there I heard the explosion. I was pretty scared so I turned around and instead of heading away from downtown, I headed further in downtown because somewhere in my mind I thought, 'Well maybe they want me to return back to work.'"

The young New Yorker was terrified.

"I ran like I have never run before and I realized while I was running that I really needed to make sure I stay in shape," she said. "I ran so hard I started feeling like I was going to have to throw up."

Eventually she found a phone to call her mother, Donna, a Big Spring High School teacher. Then the towers fell.

"The whole entire building was gray, you couldn't see anything," she said. "You couldn't see the other buildings."

"The smell was indescribable," she said. "I have never smelled anything like that. The stuff stayed in the air for months."

Sinclair and other workers at another of her company's offices downtown, took refuge in the basement for a few hours.

"They said there were more planes so we were still under the impression that other things were going to be attacked in New York."

The group finally emerged to an almost different world.

"There was ash covering everything," she said. "You think that only the World Trade Center was affected, but the whole downtown area was covered in ash. I lived across the water in Brooklyn and it was covered."

The morning's terrifying events also lingered.

"For several months if I heard a loud noise I would automatically duck," she said. "It was kind of ridiculous. At some point an air-conditioning switching on would cause me to react."

Sinclair was one of thousands that were laid off by the economic impact of the attacks.

"You couldn't get a job answering tele-phones," she said.

Now employed in Texas, Sinclair still misses New York.

"I really miss New York. I miss my friends and my life there."

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True Local

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Railroad continues to respond to concerns about rail security



By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

As many Americans tried to comprehend the unfolding events of Sept. 11, 2001, the railroad industry was already responding to the threat. Today the industry continues to help protect the country's vital transportation lines.

"The railroad always had high security. It's just people don't always see it," Mark Davis, Union Pacific spokesperson said. "Literally a few hours after the first attack, basically we shut the railroad down and inspected all the main line tracks and bridges."

An average of 13 Union Pacific freight trains run through Big Spring on a line that connects California to Tennessee.

With tight security policies and procedures already in place, last year's attack on U.S. soil prompted very little need for change.

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"We've just maintained basically the same sort of presence," Davis said. "If anything our employees have a heightened awareness."
Employee reports about

suspicious activity have increased since the attack.

"Our railroad employees have been very vigil around here," he said. "Before Sept. 11, we would get half a dozen calls a day. Right after the 11th for at least the first three months, we were averaging as many as 30 to 40 calls across the railroad. It's probably tapered down to about 24 to 25 a day."

And the industry works with federal agencies to help protect the transportation lines.

"There is a daily conference call with law enforcement along the industry and we provide everything we can to all federal agencies involved with the national task force," he said. "This is something we do as part of a national task force for the effort."

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HERALD file photo
Union Pacific Railroad personnel say security concerns resulted in an almost immediate shutdown of the system just moments after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Today the railroad still responds to calls from the public with concerns about security on the rails.

Truest of heroes:

Local lawmen, fire department personnel always go extra mile

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Twenty-four hours every day of the year, police officers and sheriff's deputies, firefighters and emergency medical personnel are working to keep the public safe from crime, accident, illness and fire.

After the New York and Washington terrorist attacks last year, America's attention has turned to these individuals who selflessly place the safety of strangers above their own.

Big Spring and Howard County citizens have long appreciated the importance of these emergency workers and have been showing their gratitude for years.

The Big Spring Shrine Club recognizes the area's local heroes each year with an annual ice cream social and appreciation event.

"About the only contact that (emergency workers) have with the public is negative contact," said Shrine Club secretary John Keller at this year's event. "The biggest contact the police have is when they're enforcing the law and it's generally negative. We're trying to give them some positive contact and let them know we really appreciate it."

Keller said the club provides ice cream, cake, cookies and soft drinks for the police, deputies, firefighters, and EMS personnel at the event.

"I really appreciate it and I know the officers do. I look forward to it every year. It's become kind of a traditional

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thing," said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker. "These folks go all out serving the law enforcement workers, giving them ice cream and cake and cookies and soft drinks. It's just a good time to sit and visit with everybody. It's just a very special event."

Each year, only days before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, Big Spring firefighters take to the streets. On this mission, however, they're not racing to a fire. They're standing on a street corner calling on generous and grateful citizens to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association through the annual "Fill the Boot" Campaign.

"When we did the telethon this last year, the firefighters came in with \$10,000," said Big Spring's MDA Labor Day Telethon co-host Barry Barnett. "It showed that the people here in Big Spring and Howard County, although this has had an

effect on everybody, are still willing to open their hearts for people who need help. They show it every year, but with the economy the way it is and with the things that have happened since Sept. 11, it shows that people really care."

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray said the firefighters have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support.

"The Fill the Boot campaign has been an awesome success, in fact, this year more so than ever," Condray said. "Last year I think we collected roughly \$5,800 at that one intersection and that one day is the only day that we do this. This year, we collected over \$8,500. Three grand worth of increase."

The fire department also collected donations throughout the year from school children for victims of the attacks.

"The thing that just really touched us were all the coin



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A local firefighter emerges from a burning building during a fire all but destroyed a Big Spring home in 2001.

drops and donations from the kids throughout the year," he said. "The Halfmann girls, that was an incredible sacrifice they made. But it wasn't just them. Every kid gave what they could."

The two girls, Natasha, 11; and Hope, 4; gave more than \$300 they had been saving for a Disney World trip to the fire department to send to the victims' fund.

Condray said one of the most satisfying tributes Big

Spring children are paying firefighters, law enforcement and emergency workers is seeing them as heroes.

"Even things as simple as Halloween costumes," he said. "The dolls, the toys. I think it's a hoot. Whenever I was a kid, I remember when cops and firemen were looked up to. Then somewhere after that it all changed. Now they're kind of starting to get back to the focus."

Emergency workers and

law enforcement officers are good role models, he said.

"I'd a whole lot rather see kids idolize police and fire and EMS than these \$10 million a year quarterbacks or other professional athlete who get popped every other week for drugs," he said. "Where's the role model? I feel pretty deep about that."

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Security remains reasonable concern to Americans nationwide

By **JEREMY CANTRELL**
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It has been 12 months since the world changed, and still white powder on a restaurant counter looks suspect to many people. Low-flying commercial planes look lower, and sirens seem more threatening.

"I think we all felt a little less safe after Sept. 11," said Ada, Okla., Fire Chief Marion Harris. "Personally, I think it changed my life. As a firefighter, you have to prepare for the worst."

The dangerous possibilities took on new meaning after the attacks on New York City and the Pentagon last year, and it forced people from all walks of life to re-evaluate making the country safer.

"After Sept. 11, we're all a lot more vulnerable than I ever dreamed we could be," Harris said.

According to Harris, firefighters' training is specifically designed to handle a disaster of any size. "We use an incident command system, which is the same system New York's fire department used at the World Trade Center," he said. "Incident command system is designed to handle the largest earthquake to the smallest fender bender."

Harris said many new training programs have originated since the events of Sept. 11. "There have

"There is more emotion to what we do now, because of the tragic loss," he said. "There is always the possibility of us getting injured. We're a little more emotionally involved in any situation involving mass casualties, after witnessing that tragedy."

Gary Ligon
Ada, Okla.

been a number of courses that developed to handle terrorists situations," he said, "and a lot of our firefighters have attended them. But our training has always been geared to handle any situation."

Ada Police Chief Mike Miller said the events of Sept. 11 have made Ada Police Department more pensive of threatening situations.

"I think all of the police officers look at situations on a larger scale now, since we've all seen what can happen," he said.

Miller said new anti-terrorism measures have been established for police officers.

"There have been a lot of train-

ing made available, concerning a terrorist threat," he said. "We've got some officers in schools attending these training seminars."

Officials across the country have been searching for new answers to public safety since Sept. 11.

In London, Ky., the Post Office requires its employees to wear photo identification badges and they have a more controlled area than before.

"Security was tightened right after the attack and is continuing to be in effect," said London Postmaster Jack Smith. "Everyone wears an identification badge and all the doors are locked

except for the front lobby. We are making security checks and are having talks once a month. We challenge any unauthorized people who are in the back of the building. Maintenance people and visitors are escorted and must wear a temporary identification badge."

Postal employees are also being trained as the last line of defense to biological terrorism, Smith added.

"Our employees are looking out for any loose substance in the mail because of the anthrax scare," he said.

All the added attention to public safety is being noticed, according to David Duker of Jeffersonville, Ind.

"People should feel safer because they are working hard," Duker said of officials' changes in safety policy.

Duker, 29, said while he will never feel as safe as he did on Sept. 10, the stepped-up airport security policies and his faith in the federal government have eased some his concerns.

"I don't mind long lines if it makes airplanes safer," Duker said. "... I would rather feel safe."

Counties across Indiana are working to make Hoosiers feel safer, authorities say.

Alden Taylor, spokesman for the Indiana Emergency Management Agency, said in the past year every county has revised its emer-

gency operations plan to include a terrorist element.

"We are also conducting exercises throughout the state with a terrorist-based scenario," he said.

Purchasing additional protective equipment for emergency responders is also a top priority at the state level, Taylor said. The state has already received a \$3 million U.S. Department of Justice grant for equipment, and had applied for an additional \$7.8 million in funding. Local agencies must meet OSHA training standards to qualify for the new equipment.

"You have to know how to use it to have it," Taylor said.

Back in Ada, Valley View Regional Hospital's Emergency Medical Services Director Gary Ligon said emergency medical technicians view events that carry multiple injuries differently.

"There is more emotion to what we do now, because of the tragic loss," he said. "There is always the possibility of us getting injured. We're a little more emotionally involved in any situation involving mass casualties, after witnessing that tragedy."

Reported also by Carol Mills of The Sentinel-Echo in London, Ky., Dug Begley of The Evening News in Jeffersonville, Ind., and Amy Cahill, Hamilton County (Ind) Business Magazine.

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Last-minute plea bargain nets man 23 years for beating elderly individual

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

A last-minute plea bargain netted a 23-year sentence for a Big Spring man, far less than representatives of the victim's family were hoping for.

Kenneth Paul Conway, 42, of Big Spring pleaded guilty to one count of injury to the elderly for beating 79-year-old Thomas "Hamp" Burcham with a shovel. With an additional finding that a deadly weapon was used in the offense, Conway is not eligible for parole until he has served at least half his sentence, or 11 1/2 years. As part of the plea bargain, Conway waived his right to appeal the verdict on any grounds.

"My family is really disappointed. Because of a legal technicality, Kenneth Paul Conway was given a plea bargain for 23 years," said Burcham's relative, Corky Burcham. "We truly feel that had this court case been allowed to proceed as scheduled, the citizens of Howard County, in a responsible manner, would have seen the pain and suffering inflicted on Thomas 'Hamp' Burcham and would have assessed (Conway) a penalty in excess of the 23 years."

The range of punishment possible for the crime Conway committed is from

"I did not want to force the judge to consider a directed verdict or put the jury in a position of having to determine

'Was it a shovel, was it a rock? We don't know, we have to acquit.'"

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson 5 to 99 years, or life in prison.

The plea bargain came about due to the prosecution's uncertainty about whether a shovel or a rock was used in the assault.

"When I talked to the detectives specifically this morning and asked them point blank, they came up with an answer that was in variance with the indictment," said Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson. "This is not a small thing, it's a big thing. I did not want to force the judge to consider a directed verdict or put the jury in a position of having to determine 'Was it a shovel, was it a rock? We don't know, we have to acquit.' That's a very real possibility from

the judge's perspective and the jury's perspective."

Wilkerson said the 23-year sentence is not an insignificant punishment.

"We were able to secure a 23-year sentence," he said. "While I'm certain that does not satisfy the family, it does satisfy the ends of justice to the extent that this man is going to jail for a long time."

Conway was convicted of beating Burcham with a shovel and leaving him near death before robbing his small lawnmower repair business.

Burcham remained hospitalized for three months after the beating and now suffers from severe brain damage.

Burcham, who was legally blind at the time of the assault, was described by Corky Burcham during a victim impact statement after the verdict and sentence were announced as a "very active 79-year-old man."

Now, said Corky, Burcham is left with the mind of a small child and requires constant care.

Conway was represented in the case by defense attorney A.J. "Rusty" Wall of Midland.

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This truck rolled down the embankment on the north side of Interstate 20 around 10:30 this morning after the driver, trying to turn from the I-20 service road onto Highway 87 south, missed the turnoff. The accident may have been caused by a medical problem, according to witnesses on the scene. Big Spring Police couldn't immediately provide more information on the accident.

Council splits difference with golfers, raises golf cart shed fees 50 percent

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council split the difference with golfers angered at a planned doubling of golf cart shed fees.

At the council meeting Tuesday evening, the city council voted 6-1 to raise the shed fees by 50 percent, or from \$20 to \$30 a month.

Mayor Russ McEwen cast the lone dissenting vote.

Funds from the increase were slated to improve and repair the pro shop and

greens at the Municipal Golf Course. The lower-than-planned fees mean the city will have to cut about \$10,500 worth of golf course improvements from the 2002-2003 budget.

Several golfers spoke at the meeting. Most recognized the need for higher rates but asked the council not to place all the burden on cart shed renters and instead raise cart trail fees or green fees as well.

Some golfers said the added fees would make it

impossible for them to continue golfing as much as they currently do.

Others said the sheds, constructed of wood with chicken wire separating the individual spaces, are not worth \$480 a year.

McEwen has said, and reiterated at Tuesday's meeting, that he favors "taking the golf course to the next level."

Golfers responded that the course has improved greatly over the past few years and is fine the way it is.

Coahoma homecoming activities include bonfire, naming of queen

HERALD Staff Report

COAHOMA — Put out the red banners, it's homecoming in Coahoma.

The festivities begin tonight at 8:30 with annual bonfire. Bulldog cheerleaders will rev up the crowd with cheers with the Big Red Coahoma High School band.

Homecoming celebrations continue Friday at the Coahoma Bulldogs vs. the

Wall Hawks football game.

"At 7 p.m. will be the naming of the football sweetheart and the football hero," said Cheryl Green, Coahoma High School counselor.

"The sweetheart is voted on by the varsity boys and the hero is voted on by the entire school. The hero has to be a senior football player."

At half-time the homecoming queen will be

announced. Nominees are seniors Jessie Bennett, Lauren Green, Michelle Walker, Kristi Gonzales and Ashley Lang

Before the game, members of the Future Farmers of America will be serving some barbecue for \$6 a plate from 5 to 7 p.m. in the district's cafeteria.

Following the game a dance for students and exes will be held at the district's cafeteria. Admission is \$5.

County GOP to open headquarters

HERALD Staff Report

The fall election season is under way in the Crossroads area as the Republican Party of Howard County will open its 2002 campaign headquarters Thursday.

"We will have some finger sandwiches and refreshments," said Dwain Fox,

chairman of the Howard County Republican Committee.

Fox estimates the noon opening ceremony should last from an hour to an hour and half and the public is invited to attend.

A few Republican candidates seeking office for the November elections are expected to participate at

the opening along with several members of the Howard County party.

The headquarters is located at Third Street and Runnels. Volunteers interested in helping to campaign for Republican candidates can come by the headquarters or call Fox at 263-2199 for more information.

ALON

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"I was in the air, flying from Dallas to Lubbock to meet with some people with Southwest Convenience Stores," Morris said, remembering where he was a year ago when he learned of the Sept. 11 attacks. "We landed just after the attacks occurred and found out what had happened on television monitors at the Lubbock airport."

"In fact, I wound up in Big Spring that day," he added. "We were able to rent a car and drove to Big Spring that afternoon after our meeting. We took care of some business there and drove back to Dallas that night."

As a frequent flier, the former Big Spring resident admitted that clearing airport security since the Sept. 11 attacks has been challenging, particularly at Love Field in Dallas where most of his flights on Southwest Airlines originate.

"I think Love Field was one of the last to get updated security equipment," he explained. "Today, though, I don't find it much of an issue."

"But right after the attacks, it was so surreal ... how few people were flying. Nobody was in the airports," Morris added, noting that one of those flights just a week or two following the attacks required him to visit New York.

"That was a very difficult trip emotionally," he admitted. "I could look out my hotel room and see the hundreds ... probably thousands ... of placards, candles and messages from people looking for their loved ones or remembering them."

"One of my colleagues

SERVICES

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Banner, "God Bless America," and a multimedia presentation entitled, "Who Are The Brave."

Joining them will be the Big Spring Police Department, with Chief Lonnie Smith; the Big Spring Fire Department, with Chief Brian Jensen; the Howard County Sheriff's Department, with Sheriff Dale Walker; and representing the city of Big Spring will be Mayor Russ McEwen.

During the "9-11 Remembered" service, emergency services personnel and Armed Forces personnel will be recognized. If anyone is a member of these organizations, they are encouraged to come in uniform and be recognized.

For more information about the "9-11 Remembered" service call the church office at 267-8223.

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LESSONS

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have to remember that we'll never reach the point to where we can say we're perfectly safe from something like this happening," he added.

The president's proposal to reorganize a number of federal agencies to create the Department of Homeland

Security is virtually a foray into new territory as well, Stenholm said.

"Putting 20 agencies into one isn't going to be an easy task and it can't be done overnight," he explained. "The House has completed its plan. When the Senate finishes its plan, then it's a matter of sitting down in a conference committee and ironing out differences. But it won't be a perfect product. It will be better than what we've had before, but we'll have to continue improving on it."

The Bush administration's insistence that something be done about Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq is echoed by Combest.

"I'm convinced that Iraq is a real threat," he said. "There may be a variety of ways that can be addressed. The president is right about keeping the military option open. I'm confident that he's dedicated and committed to removing that threat and he's dealing with it."

Like Combest, Stenholm doubts the president has ever really considered committing military troops to an operation against Iraq without seeking Congressional approval.

"No one is as aware of the threat Iraq and Hussein poses as the president and his close advisors," Stenholm said. "I don't think the administration has ever had any intention of taking military action unilaterally. When it and when the time comes, I'm sure the administration is going to line up as big a coalition as it can and that the president will ask for a vote of approval from Congress before going to war."

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FAMILY

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taken away from you because it's your right and then you find out may things can be different.

"In a split second a few people can change the world for everybody," he continued.

"And change it forever," Lela said.

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SHERIFF

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• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1100 block of Highway 350.

• THEFT was reported in the 200 block of Moore Road.

• DOG BITE was reported in the 400 block of Driver Road.

• DEAD COW IN THE ROAD was reported 10 miles out of town on Highway 176.

• PHONE HARRASSMENT was reported in the 4900 block of Ratliff Road.

• POSSIBLE DRUG COURIER was reported near the intersection of Northeast 11th and Scurry streets. An arrest on local warrants was made.

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity during August:

• DETECTIVE CASE LOAD:

- Investigators: 4
- New Assigned

Cases: 114
- Previous Cases: 140
- Cleared: 62
- Clearance: 25 percent

- Inactivated: 14

• PROPERTY STOLEN/RECOVERED:

- Stolen: \$123,619
- Recovered: \$76,006

• IN-HOUSE TRAINING:

- Officers: 22
- Class-hours: 60

• ADULT ARRESTS:

- Total: 89
- Drunk: 30
- Weapons: 2
- Driving Under the Influence: 4

- Narcotics: 3
- Assaults: 5

• JUVENILE ARRESTS:

- Total: 25
- White: 24
- Black: 1
- Theft: 1
- Criminal Mischief: 3

- Liquor Laws: 8
- Curfew: 6
- Runaways: 4

• CRIMES REPORTED:

- Robbery: 2
- Assaults: 38
- Burglary: 35
- Theft: 67
- Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle: 8

- Family Violence: 9
- Murder: 1

• S.T.E.P. Program:

- Officers: 14
- Hours overtime: 42
- Citations: 32
- Written warnings: 47

- Miles driven: 316

• PATROLSTATISTICS:

- Miles driven: 23,976
- Gas used: 2,254.5
- Written reports: 447

- Accidents: 63
- Arrests: 109
- Driving Under the Influence: 4
- Citations: 485
- Written warnings: 415

- Field interviews: 254
- Alarm responses: 77
- Open door investigations: 14
- Building checks: 623
- House watches: 530

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Abilene spikers survive Lady Steers' uprising

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers flexed their muscles a bit Tuesday night in Abilene.

Big Spring, behind Ka'Rissa Magers and LaKenya Wrightsil, pushed the state-ranked Abilene High School Eagles to the brink before suffering a tough 15-11, 15-5 loss in front of a large crowd in the AHS gymnasium.

The loss was the Lady Steers' second of the evening and their

fourth straight. Prior to playing Abilene, the Lady Steers fell to Lubbock Coronado.

Big Spring, which lost its last two games of the Seminole Tournament, battled back from a slow start to stand toe-to-toe with the Lady Eagles in the first game.

Abilene High, 13-4 overall, got off to a quick start, in the non-district matchup, reeling off nine of the game's first 11 points before the BSHS spikers found their mark.

The Lady Steers, sparked by the setting of Sterling Burchett and Lindsay Phillips, rallied back from the 9-2 deficit. Big Spring posted an 8-1 run through the middle portion of the first game and tied the score at 10-10.

The wheels came off the BSHS wagon from there, however.

Abilene High regained the momentum minutes later. The Lady Eagles scored four straight points and rolled to a tough 15-11 win.

The Lady Steers' struggled offensively in the second game. Big Spring managed just points off their serve and suffered a 15-5 loss.

The BSHS spikers are scheduled to return to action Friday in the Lamesa Invitational Volleyball Tournament. From there, they will close out their non-district slate with trips to Wink and Lubbock.

The Lady Steers, who are ranked No. in the West Texas poll, open District 4-4A action on Sept. 24

Up next

The following is a look at the Big Spring Lady Steers' upcoming schedule.

Sept. 14-15	Lamesa Tournament	TBA
Sept. 17	at Wink	5 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Lubbock Cooper	10 a.m.

when they host defending district champion San Angelo Lake View in the Steer Gym.

Sweet ~~16~~ 17th

Big Spring twins hoping this Sept. 11 comes with a different surprise

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Antonio and Andrew Arguello have been running for as long as they can remember. When they were little, the twins ran to the bus stop every day as their parents watched on. When they got a bit older, running from their older sister, Sonya, was a matter of survival.

Today, they hope to finish a run that began last Sept. 11. They just want to run home to a normal, quiet 17th birthday and not have to endure a repeat of the trauma and dismay that struck Americans last year when terrorists flew hijacked airplanes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"It's our birthday," said Tony, the oldest of the two by a mere 45 minutes. "I can't say we're privileged to have it on Sept. 11 or anything like that. To have something that tragic happen on your birthday is incredible. What are the odds?"

Sweet 16 was anything but memorable for the Arguellos. Last year, in respect to those who had died and were involved in the attacks, the two called off plans to celebrate their birthdays.

"We kind of felt bad about it," Tony said. "We wanted to show respect for what was going on."

A year removed from the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, the Arguellos are trying to put a happy spin on the day they were born — and, even more important to them — the two juniors are trying to help lead the Big Spring cross country team to the state meet.

"That's our goal," said Andy. "All around our team is just good. We're all running between 15 flat to 15:50."

Good may be an understatement for the BSHS harriers. Paced by the twins and Daniel Leos, the Steers have won each of their last two meets — a feat that had never been accomplished before in the school's history. Last Saturday in Seminole all seven members of the Steers' boys squad finished in the top 12 positions in a field of more than 140 runners.

Andy Arguello finished seventh in the individual standings with a time of 15 minutes, eight seconds. Tony placed 11th at 15:28.

The Arguellos are far from the only stars on the BSHS squad. The team also consists of the speedy Leos, Daniel Garza, David Garza, Patrick Gonzales, Jacob Marquez, Martin De Los Santos and Michael Flores, who competed in the team's first meet of the season with just one shoe.

"It was so funny to see him running," said Tony. "His foot got stepped on at the start of the race and he lost his shoe. I was laughing so hard when I saw him I couldn't beat him."

No one's been laughing at the Arguellos cross country talents for years in West Texas.

The brothers grew up watching their sister, Naomi, compete in the sport. It left a lasting impression on both.

"We always looked up to Naomi because she was the athletic type," Tony stated. "We wanted to run like her because they called her 'Speedy'."



Big Spring's twin cross country runners Tony and Andy Arguello are hoping this year's birthday is much quieter than year's. The two, shown with their father Johnny, were born in Big Spring on Sept. 11, 1985.

Tony was the first to join the cross country ranks, becoming a part of the squad as a freshman.

"The main thing I wanted to do was cross country. I've always wanted to do cross country because it's a real sport. Everything else is a game ... football is a game, basketball is a game ... but cross country is a sport."

It doesn't hurt that he's good at it, either. As a freshman, he established the school record in the sport.

Andy, the youngest son of Johnny and Connie Arguello, joined the Steers' roster midway through his freshman year. After initially passing on the chance, he decided to run shortly after Christmas two years ago.

"When I started, I really didn't think anything about it. I decided to try and it just started coming natural to me, so I stayed with it."

"Really, I just enjoy running," he added.

Both attribute most of their success to Big Spring cross country coach Randy Britton. His guidance, they say, helped them mature and understand the strategies involved.

"We've been privileged to have him as a coach," said Tony, who will help lead the Steers into the 2002 Big Spring Invitational next weekend. "He's an experienced coach whose helped us grow and respect the sport. You can't say enough about him."

The same could be said of the brothers' work ethic. In addition to winning more than 30 medals over the past two years, the Arguellos are both members of the National Honor Society who have plans to attend college.

That ability to learn — and their for their older sister's right hand — may have been what inspired the twins to take up running to the bus stop years earlier.

"We've always ran everywhere we've gone," Andy said. "We had to. Sonya hit hard and we had to run from her."

This year, the only running the brothers want to see will happen on Saturday, at the PrimAmerica Invitational in Lubbock's Gaines Park, when they help the Steers go for their unprecedented third straight cross county title.

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Kings' star vows to fight 'case to the end'

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Chris Webber, still sweating from an offseason workout, was cool and collected Tuesday as he vowed to fight charges that he lied to a federal grand jury.

Ignoring the advice of his lawyers, Webber said he was speaking out because "I wanted to show my supporters I am not running away from the situation."

"I will fight this case to the end, and I feel that I will be vindicated," the Sacramento Kings All-Star forward said.

Webber was indicted Monday on charges he misrepresented his dealings with Ed Martin, a former University of Michigan booster who claims he loaned the NBA star \$280,000 while Webber was an amateur player. Martin also said he loaned money to other Michigan basketball players, including two who admitted taking it.

"I did not lie to the grand jury," he said at the Kings' practice complex.

It's too soon to say whether Webber will miss any games in the upcoming season to deal with his legal woes, said Geoff Petrie, the Kings' vice president of basketball operations.

Webber, who led Michigan's "Fab Five" team to two NCAA title games, has repeatedly denied taking significant amounts of money from Martin. Webber was charged with obstruction of justice and making a false declaration before a grand jury, according to the FBI and U.S. attorney's office in Detroit.

The maximum penalty on each charge Webber faces is five years and a fine of \$250,000.

Wearing a suit and tie in front of a large contingent of reporters, Webber described Martin, a former auto worker, as a predatory fan who placed unwanted attention on promising athletes such as Webber, who starred at Detroit Country Day High School before attending college in nearby Ann Arbor.

"This case is about a man who befriended kids like myself, preying on our naïvete, our innocence, claiming that he loved us and that he wanted to support us, but later wanting to cash in on that love and support that we thought was free," Webber said.

Although he read a statement and did not answer questions from reporters, he did joke about his perspiration: "I'm sweating because I had a good workout today."

Webber's father, Mayce Webber Jr., and his aunt, Charlene Johnson, were indicted on the same charges as Webber.

In three weeks, Webber will start the second season of his seven-year, \$123 million contract — the second-largest deal in NBA history when he signed it last summer. While preparing for the season, he'll also be dealing with the possible repercussions from occasionally accepting what he's previously said were small amounts of money, mostly under \$50, from Martin.

Petrie and Kings coach Rick Adelman joined Webber inside the Kings' workout center next to Arco Arena while several of his teammates practiced a few feet away. If Webber, the Kings' leading scorer and rebounder, is happy and focused, Sacramento will be a strong favorite to win its first league title.

Rangers' HR streak ends against M's

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers' record streak of 27 games with a home run came to an end, but pinch-hitter Todd Greene drove in the go-ahead run in Tuesday 3-2 win over Seattle.

Herbert Perry, who went 2-for-3, led off the eighth inning with a double off Joel Pineiro (13-6), and pinch-runner Donnie Sadler went to third on Kevin Mench's sacrifice.

Greene's groundout, a high bouncer to third, gave the Rangers a 3-2 lead.

Rich Rodriguez (3-1) needed just one pitch to get the final out of the eighth.

Francisco Cordero struck out the side in the ninth for his eighth save.

Seattle wasted another opportunity to help itself in the AL wild-card race.

Alex Rodriguez, who leads the majors in homers, went 0-for-3 after he had gone 4-for-9 with three homers and seven RBIs in his two previous games.

Seattle had seven baserunners over the first three innings, but the Mariners managed only one run after three.

The Mariners scored a run in the second with the help of a throwing error by Rangers ace Kenny Rogers.

Singles by Dan Wilson and Jeff Cirillo put runners on first and second, then Ichiro Suzuki got down a perfect bunt. Rogers' off-balance throw to third got past Perry and Wilson scored.

Rogers settled down to retire 12 of the next 15 Mariners from the third through the sixth innings.

Texas tied it at 1 in the second on Carl Everett's RBI groundout.

The Rangers went in front 2-1 in the fourth on Ivan Rodriguez's RBI double.

Rogers allowed one run and six hits over six innings. He struck out five and walked three.



Ronnie Johnson and the Big Spring Steers will dive into the third week of high school football this Friday by traveling to Hereford to face the Whitefaces. Both Big Spring and Hereford enter the game with 1-1 records.

JV, freshman Steers set to play Thursday

High school football action is scheduled to return to the area scene tomorrow night when the Big Spring Steers junior varsity and freshman teams take to the Memorial Stadium field.

The junior varsity squad, 1-1 on the year, is scheduled to face Andrews, while the BSHS freshmen, also 1-1, will face off against the Midland High School sophomores.

The games are scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

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Celina trying to add to its title count, 58-game streak

CELINA, Texas (AP) — In the days following Celina's fourth straight state championship last year, fans in this rural north-central Texas town allowed themselves to dream the dream. G.A. Moore needed just seven wins to break Gordon Wood's Texas record of 396 career victories and his football team was just one more state title away from setting the state record for consecutive championships. With Celina's history of success, why wouldn't fans expect special things to happen?

Then in March came the most piercing of wake-up calls. Moore, 63, closed his career at Celina with a surprising decision to take over at Pilot Point, where he graduated in 1958 and had coached twice before.

"Our perfect world came to an end," said Billy Herrin, a member of Celina's school board. "He was just a fixture here." Enter Butch Ford, Moore's longtime assistant and a man who understands the challenge before him.

"I know that these are impossible shoes to fill," said Ford, rocking back and forth slowly in Moore's old office chair. "But this is a great opportunity. I don't know where else I could be that's better than this."

And there may be no one better suited to take over for Moore.

Coy, with a dry wit and a thick Texas twang, Ford said he learned everything he knows about coaching from Moore and doesn't see much of a need to change for the sake of change.

"I don't want to do anything stupid," Ford said, "and mess up something that has been so successful."

Over 25 years, Ford emerged as a star on Moore's staff and eventually became Celina's defensive coordinator. Ford said he turned down many offers to become a head coach, in part because the situations weren't right, but mostly out of loyalty to Moore and Celina.

That's why Moore's decision to leave was so painful, Ford said. He was among the many in Celina shocked that Moore would bolt just as he was on the cusp of making history. "I didn't know it was coming," Ford said. "I thought someday he would retire and I might take over at some point."

"I don't think anybody has come up with a single reason why G.A. left," said Herrin, whose son Adam was quarterback on the first three championship teams. "We always talked about G.A. retiring here and naming the stadium after him. He was going to go down in history here."

Moore, who lives a few miles from Celina at his family's cattle ranch in Mustang, doesn't offer specific reasons for the move. "I just felt like it's something that I had to do," said Moore, whose Pilot Point team has won its first two games. "It's just something that came up and worked out that way."

Moore said he regrets leaving Celina so unexpectedly, but he feels confident that he left the program in

Ford's capable hands.

"I don't think things are going to be a whole lot different, as far as the success," Moore said. "I could have kept my mouth shut the whole season and we could have had the same results."

Ford inherited a state-record 57-game winning streak that he extended to 58 after Celina crushed their season-opening opponent, DeLeon, 56-0 on Aug. 30. The Bobcats last lost, 24-13, to Pilot Point in the 1998 regular-season finale. The streak began the next week in the playoffs and Celina has won the past 58 games by a combined score of 2,242-393, with 23 shutouts.

We are the champions ...

Members of the Big Spring freshman volleyball team celebrate their first place finish at the Snyder Invitational this past Saturday. Members of the team include (front row, left to right): Chelesa Johnson, Carmen Lewis, Ashton Evans, (second row) Becky Murphy, Ashley Finney, Heather Policky, (third row) Gloria Garabay, Courtney Rodriguez, Bren Swinney, Lindsey Chalker, (fourth row) Krista Chesworth, Coach Cindy Gardner, Monica Fierro and Reagan Ritchey.



Courtesy photo

SPORTS EXTRA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	91	83	.832	—
Boston	81	82	.566	9 1/2
Toronto	65	80	.448	26 1/2
Baltimore	64	79	.448	26 1/2
Tampa Bay	46	96	.333	43

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	84	61	.579	—
Chicago	71	74	.490	13
Cleveland	64	80	.444	19 1/2
Kansas City	55	89	.382	28 1/2
Detroit	52	93	.359	32

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	91	53	.632	—
Anaheim	89	55	.618	2
Seattle	84	60	.583	7
Texas	67	77	.465	24

Wednesday's Games

Detriot (Roussin 5-14) at Minnesota (Radke 7-4), 12:05 p.m.

Toronto (Smith 0-3) at Cleveland (Burke 5-5), 6:05 p.m.

Boston (P. Martinez 17-4) at Tampa Bay (P. Wilson 9-9), 6:15 p.m.

Baltimore (Stephens 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (O. Hernandez 8-4), 6:50 p.m.

Seattle (Garcia 15-10) at Texas (Lewis 1-2), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Buehler 17-10) at Kansas City (May 3-9), 7:05 p.m.

Oakland (Lidle 8-10) at Anaheim (Lackey 8-3), 9:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Buehler 10-11) at Kansas City (May 3-9), 1:05 p.m.

Boston (Wakefield 9-5) at Tampa Bay (V. Zambrano 8-6), 1:15 p.m.

Seattle (Franklin 6-3) at Texas (Park 8-6), 2:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Mays 3-8) at Cleveland (Sabathia 11-10), 6:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Douglas 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (O. Wells 18-7), 6:05 p.m.

Oakland (Muller 17-7) at Anaheim (Calleway 1-0), 9:05 p.m.

Colorado (Cook 1-1) at Houston (Saarloos 6-4), 7:05 p.m.

St. Louis (An. Benes 5-4) at Milwaukee (Sheets 9-15), 7:05 p.m.

San Diego (Eaton 0-1) at Arizona (Batista 7-8), 8:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Middlebrock 1-3) at Montreal (Dyk 13-7), 6:05 p.m.

Florida (Tejera 8-7) at Philadelphia (Roa 3-3), 6:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Smyth 1-3) at Cincinnati (Estes 5-12), 6:10 p.m.

St. Louis (Finley 5-4) at Houston (C. Hernandez 7-5), 7:05 p.m.

Los Angeles (Dahl 11-7) at Colorado (Stark 9-3), 8:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Jensen 11-8) at San Diego (Ol. Perez 3-3), 9:05 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	21	21
New England	1	0	0	1.000	30	14
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	37	31
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	31	37

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	19	10
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	28	25
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	29	28

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	7	10
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	9	34
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	39	40
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	14	30

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	23	16
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	40	39
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	31	17
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	34	6

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	31	23
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	10	19
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	13	16
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	28	27

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	10	7
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	26	20
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	34	37
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	20	26

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	37	34
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	21	49
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	23	27

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	16	13
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	23	31
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	17	23
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	16	31

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Activated RHP Todd Ritchie from the 15-day disabled list.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Recalled OF Coco Crisp from Buffalo of the IL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA BRAVES—Activated INF Wes Helms from the 15-day disabled list.

CINCINNATI REDS—Placed 1B Sean Casey and 3B OF Brandon Larson on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled INF Gookie Dawkins from Louisville of the IL and OF Wily Mo Pena from Chattanooga of the Southern League.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Named Dale Hendricks vice president of sales. Suzanne Rayson director of broadcasting and Brendan Cunningham director of corporate sales.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Recalled OF Luke Allen and LHP Victor Alvarez from Las Vegas of the PCL.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Placed INF OF Jose Macias on the 60-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of OF Jeremy Carroll from Ottawa of the IL.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Purchased the contract of RHP Eric Jung from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre of the IL.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Traded F Jumarie Jones to Sacramento for G Mateen Cleaves.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Agreed to terms with C Rasho Nesterovic on a one-year contract.

UTAH JAZZ—Agreed to terms with G Carlos Arroyo.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Signed G Byron Russell.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed WR JaJuan Dawson. Claimed GC Troy Andrew off waivers from Miami.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed DE Michael Sinclair to a one-year contract. Released TE Tony Stewart.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed TE Casey Crawford to the practice squad. Released S

Dwayne Stokes.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Waived DT James Atkins and WR Kendall Newson. Signed DB Willie Ford.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed PK James Tuthill. Placed PK Brett Conway on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Agreed to terms with F Yuri Bulyayev.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Signed G Eric Fichaud to a one-year contract.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed F Darren Haydar.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Announced the retirement of D Gary Suter.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

First Round (Best-of-5)

Monday, Sept. 2

Jackson 11, Alexandria 8

Edinburg 6, San Angelo 3

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Jackson 4, Alexandria 2

San Angelo 5, Edinburg 3

Thursday, Sept. 5

Alexandria 7, Jackson 6

San Angelo 8, Edinburg 4

Friday, Sept. 6

Jackson 3, Alexandria 2, Jackson wins series 3-1

San Angelo 1, Edinburg 0, San Angelo wins series 3-1

Championship (Best-of-5)

Monday, Sept. 9

Jackson 10, San Angelo 1

Tuesday, Sept. 10

San Angelo 5, Jackson 3, series tied 1-1

Thursday, Sept. 12

Jackson at San Angelo

Friday, Sept. 13

Jackson at San Angelo

Saturday, Sept. 14

Jackson at San Angelo, if necessary

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Three decades later, RFK is a fixer-upper

WASHINGTON (AP) — The third-base dugout is gone from the field at RFK Stadium.

"It's downstairs. In the basement," said Bobby Goldwater, who oversees the ballpark as president of the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission. "The frame for the dugout is literally sitting in what would be left field. It's part of the stands."

Coming up with the best way to reassemble the dugout and reconfigure the ballpark is one of Goldwater's pressing projects lately. Now that relocation is a viable topic within major league baseball, he has to come up with a plan to get RFK ready as quickly as possible should the Montreal Expos move to Washington on short notice for the 2003 season.

"We believe it can take about six weeks to get it all done," said Goldwater, outlining the most basic, no-frills scenario.

With the Expos saved from elimination under the new labor agreement, the campaign to return baseball to the nation's capital has its best chance of success in years. Any team that moves to the Washington area would play at least two or three seasons at RFK while a new ballpark is built downtown or in Northern Virginia.

RFK was built for baseball and football in 1961, but it hasn't been the regular

home to a baseball team since the expansion Senators became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 season. The NFL's Redskins played at RFK until 1997.

The last time the stadium played host to baseball — a pair of exhibition games between the Expos and St. Louis Cardinals three years ago — the configuration had a Spartan, dated feel that was nowhere close to the modern day major league experience.

According to Goldwater, the baseball press box needs a wiring job that will last two seasons, not two games. The clubhouses would need an upgrade, and, yes, that third-base dugout must be reattached. Approximately 5,000 seats need to be moved out of left field, then moved back again when there's a soccer game.

It all adds up to six weeks' of work at a cost of millions of dollars, which means Goldwater would need to hear a definite word on whether a team is coming by mid-February. The current draft schedule has the Expos' home opener scheduled for April 4 against the Mets.

When, and if, the word comes, that's where Fred Malek and Bill Collins come in. Both head groups that have worked for years to bring a team to the area. Malek has spoke of spending as much as \$20 million over several months to upgrade RFK.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	91	51	.641	—
Florida	71	73	.493	21
Montreal	71	74	.490	21 1/2
Philadelphia	70	75	.483	21 1/2
New York	68	75	.476	23 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	83	61	.576	—
Houston	78	67	.538	5 1/2
Cincinnati	71	73	.493	12
Pittsburgh	63	82	.434	20 1/2
Chicago	61	84	.421	22 1/2
Milwaukee	51	94	.352	32 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	89	56	.614	—
San Francisco	83	61	.576	5 1/2
Los Angeles	82	62	.569	6 1/2
Colorado	65	80	.448	24
San Diego	61	84	.421	28

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Benson 7-8) at Cincinnati (Deane 7-7), 11:35 a.m.

N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 9-10) at Atlanta (Marque 8-8), 12:05 p.m., 1st game

Montreal (Yoshii 4-8) at Chicago Cubs (Al. Benes 1-1), 1:20 p.m.

Los Angeles (Nomo 13-8) at San Francisco (Renter 12-7), 2:30 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Lieber 12-11) at Atlanta (Millwood 10-8), 6:05 p.m., 2nd game

Florida (Penny 6-5) at Philadelphia (B. Myers 3-4), 8:05 p.m.

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald

American Profile

The town where everyone is an author

Nearly all, if not all, of the 110 people who call Daniel, Wyo., home can also call themselves authors. To celebrate the 100th birthday of this scenic valley hamlet, the residents published a two-volume limited edition of its colorful history. Plus, corn bread taco bake and good health for men over 50.

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Something positive for Sept. 11

Dear Annie: As we mark the first anniversary of the attacks of September 11, we wanted your readers to be aware of an opportunity to both honor the victims and improve the quality of life in their own communities through a volunteer program called Unity in the Spirit of America.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Although the physical centers of this attack are in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, the human tragedy for the friends and families who lost loved ones that day touches every state in our nation and 88 countries around the globe.

The bipartisan Unity in the Spirit of America Act, which was signed into law by President Bush in January, gives everyone a chance to create a living memorial to the victims of September 11.

Here's how it works: Neighborhood associations, non-profit organizations, houses of worship, local businesses or just friends and neighbors can choose some kind of volunteer project that will improve the quality of life in their communities and promote unity. Projects can include things like cleaning up a park, creating a playground or mentoring students.

Each community decides what kind of project best fits local needs, and the projects will be dedicated to specific victims of the attacks. The names are being assigned by the Points of Light Foundation, which is taking registrations on its Web site - www.usa.pointsoflight.org - or by phone at 1-800-VOLUNTEER (1-800-865-8683).

Together, these individual projects will span our country and collectively form a national monument to all those who died. Already, 300 projects, representing 62,000 volunteers across 32 states, are underway. Please consider joining them by getting together with your friends, neighbors and coworkers to create your own local memorial.

al to the global tragedy of September 11. Show the world our Unity in the Spirit of America. Sincerely, - Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Senator Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.)

Dear Sen. Stabenow and Sen. Kyl: Thank you for your excellent letter. It's wonderful that every citizen can have the opportunity to do something to honor the victims of September 11. We hope they will contact your Web site or call your toll-free number today.

Dear Annie: A friend sent this poem to me, and I am hoping you will print it in your column in honor of September 11. How about it? - Internet Fan in Chicago

Dear Fan: It's perfect. Thank you.

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by Deborah Whipp of Tallahassee, Fla.

A solitary candle
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Of bravery midst adversity
Of anguished souls in grief

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A solemn, lonely flame

Its whisper caught the evening breeze
And soon more candles came

A thousand burning candles
A golden, shining sea
Lit a nation's darkened heart
Revealing unity.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002:

Your ability to sort through chaos will bail many out of problems. Often, creativity surges without practicality. Make it your business to anchor this ingenuity, be it yours or that of others.

Practicality mixed with excellent communication adds to your many qualities, creating an unbeatable work associate or practical friend. If you are single, you will draw many. If you're smart, you'll keep your personal life out of the office. Get to know someone very well before you make a decision. If you are attached, work more with your sweetie on a one-on-one level. Nurturing takes you in a new direction. SCORPIO sees eye to eye with you.

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) *** Don't count on any givens, or you might be sorely disappointed. Be willing to do all the groundwork yourself. Sometimes you see far more than others. Simplify your ideas so that others can understand your logic. Build on concepts. Tonight: Adjust to a friend's need.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Understand more of what makes you happy through talks and by asking questions. You might have barked up the wrong tree. Be honest enough to say so. Ultimately, your happiness could be tied into your willingness to say you're wrong. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Dig into work. Confusion surrounds your plans at work. Just when you're about to take action, you find there is another boomerang in your path. Right now, you could be stalled at making no decision or taking no action. Clear your desk. Do what you can. Tonight: Get some exercise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Welcome more pleasure into your life. Realize your limits with an associate and/or your finances. What starts out as a "yes" rapidly turns into a "no." This person simply doesn't know for sure what he or she wants to do. Loosen up with others. Tonight: Relax. Do what you enjoy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** In your opinion, others make situations more confusing and difficult than need be. Recognize that you can do little to change what might be happening. Choose to not react, but rather to do your thing. Stay centered, despite others' attempts to pull you in different directions. Tonight: Charge home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Pace yourself in order to finish what you must. In some way, you might feel as if you run into needless interference. Close your door if you want to have an important conversation. Understand your limits here, and come to terms with someone else's ideas. Tonight: Work off steam.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Deal with your finances carefully. You might tumble into an endless maze if you're not careful. What might appear to be a healthy risk isn't. Hold back, and you'll get new and much-needed information. The conservative approach works for now. Tonight: Buy a card for a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Knowing what you want might be one thing; communicating the basics, especially to someone you think is turning a deaf ear, could be close to impossible. In your frustration; don't do anything too radical. Play it cool. Tonight: Zoom in on what you want; SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You might not appreciate what other share with you right now; Don't become withdrawn or unfriendly, just weigh the pros and cons. You could find that you have a lot to digest. Slow down and don't make any mistakes. Tonight: Get to bed early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Not everyone sees a financial situation as you do. You might as well stand on your head, as it is a futile effort to try to convince others right now. Listen well in a meeting. Avoid developing an attitude, or in the long run, you might damage your credibility. Tonight: Fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** Though you might believe that you present your ideas clearly, others find you to be confusing, if not downright unpredictable. Recognize and accept what others say. Be more aware of what you say and do. Get feedback from a trusted associate, and LISTEN. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Take your time sorting through information. You could be distracted and not doing the quality of work others associate with you. Pull back if need be. Your laughter draws many to you. Demonstrate an ability to laugh at yourself. Tonight: Relax to some blues or jazz.

BORN TODAY
Musician Moby (1965), comedian Tom Dreesen (1942), musician Brad Fischetti (1975)
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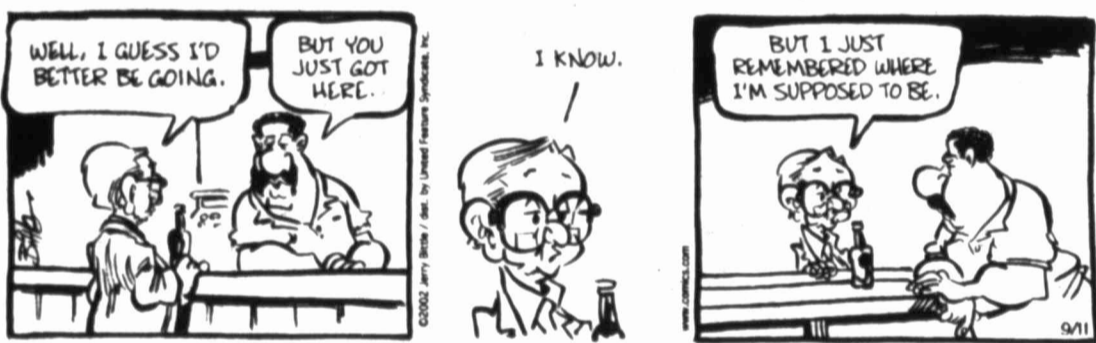
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This Date in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 11, the 254th day of 2002. There are 111 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One year ago, on Sept. 11, 2001, in the worst act of terrorism committed on U.S. soil, two hijacked jetliners crashed into New York's World Trade Center, causing the twin towers to fall and killing more than 2,800 people; a commandeered jetliner smashed into the Pentagon, claiming 189 victims; and a fourth plane with 44 passengers and crew crashed in western Pennsylvania as the passengers apparently fought with the hijackers.

On this date: In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1885, author D.H. Lawrence was born in Eastwood, England.

In 1936, President Franklin Roosevelt dedicated Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) by pressing a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelectric generator in Nevada.

In 1941, Charles A. Lindbergh sparked charges of anti-Semitism with a speech in which he said "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" were trying to draw the United States into World War II.

In 1944, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill met in Canada at the second Quebec Conference.

In 1962, the Beatles made their first record for EMI, "Love Me Do" and "P.S. I Love You," at EMI studios in London.

In 1971, former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev died at age 77.

In 1972, the troubled Munich Summer Olympics ended.

In 1973, Chilean President Salvador Allende died in a violent military coup.

Ten years ago, Hurricane "Iniki" struck Hawaii, leaving at least five people dead and more than 10,000 homes damaged or destroyed.

President Bush announced he was approving the sale of 72 F-15 jet fighters to Saudi Arabia.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betsy Drake is 79. Actor Earl Holliman is 74. Movie director Brian De Palma is 62. Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Grateful Dead) is 59. Singer-musician Leo Kottke is 57. Actor Reed Birney is 48. Musician Jon Moss (Culture Club) is 45. Actor Scott Patterson is 44. Actress Kristy McNichol is 40. Actress Virginia Madsen is 39. Actress Roxann Dawson is 38. Musician-composer Moby is 37. Singer Harry Connick, Jr., is 35. Rock musician Bart Van Der Zeeluw (K's Choice) is 34. Actress Laura Wright is 32. Rock musician Jeremy Popoff (Lit) is 31. Singer Brad Fischetti (LFO) is 27. Rapper Mr. Black is 25. Actor Ryan Slattery is 20.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with the words: PIAP, BAAS, DPLUS, OSLO, ARTE, RUIERS, ETAL, BUTY, ILINE, MONKEYBUSINESS, SOFA, FAKE, PALOMA, MOMS, SEA, STEN, CHER, TOMES, HOWGREATTHOUART, ANISE, SOHO, TRIO, WEA, AUTO, LIIFYER, ALE, CIVIL, ANCIENTHISTORY, VADUZ, IBID, TRUE, IRATE, NANA, ELSA, PEKES, GRAY, DYER.

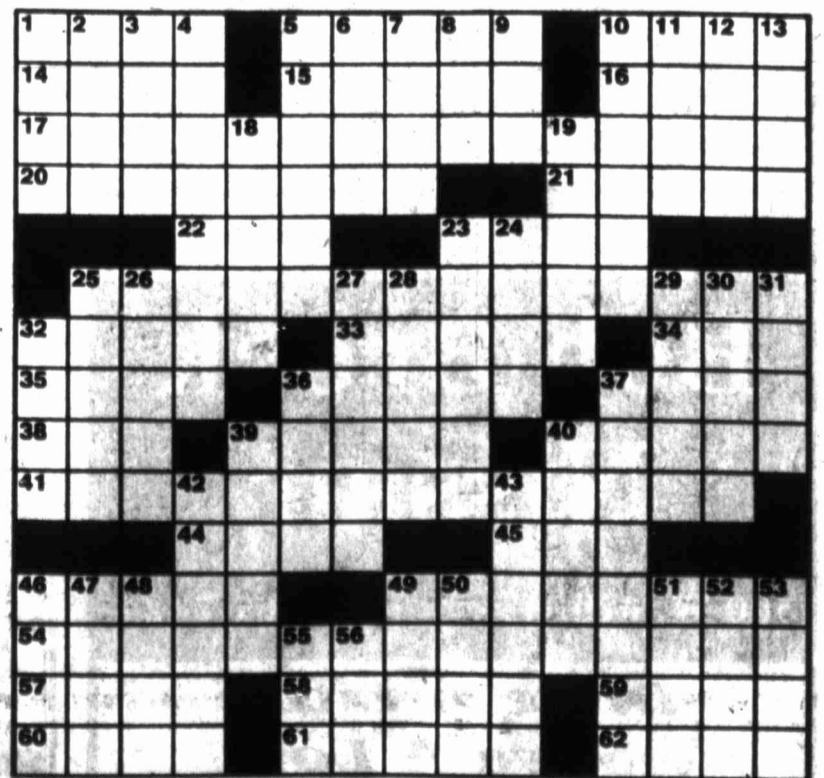
Newsday Crossword

HARVEST TIME by Merle Baker
Edited by Stanley Newman

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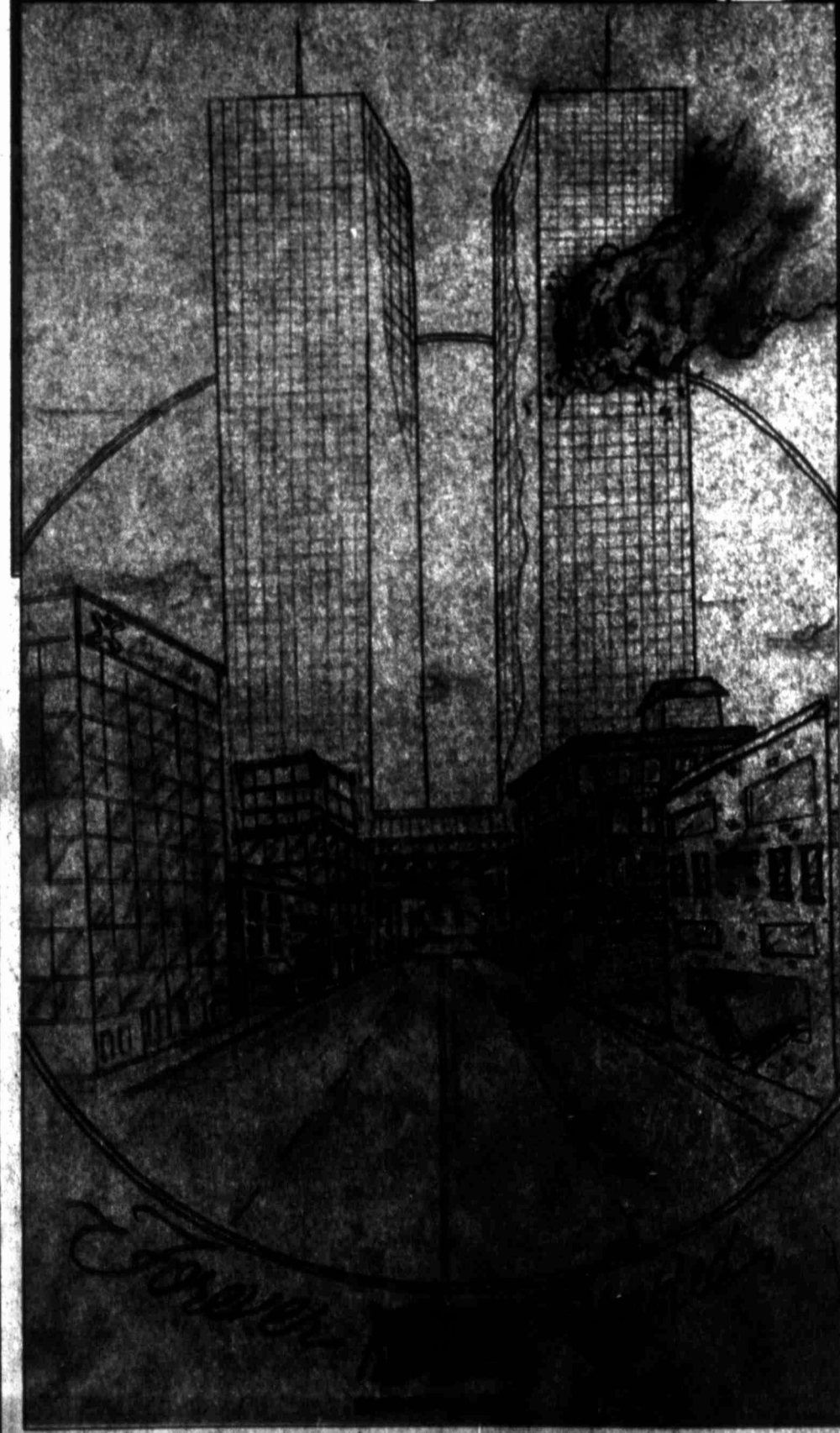
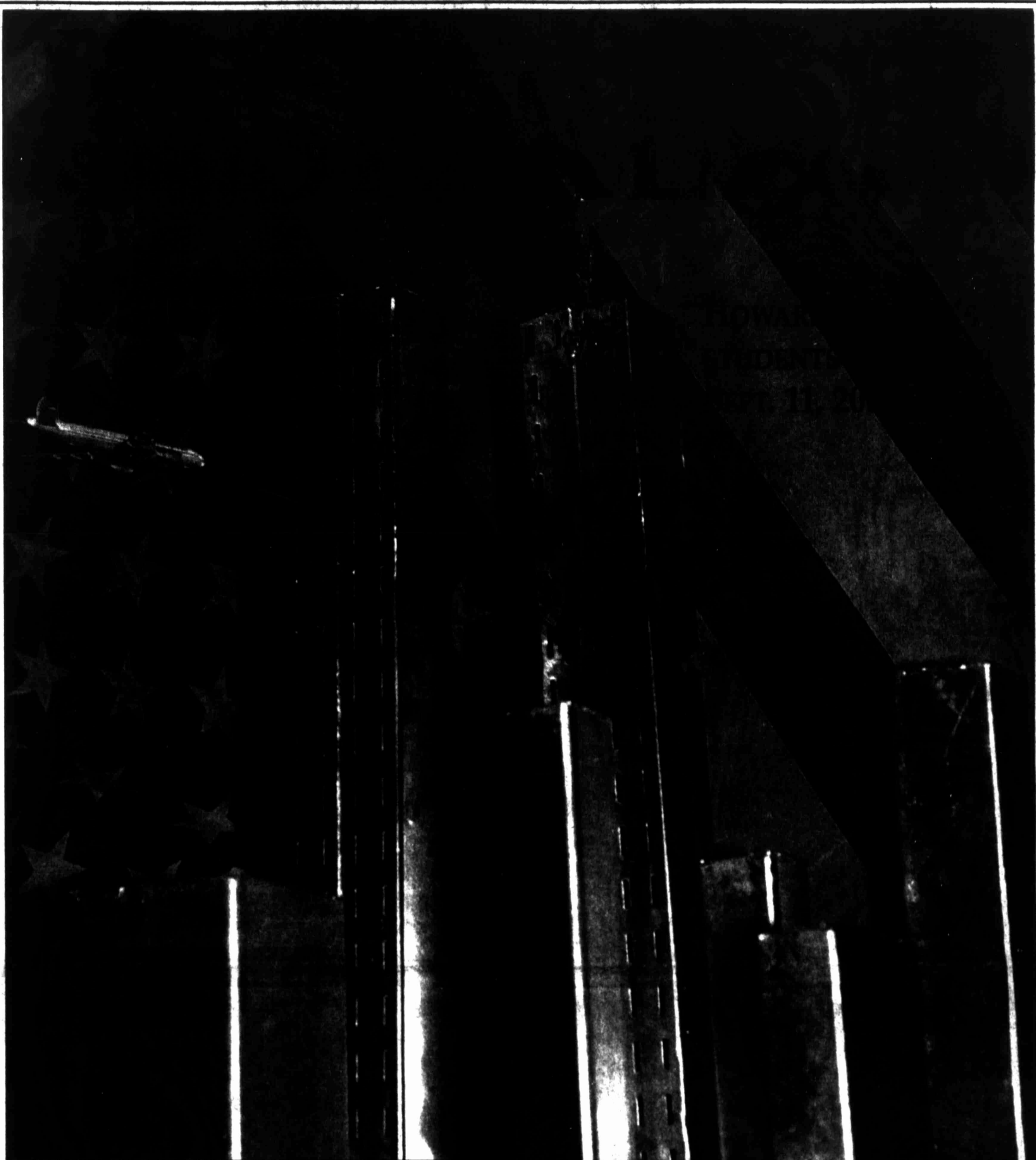
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THE WINNERS:

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Impressive is the only term to use in describing the winning entries in the Sept. 11 Art and Essay Contest sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald* and Wells Fargo Bank.

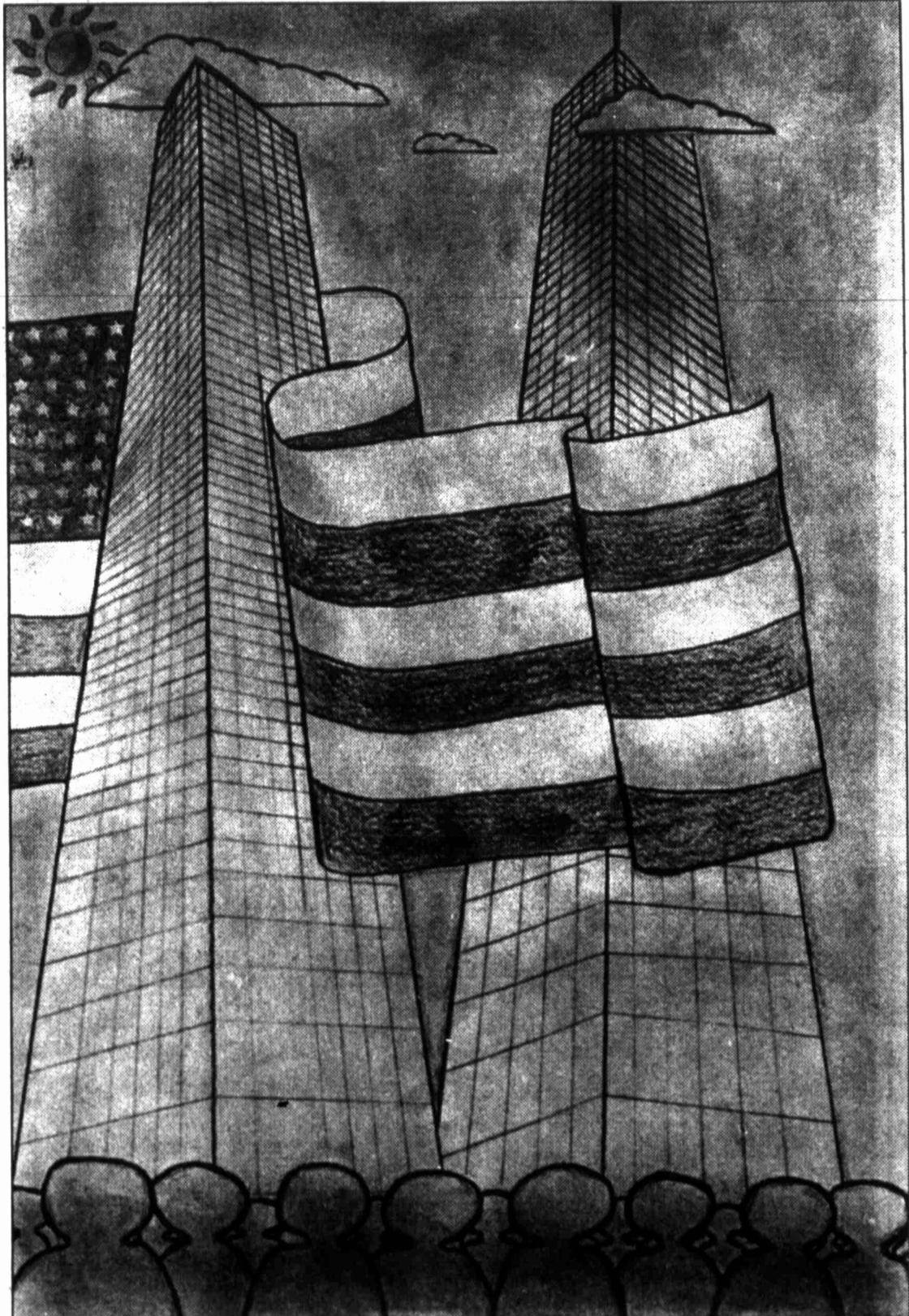
More than 2,000 art entries from students in grades K-12 and perhaps as many as 200 essays written by junior high and high school students taxed the capabilities of the contest's judges, but the best clearly stood out.

Forsan High School students claimed first place in both the art and essay categories in their division — Levi Johnson, penning his paper for a World History assignment, providing insight far beyond his years with his essay, while Mike Daniels' pencil drawing depicting the World Trade Center prior to the second jet's crash rivets the eye.

The same can be said for the first-place entry in the junior high school art division. Forsan seventh grader Robert Hooper's metal sculpture of the twin towers just prior to the second crash has been a source of amazement for virtually all who've seen it.

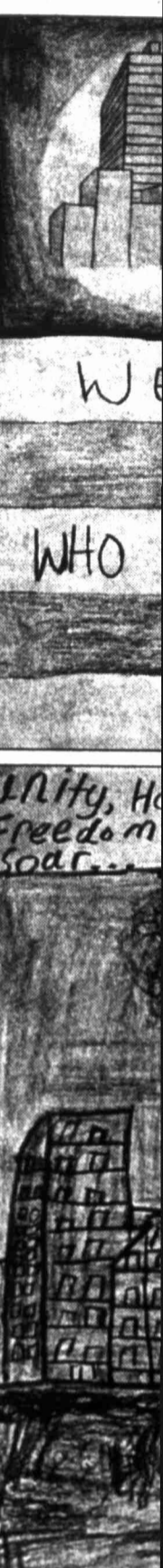
Big Spring Junior High School seventh grader Ashley Rudd was judged to have written the best essay in their division, but there was little difference between her work and that of second-place winner Jessica Pittman, an eighth grader from Coahoma, and third-place honoree Crystal Ward, another seventh grader from Big Spring. All three were not only excellent writers, but had clearly spent a great deal of time analyzing what took place on Sept. 11, 2001, and what it meant to them then and how it affects them today.

See **WINNERS**, Next Page



ON THE COVER:
The metal sculpture of Forsan Junior High's Robert Hooper was a first-place winner, as was the pencil drawing of the World Trade Center's twin towers by Forsan High School's Mike Daniels and the "broken heart" drawing of Goliad sixth grader Laura Viera.

THIS PAGE:
Clockwise from top left, Big Spring High School student John Giles' second-place drawing; Big Spring Junior High School eighth grader Jacob Cortez' depiction of the twin towers; and Moss Elementary School student Caleb Pirkle's crayon drawing of a weeping American eagle.



THIS PAGE:
Third-place award-winning blue field (top left) and many elements.

WINNERS

Continued from Front Page

The high school essay division's second-place finisher was Forsan's Melody Riley, while third place went to Big Spring High School's Jessica Ray.

Big Spring High School senior John Giles had the second-place entry in the high school art division, while BSHS freshman Collin Carroll was third.

The runners-up in the junior high art division both came from Big Spring — Jacob Cortez providing an interesting depiction of the World Trade Center's towers for second place, while eighth-grade classmate Brent Holsenbeck grabbed third place with a silhouette of the twin towers with the Statue of Liberty in the foreground.

Clearly the most difficult division to judge was the elementary school art con-

test which drew more than 1,000 entries. Goliad student Laura Viera's depiction of an American flag and the twin towers inside a broken heart and placed on a cross earned first place. Moss third grader Caleb Pirkle's weeping American eagle fly-

ing across the flag garnered second place and Washington Elementary fourth grader Josh Rodriguez work entitled "Unity, Hope and Freedom Still Soar" was judged in third place.

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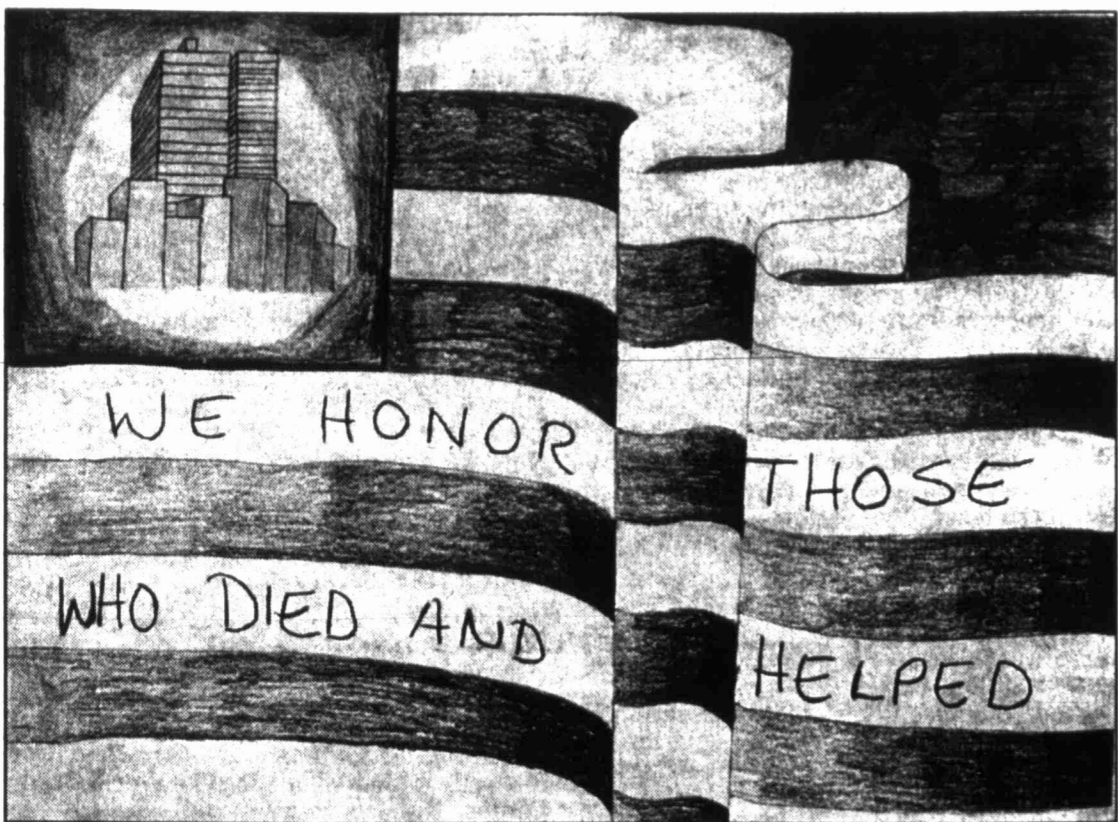
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Third-place award winners included: Big Spring High School freshman Collin Carroll's stylized American flag featuring the New York City skyline dominated by the twin towers on the blue field (top left); Big Spring Junior High School eighth grader Brent Holsenbeck's drawing of the silhouetted twin towers with the Statue of Liberty in the foreground (right); and the many elements of a piece that Washington Elementary School fourth grader Josh Rodriguez titled: "Unity, Hope & Freedom Still Soar..."

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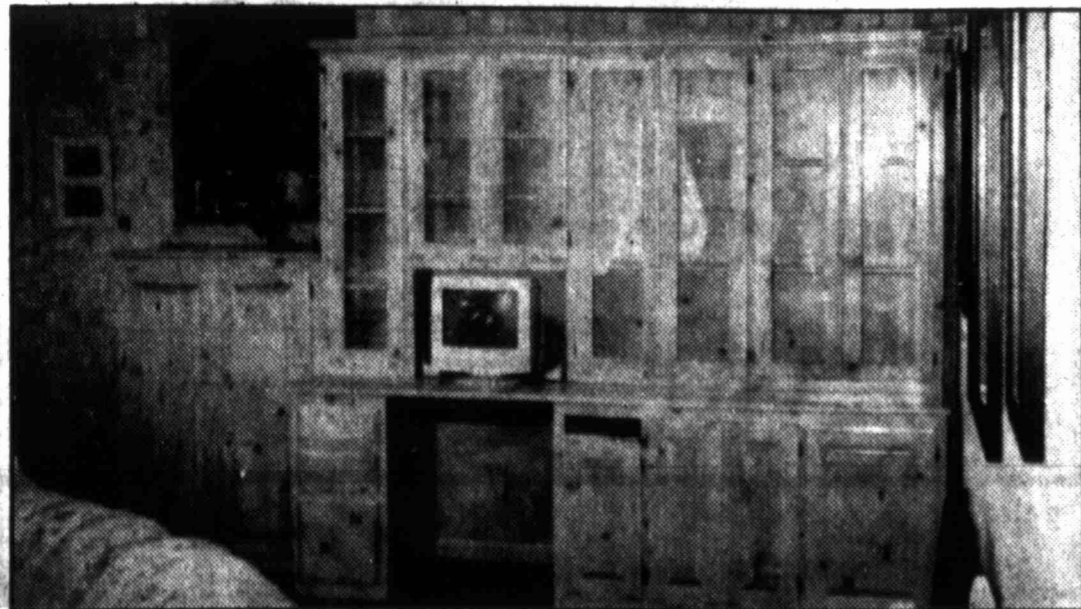
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TOP ESSAYS:

FIRST PLACE
HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION
Levi Johnson
Forsan High School

How could this happen here? Things like this only go on in other countries, not here! I don't understand. Why?

These were the thoughts that filled my mind as we went throughout that day. We had been attacked. Not by some other country, or a well-known group, but by a group that I had never heard of. Not only our borders but also our homes and lives were violated. Our schools no longer felt as safe. Our homes didn't feel invincible. You couldn't get away from it.



JOHNSON

I don't think anyone really understood the extent of the damage or loss of life until we started to hear the cries of the hurt and injured over the television.

I had gone with my class to another room to watch all the news reports. The teacher stood at the front of the room trying to help us make sense of what had happened. Replays of a jet flying into a skyscraper kept playing over and over. Eventually we had to go back to class. Habit was the only thing that got me through the rest of the day, slowly going from one class to the next. I felt numb, not really grasping what was going on around me.

I finally made it to the end of the day and swim practice. We started our workout and quietly talked to each other throughout the practice. Then a mother came in and said that gas prices were going up and that everyone needed to go fill up with gas before it got too high. Coach let us out and the upperclassmen ran to their cars to get to the gas stations to fill up. I don't really remember what I did that evening, but I do remember my family and I went to a revival at my church. There were lots of people there searching. Some searching for answers, others were still searching for the questions to the answers. There were a lot of discussions the next few weeks. We talked about what group was responsible for the attack, the new airport regulations and our feelings about what had happened and how we should deal with it. Slowly the discussions stopped, and so did the prayers, the silent moments and the news reports.

After Sept. 11, we all went through a period of mourning and pain, but we then started to heal and grow stronger. Flags started to appear in windows, on cars and on shirts. Through this tragedy we have become stronger and more united. A belief in our country is not enough, however, a belief in God is the only thing that can truly make us a great country. They may have taken lives, loved ones, and buildings, but America has taken unity, patriotism and strength from this.

SECOND PLACE
HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION
Melody Riley
Forsan High School

I would have loved to say that when I got up that fateful morning, I felt some sort of chills foretelling me what was to come. The truth is though, I got up like every other day.

School started out like every other school day did. I was griping about having homework in geometry during second period, when my teacher rushed in to the classroom and turned on the radio. We all stopped talking when we heard that the Twin Towers had been hit by a couple of planes. At first, I thought it was a big joke. It was not until I saw the pictures on the television during my next class that I realized the magnitude of the situation. I remember going into the bathroom and sitting against the wall and praying for all those people whose bodies would never be found. Somehow I made it through the day, but when I got home, I sat in my room and cried for people who would never see their loved ones again. I also cried for our country, for thinking that no one would ever hurt us again like they did at Pearl Harbor.



RILEY

That night I sat down and I had a long talk with my dad about what would probably happen. The one thing about that conversation that sticks out in my memory is when he said that we would more than likely go to war with them. It made me very happy at first to think they would pay the ultimate price for killing thousands of innocent people. As soon as I realized that I wanted them all to die, it made me remember that those kinds of thoughts had made them attack us in the first place.

I knew that even though a war would take the lives of more innocent people, it was still the right thing to do because if we didn't defend ourselves, the situation would only get worse instead of better.

It seems now that the shock of what happened has faded, we have tried to ignore the war that is going on around us. Everyone I see has started to gradually go back to taking what he or she has for granted. Before September 11th, one would not have found many flags on the car antennae, but now every time I go into town, I see that everyone has one. What I find most depressing is the fact that it took such a horrible thing to happen that made us realize how good we have it here.

Our country is like the fabled Phoenix who rose out of the fire and ashes. We who

should have been weakened by this blow have instead been made stronger. No matter what happens, our country stands together united. My countrymen have shown great love and compassion during it all. From the firefighters who gave their lives (to others that (directed) their own plane down to save lives other than their own, we have seen the Spirit of America. From the people all over the country who stood in hour-long lines to donate blood, to the doctors that worked practically non-stop to save hundreds of lives. Americans have shown a deep commitment to one another, and an everlasting love for our country. We are reminded every time we see our flag waving in the breeze how lucky we are to live here and be free.

In every generation, the world has produced enemies of human freedom. On September 11th, we saw the enemies of freedom at their very worst. We, as Americans, will stand strong together to defeat those who would try to bring us down.

THIRD PLACE
HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION
Jessica Ray
Big Spring High School

On Sept. 11, 2001, all of America was struck with fear when they realized how malicious people could be. On that morning people woke up to a nightmare: America was under attack. Fear swept the nation and in minutes we realized life would never be the same again.

I remember it all so clearly. Just entering second period, on what seemed to be an ordinary day, our teacher turned on her radio and simply said, "listen." We sat in shock as we heard two of America's most distinguished buildings, the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, had been hit, not by bombs, but by our own airplanes and already hundreds were dead. We sat anxiously through the day waiting for the end when we would finally watch the news and see what was happening. CNN was turned on and astonishment filled the room as we saw the destruction was worse than our wildest imagination.



RAY

Watching the news, I was overcome with emotions, as I felt bitter, confused, angry, sad and scared all at once. Our country was so astounded it seemed to just stop for a few days, and the terrorist probably believed they had won, but in just a matter of days we came back stronger and more united.

Although the goal of the attacks was to separate and bring us down, it actually unified. No longer did it matter whether you were black or white, Catholic or Baptist, young or old, as long as you were American. People finally saw how lucky we were to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave and patriotism filled everyone's hearts. Red, white and blue could be spotted everywhere and in order to purchase a U.S. flag, your name was put on a waiting list. Most importantly, "The Star Spangled Banner" once again brought a tear to each eye. Our country had been renewed because optimism was our key.

Over the past year the United States has once again proved to the world that we can overcome anything. With God on our side, and determination in our minds, failure is not an option. The most important thing we must always remember, in good times and in the bad is that the United States will forever be one nation, under God.

FIRST PLACE
JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION
Ashley N. Rudd
Big Spring Junior High

On Sept. 11, 2001, I awoke just as I had done for every other day to prepare for a day at school. The day was just as any day at school everyone was busy with all that was going on.

As I started to hear some of the events that had already taken place in New York City with the World Trade Center, I listened in disbelief. At first I began to think that this must be a drill of some kind.

I had even thought that someone must have misunderstood and that there was nothing really wrong because nothing like this could ever happen in the United States of America, not where we were raised to believe that our borders could not be penetrated.

As the day went on, I learned that the Trade Center towers had collapsed and had fallen to the ground and that a plane had even hit the Pentagon.

They started to tell of how many people had lost their lives.

All of the sudden I did not feel as safe or even secure. My world as I knew it had been shaken to the core and I was not sure that we were as unreachable as I had always thought. This only happens in the other countries, not in the United States of America.

I watched on the television later after I got home and to see the distraction, turmoil and the hurt on the people's faces as they watched the events unfold before them.

I couldn't help just sitting there and crying as I thought about the children that had gone to school that day in New York and about how many of them had seen their parents for the last time that morning when they said good-bye.

To those brave people on the airplanes that were used as a weapon against their own country and as a weapon to kill their own people. What could have been going

through their minds, as they knew that they were about to die and to take other human lives.

The people on the plane that made the very brave and fearless decision to fight and make a stand to show the terrorists that they were not afraid to die to preserve the lives of those they were going to be used as a weapon against.

What a brave people we are when we strive to stand together as one and face the challenges that are put before us as a country.

As I thought of all that had taken place, it brought me to tears and gave me a new understanding of what is truly important. Things like try to never leave with your last words being in anger, let the people that mean the most to you know how you really feel and always try to right what you know is wrong.

I believe now that I have a greater appreciation of having my mother, father and even my little sister to come home to and to talk with, love and be there for me.

I have also seen how this great nation of ours has pulled together as one and let the world know that we can't be shaken by any outsiders who are just trying to disrupt our way of life.

Though we still carry the pain in our hearts for those who lost their lives and for the brave men and women who were there to help, I know this for sure, all that the terrorist did that day was make us a stronger nation and a better people.

God Bless the United States of America!

SECOND PLACE
JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION
Jessica Pittman
Coahoma Junior High School

September 11, 2001, was tragic time in America's history. Many lives were lost and many hearts were broken.

Today we give remembrance in those who died on that very tragic day. Today many people look back and can see how their lives were changed by that day.

In America we have freedom of choice, freedom of religion and freedom of speech. Some people had taken that for granted but after 9/11 people saw how blessed they really were and now give thanks for life and freedom not just for money or fame.

Adults that were selfish and took for granted their family and friends now realize that the gift of God is more precious than anything money could buy.

Small children today do not really understand what has happened in our world that day. Children are like plastic, they are strong but if you pull too hard it will break.

Some children now realize that they have lived through history. Others know that this world will never be the same. It wasn't just the World Trade Center or the Pentagon, they hit America's pride.

We fought back and took the pain and now we won back our pride, justice, strength altogether.

On Sept. 11, 2001, I was in class and the teachers had been watching it on the news during first period and came back to the classrooms and told us about it. In the few hours of school that followed, we watched it some on the TV in the library.

When I got home I just wanted to scream so loud, but that wouldn't have changed anything. For months people went through funerals, searching for loved ones, praying for hope and trying to find forgiveness.

I will never forget that day. It changed my outlook on life. Before that I had my heart set on being rich and famous. Now after 9/11, I see that family, friends and a teaching career are even richer to me than money and fame.

September 11, 2001, changed America in more ways than we can ever imagine. People started going to church, we saw patriotism brought out in Americans and saw more Americans born.

When I think of how 9/11 changed me, I think it gave me a respect for life in general and a realization that we should live everyday at its fullest because we never know how it will end.

September 11, 2001 will never be forgotten, the people who risked their lives for other fellow Americans are heroes and their bravery will always be remembered. September 11, 2001, did change America.

We stood up, dusted off and have gone on. Now we can really say we are Americans (proud and in control).

THIRD PLACE
JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION
Crystal Ward
Big Spring Junior High School

I still remember vividly the morning of Sept. 11. I was finishing my breakfast and watching the news on television when they showed an airliner hitting the World Trade Center.

The newscasters seemed to think it was an accident, and then a second plane hit the second tower.

My family and I, and the rest of the world, knew then that America was under attack!

I then became extremely worried about my uncle who had just recently moved to the New York area only a week earlier.

He is a stock analyst for J.P. Morgan and we knew he was working in Manhattan, but didn't know which building he was in.

We knew it was also possible that he could have had some business dealings in the World Trade Center. My sister immediately sent him an e-mail to see if he was all right.

My mom didn't really have adequate time to call him because I had to be taken to school. When she dropped me off, she said she would notify me at school when she heard from my uncle.

Walking into school, I felt a bit frightened both about my uncle and about what else could happen to our country during that sorrowful day.

At school later that day we found out about the airliner that hit the Pentagon, as well as the plane that went down in Pennsylvania. I found out that the destination of most of the planes that crashed that day was to California. I also knew that my uncle could have been on one of the planes because he had been flying to California about every other week to see his daughter.

The teachers at our school let us watch the news that day on television. This was all very frightening and depressing.

My mom had tried all morning to get in touch with my uncle in Manhattan but couldn't get through. Finally, we received an e-mail from him informing us that he was fine. He could see the smoke coming from the WTC area because he was only a couple of miles away. He also knew that he would have trouble getting home because all of the trains were stopped.

At school that day, around two o'clock, I received a phone call from my mom letting me know that my uncle was fine.

After school, I immediately rushed to turn on the television to get updated on the news. This was so troubling. Our country was really under attack and we were going to war. It felt like a never-ending nightmare. I was also concerned about our local refinery. My mom had gone to fill up our car when she discovered extremely long lines at the gas pumps at all of the gas stations. Was there going to be a shortage of

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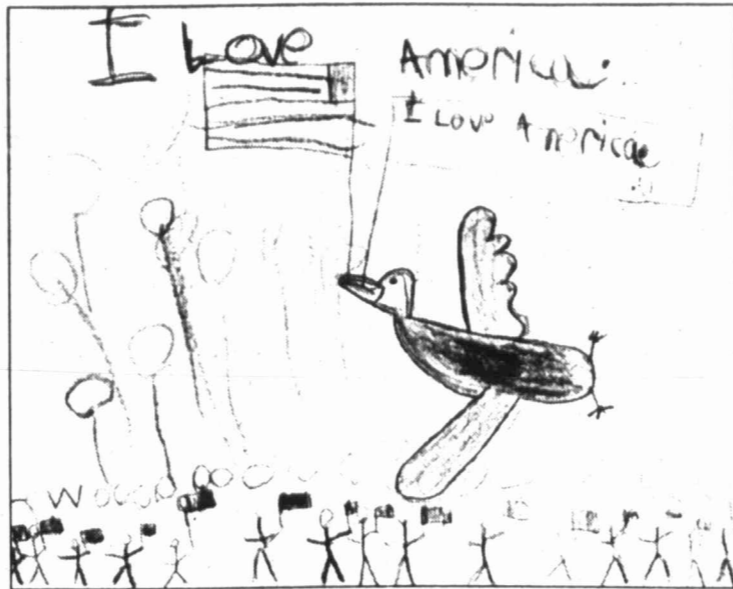
The day following Sept. 11, I received a very important phone call. A man at the country club in Odessa said that because of the tennis tournaments I had won during the summer, I had qualified for the Grand Prix Championship State Tennis Tournament, to be held in two weeks in New Braunfels, at John Newcombe's Tennis Ranch.

What a terrible time it was to get this news!

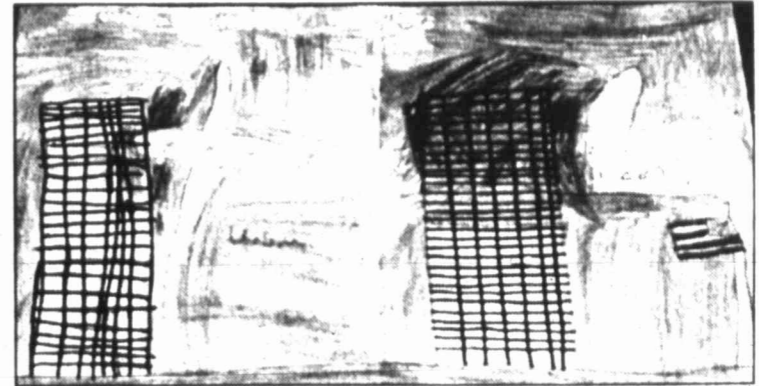
It was such an honor to get to go to the state tournament, but we were worried about a possible gasoline shortage, long lines and more attacks, so I decided not to participate in the tournament.

The man at the country club said several other kids had canceled for the same reason, so he understood.

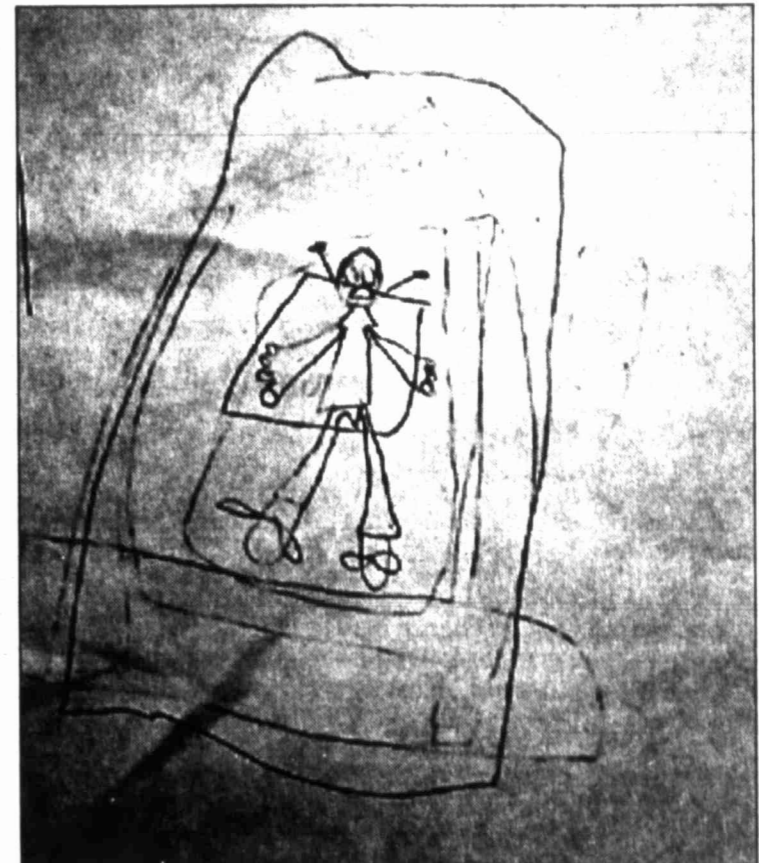
Things have settled down some since Sept. 11. Overall, I am relieved we have defeated the Taliban in Afghanistan, but terrorism will always be a problem in our society. I am very thankful that patriotism is shown more in the United States by citizens today, and our country has become more unified. I am also very appreciative of the U.S. Armed Forces that work so hard to protect this nation, and my cousin, who has decided to join the Marines after he completes high school. In addition, I am also thankful to see more prayers being offered for our government leaders.



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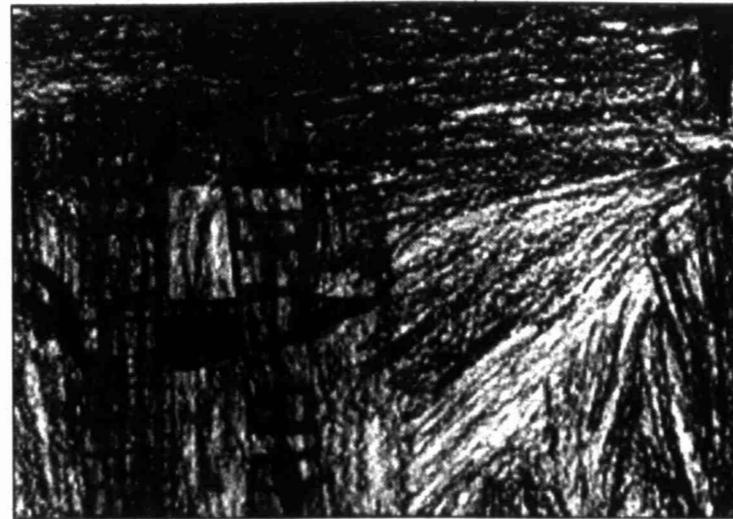
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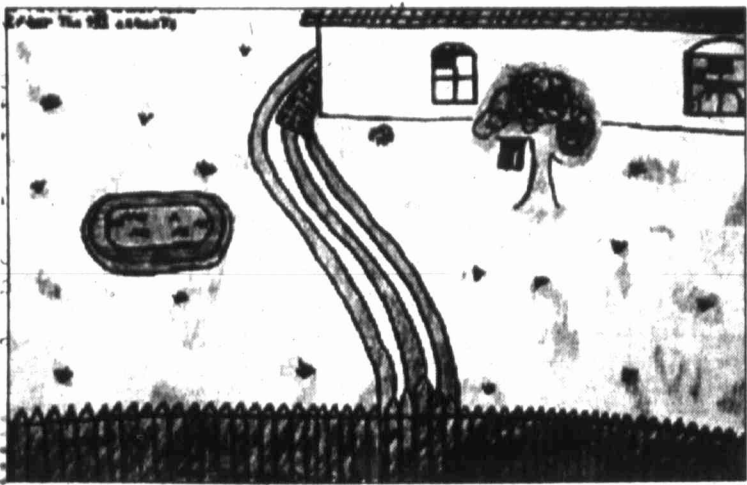
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Aaron Mendoza, Big Spring Junior High School

Junior High Division
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America is a free country where the people can choose their own religion, vote, or even complain to the government when they find something they don't like about the laws or something.

They can go to the countries they want to go to, or they can buy a ticket and fly to another city in another state. America is a place where the people are very supportive of their country. They will support America in this time of crisis.

The people that are trying to destroy this happiness will not be able to.

America is strong.

Whoever bombed the World Trade Centers will not get away with it.

"America Is Not in the Building, But in Our Hearts." America will stand strong against the terrorist and America will not be defeated because of the support that we show for it.

America will not be destroyed because it is in our hearts, not in our cities. America is a country that is full of patriots.

The world "Patriot" means "One Who Loves and Serves His Country."

That is what I think America is.

Junior High Division
Katelin Lyons
Coahoma Junior High

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, two hijacked airplanes hit the Twin Towers in New York City. Millions of people watched in horror as the towers fell to the ground, killing more than a thousand people.

Many firefighters, police officers and other people trapped inside the buildings were killed along with all the people inside of the airplanes.

That day has changed the lives of many people. I know it has mine.

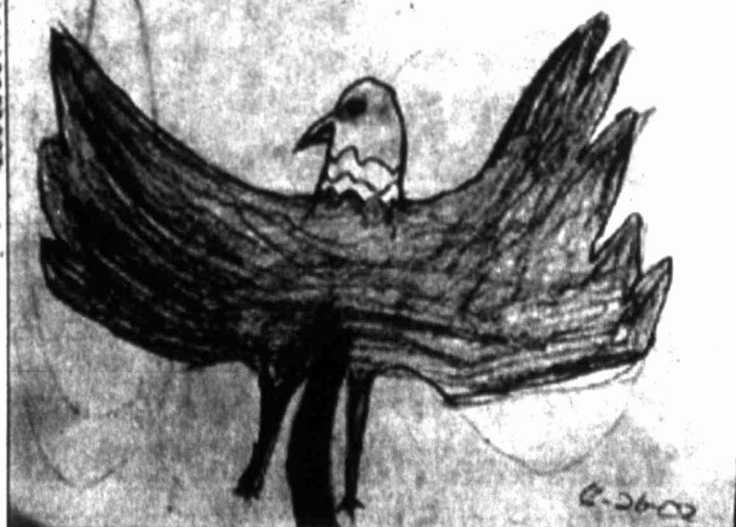
Whenever I think of all the innocent people that were killed and all the families that have had to suffer for this it really makes me sad.

The day after it had happened every channel was having a special about the loss of people and the Twin Towers. It really makes me sick to see how someone could act out with such hate and want to see everyone suffer for their actions.

September 11 made me realize that everyday is a blessing and to cherish the people you love and care for because you never know what could happen to them.

When people start doing things for the kids who lost their parents and for the workers at Ground Zero, it made me feel a lot better. Our school helped by sending teddy bears to New York.

As the anniversary of 9-11 comes around, I want to remember all the people who lost their lives, those who died trying to save them and to remember the families of the victims.



Alex Trevino, Big Spring Junior High School

Junior High Division
Alex Newsom
Forsan Junior High

September 11th was an infamous day. It was a national tragedy. It is a day I will never forget.

That morning at 6 a.m. mom dragged me out of bed as usual. I ate breakfast and went back to bed after I put on my clothes. Mom had to get me up again, just like every day, but it wasn't.

When I got to school I went to Mrs. Patterson's class for English, then Mrs. Light for reading and then Mr. Lindell for social studies.

It wasn't until activity period that I found out about the unforgettable event.

I was sitting in Coach Hay classroom working on a mathematics page when she suddenly said, "Oh my gosh, someone bombed the World Trade Center!"

I was thinking something along the lines of, "What is going on? Do we get to go home? Is this bad?" It wasn't until she said, "Oh no, they hit the Pentagon, too!" that my heart sank.

I remember thinking, "Oh no, oh no, this can't be good! Who did this? Are they the same people who bombed the World Trade Center?"

After school I learned more about what was happening in our nation. I watched the news channel (for the first time ever) and learned that someone I now know as a terrorist committed this terrible crime against our country. His name was Osama Bin Laden (who at the time I thought was Oh son of Ben Laden.)

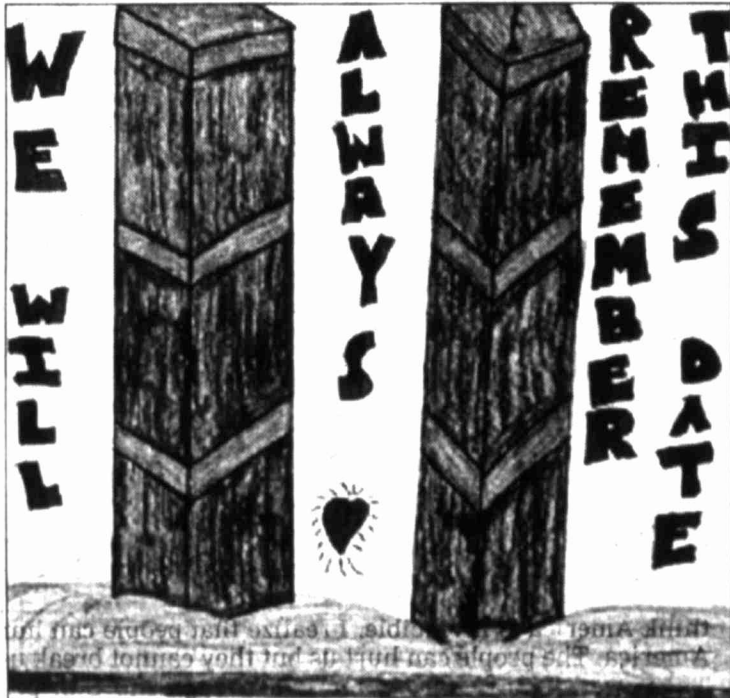
He had a bunch of his followers hijack planes, kill thousands of innocent civilians and it was all to express his own fanatic beliefs.

Once I learned all the facts I just could not believe anyone would do something that horrendous no matter how much they dislike us.

I thought about all the people who died. All the wives that were now widows. All the children who no longer had parents. All the people who lost loved ones and I felt angry, sad and deeply hurt all at the same time.

I still don't completely understand why Bin Laden committed this awful crime on our country, but I did learn something important through 9-11. I know why America is different from other countries.

Americans can pull together so powerfully that no one can break us. I also know no that we will fight back.



Allison Ward, Big Spring Junior High School

Junior High Division
Kaitlin Jones
Coahoma Junior High

You know, they say that when the sun sets, there's this one still moment. Where nothing moves, speaks, or even breathes.

I believe that that one still moment happened. Happened the day of September, 11, 2001.

America was destroyed that day, the World Trade Center was destroyed. I know I live in Big Spring, Texas, but I believe that everything became still when those planes were headed for the windows of workers. We may have not known it, but it happened.

I think the only thing you could hear was the crash of the planes into the Twin Towers. When lives were destroyed, when children lost their parents or grandparents. When family lost their loved ones, when America was destroyed.

It was a normal day on September 11, 2001, or it started out as one.

Everybody was working. Everybody was in school and people were even probably in bed asleep.

Nobody knew that something was headed for them, something that would destroy their lives forever.

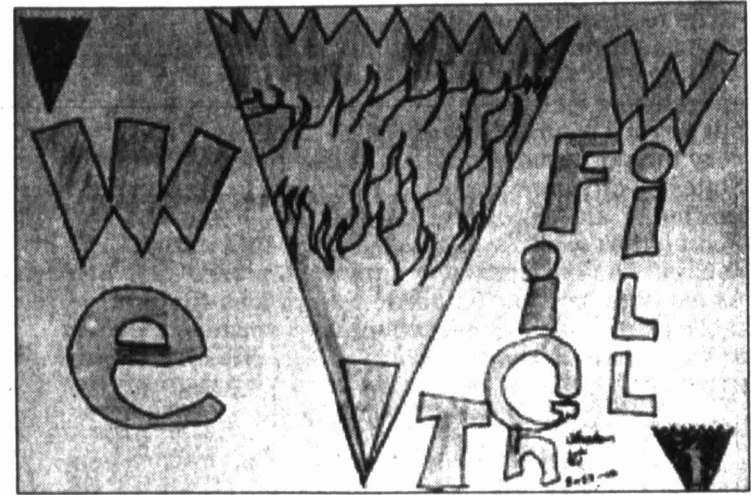
Until 9:30 a.m. when America changed. Two planes were headed for the Twin Towers. And that's when time got

slower. When the planes hit, time stopped. When hearts stopped, time stopped. When the Twin Towers fell, everything was still.

While lives were being destroyed, children in Big Spring were in school learning. When the news came on, telling people about the World Trade Center, I believed that's when Big Spring experienced that one still moment. It was all over America by the end of the day. But in New York City, firemen were still searching for survivors. They did find some survivors but not many.

Firemen, women and men died that day and many children were left. But I believe if we all stick together and believe that God would help those children through the pain that they are going through, America will stay strong.

We all have experienced that one still moment now. And now you can tell your children that there is such thing as the moment. On sunsets and on September 11.



Abraham Soto, Big Spring Junior High School

Junior High Division
Chelsea Watts
Coahoma Junior High

On that tragic day when terrorists attacked my country and the firefighters saved the people in my country. When America's heart was broken, when people lost their loved ones in my country. The people on the fourth plane who saved others lives in my country.

The people who were scared in my country. The Lady who ran all the way down the tower in my country and for all the brave people who gave their lives for others...

Will never be forgotten, this day will always be remembered.

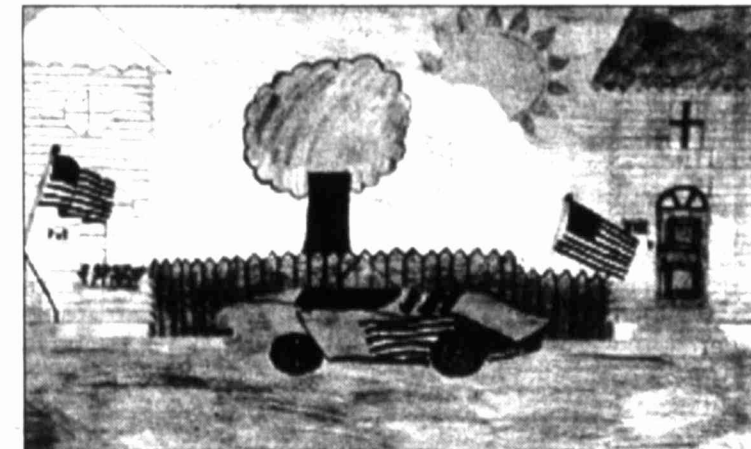
Junior High Division
Callie Paige
Coahoma Junior High

The terrorist attacks on Sept. 11th opened my eyes to see that our country is vulnerable to attacks from countries that hate our government's foreign policy. The overall feeling that America the Great was untouchable was dealt a severe blow.

These Muslim extremists are very hard to defend against because they are convinced that they will go to heaven if they die while performing a terroristic attack against anyone who they believe is evil.

The trouble in the Middle East between Israel and the Muslims was their motivation for the September 11th attack. The thing that made me sick was that they took it out on completely innocent and defenseless citizens in New York, instead of someone that could fight back.

The pain and suffering these people in New York suffered cannot be described with words. Hopefully our government can find a way to stop these terrorist without taking away our freedoms.



Alyssa Mattson, Big Spring Junior High School

Junior High Division
Shannon Hall
Coahoma Junior High

On the day of September 11th, 2001, something horrific happened. This thing will change the United States forever.

The morning started out like normal. I had P.E. 1st period. Then I would go to history for 2nd period. Our teacher was running a little late as usual and that's when my friends and I would talk about what happened the night before.

Finally our teacher came in and he had this annoyed look on his face. He stopped and looked at us and very hurriedly he said, "We're under attack!"

At that moment, my heart dropped and at the same time it stopped. At that moment my life changed forever.

Late that month, I saw a change in the school. Enemies became friends with each other and best friends became closer together.

When I saw this it was like a dream come true. It seemed like this because there was no fighting or people being gripped out. To me it wasn't just one state coming together. It brought all of us together.



Junior High Division
Nick Denton
Coahoma Junior High

The day that I was born, I was born in a world that was clear. While I was growing up, I was in a world where going to school was my heart. I remember when they heard the news about the price of gas.

When I found out that the world was changing, I was in a world where I had to choose to give up my freedom where brain was used to be great.

When America would bring closure for a little while to live with.

Junior High Division
Courtney De
Coahoma Junior High

When the world changed, that could be of this is our family.

Everyone is that day after school and babies.

We are a million prayers to God to be back to the world I wished was there. But life will go on and we will fight to help get it back.

High School
Bryan Stokes
Big Spring High School

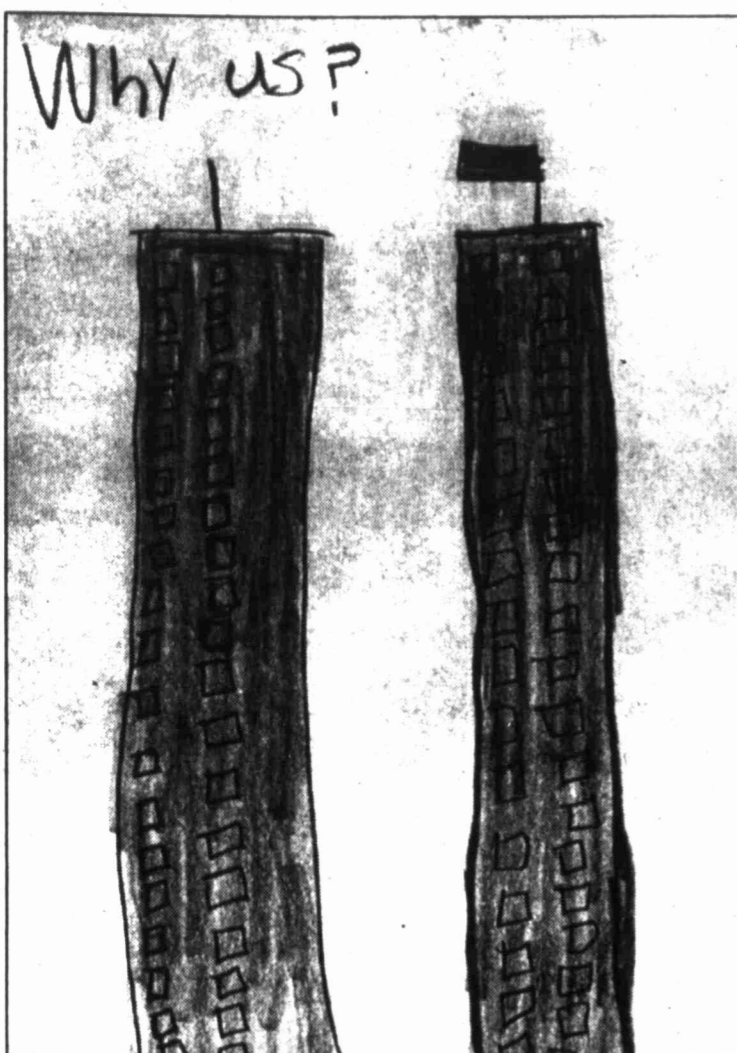
The events of the world as we know it.

When the evening news reports a thing to do with the news that this tragedy were not allowed to go on and made every nation united from the major places.

I wonder if life is better now. One year has never been the same. Days call for a major building session.

Also, airplanes that I can walk worry about the world.

A large advertisement for Chrysler Jeep Dodge. It features two American flags on either side of the text. The text reads: "America Will Prevail", "All American", "CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE", "of Big Spring", "502 East FM 700 • Big Spring, Texas • 915-264-6677".



Malorie Parederz, Forsan Junior High School

Junior High Division
Nick Denton
Coahoma Junior High School

The day that the tragic event happened, I remember saying to myself that's what will it be like when the smoke clears. While I was saying this I didn't know that the towers were going to fall, but watching them go down, so did my heart. I remember all the people hurrying to get gas, cause they heard that the owners were going to raise the price of gas.

When I found out that people in Afghanistan were the people who were responsible, I was mad at all of them. It wasn't all of them who did it. It was the men who chose to give their lives for a stupid cause. That they were brain washed, they been fooled that there after lives would be great and rewarded.

When America started to strike back I thought that it would bring closure to the subject. It only made me happy for a little while but I then found out that there is still pain to live with.

Junior High Division
Courtney Dees
Coahoma Junior High School

When the terrorists attacked on September 11th, my world changed. To think, someone would do this. I thought that could of been me or my family. You have to think that this is our family that died on 9/11.

Everyone is related eventually to everyone else. I cried that day after school thinking of all the men, women, children and babies that died. But we need to stick together.

We are a million times stronger if we stick together. I prayed to God that I would wake up and everything would be back to the way they were. But when I woke up nothing I wished was there.

But life will go on and we will survive. We will live and fight to help get this over.

High School Division
Bryan Stokes
Big Spring High School

The events of September 11 have changed my life and the world as we know it.

When the events first happened, I was shocked. I wondered how a nation like us got hit like this. I watched the news reports all day. Every Channel I turned to had something to do with what had happened. I remember hearing the news that there would be no sports for the whole week.

This tragedy brought are nation to a stand still. People were not allowed to board airplanes for days. They also went and got gas, fearing prices would sky rocket. This made every national monument a target. People being evacuated from the Sears Towers, White House and any other major places.

I wonder if life would be the same again. One year has almost past now and I can see things will never be the same again. Security at any major event these days calls for high security. To go to a ball park or any major building requires screens of everything in your possession.

Also, airplanes are safer due to 9/11. I feel good knowing that I can walk into an airport seeing that I don't have to worry about this happening again. Even though it takes

extra hours to get on a plane.

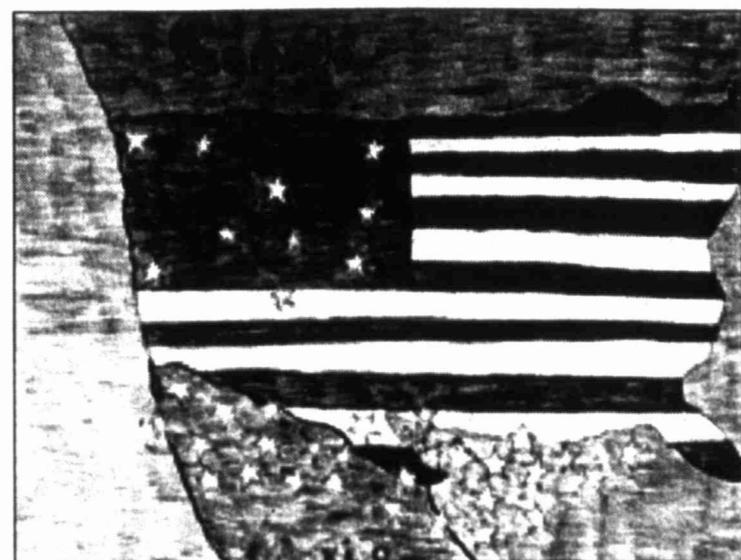
I was shocked when instead of everybody running being scared, that they bonded together and helped out their fellow Americans. The nation got together to comfort one another.

I remember being able to walk down the street to see an American flag at almost every house. This showed that America was still strong and brave. The next Saturday when sports resumed, I remember watching Texas A&M on T.V. The fans before the game got together to make three columns and in each column the people were wearing red, white and blue.

Another thing I remember seeing on T.V. were the pictures of people looking for their lost loved ones. Knowing that under the concrete were parents, aunts, uncles and grand-parents. Many people would not be able to say goodbye to them. From these attacks hurt our economy.

People would not fly planes. This cost the airline business lots of dollars. Gas and other items went up in price.

Now I think of the sacrifices we have made to stay free. The nation has seen a loss of life and money due to this. Some U.S. Marines lost their lives to help us stay free. This means a lot to me that some people would put their lives on the line for their country. Our president helped through this horrible time. Even though we are now at war with terrorism a year later. I believe this is a better good for all of us.



Amber Simer, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Jeff Flentge
Big Spring High School

What happened September 11th was one of the greatest tragedies that ever happened to the United States of America. It struck fear and sorrow in the hearts of every single person that is an American.

When I first heard about it, I really didn't think anything of it. I realized the greatness of this when our school held an assembly to tell us what in the world was going on. Tears came to my eyes when the reality of the thing hit me. That was a terrible day in my mind. In every single one of my classrooms, the teachers had the radios on so we could hear the story unfold.

The terrorists that did this tried to make America fall. America did not fall, we only got stronger.

As the day progressed, I could not believe how people started to show their pride for America. No longer do I think America is invincible. I realize that people can hurt America. The people can hurt us but they cannot break us. There were many scares that shot though the U.S. post September 11th such as anthrax or how stable our economy is.

We persevered and we will go on with the American Way of life and no one will take that from us. No one.

That great tragedy did change my life. It changed the way I felt. I gained more pride in America than I ever had. I don't think I have ever seen so much Red, White and Blue in my short life. Everywhere you go you see those three colors or even better your see the American Flag. There are all kinds of races in the United States, but lately there has been just one, American.

I know I am going to celebrate September 11th. I'm not going to party but it is a year later and America is stronger than every before.

I will pray for every American that lost their life in the World Trade Centers and for every American soldier who has lost their life in Afghanistan. I wasn't effected by this directly, but a friend of mine lost her boyfriend in Afghanistan. He had been missing in action until yesterday when they found his body.

I didn't lose anybody when the WTC's collapse or on the plane that fell in Pennsylvania, but the loss of their lives, innocent people who didn't deserve what they got is wrong. I don't know if I will do anything physically to change things or to help out, like joining the Army, but I am proud to be an American and will do whatever I can to help. America reacted in a good way to what happened.

In my mind we haven't done anything wrong as a country in the last year. We are going to stand our ground. I believe that the American war on terrorism is great and anybody who thinks of doing harm to America should be and needs to be scared. I remember exactly where I was and what I was doing when the radio said an airplane has

just flown into the World Trade Center. That is a memory I don't think I will ever forget.

The Taliban, who was held responsible for this, is just the first target of America. We will no doubt defeat them and go on and defeat the next. I do feel America can be attacked again, but I think people are too afraid to attack us again. They are watching what has happened to the Taliban and they have fear in their hearts and in their mind.

I feel September 11th should be a national holiday, not to celebrate what happened that day, but how strong America got after that happened.

I am proud as can be to be an American. God Bless America.



Andrew Lopez, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Britney Griffin
Big Spring High School

I was sitting in class when I heard the news. At first no one believed what happened cause the news was brought by another student getting to class late. Everyone though he was joking and started to laugh.

It wasn't until about 9:45 a.m. on September 11th when we found out the news the student delivered was true.

I remember being very sad and confused as to what and why it had happened. Many students wanted to know more, so we went down to the library in our school to watch CNN on T.V. As we watched the news, you could see the second plane hit the other tower. It was horrifying to see how four hijackers could take so many innocent lives, all for what reason, we may never know.

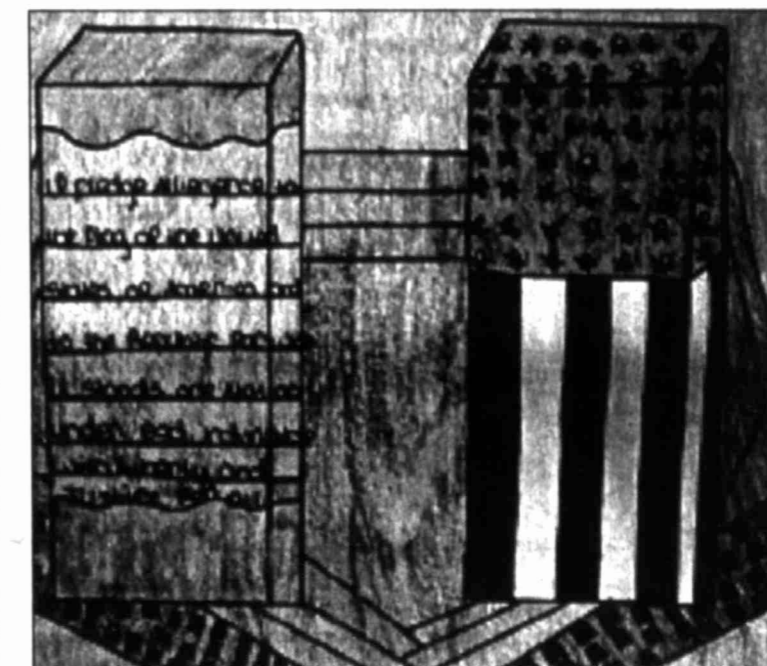
That day many school events were canceled as precautions and to allow people to calm down and adjust to what happened as the school grew quiet. That day changed many lives forever. I feel that the attacks on September 11th were the beginning but certainly not the end of terrorists attacks on the U.S.

The attacks have brought many people not only closer to each other but closer to God. What happened that day made me realize how important my life is and how happy I am to be where I am and have the friends and family I do.

It's very tragic how many people lost loved ones. I was very fortunate that none of my loved ones were lost or injured in the attacks, but for the families who did, it doesn't matter whether the people responsible are caught and punished by government officials or if they are ever caught.

One day they will have to stand up before God and be judged for what they did whether right or wrong. It will be then that the victims and their families will get justice and be able to live in peace knowing that justice has been served.

I feel we were all victims just by being U.S. citizens, but to the victims in the attacks and to their families to do and that is to pray to God to help you through everyday. I have learned from my own experiences that God answers your prayers in miraculous ways.



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"9-11-01"

My great-grandmother has lived through every major conflict in the 20th century and now in the 21st. Although she has seen all of the other wars, then the terrorist hijacked the four planes on 9-11 she was truly shocked.

In her own words, "W will never know the kind of freedom we had before Sept. 11."

No doubt, the events of 9-11-01 have changed the way that we go about our daily routine. People are more cautious now than ever before. We are wary because we had never known an attack on American soil.

The idea that someone would dare to attack the United States was preposterous. We are untouchable, so we thought.

Flight 93 loaded its 37 passengers at Newark International Airport. Thirty-three of those passengers were headed to the west coast for meetings or vacations.

The other four passengers were members of the Al Qaeda terrorist group.

Using knives the terrorists took control of the plane and steered it towards the capital or the White House.

Luckily there were five passengers that intended not to let the terrorists succeed. Todd Beamer, Lou Nocke, Mark Bingham, Jeremy Glick and Sandy Bradshaw all joined forces to foil the hijackers.

But as luck would have it the plans of the terrorists failed but our heroes died with them.

Mohammed Atta boarded flight 11 in Boston bound for Los Angeles a little before 8 a.m. on 9-11-01.

But instead of flying to Los Angeles Mohammed hijacked the plane and flew it into the north tower of the World Trade Center. Mohammed was a member of Al Qaeda and he was a suicide bomber.

Around 9:05 a.m. the occupants of the White House were told to run for their lives.

Flight 77 seemed to be out of control and was circling the Pentagon area. Shortly thereafter the plane smashed into the Pentagon killing those on board and many inside the Pentagon.

This was the third plane to crash into a major building. Shortly before the occupants of the White House were ordered to evacuate, flight 175 had crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center.

I myself cannot think of a more tragic event in American history than that of Sept. 11, 2001.

We need to echo these words — "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." JFK

High School Division
James Mills
Big Spring High School

Its been almost a year since that fateful day on Sept. 11. Yet feelings of fear, anger and confusion.

I can tell you this from experience because I felt all three of those emotions as I watched the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and the Twin Towers.

I was first consumed with fear for my father's safety. He was scheduled to fly that day. Then I felt anger towards the culprits for taking the lives of so many innocent people and

ruining many others. The people in those buildings weren't just employees and business men and women, they were mothers, fathers and grandparents.

But in remembrance of the victims we should try to move on and hope the hurt doesn't come back.

High School Division
Jennifer Alvarez
Big Spring High School

There were thousands of victims and images of destruction. War had come to America with terrible devastating suddenness.

Together we mourn the many victims of Sept. 11. Beyond the feeling of grief, the country is very mad.

Developing an appropriate response to the tragic events of Sept. 11, is very hard for us Americans. The war within the country's border has been very difficult for all of us.

Everybody wants peace. On Sept. 11, the whole entire country changed. We all came together. We were a united country.

The people who gave of themselves to go to the scene did not ask who were those they rescued.

We aided in the larger group that we all belong to — the human group.

On Sept. 11, I was at school and half the day went by. By noon we were sent to the auditorium to watch the news, to be informed about the situation.

At first I was confused. I had no idea of what was happening. I did not understand the fact about people killing others in such a hateful way.

Why did the terrorists do what they did? It was a very sad day for me, or I should say the whole entire nation.

After school I sort of had an idea of what had happened to us. The rest of the day I watched the news at home with my parents.

We were sitting just waiting to see what else would happen. I believe many of us were very scared throughout the days after Sept. 11.

I cannot start to imagine how frightened the people in New York were. Being there, where everything had actually happened.

Seeing the Towers would be the worse thing I could of ever see.

The only positive aspect that come out of Sept. 11, was our unity. We helped and supported each other like we have never have before.

Everyone loves our country so much more now. I hope nothing so devastating will happen to our country again. I believe we all learned something about life after Sept. 11.

I did.

High School Division
Kassie Rubio
Big Spring High School

On Sept. 11, many tragic things happened. Thousands were injured and many were even killed.

The terrorist attacks on us have scared us for life. All the sadness has filled the world and can never be forgotten.

It destroyed the most populated and used buildings in New York and caused several people to lose jobs at the buildings of which they worked in.

The two buildings, the Twin Towers, were the main center of attraction in New York.

This date will never be forgotten and will go further on in history as the years pass by.

Many people lost their families and will now have to live without that special person in their life because of the terrorist attacks.

Due to the attacks in New York security has tightened up a lot, especially in airports.

In airports security has been tripled. No one but the person may fly enter or go anywhere near the gates to send off a family member or a friend.

The checking of luggage is more paid attention to. Security checks your cars also before you enter to park to so if you have anything that is not allowed on airport grounds.

The attacks made things like this that were not necessary before, but are now. Also, security is tighter in places other than the airport.

It is tighter in places other than the airport. It is tighter almost anywhere you go.

The attacks were implied to affect us in a different way but instead unified our nation. People from everywhere have come together to help our with whatever they could.

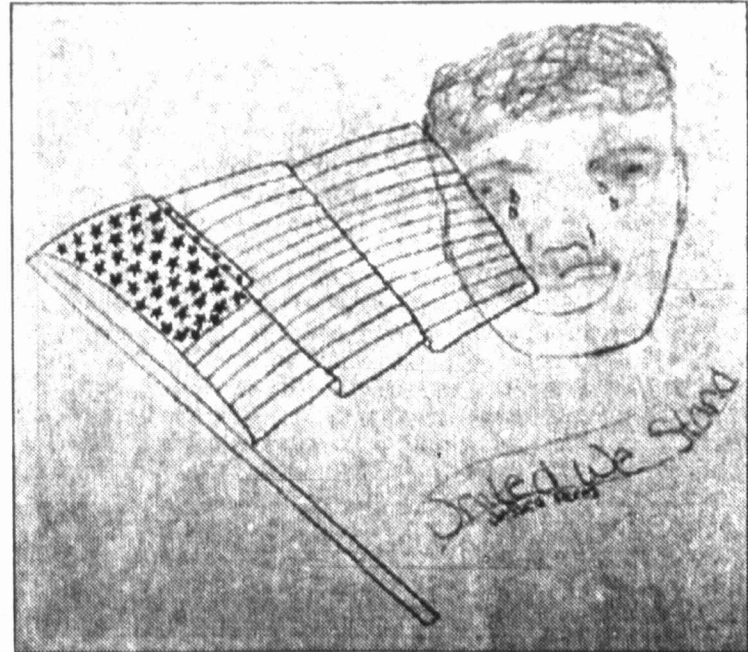
Whether it be to look for people under all the debris or to send comfort to those who suffered from the loss of a loved one. The morning of the attacks millions of people were in complete shock.

Nobody would ever have expected for anything like this to happen. Now what are we to think? People don't know what to think — is this going to happen again?

What will we do next time? Will we be able to go through another tragic and shocking attack?

These are questions that many people are assumed to ask themselves everyday.

The tragedy of Sept. 11, was a very hard time. Prayer and unity from everyone all over the world has helped with our time at war and has helped to cope with what we went



Jessica Flores, Big Spring High School

through and had to deal with and with what scared lots of people for life.

High School Division
Scafenia Clark
Big Spring High School

Sept. 11, 2001, was the saddest day in the world. Lives were killed and endangered because of a stupid act.

When I first heard about what had happened in New York I was lost because I never heard or seen the World Trade Center.

I was in my history class, my teacher was explaining to the class and me because I didn't understand what kind of person would do something like this.

When my teacher turned on the TV what happened in New York was on every channel. When I saw the first plane go into one of the towers I was like, wow!

This is a really big deal. While I was watching TV I started to cry because I saw people running for their lives. I saw people getting hurt falling out of the windows.

I saw people crying. To me none of those people deserved to die like that. In school that day all we talked about at school and in my classes my friends and I talked about what was going on in New York.

Our after school activities were canceled at that time I was working and my job was canceled too.

Sept. 11, affected all of us in many ways. Sometime ago they took out prayer out of school. Ever since the Sept. 11, thing happened.

The school brought back prayer. At games before the players start the game. Someone starts to sing The Star Spangled Banner.

People start to cry because that song means more than some battle fought years ago.

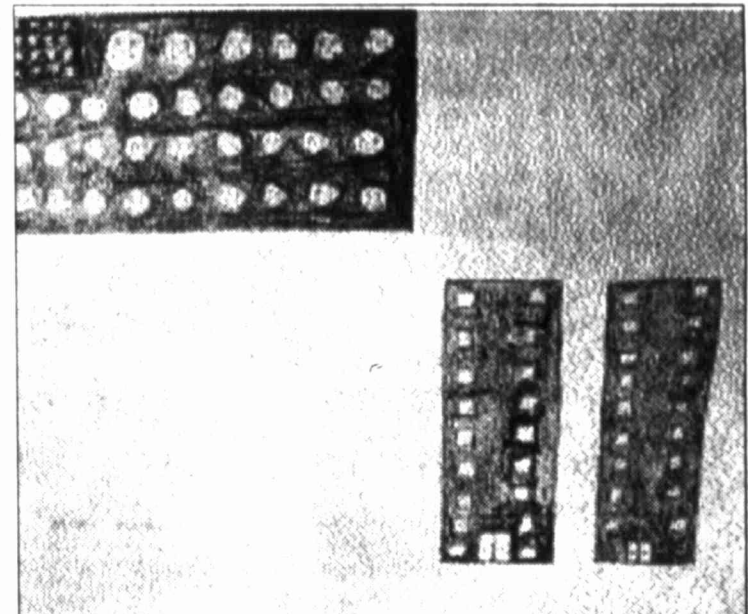
We have come a long way and people are still coming together. You see people with the American flag on their cars and in their windows in their homes.

One thing that makes me mad is that President Bush thinks he knows where Osama bin Laden is at and President Bush orders some troops and goes and bombs where they think Osama bin Laden is at but really when orders to bomb to be dropped they end up killing innocent people.

And those people don't deserve it. That makes me very mad the President didn't like what Osama and his people did.

Oh so do the families in the other countries are liking what their family members are doing because we can't have peace in the eh world.

To the people who had family members or a friend in the World Trade Center, my heart is with all of ya'll. Don't worry because justice will be served.



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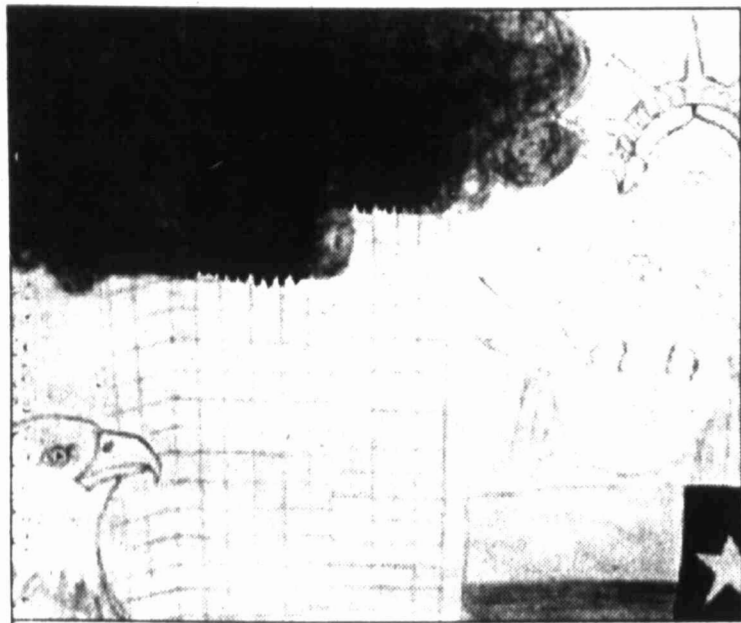
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On Sept. 11, 2001, what I thought was going to be a regular day, came to a tragic end. I got up at around 6:15 to get a quick shower, ironed my pants and shirt, got a clean pair of socks and brushed my hair and teeth. I grabbed my shoes and headed out the door.

When I arrived at school, I went to my assigned classes. A few minutes after 9 a.m., the principal, Mr. Rotan, came on the intercom and told us the worst news anyone could hear about. Mad terrorists had attacked the Twin Towers. Later on that day, it was all over the news, first one tower of the towers went down and then the second. So many people were killed, I felt so bad for the families and especially for the kids that lost their mothers and fathers in that incident. They would never see their parents again and for what reason? Because some crazy mad terrorists were upset with the U.S.A.

It's sad that one or two people can go crazy and decide to kill over 1,000 people and destroy a huge part of history.

High School Division
Jeremy Armstrong
Forsan High School

Tears full of fear as terror happened here.

A nation in shock as I watched the clock. Time counting down buildings burning to the ground. Firefighters and police rush to the scene as people scream.

Americans dying when the enemies keep hiding.

I can't believe that something like this could happen to the United States of America. I've always thought that we were untouchable. As it was happening I thought to myself "Who is Osama bin Laden?" Since Sept. 11 my life has changed. Everywhere I go I look over my shoulder. I stay in constant fear that something is going to happen. Sept. 11 made me realize that there are some people like Osama bin Laden who should be taken behind the woodshed. When you mess with America you mess with me. I'm only 15, but I'm red, white and blue through and through. Sitting here I see a world full of fear, hate, anger and, most of all, sadness. So I say lets all go to Afghanistan and have a field day.

High School Division
Laci Jackson
Big Spring High School

World War III was the first thing that popped into my mind when I saw what was happening that Tuesday morning. Somehow it wasn't to much of a shock to me.

While we were at school they had us watching it and I thought to myself why us? Why now? Was it because of all the things we did to them, was it because of everything we

put them through? Or perhaps it's because we are a free nation. Thus giving them the right to show hatred towards our nation.

Yes, it's true that they killed thousands of innocent people when they crashed into the World Trade Centers, but what kind of point are we trying to make by going over there bombing some of those same innocent people? That's just showing them that we are caught into their little sick games, and that we want war. With us going into war more innocent blood will be shed, not because we are fighting for independence nor liberty, but because of the hatred we have amongst one another.

Some say that this is a holy war, but I don't see anything holy about it. This is the time when we should be coming together as one. The Pledge of Allegiance simply says one nation under God, yes, the pledge is for the United States. But what we have failed to realize is that there are many nations, but only one God. So, if we are serving only one God then why should we be against one another?

Many people still ask some of these questions today, but when will we seek the answers that we so longingly have searched for. Maybe tomorrow or next week or even a year from now who knows? We really don't know what tomorrow will bring. All we can do is just hope and wait for the next day to come. They might be our biggest enemies now, but if you just think about they might be part of our nation one day, too. Everyone just needs to open their eyes and look around, because if there is no hatred there's no war.

High School Division
Maria Burciaga
Big Spring High School

On Sept. 11, 2001 the world had become almost to an end but it didn't that's what most people thought. But on Sept. 11, people were happy with their lives because it was a beautiful day and I don't know what pain is but until I saw the news that morning I knew what pain was and so did other people.

It was a tragic day for everyone because they didn't know what was going to happen that day. It is really hard for me to tell how I feel because I really don't know because other people are probably feeling what I'm feeling.

When you have to change, change is good, change is necessary, is part of life. Change refreshes and challenges. We all welcome change like hell. Most of us hate change. Most of us would gladly take the devils we know for the devils we don't. But Sept. 11, unleashed a host of new devils upon us, and part from the instant and cataclysmic loss of life, they have created a condition of altered states in this country in which families are hoarding antibiotics, people now days are afraid to travel because they think they might be hijacked by someone, they are also afraid of bridge attacks.

Children are being required to chant the Pledge of Allegiance as some kind of mantra that they have. It was a very sad day for alot of New Yorkers specially the ones that were in the towers.

They were happy but suddenly it had became to an end. Nobody new what was going to happen that day. The day was barely starting.

The sun was high. The wind blew softly over the towers. A lot of people died that day Sept. 11. Some people were scared, well alot, because it didn't just happen there in New York. It took place in like three other places. Some got scared because of their families.

Their kids and people were worried about the kids parents because of this kids lost both of there parents, their mom and dad, at the Twin Towers. That day was a very tragic day because nobody knew what was going to happen.

That day changed my life forever because now I know how to cherish my life so when I go somewhere I have to think of how much I love my parents because you don't know if your going to come back to them or what. So I tell them how much I love them because I'm scared of not coming home. The same day it changed my life because it was hard to see how people tried to save themselves to live but it was terrible. Now the Sept. 11 remains in our hearts like a tragic day.

High School Division
Richard Martinez
Big Spring High School

September 11 attacks was a day everyone in the country will remember.

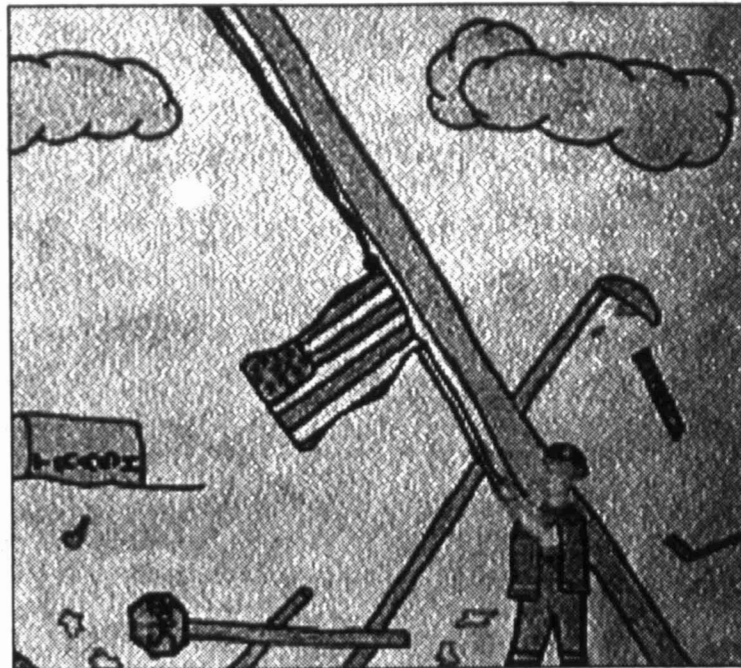
The tragic this country had gone through and the lives we lost in the attacks.

Many had lost family and friends in these horrible acts on Sept. 11.

Many worry what will happen in the future as time passes, if there will be more attacks on our country and how to prevent it from happening again and the war on terrorism. This was something that probably no one in New York or any where else expected could happen to us but it did. Clues were coming from the FBI and CIA but never payed attention to them and never seen it coming until it was too late for them to do something about it.

Since that day every American has left a soft part to their hearts and the day that America was hit at and almost lost our freedom and will always remember this day and never be forgotten.

President Bush stood by our side and had help from friends from other countries to help fight terrorism and get



Neomi Haro, Big Spring High School

rid of the terrorist groups and those who are leading them in doing such things.

Not only was the World Trade Center hit, the Pentagon was also hit and did alot of damage to it. Many Middle Easterners had an idea what they were doing and took them months and months of planning. Many terrorist were caught in the U.S., who some had entered as immigrants and later caught by the FBI. Some of the terrorist had took a flight class in Arizona to learn how to fly planes.

These people were members of the Al Queda group, a terror activist. Lin Ladin had once bombed the World Trade Center before in 1997 and had killed some of our Americans.

Once Americans had see the tapes that Bin Ladin and his followers had done Americans had now known this terror act was all up to Bin Ladin. Since Sept. 11 because of what had happened in Afghanistan had declared war on our country and they did succeed on what they wanted towards us Americans. They call this The Holy War and The War on Terrorism. Many young Americans who are in the military are brave for entering the service and will to risk their lives for serving our country.

Since that day many people who were thinking of going to serve in the military had changed their minds because of the war in the Middle East. This would have them away from family members and friends for months or maybe years. Everyday would be hard for them, waking up and thinking on how the day will go or what will happen to them while on battle grounds. But the way I see it America should do something about these terror acts and take all terrorist groups out before they do hit us again or any other country. To make sure it never happens again in the future and to keep our freedom.

High School Division
Israel Rodriguez
Big Spring High School

The horrible acts of Sept. 11, caused by terrorist, was a day the whole United States will never forget. The attacks on the United States hurt us and many others but did not take us down forever.

I was at home listening to the news on channel 9 and heard that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center. At first I kind of ignored it because I was in a rush to get to school but after a while I started watching it and heard (there comes another plane) and I saw the second plane hit the other tower and I was like, this is really happening.

So I stood there at home watching the towers burn and was very stunned by watching this.

So then a couple of minutes later I head to school.

When I got into class my teacher had her radio on listening to what was going on in New York and the reporter was saying that one of the towers had began to fall. and that they could see people falling out of the towers trying to escape.

Throughout the day at school that's all everyone was talking about. And after school when I got home and turned to where they were showing this.

And they were saying that there were more plane crashes, and had hit the capital. And as the day continued people panicked.

Because we were hearing that the gas was going to go up, and I live next to a 7-Eleven like a couple blocks down, and I saw the craziest thing.

The gas station was full and the line was two and a half blocks down.

My family tried going to a different gas station to get gas, but they said it was also full.

They tried four other gas stations and finally got into one. I also heard that the H.E.B. and Wal-Mart were getting very busy, people were going crazy.

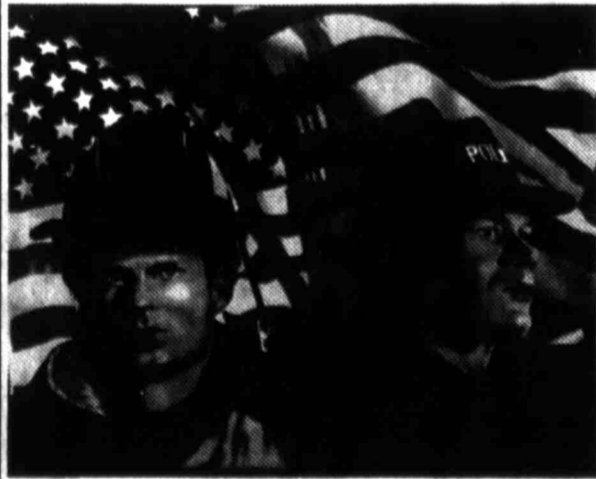
And for the rest of the day I stayed at home watching the endings of the World Trade Center.

Them terrorist may gave given us a bruise but that's all there going to get away with. They will not take us down.



Cory Reyna, Forsan High School

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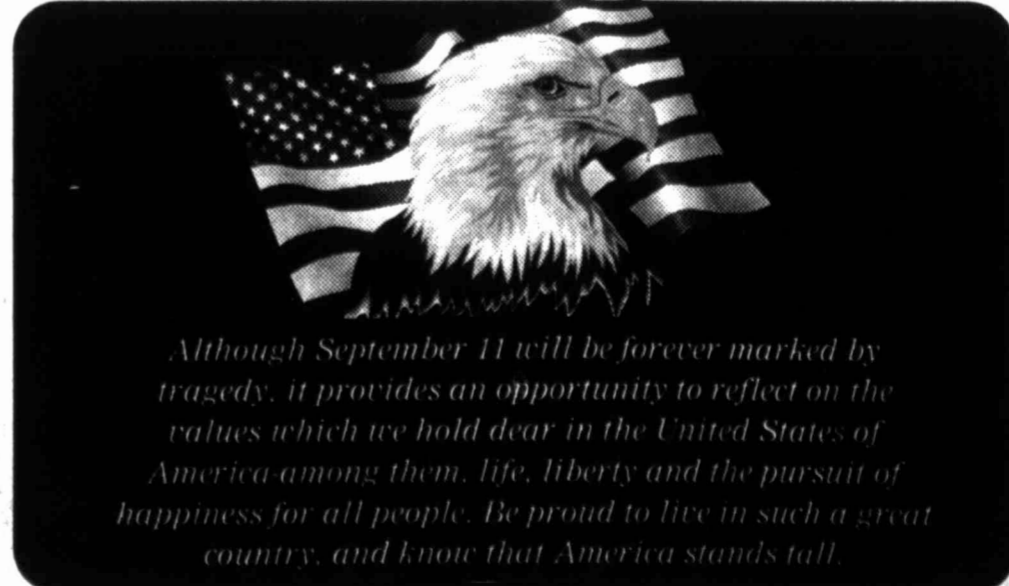
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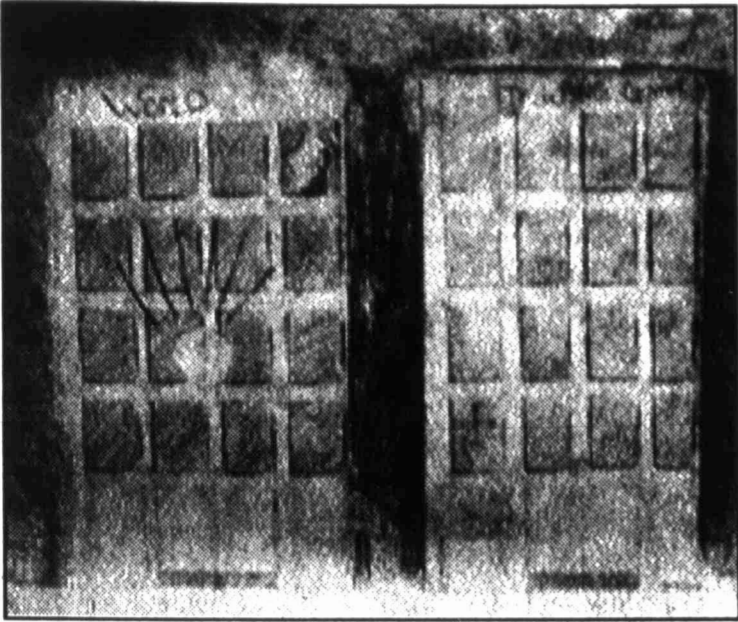
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High School Division
Gwan Ausbie
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At 6:30 a.m., I woke up not suspecting anything, but when I got to school, I was alarmed to find out that the twin towers of the World Trade Center had been demolished by the evil thinking of a sinister man. Now when I first heard this I was skeptical because I never thought that anything like that would ever happen to our great country but then when I heard it from someone else I was shocked. At first I had mixed emotions I didn't know whether to feel anger towards the people who committed the horrible crime or to feel sadness towards the families that lost loved ones to this tragedy.

But from everything that happened throughout the United States and all the things that people have done to help others, I now know that I should feel sympathy for my country. I knew that before the tragedy happened we all were proud of our country and had patriotism for it but now more than ever I've noticed that we are strong as an individual nation because we can always turn to each other in a time of need. Not only have the families that lost a loved one been effected by the tragedy but other families are just deeply impacted by the events that have gone on but what I'm really glad to see is the way we have all pulled together to strengthen our nation. Everyone has showed patriotism toward our nation in one way or another whether it was hanging flags in their yards, on the windows, their antennas, and on bumper stickers and that shows everyone that we have all been effected but are strengthened by the horrible tragedy. Different charities have been formed to help in aiding funds for the September 11th tragedy which shows another way that we have all bonded together as one. In closing I'm sending out a deep prayer out to all those that lost someone in the tragedy.

High School Division
Scott DiFrancesca
Big Spring High School

One morning last year everything seemed to be perfect. Everybody was working, students were learning and then it happened. Two airplanes were hijacked and flown into the twin towers. That morning our whole country was changed. For us teenagers we experienced our version of Pearl Harbor, here at the High School that all that anyone could possibly talk about. After 9/11 our whole country was turned upside down. America has changed first through American security being enforced.

Before 9/11 our security was very relaxed we weren't as tough as before because no one ever expected something like this to happen. I also think security wasn't that tough because some people would have complained about it. Now people should be thankful that our government cares enough for its people that it would increase its security to a level that Americans feel a whole lot safer than ever before. I also know that our government would do anything



Carl Payne, Big Spring High School

it could protect us from any more terrorists attacks. Also parents started to become more secure of their children because the worry of anything happening to their kids. Second I think our country has become a lot more closer than it has ever been. What I mean is that after the attacks people in Big Spring started to come together and show a lot of support for America. In my opinion students here at the high school started to come together and unify all through the school year. When there is a sports function everyone stands in awe during the playing of the National Anthem. In my family it seems that 9/11 has brought discussions that I never heard my own family talk about. Lately I have changed too, I've been watching the news all the time, I've been more concerned about the government. Another thing that has changed in my opinion is the spirituality of America. I noticed that in most of the churches a lot of new families started coming to church and going on a regular basis. In churches all over the country people have started to have services dedicated to America, to its soldiers, and most of all September 11. Also all over the country everybody has started praying for each other and for our country. There has been many changes in our country since 9/11, but there has also been some major changes in my life too. On the day the attacks happened I started to feel more concern about people that I don't even know. This past year I have really been supporting the president and our government with most of the decisions that they have made dealing with the conflict. September 11 is one of the most tragic things to happen in the United States in a long time. When the attacks happened our economy was hurt, our citizens, and our security were also hurt. Through all that happened the American people became stronger and united to help each other out. In my opinion the terrorists attacked us hoping to tear us apart, but the American society didn't tear apart and never will.

High School Division
Lisa Ramsey
Big Spring High School

Sept. 11

The tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001 will leave a mark on America's heart forever. We cannot forget and will not forget that day. It will stay forever in our minds and hearts. To lose thousands of Americans to a senseless act and a "faceless coward" is more than this country could bear.

Sept. 11 started out like any ordinary day. It was sunny outside and I could tell it would be a good day, or so I thought. As I was sitting in class a friend of mine came in and said "A plane hit the World Trade Center." I didn't think anything of it. As the day went on, T.V.s and radios around the school were just buzzing about the news of the tragedy. By the end of the day it all seemed so unreal, but deep down inside you knew it was. Two planes had hit the World Trade Center, one hit the Pentagon and another crashed into a field in Pennsylvania.

In the days after, crews were already picking up the debris. The government began to blame a man named Osama bin Laden, gas prices went up, President Bush declared war on terrorism as his way of finding and punishing the people responsible. Our economy plummeting, America was in a state of panic, shock and mourning.

Out of the shadow of the tragedy came the pride in our country. People around the country began displaying flags on cars, personal items and outside their homes. As President Bush stated, "These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve." The terrorists tried to scare us and bring us down but we will persevere. America is strong. We are not "infidels" we are Americans, all of us. In the wake of the tragedy, the term American Hero became the statement to describe those who risked their lives to save the lives of others. The policemen and firefighters who rushed the building to save people just minutes before the buildings collapsed are truly American Heroes. Although they would not admit it, they would say they were just doing their job. The people on Flight 93 who people believe tried to take back their hijacked plane are also American Heroes. Many say that that incident was the first battle in the war. Also those who worked in the buildings who tried to get their fellow co-workers out are also, in my heart, American Heroes. Once again our men and women are fighting to save our freedom, our American Heroes. To everyone I say "Thank you."

To many veterans the attacks on Sept. 11 remind them of another devastating blow to America. On Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Empire of Japan. We were then plunged into World War II.

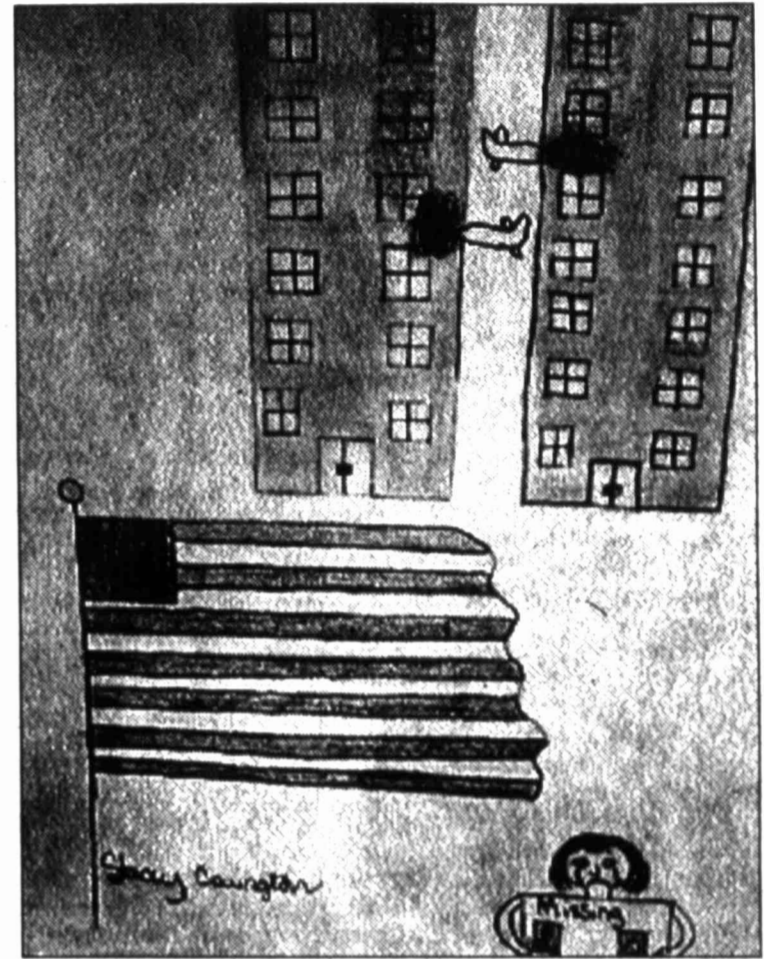
No matter what happens or what circumstances aspire, America will be strong and persevere. Terrorists will shiver when they hear AMERICA! To any terrorists who try to attack us again: In the words of the Japanese general when they bombed Pearl Harbor, "All I fear is that we have awakened a sleeping giant." You have certainly awakened a sleeping giant, now pay the consequences.

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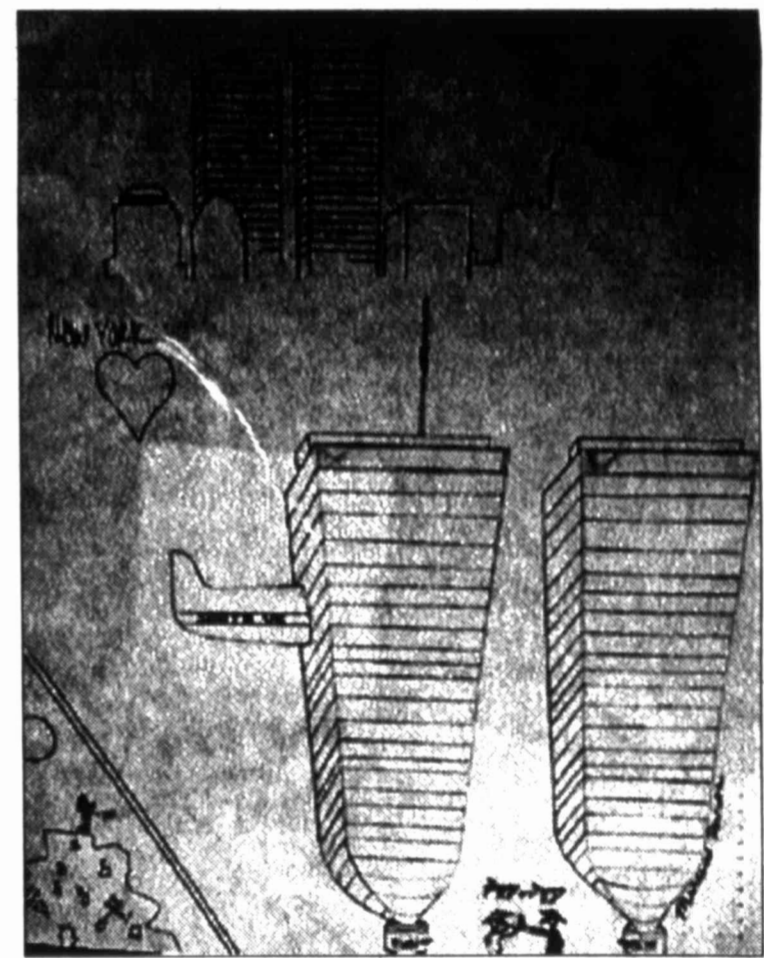
God Bless America

Imagine you wake up in the morning and you went to work on Sept. 11 at the World Trade Center. Then later on you do not return home. That is the scariest thing to think about but for some people that did happen to them. Some people used to take their lives for granted but since Sept. 11

that has all changed. Terror struck at Americans' hearts when on Sept. 11, United Flight 175 hit the south tower of the World Trade Center at 9:05 a.m. Americans thought that the plane crash would be the only bad thing to happen. Just a little bit afterwards to Americans was another shock when they saw Flight 11 hit the north side of the World Trade Center. People then desperately were trying to run for their lives. Most people could just see clouds of dust and smoke. Half an hour later American Flight 77 hit the Pentagon, the last flight was United Flight 93 that hit near Pittsburgh. It has been said that four out of five terrorists had some flight training. The FBI agents found evidence that some of the terrorists the Huffman Aviation Flight School at Venice, Fla. When the plan crashes happened, President George W. Bush declared we were at war. At first Americans seemed that they felt like their security was shaken. People did not feel safe at work anymore. People wondered if it would be safe for their loved ones ever again. Then Americans learned that we had to come together and stand strong. People started flying their flags with pride and defiance. People started joining the military, many funds for the people were provided. It was estimated that there are 4,972 missing people from the World Trade Center and 159 people dead. At the World Trade Center 30 rescue workers were confirmed dead and 350 to 400 presumed dead. This incident has opened American's eyes. Before if there had been an accident in a car wreck the rest of us could distance ourselves from the accident. But, because of this universal experience people have learned how to care for one another. One thing I would like to say to Osama bin Laden is that "the flag has colors which do not run."



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On September 11, 2001, terrorism struck the United States. Hijackers crashed airplanes into the two World Trade Center buildings, the Pentagon and another was headed for the White House but didn't make it.

These acts were committed to send the nation into total chaos. It didn't work, it just made us stronger. Many people tried to call loved ones and they tied up the telephone lines but nobody went crazy.

I remember getting dressed for school that morning and seeing one of the towers on fire. I just thought there was a fire and they would put it out with no problem. Then I saw a plane in the background but didn't think anything about it, then it just turned and flew right into the other tower and I was just stunned.

When I went to school about second period one of the teachers told the other one that the first tower had just fell. Many kids at school got scared and wanted to go home.

That afternoon before school let out they had a video set up in the auditorium. We went and watched and finally got to see what had really happened, seeing the first tower fall and then seeing the next.

Then you think of all the people that died in those towers and all the people walking below and all the firefighters who were trying to get the people out of the building that died.

Watching that video, you can see all the dust and rocks and debris that one cameraman got on tape standing at ground zero. Just before the tower fell some cameramen got footage of people killing themselves by jumping out of their windows of the building. Those people knew they were going to die. They just chose their death, either by suffering in a fire or dying instantly, by jumping out of their buildings.

When I got home that day I remember my mom telling me to go fill up my truck with gas because someone on the news said gas prices were going to go up.

I got there before everyone else did because I didn't have to wait. About five minutes after I left there were about 30 cars trying to get in to get gas.

That afternoon at my brother's football practice, I remember catching myself watching airplanes in the sky go by and thinking what if he just turns around and hits this school right next to our practice field.

The next day of school everybody was saying that the next target they hit would be Cosden because it is owned by some foreign country because it is the third largest offshore oil rig in the world and that if they blew it up, some said it would blow all the way to Pecos because of the underground pipes. Other said it would only blow up a 15 miles radius.

During all the baseball and football games people thought that they would try to blow up stadiums. I didn't believe that because the terrorists were trying to cripple the nation. Send it into total chaos, they weren't trying just to kill people. I'm sure they didn't care if they did kill people, but I don't think that was the plan when they flew into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. Now we are trying to prevent that from ever happening again.

**High School Division
Crissy Cruz
Big Spring High School**

I was in school on September 11, 2001, when the attack on the World Trade Center was made. It's all that everyone talked about all day wondering what would happen next. Students and teachers who had family members traveling by plane were worried.

Worries about the terrorists coming to the President's home state went through many people's minds. The attack on the Twin Towers is often compared to the attack of Pearl Harbor.

In both cases the attacks took many lives and made Americans wonder about the security our county could provide us.

Now every time you travel you're in constant wonder about your security. There are several precautions security now takes when traveling by plane. Many sacrifices were made on America's behalf after the terrorists attacked our country. Many people just don't travel on planes any more for fear of their lives.

It's been said that nearly a year after the attacks were made it's still not certain exactly how many lives were lost. Thousands of innocent lives were taken. Families are still suffering from the loss of loved ones. Many policemen, firemen and rescuers were lost trying to save lives.

Even a year later, thousands of people are mourning. When it first happened, the seriousness of the whole

thing didn't really sink in. I guess that was because it was so far away. But no matter how far away you were from the Twin Towers that day, within a few days the entire country was impacted.

My family was planning on flying to Texas to visit us but of course couldn't so everyone was affected. Every time you go to an airport you see several police and guards who are armed. If you even look suspicious they are allowed to take you aside and do whatever it takes to make sure that you're not harmful to anyone.

I know that one day our country is going to recover from all this.

Our country has united and is standing by each other like people say they'll never seen before. But still people haven't been completely trustful. People have been staying home a lot more. All we can do until we bounce back from this is be strong and brave.

**High School Division
Michael Carasci
Big Spring High School**

The number 9-11 now has more meaning to many Americans. It is no longer a telephone number or a slang term. It now stands for the second day that will live in infamy.

News does not spread particularly fast in a rural community such as the one I live in. The attacks were not acknowledgeable by students until they arrived home later that dreadful day. Every television station in the area was carrying the story, most live. Thousands had died. Men, women and children were dead. Tears began to flow across the county that day as millions of people knew someone or had a friend who knew someone who was in the World Trade Center that hour.

Because of the events that occurred America turned to an immediate state of war. Revenge was then, still is, the only thing on most officials minds. Many actions that should have been taken could have ended the "War" almost at once. The terrorists did their job: They inflicted terror into people's minds. Rational thinking disappeared the three days following the attacks.

People's emotions took over and both anger and fear decided what was to be done. Some Americans wanted to strike down the man that many people think was responsible for the WTC attacks: Osama Bin Laden.

People in my community began to ignore that our town could have been the next target of an attack. They were correct in doing so. People in other cities began to fear for their lives. They packed up and left everything behind them trying to seek a home in a different part of the country. Other people decided to go commit crimes because they believed that the U.S. Government knew about the attacks months before hand.

Others like myself are getting tired of hearing about the attacks. There has not been a single newspaper in the last year that has not had something in it about the 9-11 attacks. TV News stations are also talking about the attacks.

In conclusion, the September 11 attacks have change the views on security in the U.S. It as also changed the people and their opinions about their own safety. News stories and more continue to talk about the attacks and shall still do so until the person responsible for the attacks is found and brought to "American Justice."

**High School Division
Mario Carnes
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On a Tuesday morning, Sept. 11, 2001, terror struck in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. There were four jet airlines that were involved in the terror attack. In New York, two jet airlines crashed into the WTC (World Trade Center). The flight numbers that hit the WTC were 175 and 11. One airline hit the north side of the WTC and the other hit on the south side.

Later there was an airline that hit the Pentagon and that flight number was 77. Also, there was a flight that crashed into the middle of a field in Pennsylvania. The flight that crashed in the middle of the field was that the passengers found out there were terrorists on the plane and about to hijack it, so the Americans fought back the terrorists and took the plane down. The Americans that did that were brave and they didn't want anybody else to be killed.

All the flights will always be remembered in our hearts, because we had friends, family and innocent Americans that died for no reason.

When I woke up that day to get ready to go to school, I didn't know anything about what was going on, until first period started. Then the teacher started to ask the students, if they had heard what had happened at the WTC, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. Some of the students didn't know what was going on that morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

Then the teachers started to explain to the students what had happened in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. When the teacher started to explain the students were shocked, crying and scared. Some teacher's and students were worried because they had family and they thought that something horrible had happen to them.

The nations reaction to this was are we, the United States, going to strike back at whoever did this horrible thing to our nations.

The terrorist thought that they can bring America down, instead of them bring us down they brought us together as one. The people of the United States held their heads up high and fought back.

Tons of family members were lost in the terror attacks and some of the people had survived the attacks. A lot of people that were not injured in these attack, they help firefighters and police officers get all the people to a safe place. There were hours that ran into months that people could not be found. Until this day there are missing people.

How many days did people go without eating food because they were to worried about getting our fellow Americans out of the tragedy. Firefighters, police officers and rescue teams did not sleep for days and those days turned into weeks. There were tons of people that were injured and had to go to the hospital. All of the hospitals were filled with patients and so people closed down their stores and used them for not badly injured people.

On that very day the United States went on high alert. The people of the nation and another nations helped out by giving food, money and clothes.

War, when did the arm forces first strike in Afghanistan. I think the first time we struck back was like in October or November. Was the nation happy that our men and women went to war? Some of our men and women have already died. But they gave up their lives for us, so we can stay free Americans. The people of the United States owe a lot to the

men and women that got killed in war.

The anthrax was it part of the terrorist attack? There's people that believed that it was part of the terrorist attack and some believe it had to do with a different thing.

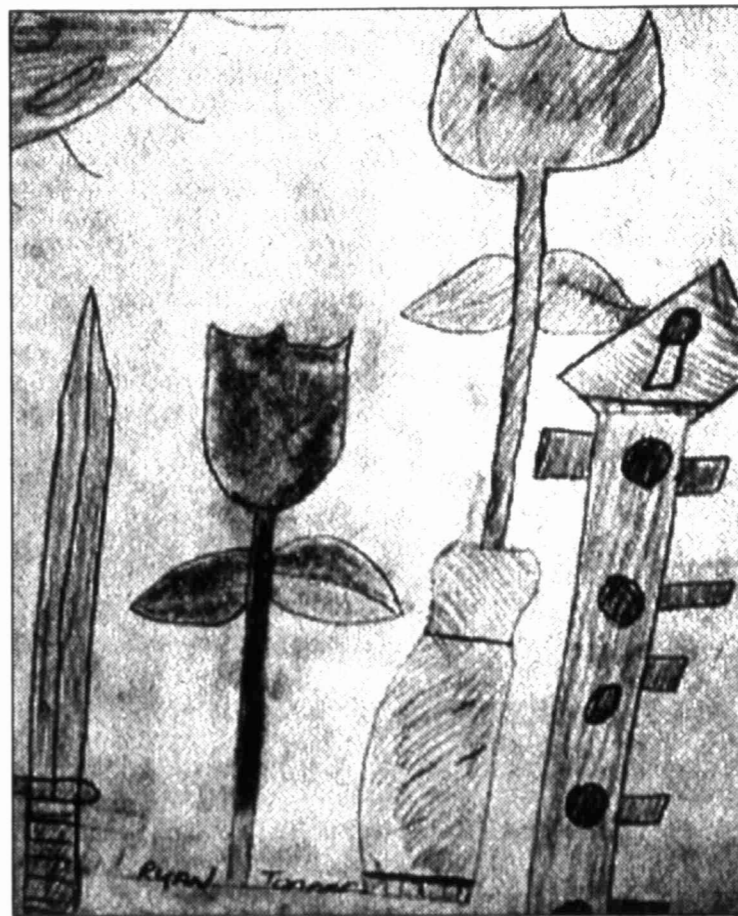
How long is the war going to last on terrorist? It could last for years. Is there a time that terrorist will stop attacking people, country and the nations? The only way we can do that is to fight back on terrorist that strike a nation or its own country. Other country's are on the United States side of the fight on terrorists.

Did the United States wake up after Sept. 11, 2001? Yes, the U.S. woke up after that horrible day. Ever since that day, the U.S. has been watching everybody's move. I think we should have a memorial ground for the WTC. It should have a wall of all the hero's that saved people and it also should have names that died in the WTC, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania.

Could America forget about Sept. 11, 2001? No, people should not forget about this horrible day. The United States will always carry this for life no matter what changes in the U.S. It's almost a year that the terrorist attacks us. Are the people of the U.S. going to be observed about everything on the day of September 11, 2002, or do you think people will live a regular life that day? To all the family's out there that lost a loved one, I give you my sorrow and my comfort. For all the armed forces that is fighting right know in Afghanistan good luck from all the loved ones and come home safe.

To the people of American and across the nation, God Bless and take care of one another. Our United States flag reminds us each and every day that the community of America is happy to be a free country.

Remember if you see trouble walk away or call the law so they can take care of the problem. So nobody won't get hurt and you have to pay for it. One more thing, keep your head up and don't let nobody discourage you in your goals. God Bless!!!



Ryan Tonner, Big Spring High School

**High School Division
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One calm September morning, a major tragedy, took place on September 11. Bin Laden, who was the Trade Centers, was also a hijacker.

It's been a year and still many questions are being asked. On that Sept. 11, I overheard my father explained to us why our world was getting time the world be better.

We'll guess what. When I was going to school and told me his part heard from them. That's when I realized one of those people to me in seventh grade. During seventh grade us to the auditorium the day.

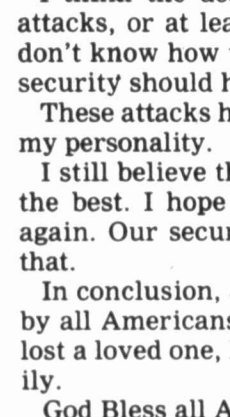
After basketball practice, I was packed full of cars at the station, and I was the only one to go home and a

They were also glued to the TV. A year later, I had many questions about the attacks, or at least I don't know how security should have been.

These attacks have changed my personality. I still believe that's the best. I hope that again. Our security should be better.

In conclusion, by all Americans who lost a loved one, I hope.

God Bless All



Augustus

High School Division
Kathy Haro
Big Spring High School

September the 11th has brought us so awesome buildings, just a

The Pledge of Allegiance are now said more often.

I will never forget that day. I said "A plane was flying into the Trade Center." I remember saying that.

My teacher said that and listened to the T.V on and the teacher explained what happen and how

It was horrible. All day at school about everything that was a very tragic and everyone is have never seen walking with the so sad to see all

All day long I had died and all going through. I library and was watched the news

September the 11th was a very tragic day. It was very scary and I hope

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One calm September morning, the world was shocked by a major tragedy. There were a number of terrorists attacks on September 11. These Al Queda troops who were led by Bin Laden, were blamed for these attacks. The World Trade Centers, were attacked, the Pentagon was attacked and also a hijacked plane crashed in Pennsylvania.

It's been a year since our world was shocked and there are still many questions to be answered today.

On that Sept. 11 day, I was walking to second period when I overheard my friend talking about America being attacked. I finally got to world geography and our teacher explained to us what exactly happened. I couldn't believe our world was getting attacked. I never thought in my lifetime the world be at war.

We'll guess what? There is!

When I was going to 3rd period, my cousin came up to me and told me his parents were in New York and they hadn't heard from them.

That's when I really got worried. I was nervous they were on one of those planes. I was scared all day until he come to me in seventh period and told me, they were all right.

During seventh period, our principal, Mr. Richty called us to the auditorium and we watched the news the rest of the day.

After basketball I was heading home and the streets were packed full of cars. Well, like everyone else, I went to a gas station, and I waited about 20 minutes. Well, when I finally got to the pump. The tanks were empty. After that, I went home and about that time my parents were home.

They were also shocked. For the rest of the night, my eyes were glued to the T.V. I couldn't believe what was going on.

A year later, I still have many questions and there are many questions to be answered.

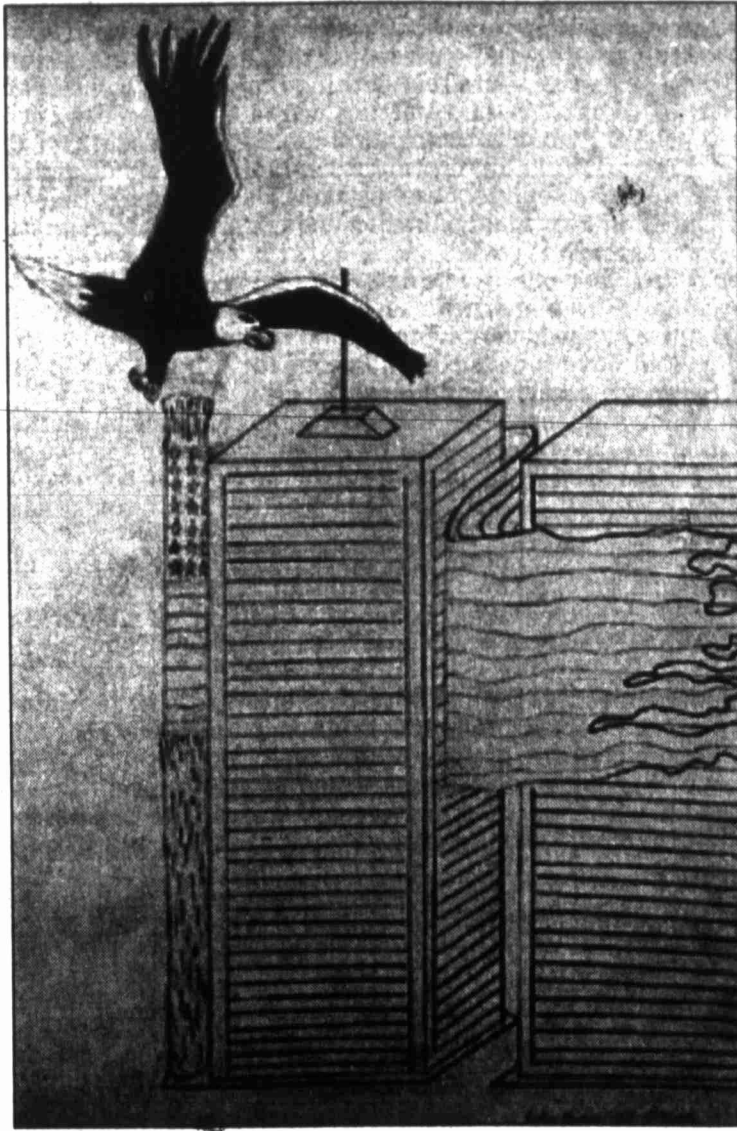
I think the death of Bin Laden will kill out terrorist attacks, or at least slow them down tremendously. I just don't know how those terrorist pulled that off. I think the security should have been like it is now.

These attacks hurt me inside for a while, but didn't affect my personality.

I still believe this country is the best and always will be the best. I hope and don't think this will every happen again. Our security is very tight and it will remain like that.

In conclusion, Sept. 11 will always be a day to remember by all Americans. To all Americas that died or those who lost a loved one, I am greatly sorry for them and their family.

God Bless all American and Stay True!



Austin Hinojosa, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
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September 11th has not effected me as much as it has effected countless others.

It has mostly effected me though other people that I know or what I see. Other people's actions have changed. Some people have not changed at all. Various other things have happened as well.

Nine-eleven did not effect me as greatly as it did others because I never thought that the United States was immune to terrorist attacks. Other people always thought that they would only ever read about it in the newspapers. I could always see something like it happening.

Although I will admit that I never thought it would be on such a large scale. I do not necessarily feel the effects 9-11 has had on the economy because I do not buy or sell many products. I do not feel the effects of increased security in airport because I never fly; I don't feel the effects of "The War On Terrorism" because I don't know anybody who is in it. Everything that has happened because of 9-11 has happened apart from me in most ways.

What I do feel is the effects that have happened to the people who surround me. At school, I was a friend with a guy who was from Pakistan. After the nine eleven attacks he began to get threats just because he was from Pakistan. I hear people at school make more and more racist jokes about foreign countries and ethnicity than I ever have before.

I can also tell that some people are becoming more racist with the small comments that they make.

Some of these people are still very prejudice while others have realized that prejudice is not doing themselves any good. Even though the prejudices are understandable they are still wrong. Nearly all of the people who are suffering from these newly developed prejudices love America and are American citizens. It is a shame that the few Americans who are now prejudice against foreigners give our country an extremely bad reputation.

Now that I am 18 I can still be drafted. I am slightly concerned that September 11th will set off a chain of events that will lead to war. If a war happens that I am very likely to end up a part of it. Already we are talking about bombing Iraq. If we start to bomb Iraq we will make a lot of the world mad.

Most of the Middle east will be mad at us. This would rise oil prices tremendously. The rise of oil pricing alone could start a war. From that point on everything depends on who takes whose side. We need to be prepared.

My mother and father went to Phoenix after the September 11th attack. They told me it took forever to get through all of the lines. They were telling me how much of an inconvenience it was to eat with plastic silverware at restaurant inside the airport due to the new FAA rules. It is now faster to drive to Dallas than it is to fly there.

In all this I have learned something quite important. I am sure many other Americans learned what I have come to realize as well. I am positive that hundreds of thousands have learned this lesson better than I have. The lesson is very simple yet should be taught in each generation. Freedom is not free. This lesson may be taught to me many more times over the course of my life. I do not doubt that in the slightest. I just hope that each time it is taught it could only be something simple rather than what happened on September 11th of 2001.

High School Division
Jeremy Knight
 Big Spring High School

I really do not remember what I was doing at the time of the Sept. 11 attack, but I do remember the horror. I watched on TV as people bled, cried and ran for their lives. I also remember thinking what it would be like if it was me or one of my friends and family there.

I can only imagine how much closer to home that would've hit me. I watch movies now that are based in New York and I see the twin towers in the scene and I think that could be the moment before the planes hit. And I wonder what it felt like to the Americans aboard the jetliners to know that they were about to crash into that building and take over 6,000 lives that were their own in race, religion and nationality. They, too, were Americans.

Today, almost a year later I try to not think about the tragedy of Sept. 11, but it is so present in everyday life.

The rise in prices, the height of security all over the nation and the complete reorganization of the government is affecting everyone and everything around me.

My mother went to Houston not too long after the Sept. 11 events and when she came back I was there to pick her up at the airport. That airport was so empty except for the military guards and me. She told me about the wait in lines to be checked and questioned and how important it was going to be now to get there early so not to be late for a flight. Today, the radio and television news is filled with how so many passengers complain about the wait in line and the questioning by the MPs. I believe that uncomfortableness has a lot to do with being attacked by surprise on the morning of Sept. 11. Before the attack, the person was about getting the task done faster than the next man and as comfortably as it could be. If heightened security check lines would have been a requirement at the airport from which the hijackers ook off, then we still might have the twin towers standing today.

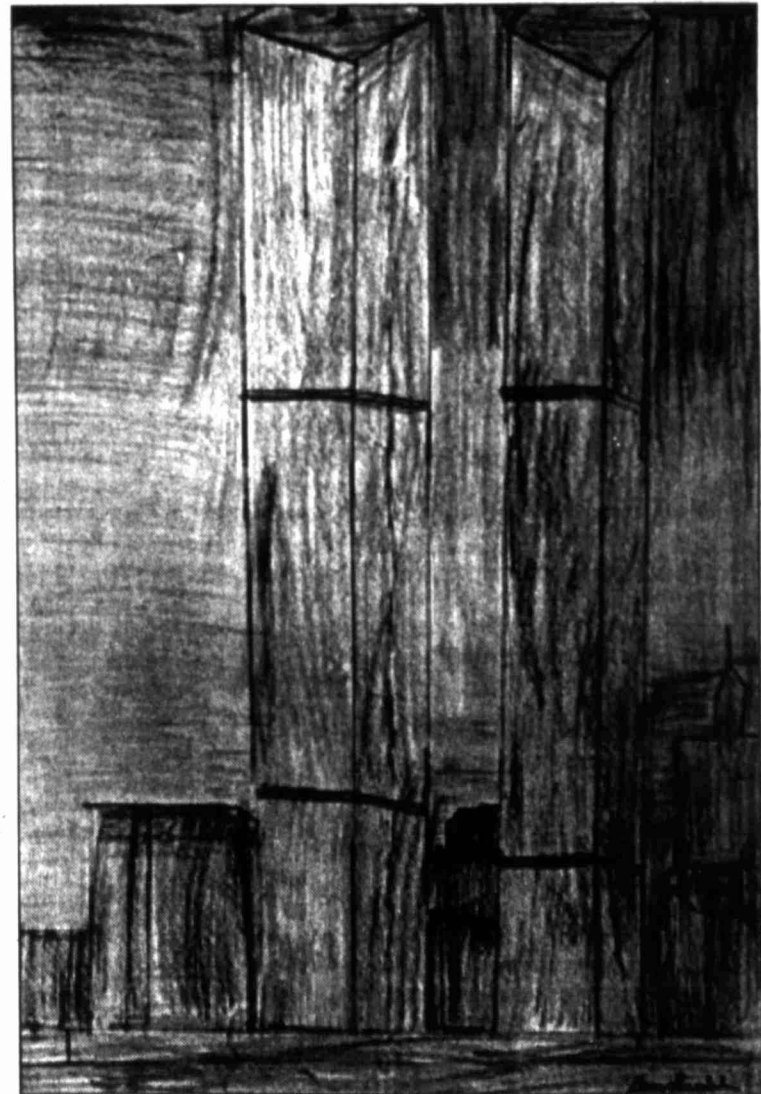
This attack, I believe, brought the American people to a point where they didn't care if they were not able to get to grandma's house two hours quicker, they didn't care if FedEx's reports were beating UPS. They cared about the fellow man standing next to them and if they were going to live for 10 minutes longer.

And now, almost a year later, people are being put out of their comfort zones just to know if the man behind them is carrying a box cutter or not. I guess some people will never see the bigger picture.

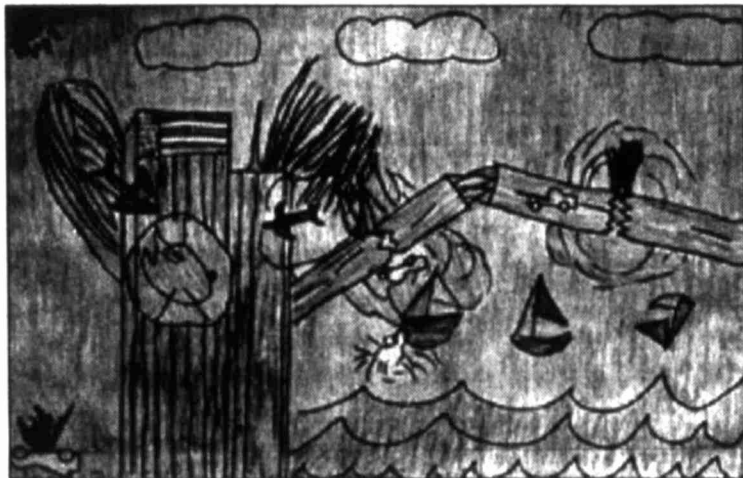
Another thing that I think about now is the new Homeland Security cabinet position that is putting our national government through the biggest reorganization since the 1950s. We haven't yet gotten to see today's investigator's attitude, but before the Sept. 11 attacks, investigation departments all the way across the board were in the same attitude as the airlines. Get the people in the air quicker than the next airliner and crack the big terroristic case before the other department has a chance to get hold of the information.

The new department will have an "in-house analysis intelligence group" on board, but the routine is still the same as before. The FBI and the NSA sift through the information and take out what they need to crack the case and give the leftovers to the CIA and the new "Homeland Security" Department. I believe that if the big dog (FBI) will be put in charge of all the departments like the Coast Guard, Customs and Transportation Security Administration, then they can use these guys to put every little bit together. Or better yet, have these departments work on the same levels so that the ones watching our nation being infected can use the big dogs and bring in every little detail, then that's when they will stop the next terrorist at the terminal's gate and save us from another tragedy.

I believe this is where we Americans will stop even the idea of terrorism.



Beaux Parrish, Big Spring Junior High School



Agustus Tyler Waddy, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Kathy Haro
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September the Eleventh has not only made us stronger, but has brought our country closer together. I think that it is so awesome to see flags everywhere, on cars, houses, buildings, just about anywhere.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner are now said more often. Our country has now become closer.

I will never forget when I found out. I walked into my second period class, and this guy who is kinda a class clown said "A plane was highjacked and crashed into the World Trade Center." No one believed him.

I remember saying, "that is so not funny."

My teacher said that it was true. We turned on the radio and listened to the news. It was a total shock. We turned the T.V on and they were talking about the Pentagon. Our teacher explained to us what was going on, and what would happen and how this was going to effect our lives.

It was horrible and scary.

All day at school we really did not do to much except talk about everything that was going on and watch the news. It was a very tragic day! Usually, you walk through the halls and everyone is laughing and talking, not on Sept. 11. I have never seen the halls so quiet before. Everyone was walking with these long faces and some we're crying. It was so sad to see all my friends so sad.

All day long I couldn't help but think of all the people that had died and all the people's families and what they we're going through. During lunch I didn't eat. I just went to the library and watched the news. I got to my house and watched the news.

September the Eleventh has definitely changed our lives. It was a very tragic time for me and the whole country. It was very scary and extremely sad. I hate that this has happened and I hope nothing like this ever happens again.

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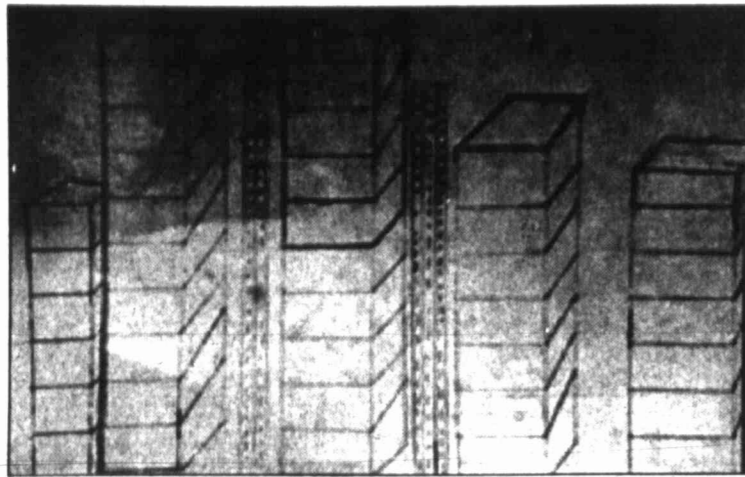
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The past year has been a life-changing experience for people who love and care about our nation.

Many people including me were very scared of what was going to happen after September 11, 2001. That fear lasted only a short time because our country came together and united to fight for the very freedom that our ancestors fought and gave their lives for.

As weeks went by more information was found and it made it very clear the reason for these attacks.

Many countries around the world do not like the U.S.A. for many reasons. I believe that the main reason for this attack on America was because of the freedom we have. Our nation is fortunate to have the freedom we have received. Many people realized how easy it is for our freedom to be taken away. Ever since that day our government has done all they can to keep our nation from losing that privilege.

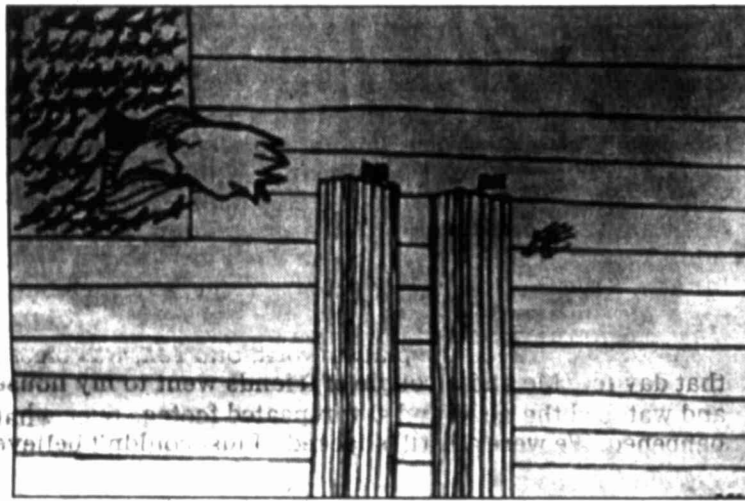
Heightened security measures at airports and sporting events are small prices to pay for safety.

For as long as I live I will never forget September 11, 2001. I will tell my grandkids the same story I am going to tell you. I was in 1st period and one of my classmates said that the World Trade Centers had been hit by an airplane.

At first I did not believe him. During 2nd period my class went to the library to watch the coverage on the attacks. That is when it finally hit me that our country had been attacked. During that day I had many thoughts going through my mind and had no idea what was to come next.

After walking through the halls and seeing everyone's reaction made me realize how this affected every one.

That afternoon, I went home and my parents were watching T.V. After they informed me about what they were thinking about and I realized everything was going to be O.K.



Anthony Gun, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Rebecca Fuqua
Big Spring High School

September 11th, a day just like any other. People going about their day as always. No one knew what was about to happen. Can you even imagine seeing a plane coming toward your office window knowing that you have no way out at all? I cannot even begin to think of what it would be like. What do you do? You can run, but would it be fast enough? You could duck, but it would never be low enough.

The day of September 11th will live with us forever. Think of the innocent lives that were taken and the brutal scars that will remain with everyone for many years to come. It is hard to think of someone who could do such a harsh and cruel act against this wonderful country of ours. They have attacked a country who they thought would not have fought back, but they realize now that they were foolishly wrong.

In the past year, the affects of ground zero have begun to fade away somewhat slowly, yet every now and then we are still reminded of the devastation that occurred that day. The events that occurred that day affected my family to some extent, but weren't near as sorrowful with us as I'm sure they were with the families that were involved.

I would have to say that the day that this all took place our school had scared us a lot more by the way they pre-

sented the matter. We were called own to an assembly in the auditorium were we all watched the news together.

My parents as they presented this matter to me seemed very strong and sure that nothing huge would come out of it, of course, I was expecting war. I think mostly I was scared of them bombing us and it becoming World War III.

Throughout it all the only thing that kept it from getting to me quite so much was my family's reassuring that the United States would be strong enough against Afghanistan to keep America safe.

I feel that our government has somewhat handled this complicated matter with accuracy and efficiency. Although I am sure the government is handling matters quite well, I do still have some strong opinions for things I would like to see the government follow through with.

I am pretty sure that there are some confidential matters that the government is following through with that we are not able to be let in on until further action has been taken, but I do still have suggestions towards the actions being taken.

As everyone knows that it is not so easy to find our enemy, yet we have supposedly questioned many of his, what we believe are colleagues, I feel that we should take action on them just as we would him if were to prosecute him.

Also, I think it would be in the countries best interest to hold the workers of Osama Bin Laden until they get to the bottom of this long complicated chase after Osama.

Until that man is either killed or is captured, I don't think we should let down our guard at all. We will not feel safe without knowing this, but just think, he can't hide forever.

I have always had an incredible amount of faith in this wonderful country we live in, but I really do think we can take a much stronger action this long, on going fight with Afghanistan. Our country is very strong in our military system and that makes a lot of American citizens sleep better, yet that is not always going to be ready for an attack that could come in from the back and that is why I think we should have our military leaders for our country and the Secretary of Defense devise a strong organized plan to have a twenty-four hour security system in all corners of our country fully armed an ready in a clockwise position for any sudden movements of force that we might have to make.

With this and the full advanced minds of our wonderful defense team we should become more prepared and suitable country for an unexpected war.



Ariel Fuentes, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Brandon Brown
Big Spring High School

"Everything" will be different from now on," says Tom Edelman, a lawyer for a St. Louis bank.

This statement is the prime example of events that took place during the early morning hours of September 11th and the aftermath. Many compare the tragedy to the Kennedy assassination or the attack on Pearl Harbor, and rightfully so, like those events the terrorists attack on September 11th changed the way people: Act, think and go about their everyday lives.

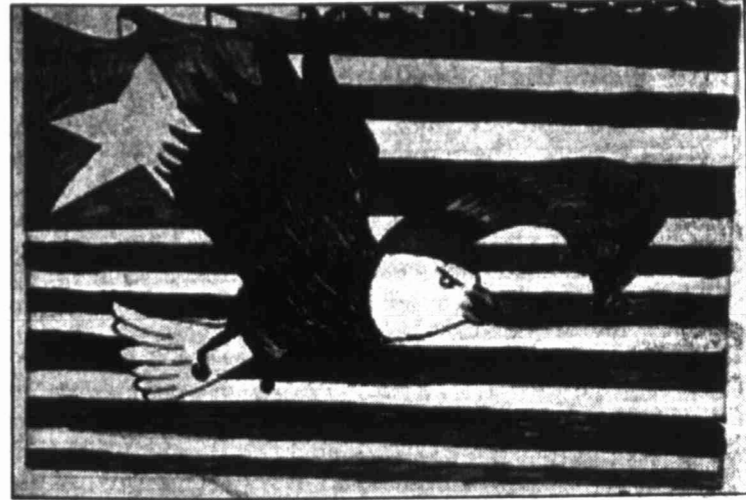
One of the biggest changes that I noticed was the one within myself. Before I could remember waking up that morning thinking that it was just another regular day, with not a care in the world, coming later to find that my little world has just taken a direct hit.

I now feel a greater sense of what's going on around me whether it be local or world news, I also now have a greater pride in being an American and appreciating the many opportunities that we have.

But the most important thing that I got out of the attacks was the discovery of what's really important in life, and it's not material things, or your own little trouble but your friends, family and your life are precious.

The world has also taken on a drastic change but none more than in the United States. My generation goes from being looked upon as the "X" generation to potentially fighting an up scale war forcing us to grow up very quickly.

We have also become a united nation with much more patriotism and pride being shown all on television and on billboards. People now tend to raise their flags higher with more pride and now tend to sing the national anthem with more meaning behind the words, "the land of the free and



Ashley Granado, Big Spring Junior High School

the home of the brave."

We also remember who we, as a united nation, are all about, no more are we caught up into ourselves but we are now in tuned to others. Our perception of a hero has also changed.

A hero is not an athlete or actor but those men and women who helped to make your community a safer place. Our cultural landscape has also changed, going to different places has become difficult because of the never sense of security. The army has seen an increased number of recruits who have become willing to serve their country.

We've also seen a change in our government with the advent of the new Homeland Security branch of government. New words such as Taliban, Bin Laden and anthrax have been forever embedded into our minds.

Our sense of invincibility was also shaken to where we were no longer looked upon as the dominant power in the world but as a vulnerable country because of the freedoms and liberties that we now hold dear and cherish. But the most important metamorphosis that occurred was the way that as a country how we were able to preserve and carry on with our heads and flags held high.

So as we approach the anniversary of that faithful mild temperate September we as Americans should not only honor those many men and women who perished but also to reflect and see how far as a nation we have come over the past months. And realize that the attacks only helped to make us even more stronger instead of crumbling us much to the dismay of our oppressors.

High School Division
Russell Grant
Big Spring High School

September 11, 2001, started out just like every other day. I woke up at 6:30, put my work out clothes on and packed some clothes for school. I left the house at 7:25 and arrived at school a little after 7:30.

I worked out in off season basketball just as I had since the first day of school. After workout, I went to my 2nd period class. On my way I over heard some people talking about a plane crashing into a building, but didn't think much about it.

Then my teacher told us that there had been reported that not one but two planes had struck the Twin Towers. At first it was hard for me to comprehend what I just heard. It didn't make sense that two planes had just crashed into adjacent buildings.

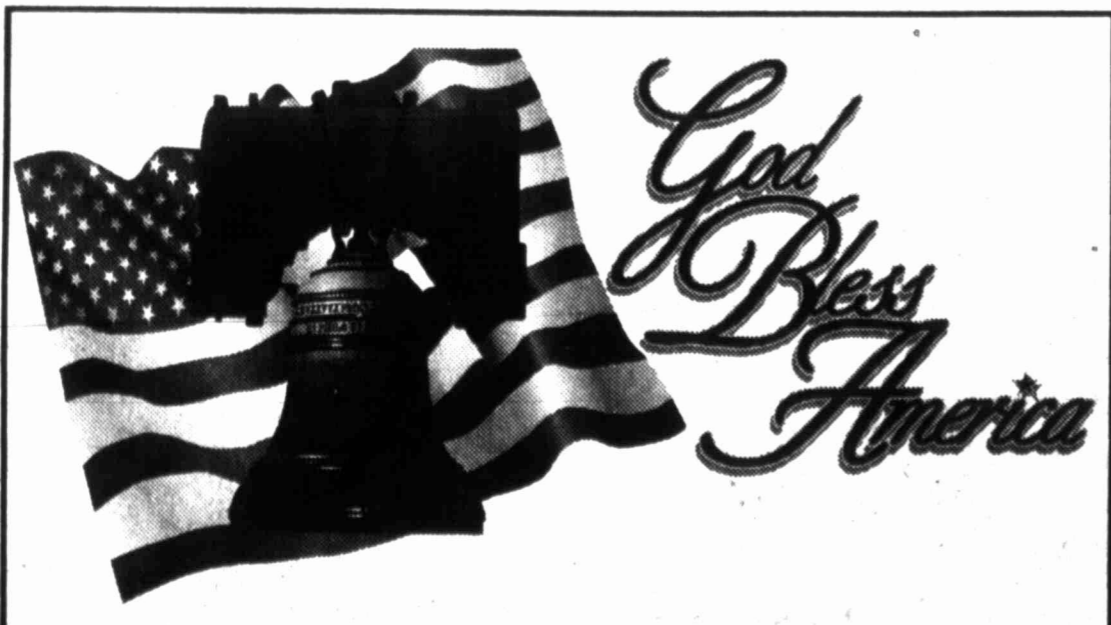
At the end of my school day my 7th period class went down stairs to the library to watch the news. The first time I saw for my own eyes a huge airplane come crashing into a building and shortly after that the second one came crashing in. It looked to me as some really good Hollywood special effect. I couldn't believe that the building could stand the impact of an airplane and not fall immediately.

I thought about all those poor innocent people who would become victims to a terrorist attack. Once I was out for school I went straight home. It seemed that I was in a totally different place.

Our small, quiet and relaxed town was full of traffic jams and people who were scared and anxious. There were lines backed-up for blocks down the street just to get gas.

I became even more nervous and scared. That next week my Spanish teacher turned the bulletin board into a memorial for all of the victims of September 11, 2001. Here, it is almost a year later and in her classroom still stands the memorial to the victims. Since the tragedy, I have become more interested in keeping up with what is going on in the world. Every once in a while I wonder if some terrorist is going to try something else.

Although the terrorist attack was a devastating cheap shot by cowards, it showed that the people of America will come together and help one another. The true heroes came through and shined. I'm very grateful for all the firefighters, police officers and volunteers. They show great courage and bravery. I think that their courage and bravery helped to keep America strong. Since September the eleventh, I have really become more grateful for my things that I have taken for granted. It has made me more grateful for being able to live in America, for my family, and for being able to live as a free person.



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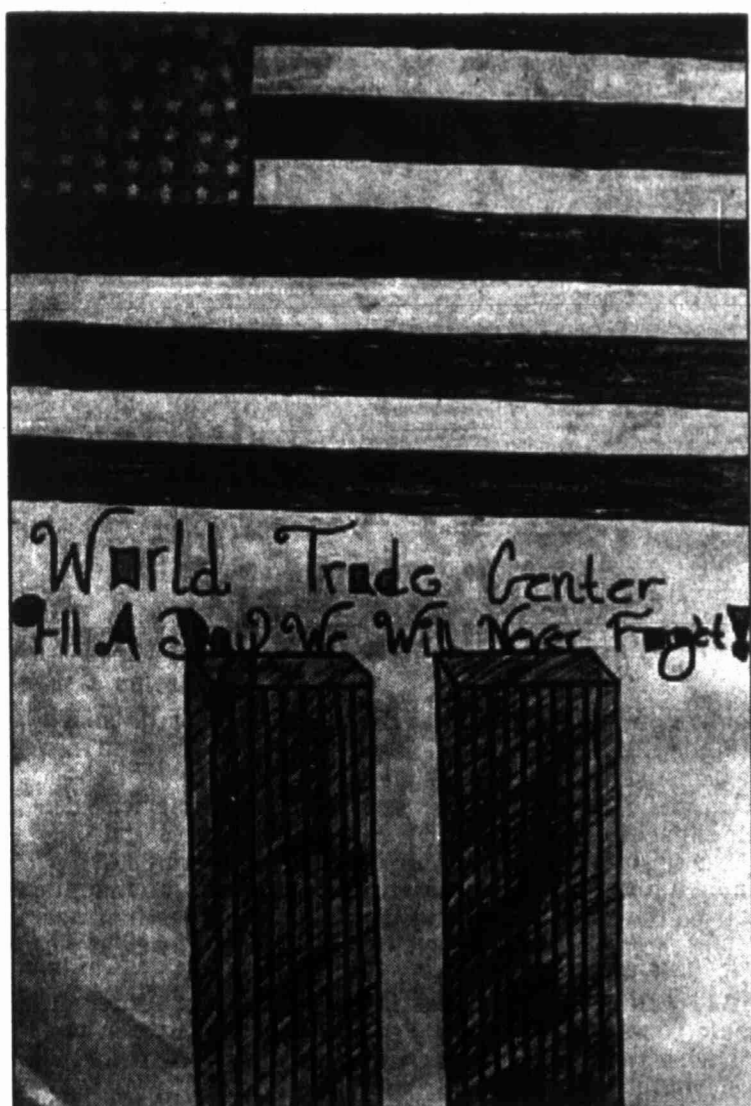
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**High School Division
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September 11, 2001, is a day that I will always remember. It has had such an impact on the way we live and also the way we look at people. It's hard to believe that it has been almost a year since we were attacked by terrorists.

I know it has affected me because my nephews live in New York with their dad, who saw it, and I wouldn't want anything to happen to them. It also makes me wonder why we take for granted the government we have and why they took advantage of it as well.

I think it's pretty horrible that we can't get along. We can't see the World Trade Center or the Pentagon, all we have left are memorials and pictures, but the terrorists took the most valuable thing they could have taken from some. They took family.

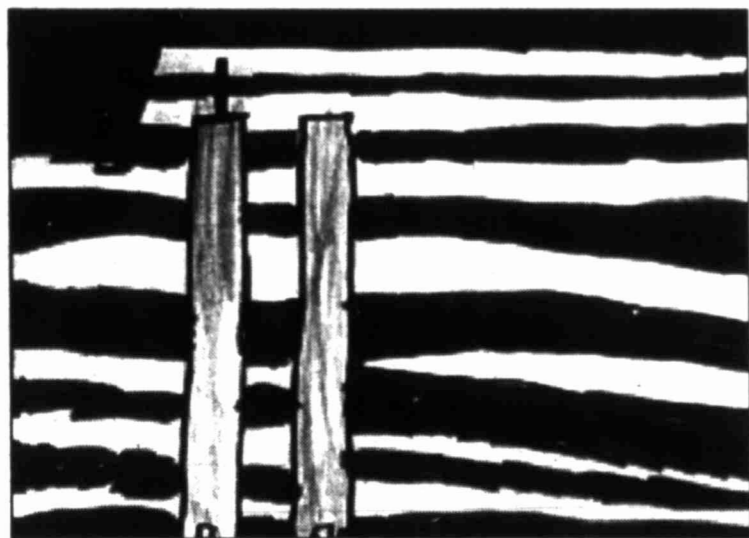
They thought they were showing our government what they were capable of but instead they took family from innocent Americans and still we aren't sure how many people lost their lives on September 11th.

To me they didn't show courage by sending suicide bombers to hijack our planes or loyalty to their country or government. They showed me that they were weak, for taking our people from their families and then hiding. I think that is cowardly.

But of all the bad and sadness that will always be remembered for September 11th, there will always be the good. The team work and effort of everyone in our country who has helped to build back what we lost that terrible day.

I know that we will probably never suffer that kind of tremendous pain that those families have endured but I would like to say that they should be so proud of their loved ones, because I'm sure that they were very brave and strong through the time of the attacks. They will always be remembered for their courage on the day of September 11, 2001.

It's good to know that even if we may not be able to always get along, or we may not have the same ideas, but in that time of need we are here for each other to make things better and for that I am thankful to be an American.



Daniel Shanahan, Big Spring Junior High School

**High School Division
Ashley Willadsen
Big Spring High School**

September 11, 2001, was a normal day for me. I woke up and went to school. At school almost every teacher had their radio tuned to the news. Finally at the end of the day, I knew what all the commotion was about. Our principal had called the whole school to the auditorium and we watched on a big projector screen everything that happened that day.

I remember watching the screen and seeing that plane hit the building and in my mind I thought who could do such a thing. Then watching the building plummet one floor at time faster than I could blink.

All the news channels, radio stations, magazines and newspapers covered with stories and articles about it.

Pictures of families crying and comforting each other. And while all this is going on in America, the Palestine's could never be happier. So many people risked their lives that day. Too many deaths to count and still a year later we don't know how many died that day.

Everyone killed that day will be remembered by all of America. For all Americans that made people realize how precious our country is to us. People from everywhere opened their eyes and realized that there are other people in this world besides them. America was like one big family after all the attacks. People realized how important life is and how important their family is to them. I was proud of our country the way we united. I loved seeing all the flags outside almost every house and on every car of the road. America will never really forget that moment; they will always remember 9/11 for years to come.

The police, fire department and all the people involved will be remembered forever.

**High School Division
Manuel Hernandez
Big Spring High School**

In the cowardly act of September 11, we have realized how united of a nation we have when we pull together. The tragedy has changed our lives in many ways, forever.

The morning I heard about the attacks, I didn't think that it was real, until I saw what was going on, on T.V.

That day I wanted to join the Marines and attack anyone who wanted to do more harm to our country. When I saw the first plane crash into the building, my heart just dropped. That was the most saddest thing I have ever seen and I hope it doesn't get any worse than that.

I remember it like it had just happened yesterday. I can't believe that it is already a year gone by and they still can't find who is responsible for the attacks.

They know who he is but they don't know where he is at. When they find him, it will relieve some of the stress people have been holding in. When they catch him, they should shave his beard, kick him around and then give him the death penalty by gas chamber while sitting in the electric chair. I'm pretty sure that Americans have their own ideas about what to do with him and I know it's not going to end-up in a pretty sight. I tried to put it in the nicest way I could possibly. I don't think Bin Laden will die of natural causes because if one of those caves collapse he will probably be crushed, I mean that literally.

There is more than one way to skin a cat, I think. Bin Laden did a lot of damage to New York and families of those who died in the attacks, so they'll be punished. He will pay for all the damage he has done. Airports are now packed with security, big events are checked for anything possible that could go wrong, and a lot of people are being judge for their color of skin and not for who they really are.

People shouldn't fear for their life. America is a pretty safe place to live. We have our freedoms and rights. Other countries don't. We go as we please and take it for granted. We just have to realize that it could be worse and that we have it made here. Our country might not be perfect but to me it's the best place on earth. We will not be taken-in that easily.

China knows what happens when they mess with America. Bin Laden doesn't know what he got himself into, but he will feel our wrath. Not only him, but all terrorists. They can run and hide, but they can't escape. Our troops won't rest until they find all the members of the attacks. I wouldn't want to stand in the way of a moving train at full speed because that's what will happen if you try to stop them.



Dustin Lister, Big Spring Junior High School

**High School Division
Sarara Kuroisawa
Big Spring High School**

The chaos of America's terrible day began in the morning of Tuesday, when an American Airlines 767 plowed into Tower 1 of the World Trade Center. Then about 15 minutes later came the record blow. The 110-story Tower 2 was hit by another plane. And finally, there was the Pentagon.

That day and that time I was in Japan and watching TV. It was night and I usually watch TV. And my whole family were in the same place. After the first plane attacked into the Tower one of the TV channels changed its program and I saw an airplane attacked into Tower on time. And at that time all the TV channels changed their program and be broadcast live.

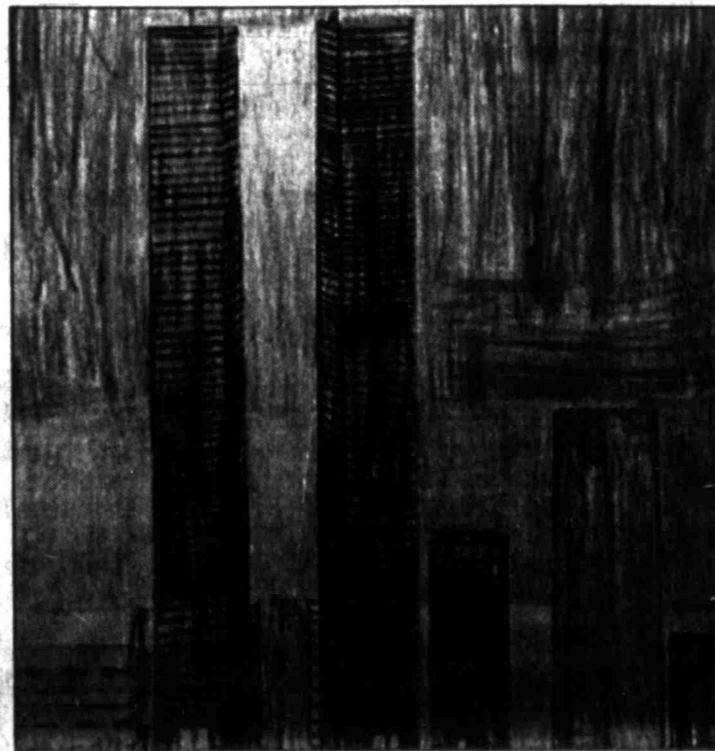
When I saw it first time. I (also my whole family) didn't understand what was happening. I thought that it was a movie or something. Because I had never seen that kind of image, I saw it only in a movie so I could not believe that it was real. I could not think that there are many people inside the Towers. After a little while, I discussed this terrible thing with my family.

I watched the attack of airplane again and again on TV. But even though I watched it many times, I never got used to it. That was awful. I could never think that was real. It can't escape. I feel very sad and get angry.

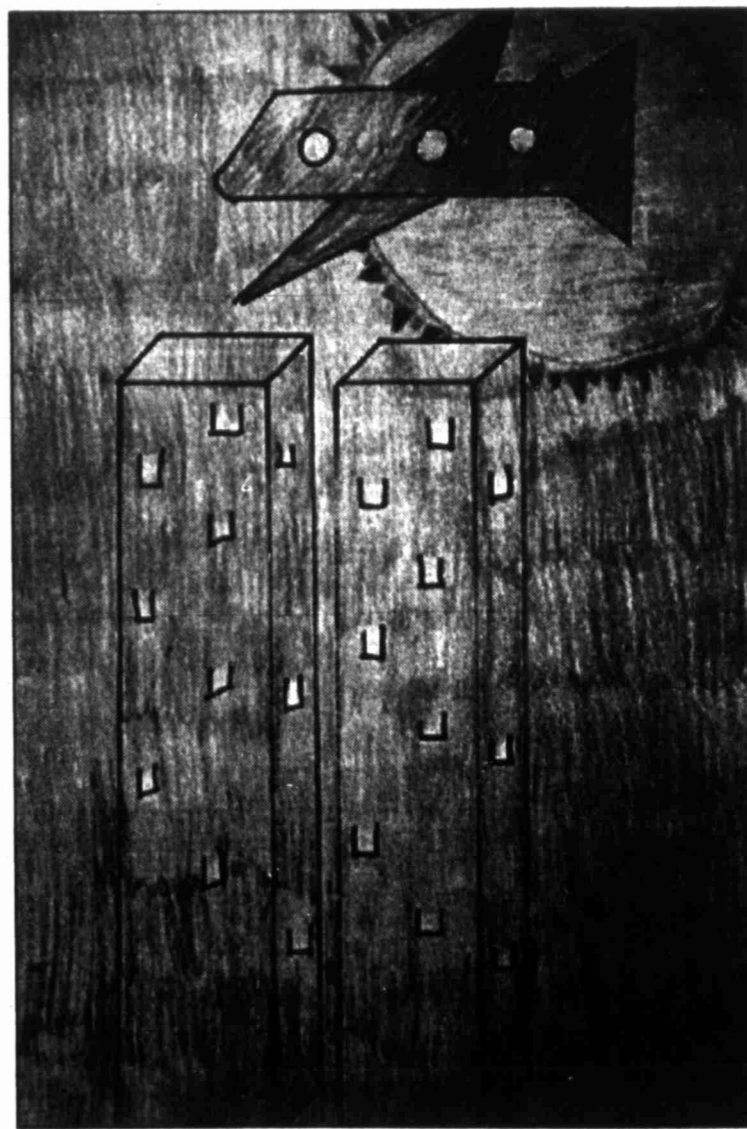
I feel many things, though, I'm in Japan and I'm Japanese. So I think Americans feel sad and more be angry than I. After several months, I forgot about the terror and there is no news about terror on TV or newspaper in Japan. No this is the difference between America and Japan, I suppose.

I don't want to break out this kinds of terrible thing, again. Never.

Some people said that this was the worst thing since Pearl Harbor. Pearl Harbor is what Japan did. I had learned about it at my school, but I didn't know that Pearl Harbor is as bad as this terror. I think this is bad, we have to know more about our own country's history. And this is good for our future, I suppose.



Eric Snichauls, Big Spring Junior High School



Elizabeth Martinez, Big Spring Junior High School

**High School Division
Samantha Castro
Big Spring High School**

When I woke up in the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, I had no idea that by the end of the day, a national tragedy would occur.

As far as I knew, everything was fine and peaceful. Before I got to school that morning, I had heard of some bombings but didn't really think it was serious until I heard details. I was in second period, Mrs. Myers class, and someone from the office came into the room and told Mrs. Myers something and then she shared it with the class and we were all pretty shocked.

"Some planes flew into the World Trade Center and the buildings have been blown to pieces," is what Mrs. Myers said.

The first thing in my mind was all the people that died and the little kids whose mom's and dads were in the buildings and now dead. Then we got to watch T.V. and seeing actual footage of the planes flying into those buildings and people running away from it all or people actually jumping out of the windows...that really bothered me more than I thought it would.

I didn't feel safe anymore in this country. I was scared of what would happen next. That day all after school activities were called off. Even the place I work, StarTek, was closed that day too. Me and a couple of friends went to my house and watched the news and saw repeated footage over what happened. We were all still shocked...I just couldn't believe it. I remembered how I had been on an airplane only a couple of months before and thought to myself security wasn't all that tight so it didn't surprise me at all that someone actually got on a plane with any weapons.

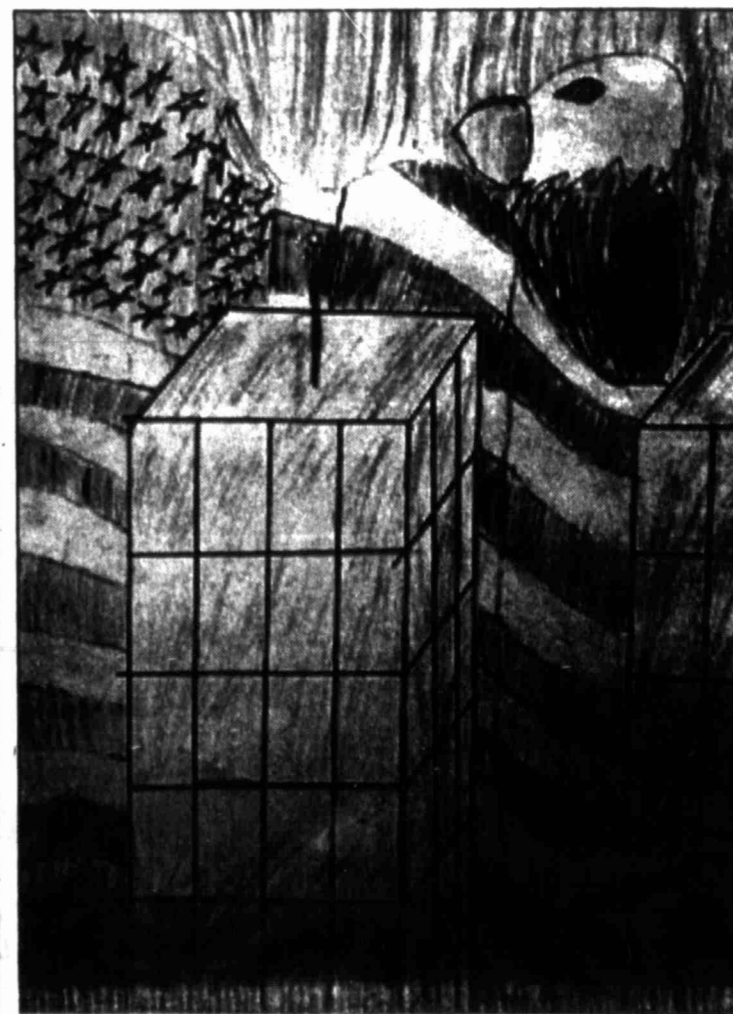
In a way, I was angry and scared together. I think what happened made us all stop and think about our country and I think everyone started to appreciate it more because all I see now in town is American flags everywhere, it's like everyone turned patriotic and that's cool but why weren't we like that before, was the question in my mind. If we had taken the kind of precautions before like we do now maybe this all could have been prevented, who knows. I was on an airplane only about a month and a half ago and I was scared I'll have to admit.

I notice a lot of changes in the airports as far as security goes. They checked bags, pockets, shoes, socks...They checked everything on everybody. Some people even got pulled to the side if they looked suspicious. I noticed more security guards this time too.

They're very careful and more observant toward you now. I didn't think there was any possible way anyone could get anything on plane to harm us. So because of all that in a way, I felt safe but there was still a little fear in me. When I left my dad at the airport and got on the plane, I thought to myself "this could be the last time I see him."

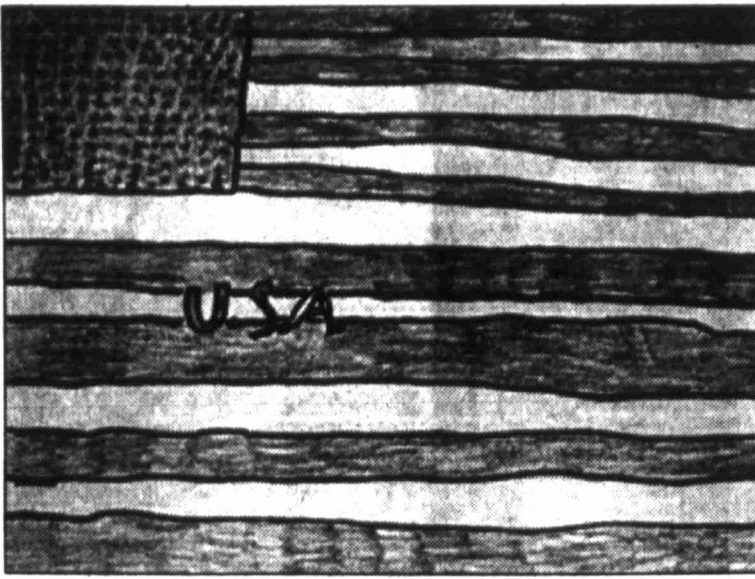
I could get on and be blown up. I thought the same thing when I left my mom from the airport in Philadelphia. Luckily though, the trip was all safe and secure and I made it there and back safely.

With the precautions that everyone is taking now I don't see how this could happen again.



Frankie Rabio, Big Spring Junior High School

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Judith B. Treece, Bauer

High School Division Robert Vollsov Big Spring High School

When I think about the terror that struck this nation on Sept. 11, I'm still in disbelief that someone could be so cruel and evil.

Some country is laughing and telling us that we deserve what we got. I think that no one should deserve the types of acts that struck the wonderful nation.

We now understand what people of other nations experience everyday of their lives.

As Americans we don't want this to happen again so we tight up security.

Place people in jail who look like Muslim and people say that is fine well I don't.

They are taking away our freedom to speak, to practice different religions and our freedom in general.

If you take all that away are we really still Americans or just prisoners?

Slowly the government is picking apart freedom.

Safety is the thing in most everybody's minds and me too, but stop and think how much freedom are you willing to give up to be safe.

Most people might think safety comes first before freedom, well not in my book. I like having the freedom almost anything I want and when I want to do it.

Personally I think the country of the United States was affected more than anything else.

So many people lost their jobs at big corporations than small businesses.

After Sept. 11, the small businesses have started to boom.

With small businesses taking off that means that more people have jobs. For example a small business in Sweetwater is now making light bulbs that detect

So in a sense Sept. 11 has helped small business. I am not all that worried about the economy of America because we will bounce back.

Sure Sept. 11 did slow us down, but you can never really stop us from living our daily lives.

The war against terror has affected me more than anything else. It has opened my eyes to see what the rest of the world is like.

After Sept. 11, I wanted to join the military and help out anyway I could, but then I stopped and took a look at the big picture, I discovered that I could be more useful at home than at the front lines.

At home I could do what I do best, build. I started thinking how many lives would be saved if the buildings would have stood for a few minutes longer.

So my goal in life is to build stronger buildings in America and throughout the world.

To keep these acts from ever happening ever again. Years from now people will not be asking where you were when JFK was killed, no but instead will be asking where were you when terror struck on Sept. 11.

High School Division Rudy Garcia Big Spring High School

It has been a year since the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center's Towers. The lives of several Americans has started over since that event.

People are beginning to look at life with a whole new perspective. It doesn't even seem that it has been a whole year since this tragic event.

The horror story is still fresh in all of our minds. I think it is because we are accustomed to a small measure of fear in our lives from to national disaster.

The fall of the two towers is like nothing our generation has experienced before. This kind of situation is something that we have only read about in our history class and seen on TV to a country that is less militarily equipped on us.

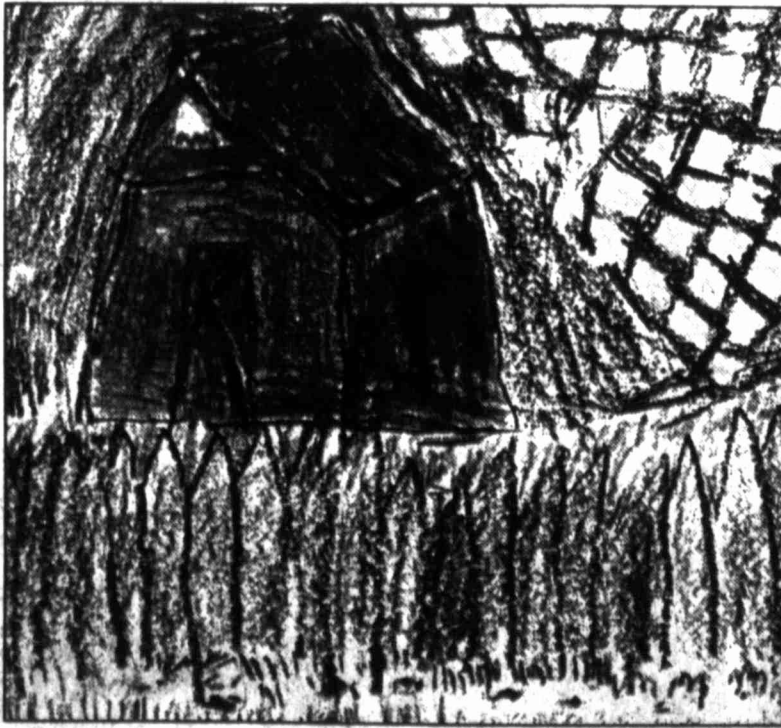
Our country is known for its great cultural and ethnic diversity. We eagerly welcome immigration and are grateful to experience new cultures. This way of life is a good thing and a bad thing. It is a good thing because there are people who have earned the right and deserve to be a part of America and enjoy our freedom.

A bad thing about it is that immigration laws can be bent by the deception and wealth of terrorist forces. is now being pointed in the wrong direction. Some Americans have chosen to blame the attack on certain ethnic people.

When they should really understand that they are victims of terrorists and that it is the terrorist and only the terrorists we should put to blame.

The affect of Sept. 11, is taking a great toll on the way we go about our lives. Security in transportation is tighter than it has ever been before.

Some people feel that our daily lives are becoming too



Leslie, Bauer

military. The Sept. 11 attack has affected people in many different ways. I can remember going to school and hearing about it in second period.

At first I couldn't actually realize how much damage was actually done. By the time I got to fourth period and I realized it was a terrorist attack that actually took place.

The issue of war came into play. People began talking of war and how some of us might be drafted in the war on terrorist spread to other nations resulting in another World War.

I began to fear the thought of me and my brother being drafted into a war because he was 18 and I was 17.

After a while things began to calm down, but not for long. The anthrax scare came later in that year and with the Sept. 11 attack being the worst of terrorist.

People were quick to think that anthrax was another terrorist attack. This year was the first I had ever heard of the Taliban and their leader Osama bin Laden.

The search for bin Laden and the destruction of terrorist threat had begun just shortly after Sept. 11.

Several countries joined with us in the fight against terrorism and most supported in the search of bin Laden.

The search is still going on today but our targets are if he had died in the constant bombing of terrorist training camps and Taliban hideouts.

Political turmoil has started even stronger in Israel and in Afghanistan.

Hopefully by the end of next year it will all be over.

Maybe the Sept. 11, attack has changed our nation for the better.

Our country has united together with patriotism. People are beginning to appreciate the rights and privileges we have in the United States.

The people whose lives were taken in the Sept. 11, attack will be missed and always remembered.

High School Division Tyrel Wooldridge Big Spring High School

Since the Sept. 11, attacks the world has been changed in many ways. Even today we are still affected by the great tragedy of the Twin Towers attack.

All of this happening has made it harder for the U.S. to live happily and peacefully. The effects from all of this has made it harder on the everyday living.

It has made millions lose their lives and their homes in New York. It has changed the economy and made it harder to go places in airports on planes.

To tell the truth it has upset all of the people in the U.S. and has made the military go into full effect.

A lot of people went into the military to go fight back and make the U.S. a better place again.

Finding Osama bin Laden, the one behind all of this, so people could live in peace once again knowing that he was caught.

Two of my friends went to the Army to go and fight for our country. They wanted to do something to help.

They told me they didn't want to sit around and let Osama get away with what he has done to harm our country so much.

With tighter security it has made it harder for people to travel in planes. At the airport they scan your things and go through it and check for bombs.

You basically have to be there early so they have time to check all of your things and still have time to get on the flight.

Since terrorists hijacked planes and caused all this grief, many businesses closed that very same day, worried that their building might be next.

The news from the attack made the exchange in the stock market close and it fell dramatically. Many people were worried what could happen next.

A lot of businesses shut down also so they could go home and try to relax a little from all of the fright.

Many of us went home that day worried if there would be anymore accidents throughout the day.

It saddened the whole country and made it where nobody understood why it had to happen to them.

The parents had to tell their kids what had happened so they could understand it all.

Just sit down and think for a moment, are we really safe from terrorism?

Or are we just going to allow more and more bad things happen to us in the future.

The good thing about all of this is it brought the whole country together as one and something was done about the whole situation.

Knowing that millions of people care so much makes me feel proud to be part of such a great country.

If only there wasn't so much hate from other countries, then we would not have so many worries today in life.

Also knowing people are taking these kinds of things more seriously than before.

It lets everyone know they are and will be doing something to keep this from happening again.

The world is just not the same anymore with all of the violence like murders, bombings, shootings and everything that has happened recently throughout the U.S. even today.

Millions of people die everyday. Why must there be so much crime and people take the lives of other people.

When it is time to go it is time to go, there is no need to speed up the time.

High School Division Pricilla Franco Big Spring High School

Change In America The alarm clock on the nightstand buzzed its monotonous, annoying ring.

I unwillingly raise my hand to end the agonizing sounds as I rolled out of bed. It was 7:30 a.m., less than two hours away from the moment that would change the lives of the people of America.

The school bell sounded and the day seemed to drag on as it was only third period. World Geography was the subject.

The day seemed normal and students carried on with their daily routines.

When I entered the classroom, for some unknown reason, I experienced a feeling of somewhat like dread.

Something was unusual or would change, but what? I dismissed the feeling as I sat at my desk and opened my text book ready to take our daily chapter notes.

The tardy bell rang and yet our teacher was absent. A few moments later she entered the room and took the usual attendance.

Following this the teacher requested that we close our books and listen to what she was about to say.

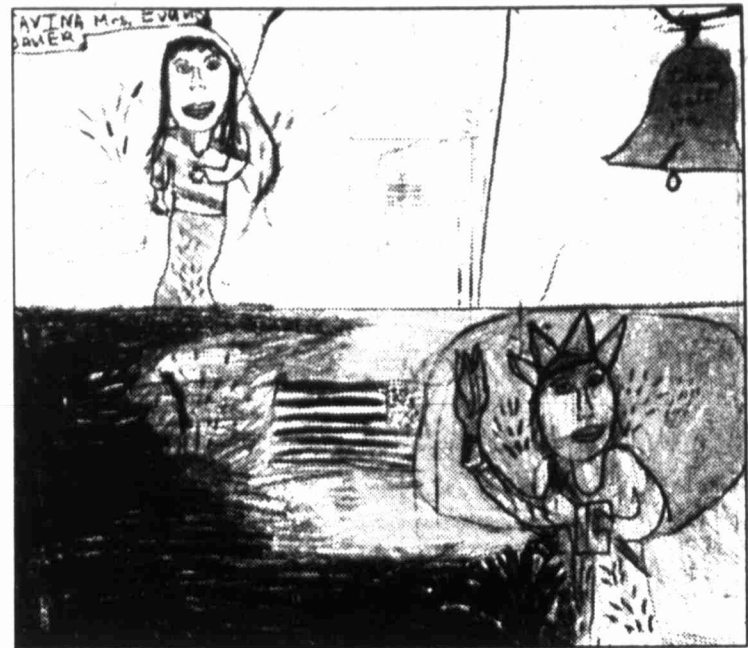
She informed the class that there had been a terrorist attack launched at the Twin Towers and the Pentagon.

Instead of describing the terrible disaster, she turned on the TV and set it to the news channel.

The TV screen was filled with reporters as they were all trying to capture on video the collapse of the Twin Towers.

Dirt and debris filled the Tower's surrounding streets and people were seen as they tried to flee death covered in masks of dirt.

As our class sat and watched this gruesome scene, there was a deafening silence upon us. All that played



Savina, Bauer

back in our mental state was the people, the horror we felt, and the anger and resentment towards the people who were responsible for this suicide mission.

On this day, Sept. 11, 2001, at 8:46 a.m. the American people experienced the start of a new more powerful nation.

The first plane crashed into the north Tower at 8:46 a.m. along with 92 innocent passengers and crew who had just started their day and intended to get to their destination.

The second plane crashed into the south Tower at 9:03 a.m. with 65 passengers and crew.

As I watched the broadcasting of this violent scene, all I could ponder was, "Why did this have to happen, for what purpose, and why didn't anyone stop this before it occurred?"

Later that evening, I suddenly realized the destruction the event of the day had left.

I also realized how quickly the people of America can unite as one in a time of crisis and despair.

The days following this massacre Americans united as a whole and fought to retaliate those responsible for this attack.

They showed our opposing enemies that together we can make a difference.

Airports tightened security, borders were temporarily closed, and volunteers gave up their lives.

A group of men from the Dallas hospital piled in a car with an ice chest containing human skin and drove overnight to Washington when a low supply of human tissue for burn victims became an issue at Washington Hospital Center. This is just an example of many that went into effect during the following months.

Unity, freedom, and survival were key elements as Americans decided the fate of us all.

In closing, we have shown our strength, courage, and rights as Americans. We have changed and influenced so many lives as we worked together.

I also feel our lives have changed through new procedures, faith in our government and most importantly, through God! America has changed!



Nikki Ramirez, Bauer



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High School Division
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On Sept. 11, I was living in Midland. I was in Bible class and the principal came in and announced what was going on. Immediately the whole class began to pray. I didn't really realize how drastic things were yet.

At lunch I went home to check on my mom and that's when it hit me that this wasn't just going to affect New York and the Pentagon, this was going to affect the whole nation.

I was scared and felt so bad for all of the families of the people who were dying. The whole city of Midland felt unsafe living in the town where the President himself is from.

For the rest of the night my family was glued to the T.V. and the phone contacting all of our family members to make sure everyone was OK.

I spent most of the night watching all of the horrific scenes from the Twin Towers get played over and over again.

I can't imagine being in one of those towers and feeling like you had to jump out of a building to be safe. My heart goes out to all the families that have lost loved ones.

It was very heartwarming to see our country unite, but it was also sad to me that it took a terrorist act to bring our country together.

High School Division
Brennan Bailey
Big Spring High School

Before I began to write this essay, I started trying to think of all the words and emotions I could use to describe the event of Sept. 11, 2001. You see there are no words to describe what took place that early September morning. Agony, pain, loss, fear do not even begin to describe what went through the hearts and minds of not only New Yorkers, but of all Americans on that day.

Who was there on that black Tuesday morning? There were pilots, passengers, hijackers, reporters, mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers, sons and daughters.

Some question whether or not God was there or as Bryant Gumble put it "Why didn't God stop this or do something about this?" My response to this would have to be the same as Anne Graham Lotz's when she responded "For years, we have told God we didn't want Him in our schools.

We didn't want Him in our government, and we didn't want Him in our finances, and God was just being the perfect gentleman in doing just what we asked Him to do."

We need to make up our minds do we want God or do we not want Him? We cannot just ask Him in when disaster strikes.

We take prayer out of America's public schools. Why, you ask? Well, because it is not fair, there are other religions and if we are going to pray to the Christian's God then we have to pray to every religion's God.

Excuse me, but are we just going to sit back and forget that this country was founded on Christianity with the help of the Lord God?

Reach in your pocket and grab some of that loose change or even a dollar bill, just in case you have forgotten, it says "In God We Trust", but do we? We used to.

A nation must have values that are derived from some base. Our forefathers, in their infinite wisdom, determined that our values should be based on those established by God in the Bible.

If we, as a nation continue to achieve religious diversification in our government, how will we be any different than the people of Afghanistan.

There is no question that Christianity is perceived by other religions as evil, yet we let these same religions drive our decision making capacity. Many of the things that are taking place today, I believe, are a result of Americans feeling that they don't need God.

But they do! Slowly, little by little, our country which many Americans died to preserve, is yielding to decisions, rules and regulations that make us no different than any other country.

Could it be that our very freedom will be our demise? Fortunately for many of us God is back into our government with President George Bush and other Christian leaders at the helm. Just think were we would be if God was not in our government. We would not be.

On September 11, 2001 Americans were taught to fear. We have grown oddly accustomed to our easy way of life. We have also become very selfish and extremely lazy.

We complain about our toe aching when our neighbor next door is suffering from cancer. We are completely lost when the electricity clicks off and we can no longer use our microwave or telephone and we abbreviate three letter words such as "and."

It was time for a change and that is exactly what we got. Yes, I would say Sept. 11, 2001, taught Americans to fear. Fear whom? Fear God. For without God, there would be no America, no free country, and no amenities.

It is sad that so many Americans had to die to revive this country. But look how we have changed...everyone is praying, churches are full, people are sharing what they have, and Americans are no longer taking advantage of this easy

way of life, for now they realize they can lose not only their worldly possessions, but members of their families, friends and coworkers in the blink of an eye. Who we ask, will still be by our side? I think each one of us can answer that God will be there.

Thankfully, America is starting to stand back up. If we continue to stick together as one nation, stand under God, with liberty and justice and not fall victim to the world again, America will make it!

High School Division
Daniele Bartlett
Big Spring High School

Terrorist attacks, the World Trade centers, planes, and the Pentagon all have one thing in common, a date. Sept. 11, 2001, the day that will live in infamy in the hearts of us all.

We all thought nothing could ever happen to the "Big Bad United States," but as soon as it happened we all said God how could you let something like this happen to us.

We are suppose to be invincible we and to be beaten this easily it is just impossible. Never the less is happened and it affected us all not just the friends and family of those who died all of us. Physically it hurt us, but mentally it devastated us.

The terrorist attacks targeted the United States in one of our most vulnerable spots. The spot that we felt the safest. We all thought that nothing could ever happen to the World Trade Centers (WTC), but when it comes down to it we were ignorant to it all, we missed yet another terrorist attack on America.

It damaged our life as we know it, nothing will ever be the same.

Feeling sorry for the parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, and wives of the attacks came naturally after we heard about who it happened and what happened during and after the attacks.

They lost loved ones who were oblivious to what was about to become their death. Feeling sorry was nothing new when it comes to attacks on America. We all know about the plane that was taken over by the passengers so that the plane would not hurt very many people on the land.

The people that did that were braver than anybody I know if they were in the very situation. When you think about it I don't think I would have done it either, then you think a little harder and realize that if it would save thousands of lives and only kill hundreds then we would have done the same thing.

Terrorist need to be punished not only the ones who died but the ones who are still alive today. If they supported the attacks on America then they need to be killed or at least punished for every person the attacks killed. Every person that had something to do with the terrorist attacks should have to serve a sentence for every person that died that day.

Terrorists, World Trade Centers, planes, and the Pentagon have one thing in common, a date. Sept. 11, 2001 the day that changed our lives forever. Work was never same it was harder, more rules, and less freedom, and life it got "strange" it was harder to live it effected us so that we were always scared we could not believe that something like this could ever happen, and travel it has never been worse, people were just plain scared that something else might happen.

No one wanted to travel, they were to scared to do anything but drive from place to place. Security around everything was increased no one felt safe. Sept. 11, 2001, the day that will live in infamy and everybody will always remember in our hearts and in the hearts of all Americans.

High School Division
Joann Cerribe
Big Spring High School

I only have a few words to say about this date tragic, unforgettable, memories. We as a country have witnessed what we thought was over after World War II.

However we thought wrong. In this I've decided to share my feelings with you. Sept. 11 tragedy happened while I was in school everyone seemed so concerned at the time however they were more worried about getting out of class. To be honest with you I looked at it as I wasn't there in New York so it doesn't bother me as much as it should.

Being a teenager it was the last thing on my mind. However I do understand it was a big huge loss and yes it will effect the future, because who's to say it won't happen again.

Also if the rumors are true, and the government did know this was going to happen then we seriously have a problem and need to get someone who knows what's going on and tell us so we can prepare.

In the end of this let's just remember the people we lost and even though that did phase some of us one bit, well at least we can pose the idea that we do.

High School Division
Amanda Chapman
Big Spring High School

Sept. 11, 2001, was a day that no one will ever forget. That day went down in the history books.

It was a time of tragedy, horror, pain, and suffering.

Not only did the thousands that died suffered a tragic death, but millions more will suffer their loss.

Many lives have changed most for the worse.

It is nearly a year later and New York and Washington are still not rebuilt.

The Pentagon and Twin Towers are forever lost, and will never be replaced.

Bin Ladin is a selfish man. His hatred towards America cost thousands of people their lives. He hides away in Saudi Arabia where no U.S. Armed Force or type of police can get to him.

However, until he is found and captivated, the United States will not rest! Even officials in Saudi Arabia are hunting him down.

Lives have changed and they will never be the same. Families must rebuild, and grow stronger. Lives today are still not healed.

They will always be short handed at dinners, missed during Christmas, and at family reunions.

Some families will never grow because the last male may have lost his life that day.

Children are motherless, fatherless, or even both now. Those innocent people did not deserve to die.

The airports are more secure now. If you do not have any type of ticket, you will not be allowed anywhere near a plane. All baggages and people go through a type of scanner or metal detector.

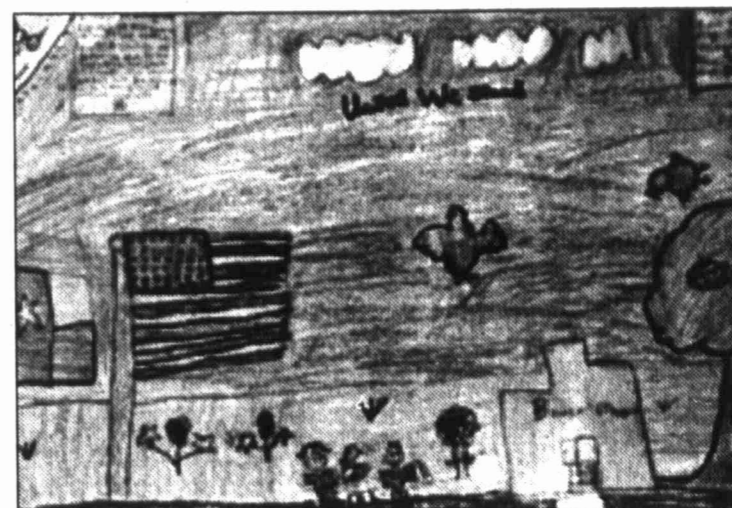
Almost everywhere you go in an airport you'll find some type of armed force or police officer.

There are some people who feel as though their freedom was taken away. Well, for those people, you can thank Bin Ladin. He is the reason it was taken away.

Today, there is a lot of hatred between Americans and the Taliban. This hatred will never end.

It may also cause World War III. People must realize that Sept. 11 did not just effect Americans.

It effected the whole world. We all hope Ben Ladin will soon be captured and be punished for his brutal crimes.



Micaela Martinez, Bauer

High School Division
Priscilla Cortez
Big Spring High School

When remembering important dates in history, Sept. 11, comes to minds of many. In the past year, America has undergone a unity of pride that has changed lives forever. When I heard on that day of the attacks I was kind of scared and in shock.

It was something you would see on a movie. One thing that kept me astonished was seeing all those people jump from the towers. My heart goes out to the families of those whose lives were cut short in the terrorists acts.

I was left in amazement with the footage shown of the actual place attack of the towers. I couldn't stop thinking about how their families were feeling as they watched from the streets of New York or from the news on television. Knowing that nothing you did could save their lives.

I believe this tragedy has changed everyone everywhere in some way. For the good and the bad. Not only does this bring fear to our country's security, but also our jobs.

Due to the fall of the World Trade Center, many were left with no jobs and a rough future of job searching. Many businesses were jeopardized and left with a new beginning.

This is truly an act of rage that could bring more terror in the future. Actions such as these will keep America in a bit of scaredness with what is to come at the beginning of each day.

The attacks of Sept. 11 will always be remembered as the end of the World Trade Centers and the beginning of a newly unified country with pride and deterrence. All for one and one for all. Amen

High School Division
Cyndra George
Big Spring High School

Sept. 11, 2001 is a day I believe no American will ever forget. The sight of a plane crashing into the World Trade Center and Pentagon seemed unreal, like something from a movie.

After the shock wore off fear set in. I kept wondering if this could happen to the Pentagon, the most secure building in the U.S., how safe was I.

I don't think it seemed completely real until fourth period when I saw the devastation that these evil men had caused. I realized how many people had died.

How many families lost a loved one. How many children would never see their mother or father again. Suddenly New York and Washington seemed so close. The tragedy that was affecting them was also affecting those in Big Spring.

Although the terrorists were trying to tear the U.S. apart, they ended up bringing all of America closer together. Everyone seemed proud to be an American citizen. Proud to have heroes willing to risk their lives for the lives of others. Anger was another feeling brought on by 9/11.

I begin to try to rationalize why this had been done to us. We had been supplying Afghanistan with food they desperately needed, and this is how they repay us. By killing innocent, men, women and children.

By tearing families apart. Even though I didn't lose a loved one I express all of these feelings to those who did on that terrible day, one year ago. Sept. 11, 2001

High School Division
Cody Nagle
Big Spring High School

Sept. 11, 2001 was a very tragic and life changing experience for me and the whole nation.

On the morning of 9-11, I had just woken up on my mom told me to look on the news. I turned on my TV and I saw what had happened.

I really didn't know what was going on until I got to school. During second period we listened on the radio to everything that was going on. It was during second period that I realized that these were terrorist acts. These events changed my life. The society changed for about four days after it had all happened. Because of these events America shut down. These events have changed my life.

High School Division
Selene Hernandez
Big Spring High School

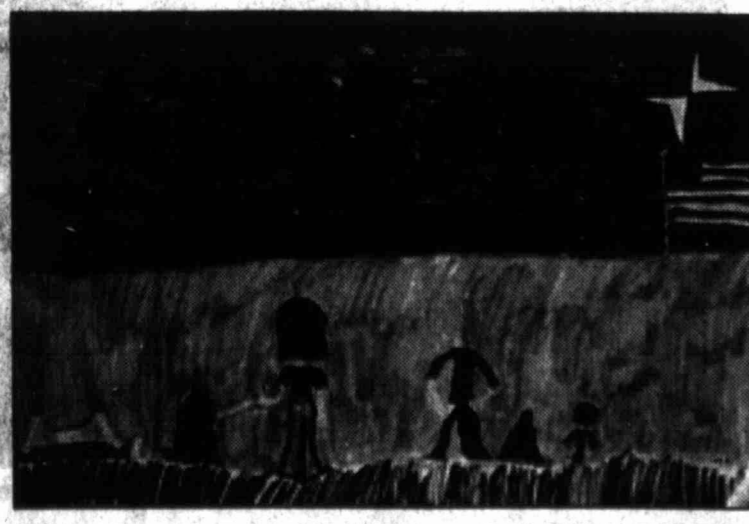
Sept. 11 effected me a great deal. I was terrified that the government could have let something like this happen. The fact that they might have knew ahead of time something was going to happen and to do absolutely nothing to prevent it was outrageous.

This effected the whole economy not just the family's of the 3,000 people that died that day. I had no relatives in the World Trade Centers, The Pentagon, or on any of the flights but imagining the pain of the people who actually knew someone that was innocently murdered because someone doesn't know how to take the right precautions is horrible and very devastating.

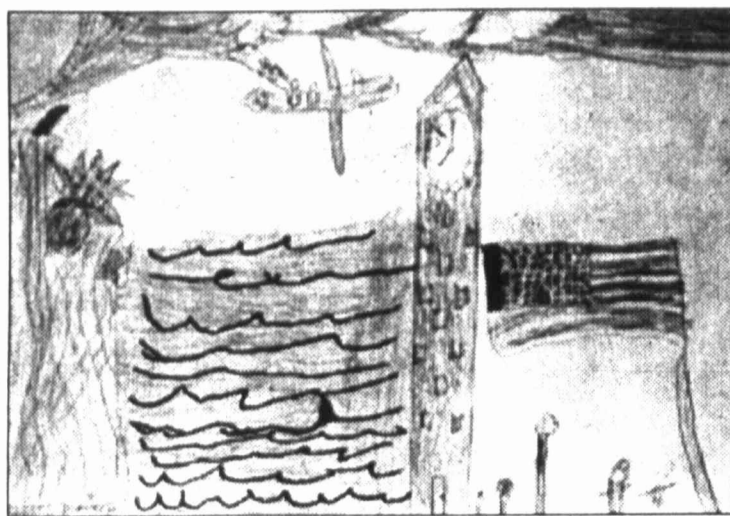
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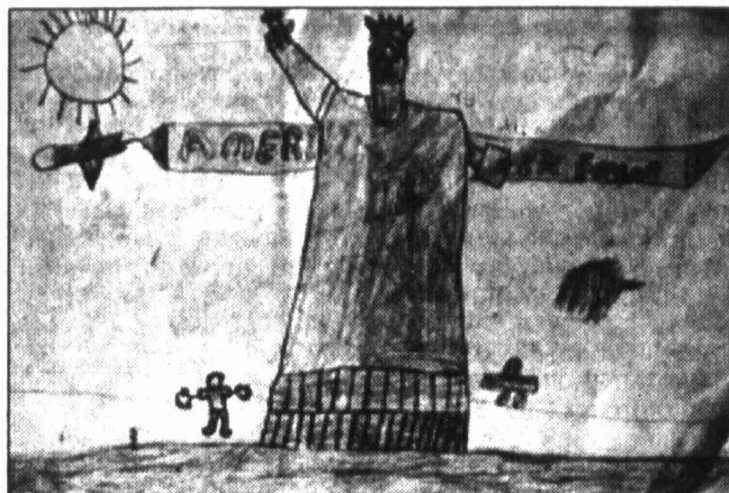
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I am very proud of the people who fought together to try and save as many innocent lives as they possible could. When I had heard about it I was shocked and scared because I didn't know what was going to happen next.

Those people probably could have still jumped into a few more planes and crashed into some more buildings and there is nothing any of us could have done.

I am sure many people wish they were giants and could have just blocked the planes with their body, but as we all know we can't protect everyone and everything with just one person, we have to stick together and fight things as one even though its not just one.

I am happy we are actually doing something about it and fighting the war in Afghanistan because if we didn't they would probably think they could walk all over us because we wouldn't be doing anything about it. But we are.

High School Division
Stormie Huitt
Big Spring High School

Sept. 11, 2001, was a very tremendous and devastating day for our whole nation.

Ever since I was a little girl, I could never imagine any kind of terrorist or war act happening during my life time. I have always been very afraid of being involved in a war, because of the affects it would have on the United States, as well as the people I was very close to.

On the morning of Sept. 11, I was sitting in my second period class still unaware of what had happened, but sure enough I would find out very soon.

My second class for the day was World Geography, so of course our teacher was on top of everything and was very eager to let our class know what was going on.

Finally, he said it, two planes had just crashed into the World Trade Centers as a terrorist act on our country.

My mouth dropped as soon as he said that. At first I couldn't believe it, so it was really hard for me to understand what was going to have to take place due to these acts of terrorism.

All at the same time, I was scared, nervous, and I really felt like I could cry.

I knew at that time all I could do to help was pray and hope. I now realized that these acts could very easily, and probably would lead to war, the one thing I was so very afraid of.

That day, and for the next several weeks, which turned into months, 9-11 was all people could talk about.

Our President and, our leaders of the United States was preparing our armies to go over seas to find the man responsible for these acts, Bin Laden, and deal with him in a suitable manner.

I think our nation, as a whole, is dealing with this dilemma very well. I really feel sorry for all the families that lost loved ones on that day.

I really believe people would have done anything to get their hands on Bin Laden, and some still may, but now is the time when we can only hope and pray for the best.

Hopefully some day, we will be able to go on with our lives, and put this behind us, but until it is totally resolved, we still can only stand together as one nation and hope for the best.

High School Division
Eric Chavez
Big Spring High School

One ordinary day a year ago the world was shocked. Two hijacked planes flew into the World Trade Center in New York. Another flew into the Pentagon and one more crashed in Shanksville Pennsylvania.

The terrorists were proven to be the taliban headed by Osama bin Laden. It has been one year since this tragic incident and there are still many questions to be answered.

It was roughly around 9 a.m. I was sitting in my Spanish class while my teacher left to get a TV.

I was excited thinking we were going to watch a movie, but instead I saw America being attacked. It was a total shock to the class and me.

I always thought that we were safe from attacks like these. Throughout the day everyone sat in their classes and watched what was going on.

Towards the end of the school day our principal brought everyone together in the auditorium to watch the attacks after school.

I had football practice and the team tried to get what had happened out of their minds. Instead we tried to focus on the upcoming game and hoping that it wouldn't get canceled. After practice I headed home.

In amazement I saw the streets crowded with cars. Everyone was getting gas as if the prices were going to increase greatly.

It took approximately an extra ten minutes to get home. My parents were too also shocked on what had happened earlier that day.

A year later I still have many questions about this terrible

day. Some of them were-why didn't we have the security that we are trying to enforce a year ago?

What were the reasons for these attacks and are they going to strike us again. Its great that our security is to its maximum, but its too late.

Was it jealousy that caused these attacks or was it that the taliban wanted to see a down fall in our society. They sure seemed to get in our country easily so why not plan another attack.

The thought of another attack scares me. I believe the death of Bin Laden will ease a lot of worries from the people.

As for myself I don't think the attacks affected me in a personal way. However I feel a great amount of sorrow for those who lost their lives on Sept. 11.

I am also greatly sorry for those who lost a loved one last year. In conclusion, one way or another every American was affected.

I hope we all have learned a lesson from this tragedy. I have a great amount of faith in our security around the world. So I say lets build four more towers and get America rolling again.

High School Division
Kyrstin Parker
Forsan High School

Sept. 11 was a tragic day. Three thousand lost their lives on this day. The United States will never be quite the same.

When I heard about this terrible event, I was in Spanish class. This blemish on American History has changed my small town life forever. At first I could not contemplate this happening in America; I believed we had the perfect country. With all we have been told, I thought our country was invincible with all our weapons, nuclear warheads, missiles, and our military.

I was led to believe our country was such a world power all other countries would cower next to us. When it comes to war, we could and should take care of our own. With all our power, we should have retaliated much faster and with more fury. I do believe our President handled this well. He could not have done much more. I don't blame him because he does carry executive orders.

This day has changed all our lives. I can see the images shown on our televisions and news channels of crying people and the towers falling. When I realized this was real and not a haunting dream; it knocked me down.

We have lost so many American lives but even one should be an outrage. If this were to happen again, I think we would be starting World War Three I cannot imagine nor want to imagine this happening in our day.

This was truly a truly tragic day. Our country will never truly recover from this. There will be a day when we retaliate though. This thought makes me feel just that much better.

High School Division
Ross Berry
Forsan High School

Does it make any difference how, or when, or where we each first heard about the event? No matter how we each were informed, at that moment we each changed.

It does not matter where we were on that day or the days that followed.

The photos of carnage and destruction horrified us all. Most likely we will all remember that day as vividly as yesterday.

It was just a regular day for me. I went to school and started another long day of schoolwork.

We were all in Spanish class talking as usual because we were not going to do anything in there that day.

Our teacher turned on the radio; we did not think anything of it because we sometimes listen to music when we had nothing to do.

Then a silence fell over the class. Everyone turned their attention to the radio announcer who was broadcasting from New York City.

We listened to the radio in a few other classes that day. At first it did not seem that different from other terrorist attacks that had happened in my lifetime.

The Oklahoma City bombing came to mind. When I heard over the radio that the buildings had fallen, the only thing that I could picture in my mind as a smoldering building collapsing, making soot and ash plume into the sky.

At that moment when the buildings collapsed, my view of our country being untouchable came crashing down, too.

This was the first time that I feared for the security of my family, and myself even though we were thousands of miles away from the whole thing.

That was the moment that I felt more like an American and part of the enormous group that make up our nation than at any other time.

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, I saw more patriotism than I had seen in my whole life. Flags were everywhere.

They were on poles, cars, street lights, and shirts. I feel more patriotic and thankful to be an American.

We have seen renewed respect for firefighters, paramedics, policemen, and the military.

Many young children dressed as firemen for Halloween. I have noticed that many of my peers and I watch important news reports more often and pay attention.

I will stop and watch the President's speeches on the television instead of changing the channel like I used to.

In my opinion, the tragedy of Sept. 11, has changed our country for the best.

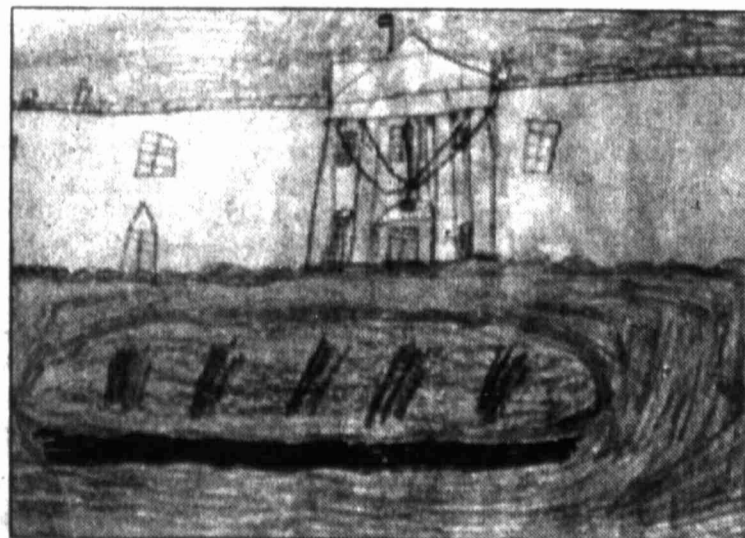
I feel that if the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers had not been as terrible as they were, our country would never have opened our eyes to our own vulnerability.

Our country has changed and learned much because of the events.

I hope that we learn from and never repeat the mistakes that led to the massive loss of life of September 11.

High School Division
Audra Bailey
Forsan High School

On a morning unlike any other a terrible tragic accident had hit the United States. That morning was Sept. 11, a day



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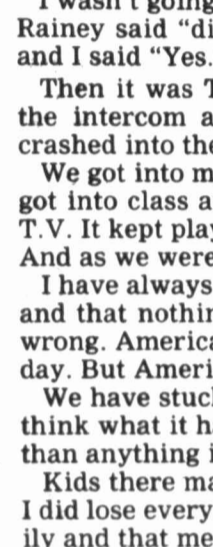
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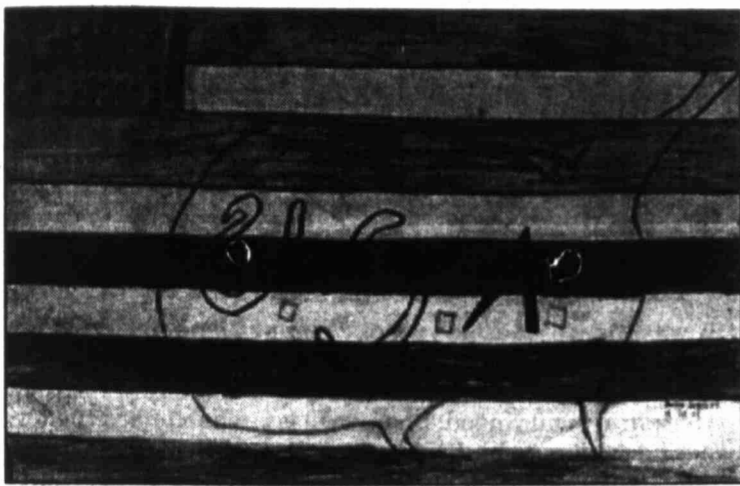
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Jason Walker, Big Spring Junior High School

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September 11th was the worst day of my life.

I was staying with my aunt Lisa. We were running late because we overslept. Well it came over the radio that planes had crashed into the World Trade Center (Twin Towers). And I looked at my aunt Lisa and thought that I had misunderstood. But it came over again and I knew it was true. We went in and signed me up. And then I went to my 2nd period class.

I wasn't going to say anything but my best friend Taylor Rainey said "did you hear what happened at New York," and I said "Yes."

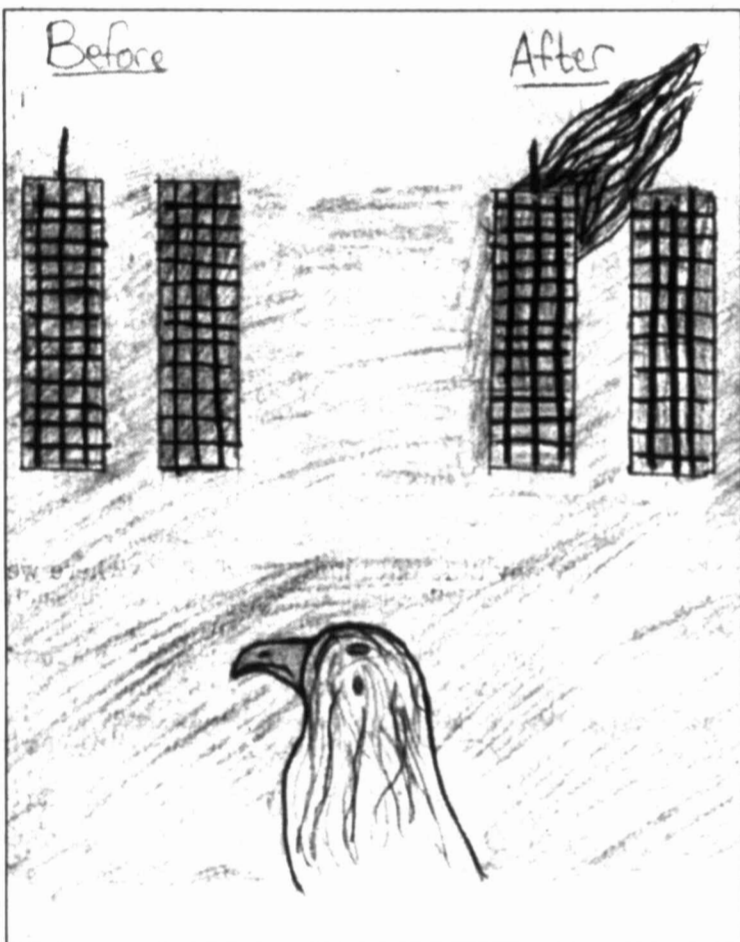
Then it was TAAS time and Mrs. Schneider came over the intercom and said that there has been planes that crashed into the Twin Towers.

We got into my 4th period class which is history. But we got into class and then went to the library to watch it on T.V. It kept playing the planes crash into it over and over. And as we were watching it tears came to my eyes.

I have always said that America was a great place to live and that nothing would happen to us. Well I guess I was wrong. America went under attack and that was the worst day. But America is still great for what we have done.

We have stuck together through these hard times. And I think what it has done to me is to respect my family more than anything in my whole world.

Kids there may have a mother just a dad or none. And if I did lose everything in the world, I will still have my family and that means I will be the most richest girl.



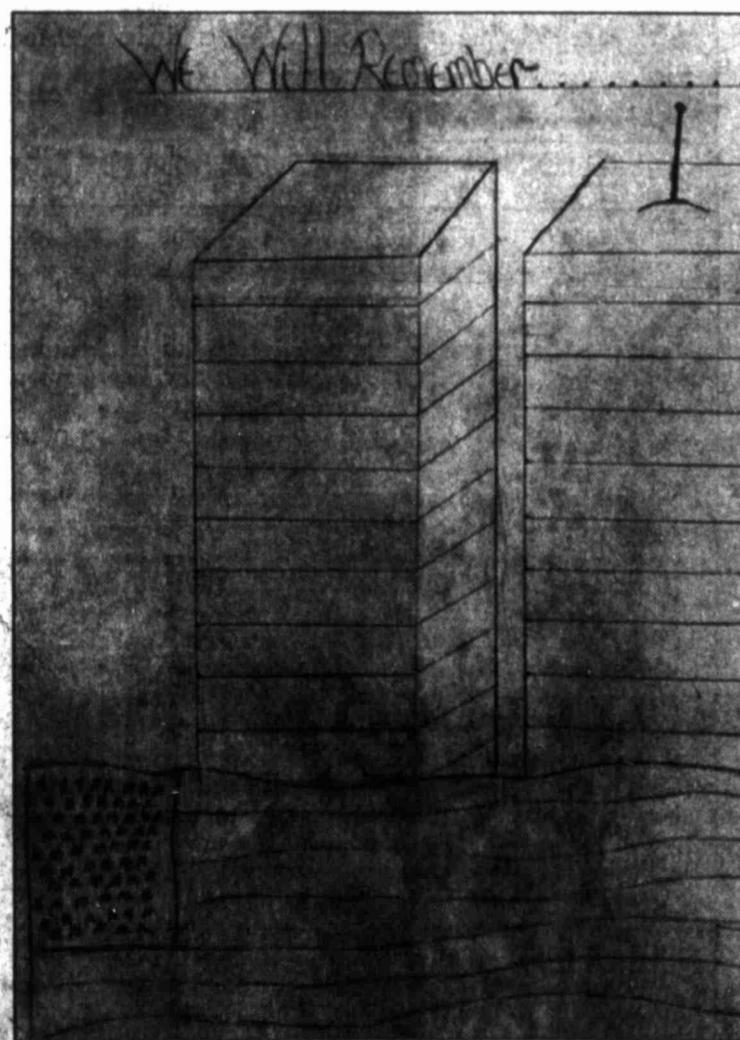
Raul Sanchez, Forsan Junior High School

Junior High Division
Karissa Daniels
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On September 11, 2001, two airplanes crashed into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. This was such a tragedy. Many innocent people were killed that day. Who would ever thought this would happen to them, one of those people did I bet.

When I heard about this attack, I felt nothin but sadness, to think that people could be so mean and cruel.

This attack has changed so many people's lives. It has even changed the economy. It has changed the world so much, people are moving together, there are more people in church but it is sad that something like this has to happen to get everyone in the United States together and united as one.



Miguel Juarez, Coahoma Junior High School

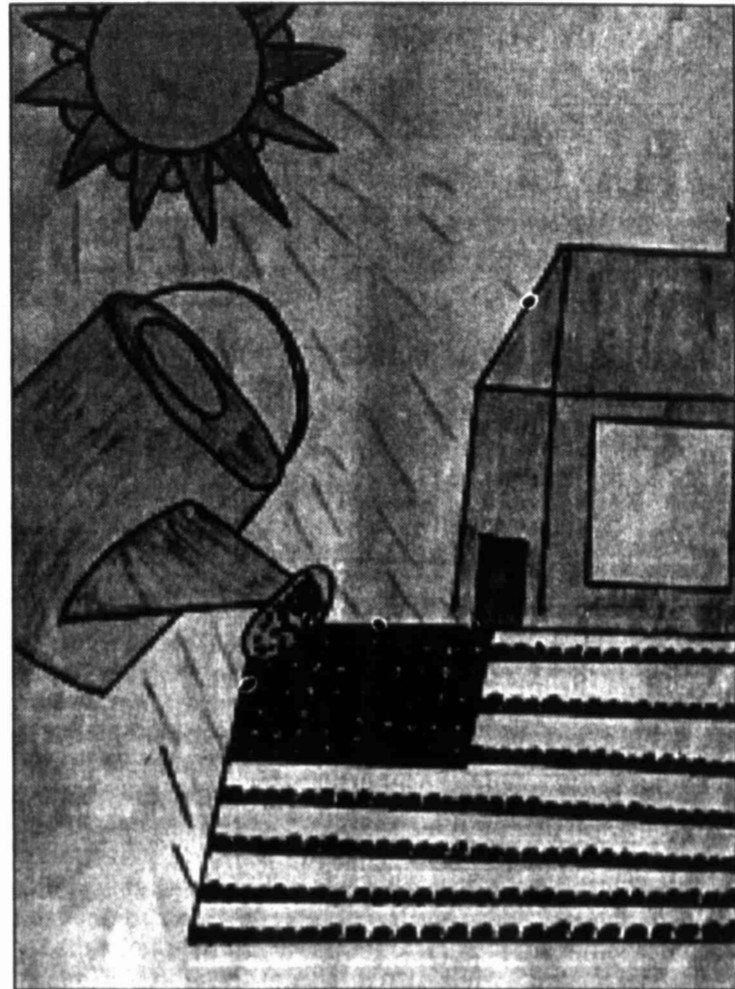
Junior High Division
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Forsan High School

They say if you were alive the day President Kennedy was shot, you will never forget where you were and what you were doing when you found out.

Though Kennedy was a beloved man, September 11th is a date no person will ever forget. So many lives were lost and so much pain was inflicted on a nation because someone didn't agree with the way we live.

I will never forget walking into activity period that day and hearing the radios saying the Pentagon had just been hit. Nor will I forget thinking that this kind of mindless terrorism does not happen to the most powerful country in the world.

The fear and anger I felt that day had never been felt before and will probably never be met again.



John Bermea, Big Spring Junior High School

Junior High Division
Stephanie O'Brien
Forsan High School

The September 11th attacks changed my whole outlook on life.

I always said that the United States would never go to war. I thought WW I and WW II was the end.

It makes me sick to my stomach to think that someone like Osama Bin Laden is out there. He could be anywhere. I think he should be caught and tortured. He murdered thousands of innocent men and women.

After the attacks, it seemed like the whole world changed.

First there were the copycats trying to blow up the airplanes. Then came the anthrax. People sending it in the mail trying to hurt everybody. There were also those cruel people that were committing insurance fraud.

They were saying they lost loved ones in the attacks when they really didn't. Then it seems a lot of companies went bankrupt after the attacks.

WorldCom, K-Mart and whoever else it was. I was really scared. You couldn't go into any airport without seeing men with guns.

But really I think this incident maybe could have been avoided. They should have had tighter security, more security guards, and more careful background checks on those trying to learn how to fly.

I just hope that the war would end and Bin Laden be captured.

God Bless America!

Junior High Division
Danny Moore
Forsan High School

It was September eleventh, I woke and got ready for school just like any other day. I was in first period when Mrs. Sims told my class that the World Trade Centers have been bombed.

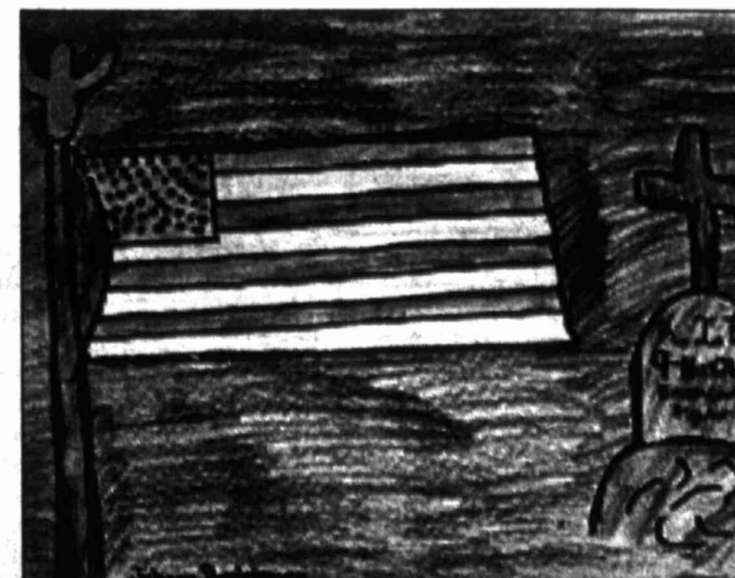
I had no idea what to think. It was like my mind went blank then I realized what I had just heard. I was mad and sad at the same time about what happened. I felt bad for the people that were in the World Trade Centers because they were just doing their work and had no idea it was going to happen.

I felt sorry for the people who had family and friends in the World Trade Center. After what happened on September eleventh more and more people started to go to church. I know I become more and more thankful for every day. Now I try to live my life to the fullest and hope for the best.

I think that the Trade Centers bombing will always be remember in the United States. I was shocked about what happened and still am.

I'm a little afraid to fly now because of what happened on September 11th. I feel that the people who did it should have a fair trial because that's what they deserve.

Today, I think everybody was affected by the World Trade Center bombing and that it has possibly changed their lives in some way.



Johnny Rodriguez, Big Spring Junior High School

Junior High Division
Hillary Burks
Forsan High School

On September 11th, 2001, the world was forever changed. I remember at school when everyone was told. Disbelief and shock registered on all my classmates' and teachers' faces. Nobody could fathom the idea that someone would take our planes and crash them into our buildings.

Every town, city, and business was decorated with American flags. Red, white, and blue was everywhere. I remember the songs, prayers, and sorrow of our nation.

Our nation might have been changed, but forever strengthened. We will always remember this tragic event, but the lives of those lost never forgotten.

God bless America!

Junior High Division
Brent Wood
Forsan High School

On September 11th 2001 a terrible thing happened to the United States. People all over the world heard about it and it was an outrage. Some people weeped and some people stared up into the sky asking that one question, what's going to happen next?

On this day I stayed home from school because I was ill. I got up about ten about to go to the doctor when I turned on the TV, I was flipping through the channels trying to find something to watch, but on every channel it was the same thing. I stopped on a channel to see what it was all about. When I sat and watched it. I was stunned to see what I saw, I couldn't even really believe it. About that time the doctor's office called and said that my visit with the doctor was cancelled. I couldn't believe what I saw, I thought it had to be a terrible dream.

That day no one really did much except sit in front of the TV and watched as it all unfolded. We learned that it was an evil man's plot to destroy the United States. This man thought that he could break the great states of America up, but he was wrong. This terrible thing that happened did not break us apart, it just made us stronger.

I am glad to be an American, because I know that I have rights and that I know one can take them away. I think what happened was terrible but I think it brought us to the realization that bad things happen and we need to get strong and fight. We will always be united and no one can change that.



Johnathan Woodson, Big Spring Junior High School

Junior High Division
Abby Janca
Forsan High School

Could anyone really analyze what they felt on Tuesday, September 11, 2001? So many emotions surging within were hard to figure out personally.

I remember walking into 2nd period World Geography suspecting nothing of the news to come. Without warning, our teacher Coach Thompson told us of the first attack on the Twin Towers. For a while, all were speechless in shock at the news. I think my problem was that though I had heard the news, it really didn't sink in for a while. In 3rd period, it really hit home when I saw a recording of the attack on the internet. As I watched that plane, a heavy weight settled on my chest, it seemed.

That was only the beginning of the surge of emotions that would follow. As I walked down the hall, I paused at a TV tuned to Fox News. As they replayed the scenes over and over again, I felt a cold horror at the hate someone had unleashed upon those unsuspecting people.

The rest of the day was a haze as I walked from class to class quietly. Before the day was done, I had cried several times over the injustice of it all. It seemed a relief to get home to think alone.

That evening, I was sitting at my computer trying to find a radio station. I came across a station playing a song called 'Angel' by an artist I don't remember. I stopped there, sat back in my chair, and cried for not the first time that day. "In the arms of the angel, may you find some comfort here. It was even hard to pray. I couldn't put all of my feelings into words; I could only cry out softly, "Oh, God! Oh, God...!"

As I calmed down, a new emotion surged through me. Anger. I was so incredibly angry at the terrorists. I remember thinking, "How dare they attack us? Don't those fools know who they're dealing with? We are one of the powerful nations in the world!" Even as these hot-headed thoughts (and others along those lines) ran through my head, I knew they would only cause trouble. I realized that anger had driven those people to attack us. Boy, did that thought cool me off!

I got to thinking that since I wasn't exactly in a position to do anything about these attacks, that at least I could pray for the families of the victims and also our soldiers who would act out our retaliation for us. Then, much to my own discomfort, I prayed for the terrorists and Afghanistan. The strange thing was, though it was easy to hate and hard to pray for them, I felt surprisingly better after I did!

It hit me the next day; if I had been that impacted, how much more the families must have gone through! Worrying about missing fathers, mothers, siblings, friends... Clinging to that last thread of hope for their escape from death. No, the word grief didn't even come close to telling the depth of their pain and loss.

Over the next few weeks, I saw a truly awesome thing which, really, I shouldn't have been at all surprised at. Our great country united as one against terrorism and to care for the victims of the attacks. Uniting against the evils of terrorism and hate, we showed the world that good does prevail over evil. National pride swept from coast to coast and people humbled themselves before God following the horrific events at the Pentagon and World Trade Center. I, along with millions of Americans, felt a unique kind of patriotism which, I believe, is born of trial through fire. The old song, "My Country 'Tis of Thee" puts the feeling

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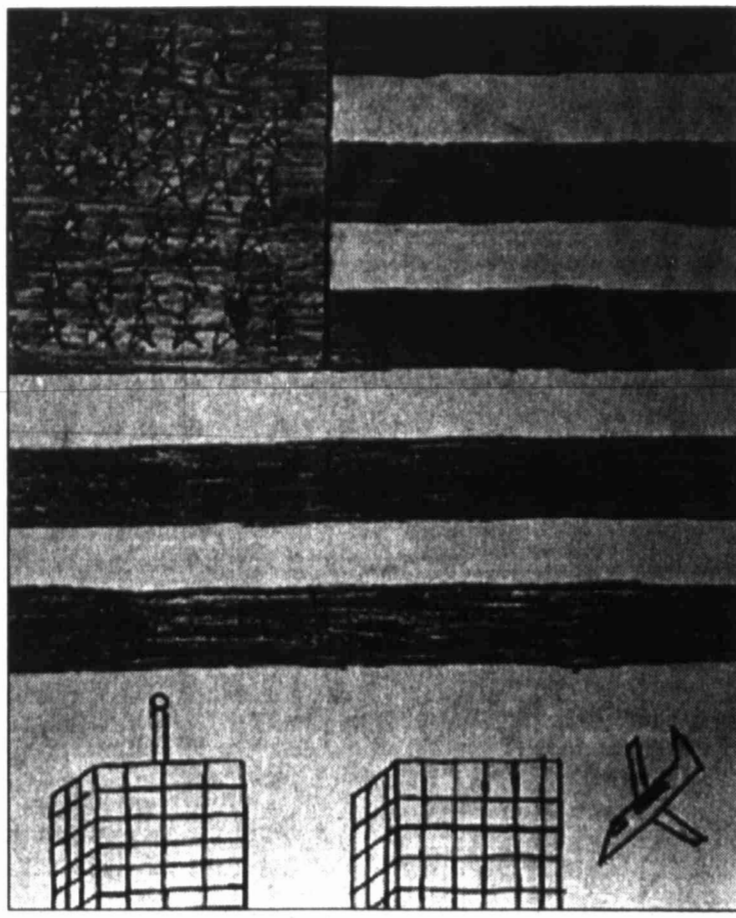
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into words:

My country, 'tis of thee
Sweet land of Liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
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From every mountain side let freedom ring!
My Native Country, thee
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love!
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills like that above!
Now, as I think about all that happened, I've started to notice things about myself that have changed. For instance, I had taken for granted many freedoms that I have here in the United States. So many things that seemed small and irrelevant transformed into precious gems of freedom! It was as though all my life I had been walking along on a tranquil beach, only to be knocked down onto my hands and knees. That's what it took to get me to really examine the sand and pebbles I had been walkin on every day, with no real thought as to what they really were: diamonds and pearls!

Many people were changed by the events on September 11, 2001. Some were changed for the better, and some became bitter and changed for the worse. Though the attacks lasted only one day, the tragic events will forever remain imprinted upon the minds and hearts of all Americans.



Jordan Kinnear, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Adrianna Marlow
Forsan High School

Dead silence filled my second period class after our teacher turned on the radio. The news reporter announced that two airplanes had hit the Twin Towers. Everyone was in shock about the situation that became the subject of the day.

September 11, 2001, changed the lives of many in America, especially those who had lost loved ones or had been affected by the world issue.

I was one who had become shocked at what had happened. To live in America where everything seemed safe did not make me think about expecting the unexpected.

As I came home and turned on the television to see the visual explosions of the Twin Towers incident, I could not get myself to believe that the attacks had really happened. I was scared that some other attacks would happen closer to home. I also felt sorry for the people who had lost loved ones and thanked God that none of my family or friends were in New York while it happened. It is sad that the September 11 attacks had to "wake-up" not only me, but other people as well, to get us to realize how lucky we are to live in America.

The attacks have left me in a state of paranoia around my surroundings. I still cannot look at the same blue sky without thinking of when terrorists will fly by or attack next. On our family trip, we flew to Las Vegas. I used to like flying, but after what happened, I was very uncomfortable with the thought of being in a plane. I managed to get through the flight though, without any problems. I was also cautious about the people around me, just like I am today. I hope that no other attacks will occur. If any more world incidents occur like the 9/11 attacks, I hope that the United States will be ready and alert to keep it from happening.

Other than being scared and worried about my country and the people I love, I did have a good outcome of the attack, if one could have such an outcome. I highly respect the firefighters and policemen everywhere. They sacrificed their lives to help those who had been injured or killed from the toppling towers. I look up to these "life-savers" and "protectors of life." I feel safer knowing that they will help out those in need. These men and women deserve an abundance of credit for their help, bravery, and strength. They truly are real heroes in this world. They are also who I consider to be my heroes.

Out of all that has happened, I am glad it is over. Hopefully, nothing will happen like this again in the future. I now have a better understanding of world issues, but I still will not be able to look at the sky the same way as before.

High School Division
Chanez Reed
Forsan High School

December 7, 1941. President Roosevelt said that this would live in infamy. September 11, 2001, everyone in the United States said that this day would definitely live in infamy.

On September 11, I was just now getting into my second period Spanish class. Coach Perez, my Spanish teacher, came in and turned his radio on. He told us to be quiet because there was an important message on the radio, and at first I thought he was playing around and trying to make a joke. So, I was goofing around at first, but then it dawned on me that it was real life.

I felt really bad when I finally figured it out, and it was just because I was messing around. That day, when I went home, I watched the news and I saw the video of the planes crashing into the Twin Towers. When I was seeing all this I was worried, what if that was me? What if it hit us instead of New York? Things like that were blowing through my mind.

The United States government worked really hard on killing Bin Laden, and the citizens also worked on being more patriotic. Lately, we hardly ever see Bin Laden on television any more. Everyone is not so patriotic, and we need to work on that to get everyone back to where they were right after 9/11.

High School Division
Gabriel Barraza
Forsan High School

On September 11, 2001, what I thought was going to be a regular day, came to a tragic end. I got up at around 6:15 to get a quick shower, ironed my pants and shirt, got a clean pair of socks, and brushed my hair and teeth. I grabbed my shoes and headed out the door.

When I arrived at school, I went to my assigned classes. A few minutes after 9 a.m., the principal, Mr. Rotan, came on the intercom and told us the worst news anyone could hear about. Mad terrorists had attacked the Twin Towers. Later on that day, it was all over the news, first one tower of the towers went down, and then the second. So many people were killed, I felt so bad for the families and especially for the kids that lost their mothers and fathers in that incident. They would never see their parents again and for what reason because some crazy mad terrorists were upset

with the USA.

It's sad that one or two people can go crazy and decide to kill over 1,000 people, and destroy a huge part of history.

High School Division
Heather Hise
Forsan High School

September 11, 2001, is a day that America and the world will never forget. It was a day that the reality of the world hit us and woke us up.

It was the worst attack on our country's homeland since the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and it will be remembered just the same.

I was in second period, Spanish class, when I heard the terrible news about the hijacked airplane hitting the World Trade Center. Our teacher came in and turned on the radio. When I first heard the news on the radio, it sounded like something from a movie. The realization of the attack on our country did not sink in, however, until I saw the actual collapsing of the Twin Towers on television.

I do not know personally how Americans felt when Pearl Harbor was attacked, but I felt very violated by this tragedy. I knew terrorists were out there, but I never thought they would perform such a devastating attack on the United States of America. I always thought terrorists attacked only the Middle East. As a struggling country, the Middle East is constantly in warfare due to religious differences. We are not a struggling nation; however, we do have strong religious beliefs like some of the Middle East countries do.

Osama Bin Laden, the terrorist who attacked our nation, attacked our nation because of our strong religious belief in Christianity that he does not believe in. Because of the deliberate actions he took against our nation's beliefs and the killing of thousands of innocent victims, he will be heavily prosecuted.

Although our country was unprepared for this attack, our President, George W. Bush, did an outstanding job. He took action to find the terrorists who did this. Not only did our President respond to this catastrophe, but the American people did also.

Millions of flags and Bibles were sold across the nation. More people showed patriotism for our country than in the last 50 years. Churches were filled with so many people praying in them that there were no places for some people to sit or stand.

In a way these responses are sad. If it takes a tragedy to show patriotism and the belief in God, then our world is in trouble. People do not feel proud of our nation until a violent action brings us together, and people do not pray to God unless they need comfort from Him when they should be praising Him every day.

My reaction to this world known tragedy in disbelief. I have never been to New York City, but I have seen pictures with the Twin Towers in them and now that they are gone, it is not the same. I have no idea what it must feel like to have lived in New York City for years and to wake up one morning and not see the Twin Towers. My reaction and the nation's reaction towards this dreadful event is the same. We will bring justice against Osama Bin Laden's actions to support our nation.

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Many things changed after the attack on the Twin Towers in the United States. Our security level increased dramatically in national airports. Not even letter openers can be brought on airplanes by passengers any more. My aunt flew to Montana carrying a letter opener, and security threw it away as she was checking in her baggage.

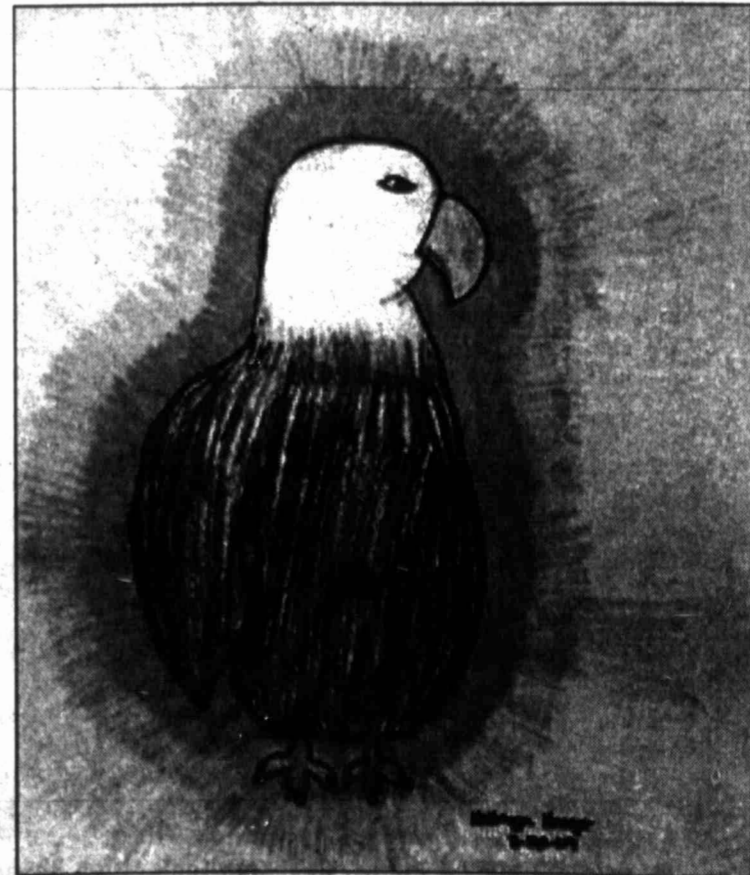
I am scared to fly anywhere since the attack on the Twin Towers.

I believe people have a different way of thinking now. People used to think our country was invincible and no one could hurt us, but this event proved this feeling wrong. They know now that despite all the technological advances we have in the United States of America, an event like the destruction of the World Trade Center by terrorists is possible. Our nation as a whole has changed forever. We now see the actual capabilities of terrorists against our country, and we will be ready next time.

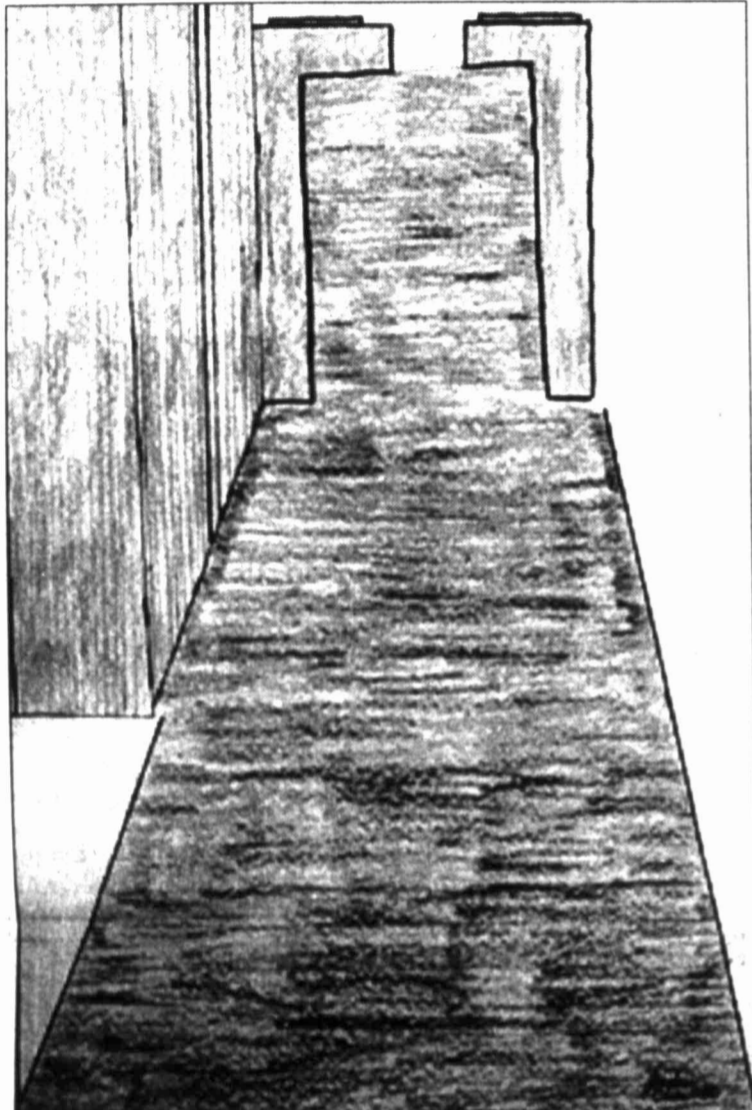
September 11, 2001, is a day in history that will be remembered forever. It will remind the world of our life long fight against terrorists. Terrorism is a plague that will spread until we stop it.



Julio Gomez, Big Spring Junior High School



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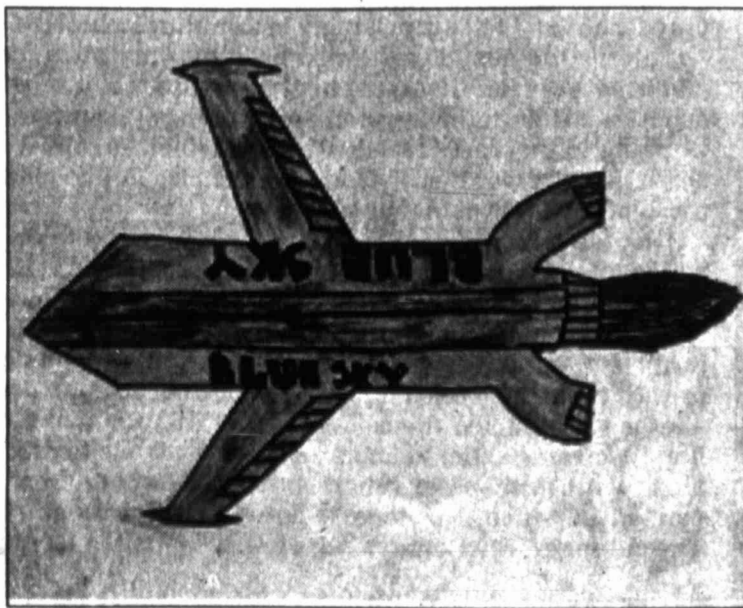
High School Division
Jaclyn Hise
Forsan High School

September 11, 2001, was the worst attack on America since Pearl Harbor. I think everyone in the United States was affected. It made a huge impact on the entire country and me.

I remember September 11, 2001, as being an ordinary day. I went to school that day as usual, but during second period I heard the tragic news. I was surprised to hear the radio on when I walked in class. Coach Perez was listening to the news, and that is when I heard it. Airplanes hit the World Trade Towers and they were collapsing. I did not understand why or who would do such a horrible thing. I really did not know anything about the World Trade Towers other than that they were in New York City. I did not know that there were thousands of people working in them, and they had been killed. After school I remembered driving into town with my mom and seeing all the cars at gas stations and grocery stores. The attack on the World Trade Towers scared me. I knew then the United States as I knew it changed that day.

I think the September 11 attacks had a huge impact on my life. It made me aware that the United States cannot protect us from everything. It made me scared because, knowing that my country cannot protect me. I wondered where else will this happen. The attack made me grateful that it was not me, and that I am still alive. It made me think how insecure America is. After the attack, I never wanted to ride in an airplane again. The attack did help me in wanting to be more proud of where I live, America. I know that America will change to help me feel safe.

I believe the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Towers affected everyone in America. I do not think anyone in the United States will forget it. Just like Pearl Harbor, it will be remembered.



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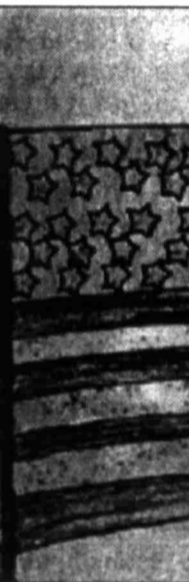


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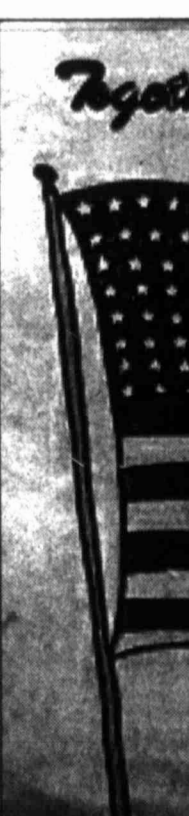
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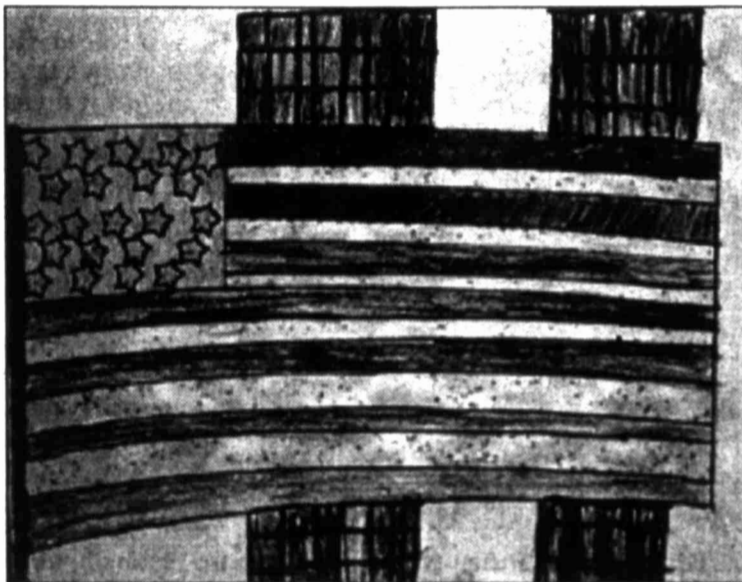
Keith Vincent, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Travis Rose
Forsan High School

On December 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was bombed, Roosevelt said, "This is a day that will live in infamy." On September 11, 2001, airplanes that were hi-jacked attacked the World Trade Centers by suicide bombers. I believe September 11, 2001, will be a day of infamy for me because I lived through it.

I was in New York City, on a mission trip, a month before the two buildings were attacked. When I first heard about the attack, I felt like one of my best friends had just dropped dead, and I had spent time with him the day before. I was in second period, World Geography, when I heard the airplanes had just crashed in the World Trade Centers. My mission team and I were going to take a tour up in one of the Trade Centers, but the line was too long. So we decided not to go up. When I heard the news for the first time that the two tallest buildings in the world had just crumbled to the ground I was in disbelief. I could have easily been one of the thousands of people that got killed in the attack on the United States of America.

Americans have shown their true colors in this attack by not letting this crumble our nation. We took God out of our country and look what happened, because of this attack we have stood closer to one another, and have brought God back into the picture.



Kristle Garza, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Staci Borel
Forsan High School

September 11 was a terrible tragedy that took Americans by surprise. I personally was affected by the tragedy that happened hundreds of miles away. I am a typical teenager who only studied about warlike events in history books and never experienced anything so life changing until September 11.

I felt fear, confusion, and anger all build in a matter of minutes after hearing what faceless enemies did to our country, my country. Yes, my country. Too often I forget about the pride in being American and the privilege of being free.

I was terrified for weeks that my 19-year-old cousin would be shipped to an unfamiliar region to fight terrorists afraid to die. I was confused about what this event meant for my future in America.

I was angry at the brutality these heartless people had by taking individuals' lives.

As the months went by, the confusion, anger, and fear began to be replaced with a strong feeling of American pride. I wore red, white, and blue. I flew red, white and blue. I lived red, white and blue.

I began witnessing how great this country was firsthand. I will never forget waking up one Sunday morning to see on the news Americans fighting a battle not asked for with confidence and courage.

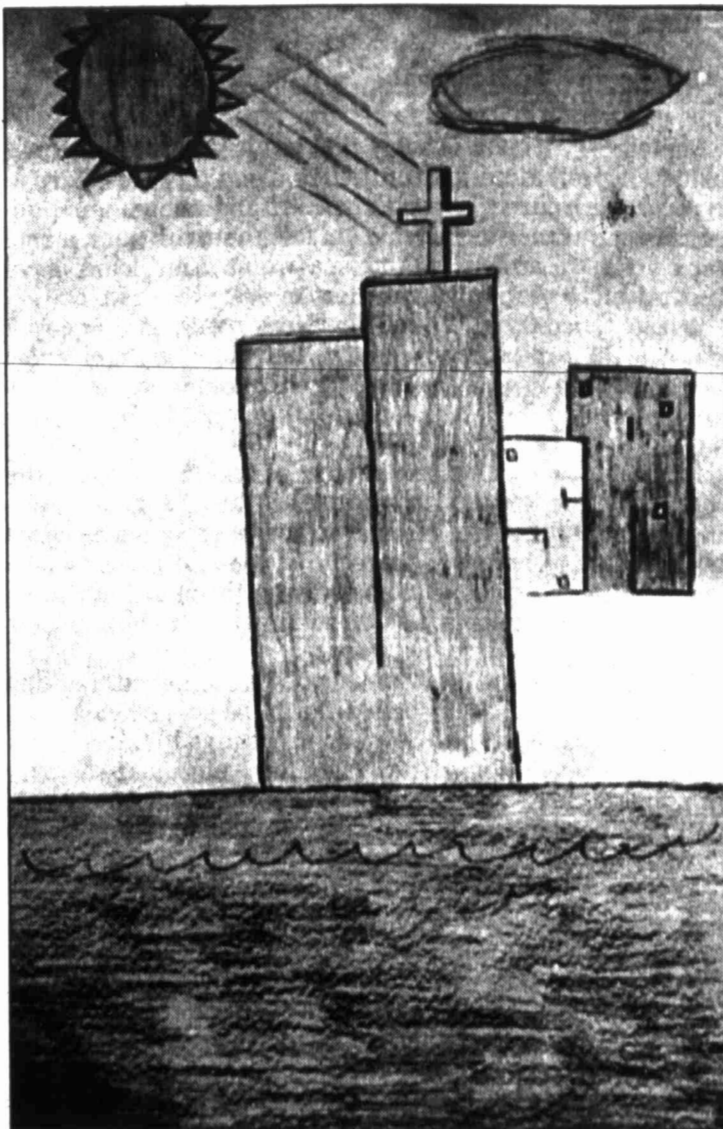
I took part in activities alongside millions of other Americans. I never sang louder at a Fourth of July celebration when the "Star Spangled Banner" was played as I did this year.

A great and intelligent woman once said, "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience by which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.'"

I plan on stepping up with my new found strength, courage, and confidence to face anything that threatens my country just as Eleanor Roosevelt stated.



Megan Hughes, Big Spring Junior High School



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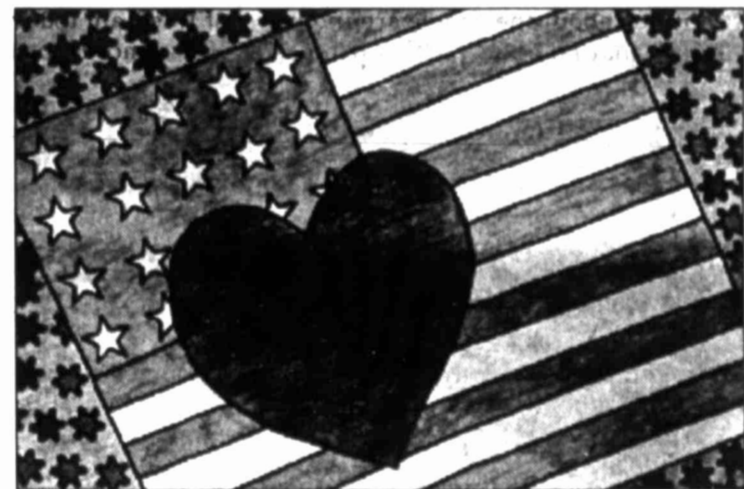
High School Division
Ben Breyman
Forsan High School

September 11, 2001, will always be a day burned in our memory. Many innocent people lost their lives over nothing.

September 2001 has changed the outlook of the United States. Many are still scared to fly due to the highjacking of the planes. The United States has taken drastic measures to prevent another attack. All of the airports will never be the same because of 9-11. The skyline of New York has changed, also; both Twin Trade Towers were demolished when the hi-jacked plane crashed into them. The dust from the two giants took days to clear off.

My life has also been changed due to September 11, 2001. I have not had a day go by when something does not remind me of 9-11. Everything revolves around it now. People's lives were changed also on that day. Innocent people were crushed when the buildings fell. Fire fighters went up knowing they would not come back. Families found out they lost dads and moms. They lost something they cannot replace.

September 11 will always be a day to remember the innocent families hurt. The Twin Towers fell but the United States will bounce right back up.



Luclann Cruz, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
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September 11 is a day I will never forget. I was sitting in my second period Spanish class when the attack happened. When we were first told what had happened, I did not really think much of it.

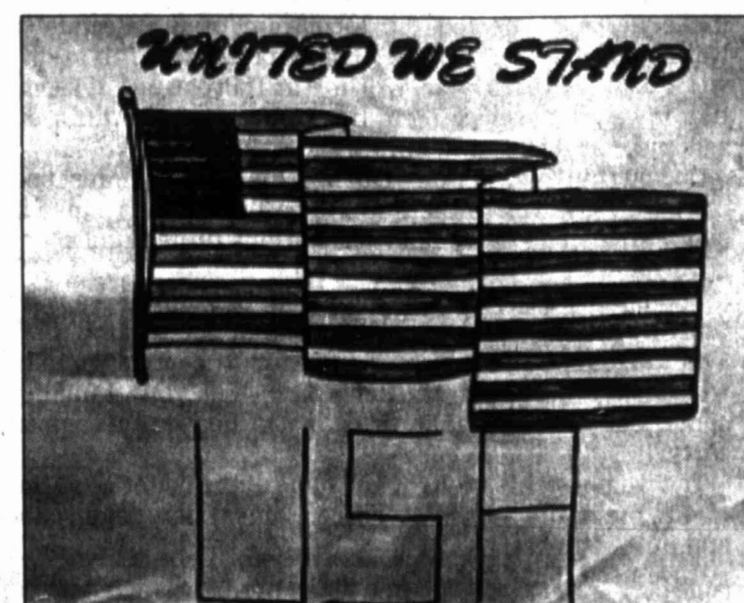
Of course I was kind of thinking, "Well, I am sure the government will find whoever did it and make them pay for what they had done," but I did not think much more than that.

After I saw the video footage of what had happened, I was in shock, because of what I was looking at — seeing the Twin Towers in two piles of smoke and flame. I was not really prepared for what I saw on the television.

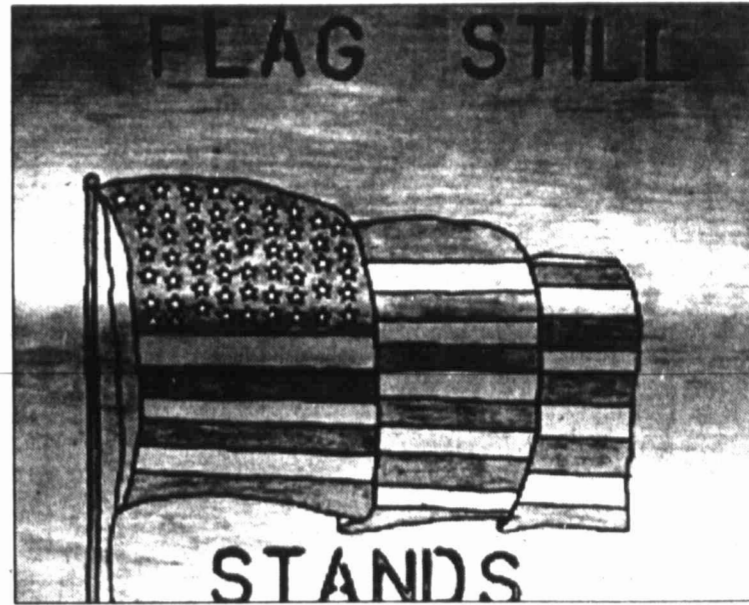
For the next couple of months one could not turn on the television or the radio without seeing or hearing something about the September 11 attacks. Everyone that felt any amount of love for the United States banded together to find the attacker and make him pay for his crime.

The United States President George W. Bush stated the United States would have zero tolerance for terrorist acts anywhere in the world. The United States launched an attack on Afghanistan that lasted a few months. Today we are still uncertain as to whether or not we killed the attacker Osama Bin Laden.

It has been almost a year since the tragedy, and still everyone is banding together. I believe that the lives of the people who were alive when the tragedy happened will never be the same again.



Leah C., Big Spring Junior High School



Luis Silva, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Lyndsey Allen
Forsan High School

Our nation will never be the same since 9-11. The terrorist's attacks have frightened many people and changed many families. Our nation will never be the same without the Twin Towers.

Since the attacks many things have changed; people's lives, how they feel, and people's families. People's lives have changed because they are joining some branch of the military to fight for their country. People are losing their brothers, sons, dads, and friends due to 9-11.

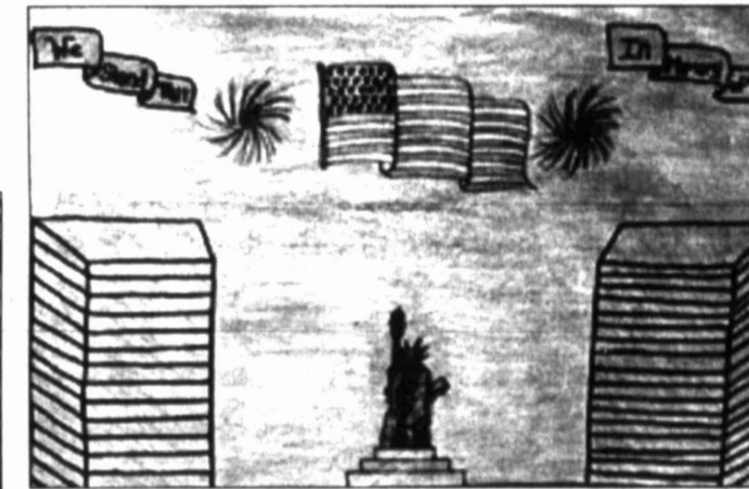
People may not feel safe any more as they did before September 11, 2001. There is more Patriotism in our nation because of 9-11. People are flying flags more now than we are under attack. People's families have changed by not having a mom or dad anymore because they were killed in the attack.

These people are not the only ones suffering. September 11th has affected my life by fears of not knowing what is going to happen to me during the day. One of my really good friends is in the Marines and wants to fight in a war for our nation. I am scared that I may never see him again after he gets shipped out. I do not want him to go, but I realize that someone has to do it, and I am glad it is someone that wants to be there.

The comfort of feeling safe is not here anymore. This is due to all the terrorists' attacks and highjacking. People may not feel safe to go into a major airports, buildings or even fly anymore.

College students that fly home for holidays and business people that fly for their jobs may not feel safe about flying since 9-11.

Some people are willing to take that risk because they never know what will happen tomorrow. This is how I feel about our nation and how it has affected my life, and our nation since September 11, 2001.



Krystal Servantes, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Amanda Moreno
Forsan High School

On September 11th, the Pentagon and World Trade Center were attacked, and our nation was changed forever. The day fear was brought into our lives, and our hearts were cracked open.

When I woke up that morning, I had no clue what the day would hold. I figured it to be an ordinary day, but it was far from ordinary. I was in second period when it happened. As I took a step into the hall afterwards, it was like taking a step into another place.

I noticed a sense of fear and sadness in almost everyone. In just an instant so many things had been changed. It was like our world had been turned upside down. What I thought was going to be a normal day suddenly had a blanket of pain and wonder over it.

Since that attack many things have changed. All over the world people have started to help out more. Fund-raisers were held to help the families that lost loved ones, and support was shown all over the world.

As for my own life, I have tried to make improvements. These improvements may be small, but they are a start. These attacks made me realize that life is a precious gift and should not be taken for granted. I have started to enjoy life more and not take the small things too seriously.

Most of the time it is better to just let it go. Of course, I do have a fear that this could happen again, but I am not going to let that run my life.

September 11th was tragic day, but we do not have to let it be so horrible. We should not only remember September 11th, but we should take the time and learn from it.

High School Division
Kandis Snowden
Forsan High School

September 11, 2001, is a day that I will never forget. The inhumanity that took place, the day America became proud to be an American.

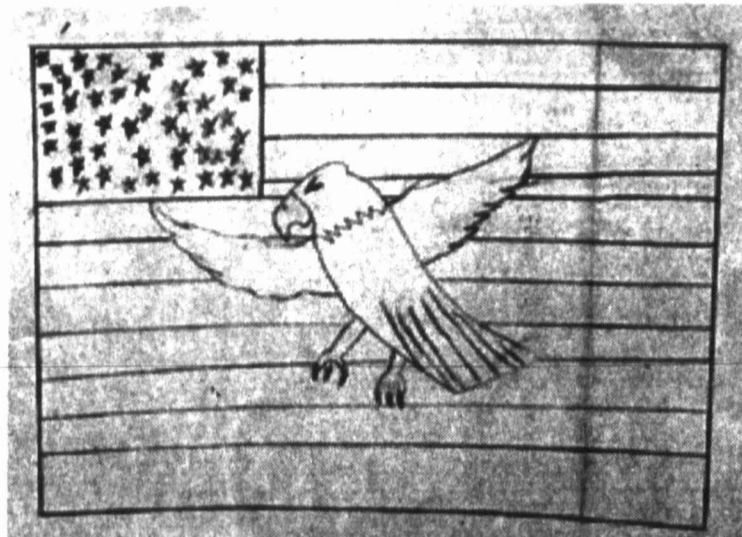
September 11 put a huge scare in everyone. Texas is very far from New York, it did not affect me too much, but it did scare a little at first because what if planes were to crash here in Midland.

At one point, I thought that America might even go into World War III. The planes crashing were not the only scare on my mind. Anthrax was one, or what if the terrorists decided to use bombs to kill us.

Now days I have heard chemical warfare was became a threat. In that case, what if terrorists were to use dangerous chemicals to kill us? What scares me more than anything is that with all the technology that America has we could not pick up that we were going to have an attack.

I hope maybe someday that there will not be people who are this cruel enough to kill innocent people. I hope that this will be the last attack on the United States of America. If it is not, all we can do is hope and pray that someday we will not get hit again. Hopefully other countries may not either.

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Gary Montez Jr., Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Gary Austin
Big Spring High School

On the day of Sept. 11, 2001, I was getting ready for school and turned on the news and saw the twin towers smokin'. I thought it was just an accident. But later on that day in school everyone was going to watch the news and that's when I found out it was no accident. It made me mad to think that someone from another country can come over and try to destroy ours. It affected many people in many ways. The gas prices went up. All the airlines were shut down for a while, but the people it affected the most were the friends and families of those who lost their lives in the attack.

Many, many people were thinking about joining the military, but after the attacks they changed their minds. The question I have is, "Why?" Why would someone change their mind about it? To fight for your country, I think, is the biggest honor there is.

Everyone suspects bin Laden to be responsible for the attacks. The coordination it took was historic. Also bin Laden's followers warned the newspaper by telephone three weeks before Sept. 11 of a major attack. They said it would be a huge and unprecedented attack, but they did not specify.

I think that we should have reacted to the phone call and tightened up on security then. I think Americans can learn a good lesson from the attacks. Americans have come together more now than ever before. It was good to see a number of people on T.V. helping out at the towers. Also the number of people donating blood that day.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am proud to be an American and will someday fight for my country.



George Gonzales, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Monica Gonzales
Big Spring High School

It all started Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001. After we got out of first period they told us that the Twin Towers were hit by the airliners. In fourth period we watched all the footage of what was going on. They told us all to go to the auditorium to watch the coverage as it was happening.

It affected many people in different ways. Many people did not want to eat because they were afraid of anthrax. Many children were afraid to go to school because they were afraid of getting attacked by hijackers.

I was not really affected by Sept. 11. My cousin went over there to Afghanistan to help find the terrorists. Many people started putting up flags to show their independence. Many people started praying more. Many people were afraid to go to football games because they were afraid of getting attacked.

Many people were afraid to go check their mail because of anthrax, they used gloves to get their mail out of the mailbox. Many people think it might happen again this year. I hope not because more people may die or get injured.

Many people say that they like the security at airports because it is more protective for them when they travel to far distances. Some of my friends say they may not come to school on Sept. 11 because they are afraid it may happen again.

There are still a lot of questions that did not get answered. Some people say that it is going to be hard to remember because many lost a lot of family in New York or Washington. Many people got out of the Towers and the Pentagon before the planes hit the buildings. Some people were still trying to get out before the buildings collapsed. Some people did not make it because there were too many people for them all to get out of the buildings safely.

Schools in Washington and New York were closed early because of what was going on everywhere else. My family said they were scared at first but after everything passed they were fine. My sister is mentally ill but she took it all right. Some people say if it happens you cannot really do anything about it because it will happen sooner or later no matter what.

Some people say they are not ready to die, but they can't do anything about it because we cannot control how long we are going to live. God put you on this world for some reason or other. The way God put you in this world he can also take you out of this world. Some people think it is not true, but I believe it is because many people in those buildings did not deserve to die.

Most of the people that died in the buildings were young. After the terrorist attacks, months later many people were getting killed due to something they did or didn't do. Most of the ones that were getting killed were also young.

Some people say that the terrorists must have been on drugs or something to have done something that stupid.

How many years do you think will go by before it will happen again? Some people say maybe two years, five years or even 10 years before it could happen again.

Some say if it happens again they will try not to remember what happened in the past.

How do you think of Sept. 11?

High School Division
Eddie Olivas
Big Spring High School

September 11, 2001, is a day that the American people set aside all prejudices and united in a nationwide effort to tend to the injured, console the hurt and show their non-ending endurance to save lives. I feel that with such a brutal terroristic attack in America we as Americans have become more protective and alert in everything we do.

As I watched the people of New York panic on that day, I felt a feeling of sorrow. I knew that most of them knew many people working inside the trade center and they probably knew that there was a chance they would not see them again.

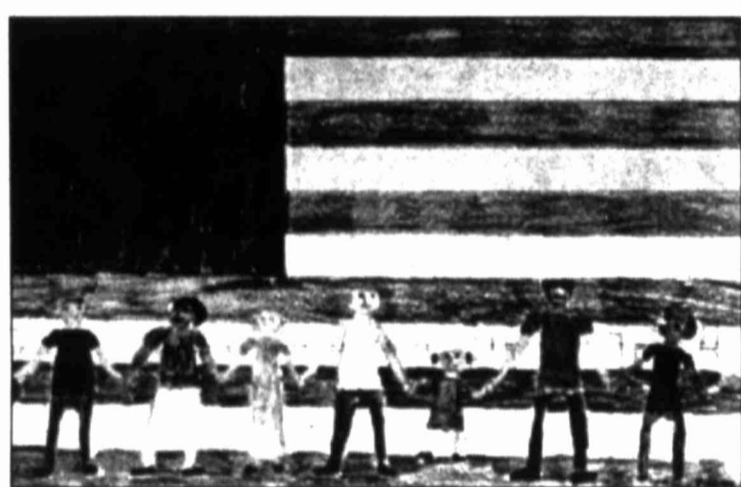
It was sad to see so many people lose their lives over the thoughts or beliefs of others. But I feel that the most inspiring aspect of the whole disaster is how everyone who could be out there to help was there. If it was just giving someone a bottle of water or to actually go through the rubble itself. All of the people just joined together to help people they probably didn't know.

I believe it taught Americans a big lesson about coming together and not letting some differences set us apart from others. September 11 has done many things to the country that I believe will benefit it. They have put more security in airports or at other ceremonial activities. I know this will help because people who plan to do something to the country again will get caught.

Another important benefit is the sudden rise of patriotism our country has seen. People now proudly wave the American flag on their cars, at their houses, or in other places. This is important to do because people should not forget about what many early Americans went through to help us have the freedom we have today. We should be thankful for them.

Many people went to their church to send out prayers for all the victims and their families. I remember that everyone was at the gas station filling up on gas because everyone assumed that the gas prices were going to go up. I remember waiting in line for about 45 minutes just to get gas.

That day has to be the most unusual day in my life. I heard people saying a lot of crazy things that made me upset. This anniversary I believe is going to be real dramatic for everyone who was involved through family loss or in other ways. But I feel the United States did a real good job handling the terrible act. They had everything under control that day. And I am proud to know that they are going to build another trade center. The fact that they did that to our country and still we are going to build another trade center is something I feel is awesome. It shows us we will not let anyone scare us or take our freedom away.



Hadden Phillips, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Susie Briseno
Big Spring High School

In Feb. 26, 1993, in New York City a religious extremist exploded a bomb below the World Trade Center and killed six people. In April 19, 1995, in Oklahoma City, Okla., a truck loaded with fuel and oil exploded outside the Alfred Murrah Federal Building and killed 168 people.

These have been some of the worst attacks against the United States, but the most previous, the Sept. 11 terrorism attack in New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania is the worst and most dramatic of them all. This attack killed twice the number killed in Pearl Harbor and affected many, many more people. How can you deal with the post-traumatic stress this terrorism caused? Will world peace ever become a reality? I have asked myself these questions and I'm pretty sure many people have too.

This Sept. 11 attack surely caused post-traumatic stress to the people that were at the place of the attacks and to the ones that weren't. Many have had flashbacks, bad dreams, anxiety and fear. Some still have trouble controlling their emotions.

I've talked to some friends and even though this happened a year ago, they still get freaked out. This event didn't just cause trauma on adults but on children too. It caused them to feel scared and more insecure. We should all spend more time with loved ones and learn to say "I love you" more often.

We should support the ones suffering and they should consult a health professional. You can also deal with this stress disorder by maintaining a spiritual program.

Ever since this attack occurred I've been thinking more and more about when peace will finally come. Alfred Bernhard Nobel thought peace could be achieved if all nations possessed deadly weapons, so he invented dynamite, manufactured and sold lethal explosives. Alfred's predictions weren't true because less than twenty years after his death World War I saw the use of these deadly weapons.

After this war President Woodrow Wilson wanted to make peace so he led the formation of the League of Nations and won the Nobel Peace Prize, but this didn't work because years later, World War II broke out. It seems like if we are never going to live in peace, and I think it's sad and horrible people killing each other.

Do you think world peace can become a reality? Most people would say "yes" if there would be an extreme change in every single one of us and if all nations united under one government.

I do believe peace can be achieved, but only if we were united by a single kingdom, that one of our creator, God. The kingdom sincere people pray for to come soon. The words they use from Matthew 6:10: "Let your kingdom come. Let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth."

The tragic events brought out some of the better qualities of our humanity — self sacrifice, compassion, endurance and unselfishness.

If we used these qualities more often we could all live a better life.



Heath Rodriguez, Big Spring Junior High School

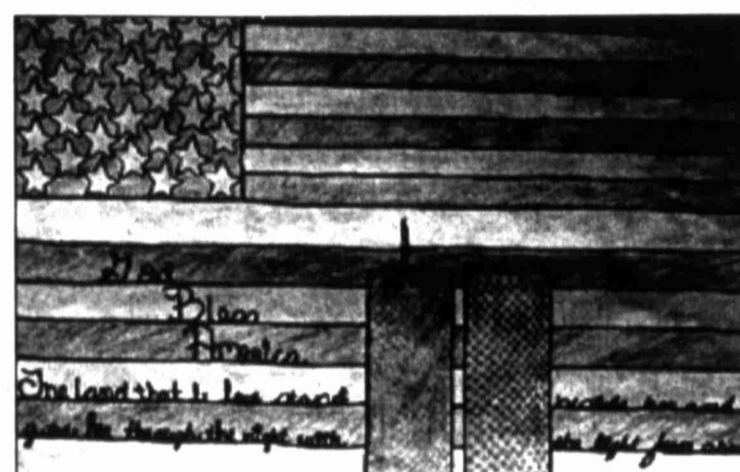
High School Division
Amanda Gray
Big Spring High School

All across America and the world the flag flew with pride and defiance — on trucks barreling down Los Angeles freeways, in the front yards and shop windows of the south and midwest and even tiny ones on T-shirts. A huge one on the wall of the stricken Pentagon.

The American flag was unfurled outside the gates as the band played "The Star-Spangled Banner." It was a clear, beautiful morning, the sun was shining bright and all of the sudden, out of the middle of nowhere two airplanes came flying out of the sky and into the twin towers.

Many people suffered a little while for their lives while others just lost them in a blink of an eye. Thanks to the fire department many were saved from the buildings but some people weren't as lucky. They were trapped under the remains of the buildings. Under all of the ashes and through all of the smoke the firefighters weren't able to get or find many people. The people working in the top stories of the building had no other choice but to either die right then and there or to jump. So many of them just decided not to suffer but to just go ahead and jump out of their office windows because they knew they were going to die anyway.

The only thing that would be hard for me is to see my family go or for me to leave my family.



Jana Giles, Big Spring Junior High School

High School Division
Terran Fryar
Forsan High School

9-11 will change our life forever because it was very well planned out by the enemy.

We were all affected by the terrorist attack whether we like it or not. People I know were shipped out, cousin and friends. We haven't been able to talk to them very often.

People aren't always going to take it this way but I was changed. This will be remembered for a long time. America has a conflict with this country but what if someone from that country has been an American citizen but decides to turn against us.

Trying to get God out of school and other places doesn't help. Look at how many people turned to him that day. God blessed many people that day by stalling people. Some of my family was going to go later that morning and it was a couple days before we had heard from them but they went a day earlier instead of that day.

People die every day for our country. We need to give the praise to God. I know not every one believes in God, but thousands turned to him that day and God used this attack for people to come to him.

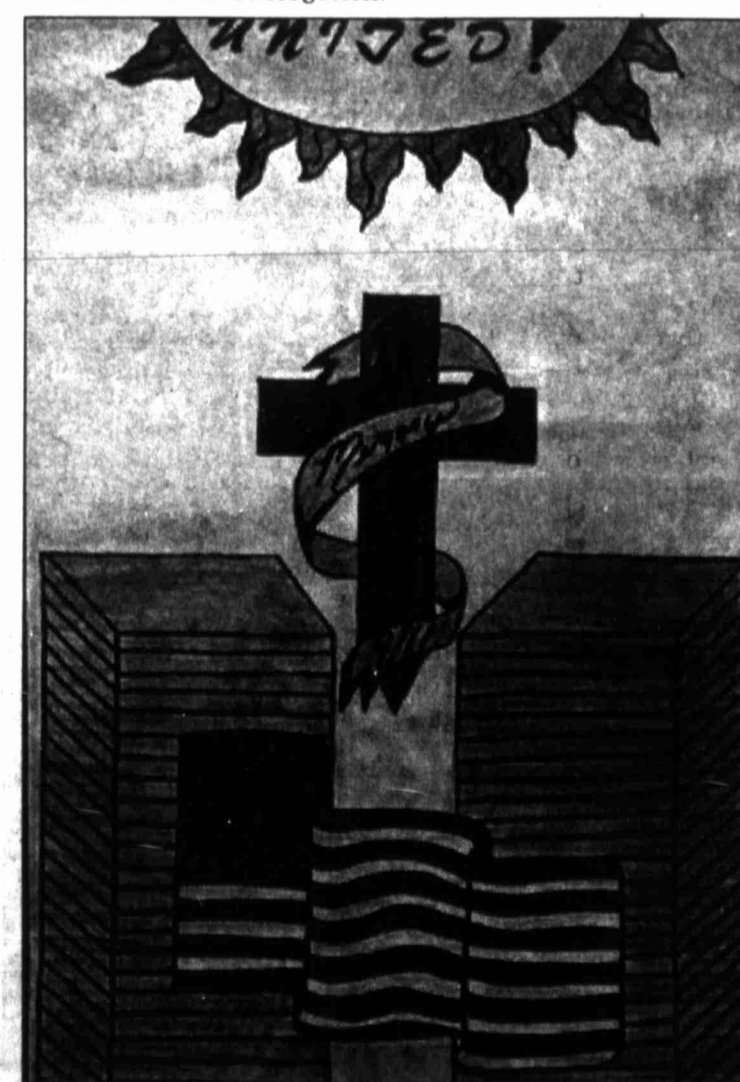
Rock the Desert just a couple of days ago I talked to people and one of them turned to God because of the attack on America because what if they had random bombings. God knew it was going to happen we don't always know what will happen tomorrow but God does.

I just lost someone I knew and loved very much. We didn't know he was going to die. He fell off a tower and died because a guy let go of the rope. That changes my life just like September 11, changed everyone's in America's life.

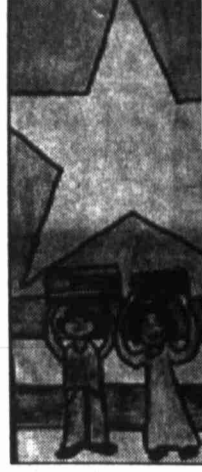
We were blessed by God to live in this great nation so we need to give him the glory.

God Bless America.

9-11 will never be forgotten.



Jennifer Yanez, Big Spring Junior High School



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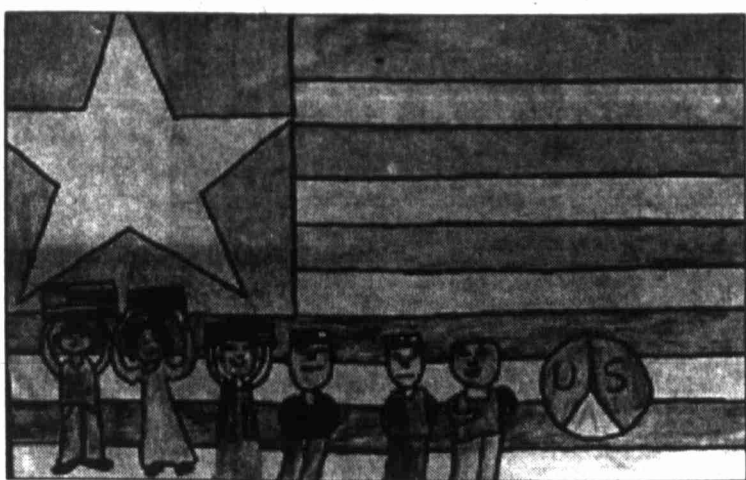
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**High School Division
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The attack of September 11th has caused great pain and anguish in many people's lives.

There is no way of going back in time to change what has happened, although people would wish for that.

On the 11th day of September many people lost their loved ones and from that moment on, many lives have changed to grieving and pain.

The people who had lost their lives, however, were heroic and in a way acted courageously and showed that they could still stand strong under difficult circumstances.

This is how we should remember the people who lost their lives on the flights taken. Also how this is something for all Americans to look towards and not just in our hard times but in all times. I feel that the attack can only make America stronger.

I think that if we look towards the future and plan out ahead in any situation, then we can overcome anything that may come our way for the years to come.

America is a place where we, the Americans, can be free, can feel free and have our freedom and by not standing strong, we can cause the loss of some of that freedom.

America is a nation that was built strong which means the government must be strong as well as the people in our nation.

From doing this, being a strong nation, America can just about overcome anything that comes our way.



Brenna Phernetton, Big Spring Junior High School

**High School Division
Dustyn Beauchamp
Big Spring High School**

Every day the American people wake up in the morning to a generally peaceful world. Well, on Sept. 11, 2001, the twin towers were hit by an airplane. The plane was hijacked by some of Osama bin Laden's Taliban.

I have three statements about this horrible and sorrowful day.

First, I cannot get over why people can have such hate toward another group of people. What would drive a man so mad to be able to do such terrible acts? It could have been jealousy of the way American people live their lives in freedom.

Or it may have been a religious conflict about our beliefs and ways of life. It could be the fact that America prospers and develops more and more every day and seeing this they want to try and tear us down and apart.

Whatever their reason might be to do such acts, we as Americans know we could not do what they did. American people have pride for their country and respect for other countries.

Secondly, how was the Taliban able to hijack the airplanes? Well, the security was not very good, people were not aware of what could happen if security was sloppy. Now some Americans are mad about the security at airports.

But is it really all their fault or is it the American people are so busy trying to hurry and get somewhere all the time that they get careless?

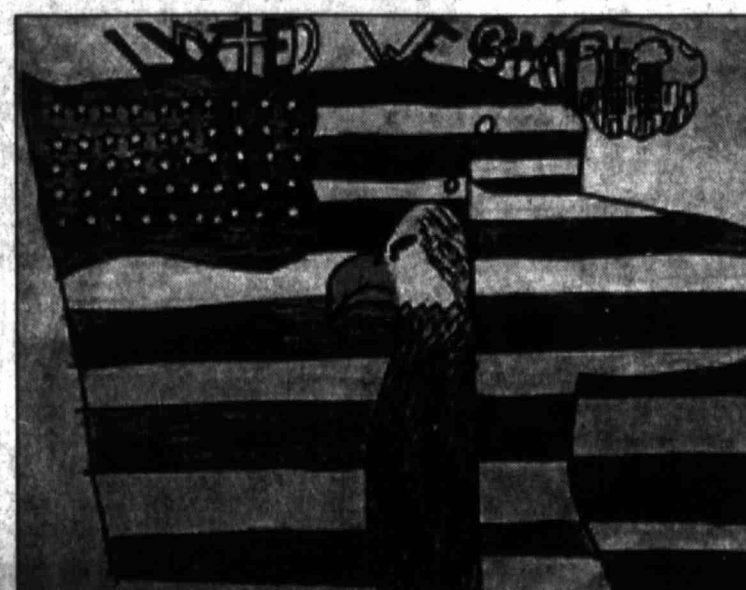
People will say "Well, they should have done higher security measures like they do now after it already happened that people would complain and gripe to the airport staff. In my mind, when I think about what happened on Sept. 11, 2001, I think to myself, I don't care what they have to do at airports - wait three hours before leaving or checking my shoes and bags as long as I know I am safe on that airplane and our country is safe.

Finally, I want to talk about how this incident affected us Americans. To me, I think the American people suffered great losses and family members but didn't quit getting up. Terrorists can hit us but the American people will always rise to come back to the top.

After Sept. 11, 2001, people grew stronger and helpful to their fellow Americans.

Even though the Sept. 11, 2001, was a horrible and terrifying day, it might have been in a way a little bit of a good thing.

For us to remember what we have as Americans and to not take it for granted and always have the will to survive.



Chris Barry, Big Spring Junior High School

**High School Division
Justin Giles
Big Spring High School**

September 11 came like any other day and Sept. 11 left with American tears on its shoulders and left America's true heroes to wipe those tears off.

There is one thing I have noticed since the occurrences of Sept. 11 for certain. Even though the terrorists were trying to hurt us as individuals, they made us come together as a nation.

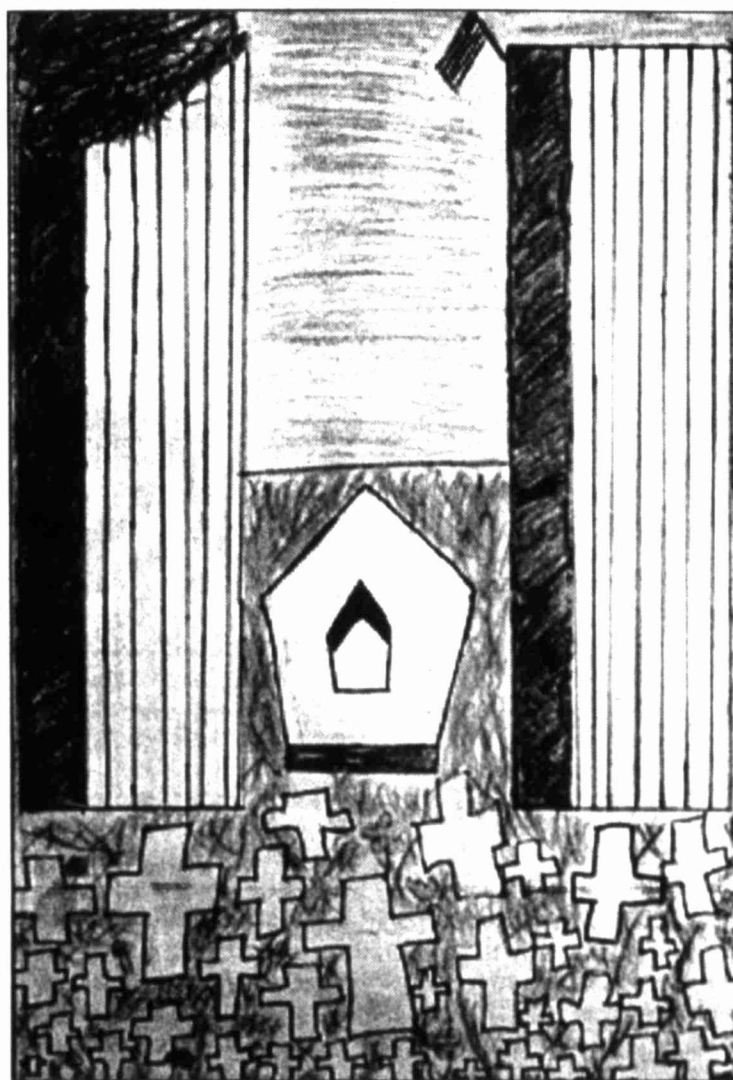
When the Taliban blindsides America on Sept. 11, we were a nation divided by race, social status, appearance, popularity and physical abilities. But shortly after, we were unified by a common love and rose to the occasion to help each other in our time of need.

September 10 was a time when being classified as a role model or hero meant seeing how many people you could run over in order to attain wealth and power. It was a time when the most popular music stars were the ones proclaiming anarchy and promoting sex, drugs and violence.

September 11 came as a rude awakening to show that true leaders are the people who humble themselves to help others without requiring any glory for their actions. It came with American eyes looking to policemen, firefighters and medical workers who ran in when others ran out. TV newscasts were over time transformed from the mayhem of today's world to stories of how people were helping each other. Radio waves no longer played meaningless songs and played "God Bless the USA."

For months on end I saw my fellow Americans come together to help people they do not even know. I have never seen anything like it in the past. I encourage all Americans to not ever lose the sense of unity that we have acquired through the recent hardships we have endured.

Trusting in God and helping each other will be our key to success as a nation in the future.



Cassie Gutnm, Big Spring Junior High School

**High School Division
Crystal Martinez
Big Spring High School**

On Sept. 11, 2001, our country was struck with one of the worst terrorist attacks ever known. We were going about our business as usual when out of nowhere two jet liners struck the World Trade Center in New York. This day changed America forever.

September 11 affected our country in a lot of different places. These struck us right in the heart of our country. I say heart because first of all they struck the World Trade Center where the majority of transactions, international trade and other businesses are located. If anyone wanted to hurt our nation the worst way they could do was through our economy. On that day they destroyed a very big part of our economy, not only with the World Trade Center in shambles, the stock exchange was shut down for several days which also made our economy plummet. Even to this day we are feeling the repercussions of Sept. 11. Since that day two major airlines have gone bankrupt and airline sales have plummeted.

They also struck the center of our defense. One airplane struck the Pentagon which is the headquarters of our military and national defense. Because of this I think it was a little harder to coordinate military action. The biggest effect I think took place was a big reality check for the whole nation. I think we were in a slumber and they caught us off guard, a lot of these acts could have been prevented through more thorough security. That's another area where we were affected. We learned many about what and what not to do. We have taken better security measures all around the nation. Our nation has endured pain and struggles but this was the worst. Yet many people compared it to Pearl Harbor.

We are a great country but I think we underestimate these kind of countries all the time. Who would have known that a little poor third world country could cause so much destruction? Fear is another effect left from this act people are scared to travel because of this and it all still deals with our economy. No one wants to fly anymore. If anybody has put any kind of fear into our nation, it was them. American lives everyday now wondering if there will be another strike somewhere.

This tragedy also changed us for the better. Our nation is now stronger. They say that which doesn't kill only makes you stronger. Well, I think that's us after that day. Our nation came together like never before. So, I think our patriotism grew a whole lot stronger. This shows what kind of nation we live in. We can fight among ourselves but when something like this happens, we stick together and fight it out.

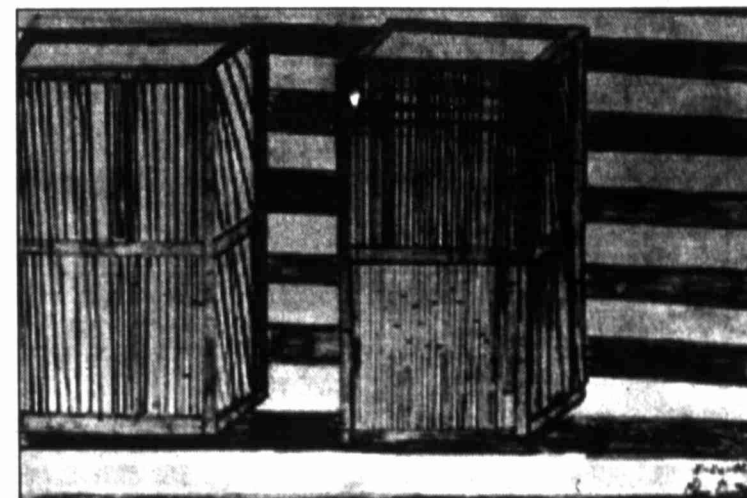
For the most part, I think Sept. 11 was a rude awakening for our country. We are taking our lives and this great country for granted. It seemed like nothing like this could happen, but it did and we paid the consequences. We felt totally safe in our everyday life. Even the Pentagon where someone might feel the safest was struck. Two airplanes did not meet their destinations because a few people aboard did not allow them. That's what makes our country so great

— people like that who knew they were going to die but still sacrificed themselves for our country. That's why I feel we will never be defeated because our ability to stand back up after being pushed down.

September 11 caused a lot of different emotions, some bad and others good, but for the most part it was all good. The terrorists knew where to hit us and how. Our country is based on capitalism which is one of the greatest things in our country. I think they almost made our economy crash for like a second, but we came back. The strongest thing our nation did was after that day we continued to go to work and school. We didn't stay down. We got back at them and let them know we would not tolerate this behavior. That is another place that it affected us. After the attacks we had to do something and until this day there are still men and women fighting overseas. This is another place the economy was hit. Our nation pays millions upon millions of dollars daily to support our war on terrorism. So, I think this strike was well developed.

In conclusion, I would like to say that we live in the greatest country in the world and I think that attracts much of the hate. We need to stay on our feet and never let up at any time.

There is a quote I think applies to everyone in our nation, "Hope for the best, prepare for the worst and always expect the unexpected." Our country was affected by all these different areas but we will still go on and no one can keep us down because our economy is too strong, our military is too strong and, most of all, our patriotism and our love for this country is too strong. That is what keeps us going every morning when we wake and every night when we go to bed. God Bless America!



Chris Ceresta, Big Spring Junior High School

**High School Division
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September 11, 2001, was a morning just like any other. Families were getting ready for a wonderful Tuesday. Kids eating breakfast, getting ready for school and parents getting ready for another day at the office. I remember I was walking into the kitchen and my mom telling me to watch the TV because a plane had accidentally hit the World Trade Center. And we all stood in the kitchen and watched as the second jet slammed into the other tower.

Then it hit us that this was not accident. We weren't sure really what was going on but we knew that it definitely wasn't right. It hit my family really hard because we had taken a couple of vacations to NYC and we went to see the Towers up close and it was hard to think that we would never be able to see them again. And also my mother just back from a trip with some friends from New York. They were at the Trade center on top of one of the Towers, a couple days earlier. And I was just thinking about how lucky my family was that our mom was able to still be with ours. And then I began to think about all the others that were not as fortunate. So we stared at the TV for another 30 minutes and I decided that I would go to school.

When I was at school, later in the morning, Mr. Ritchey came out over the loud speaker and said that another jet had slammed into the Pentagon. He also said that a jet hit in Pennsylvania but crashed into a field.

Later on in the day, all the students were clueless about what was going on or who was behind all of this. Mr. Ritchey was nice enough to take everybody out of class and go to the auditorium to watch the news so we would understand the situation.

I think this was a very cowardly act and whoever is responsible should suffer bad. This is a great lesson for America because this is what we receive for not taking care of our problems and letting everyone know that we are the strongest country in the world. In my opinion, we should wipe out anybody and everybody who was behind this terror. People know now that terror will not stand in our country. You will be hunted down and you will suffer for whatever you have done. This has taken away some of our freedom but that is O.K. because we will be kept safe. I will never forget about September 11, 2001, and I know the rest of America won't forget.



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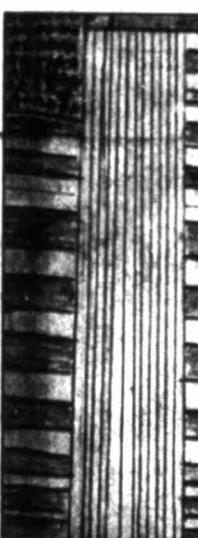
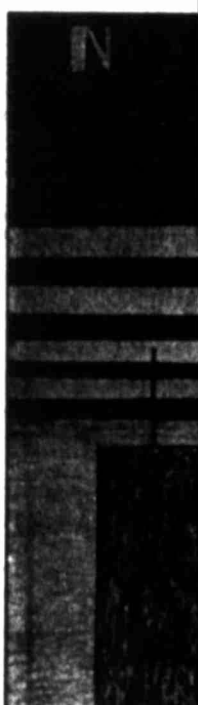
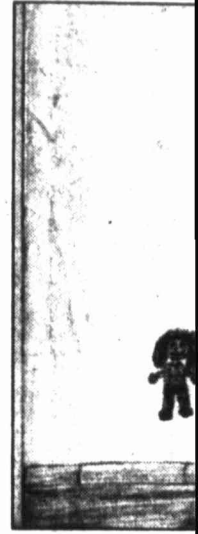
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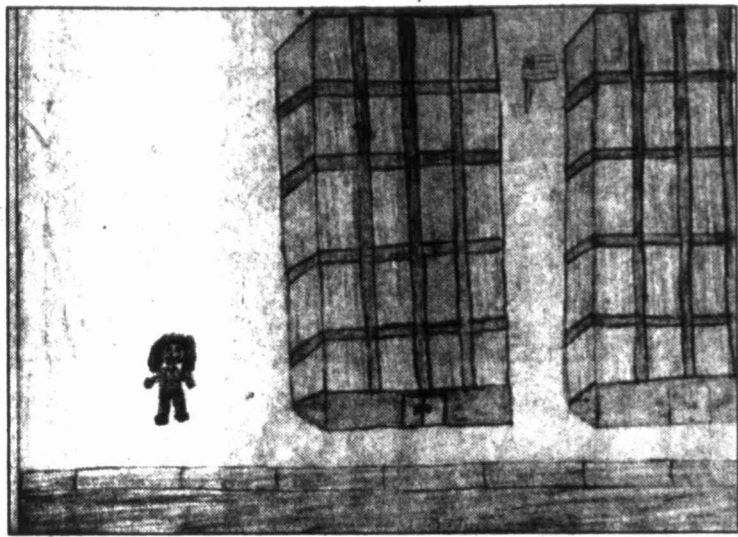
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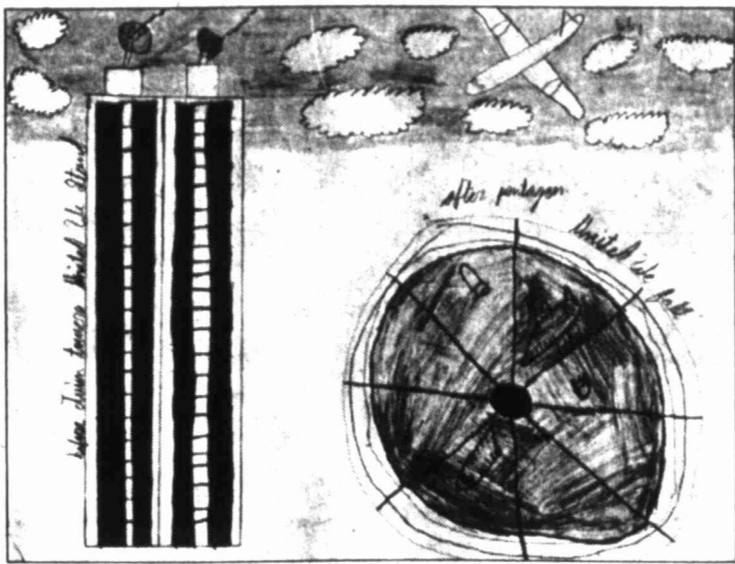
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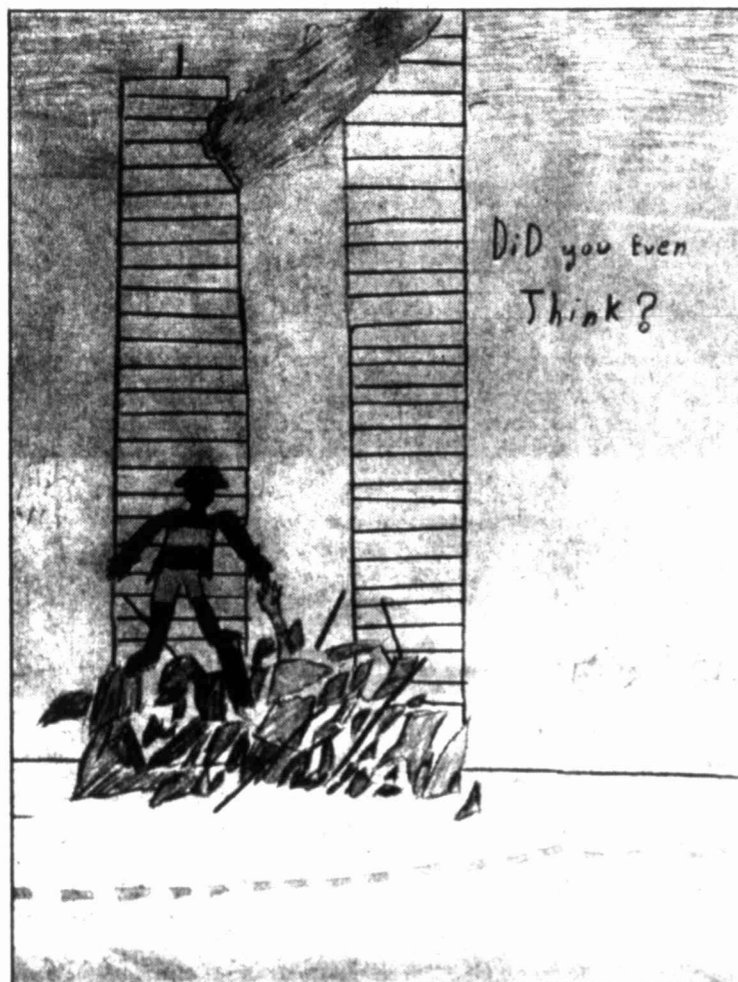
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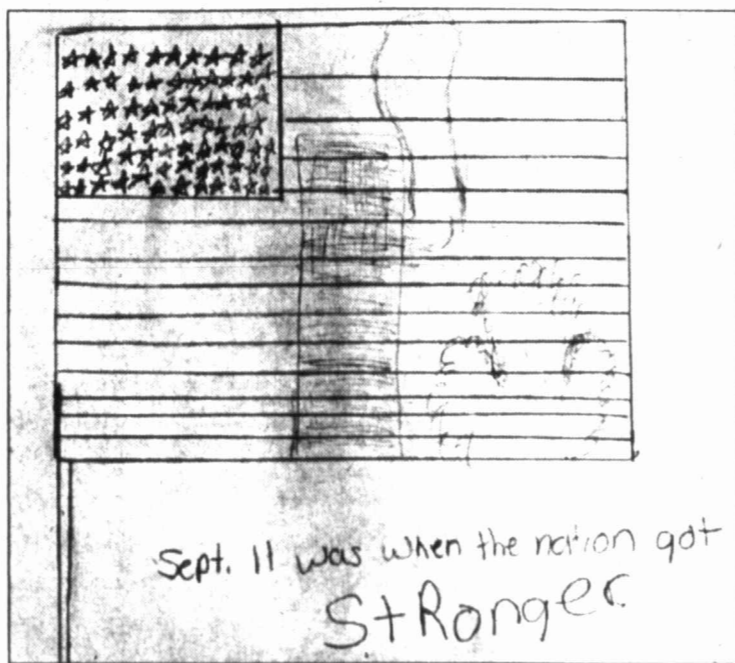
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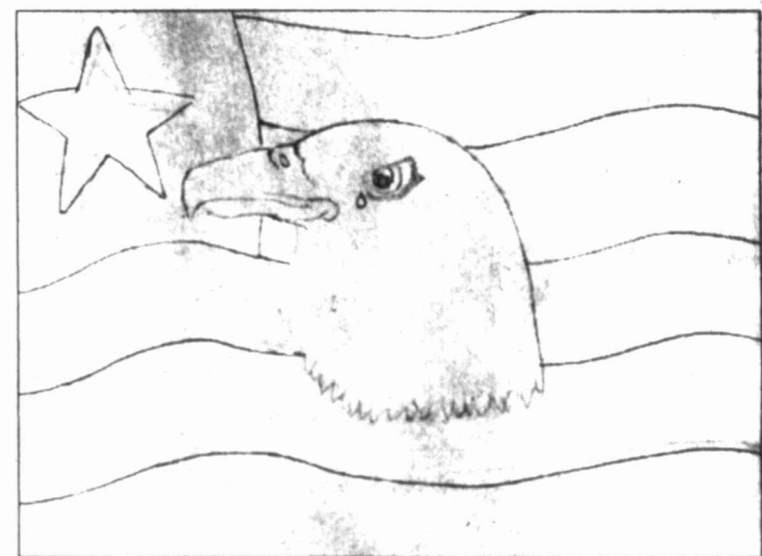
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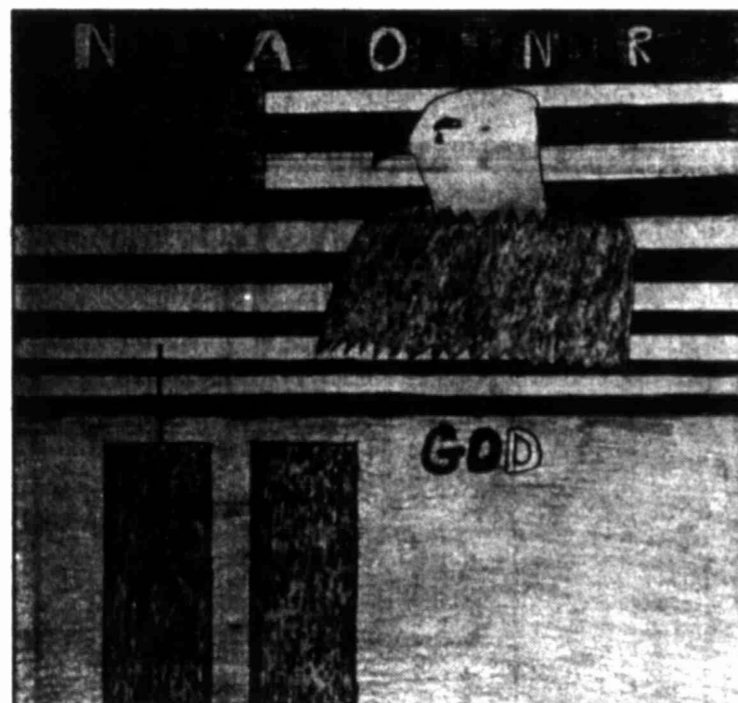
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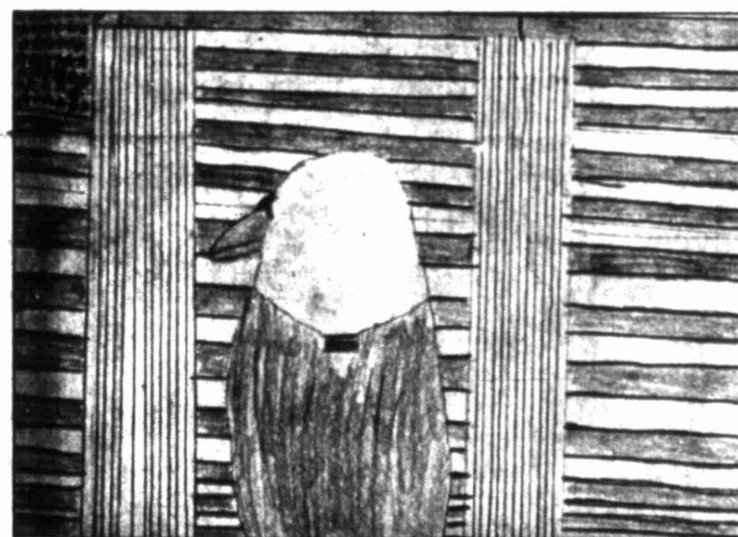
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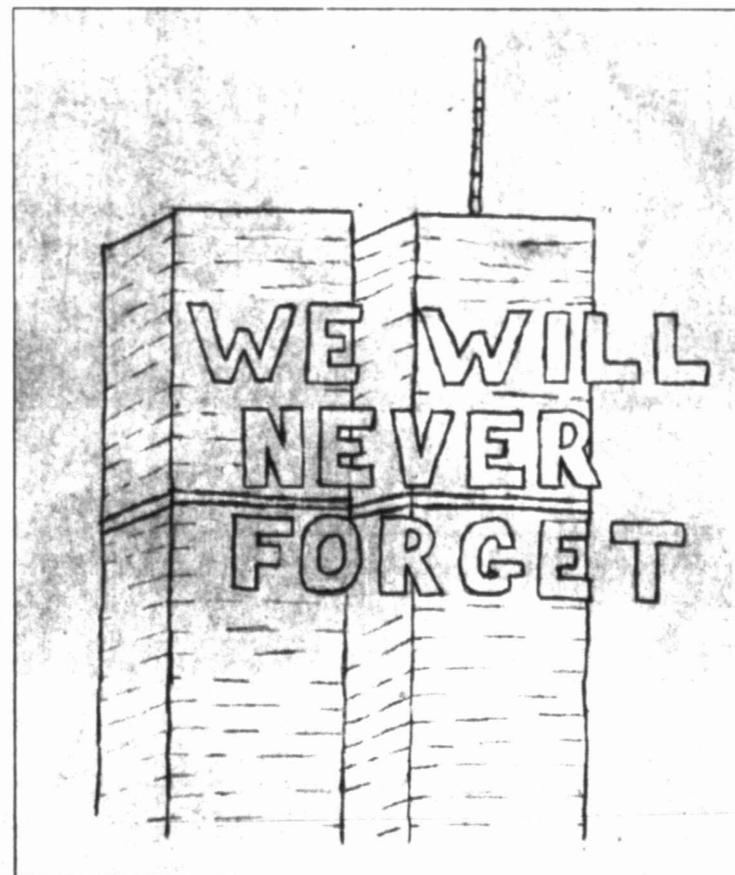
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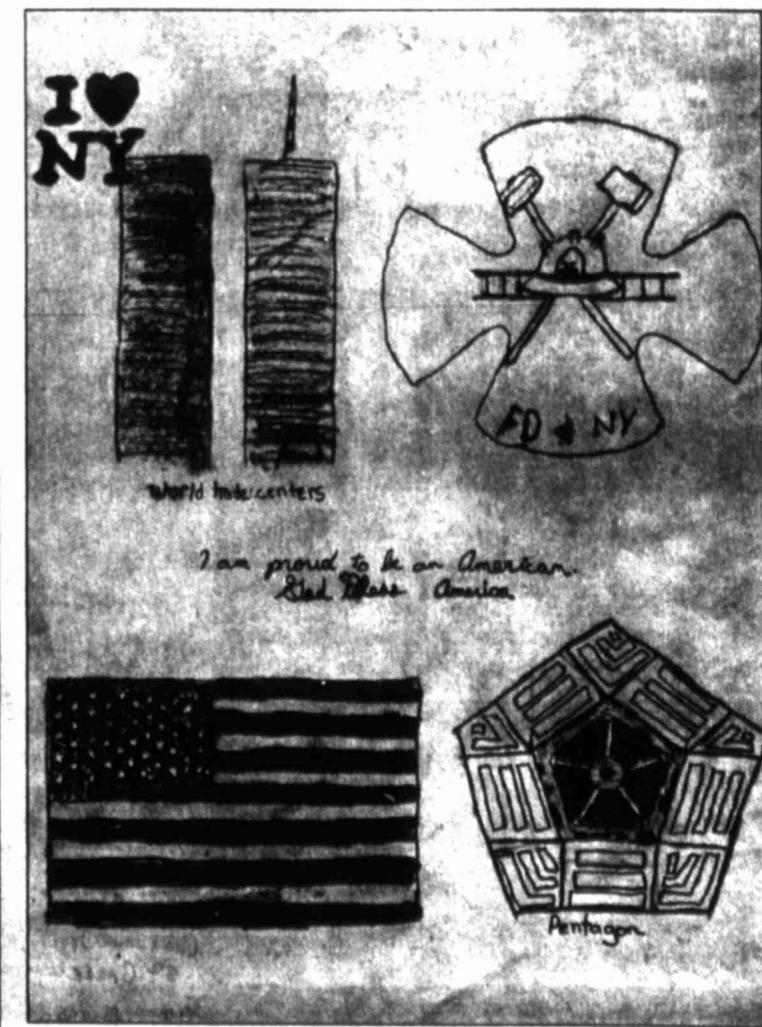
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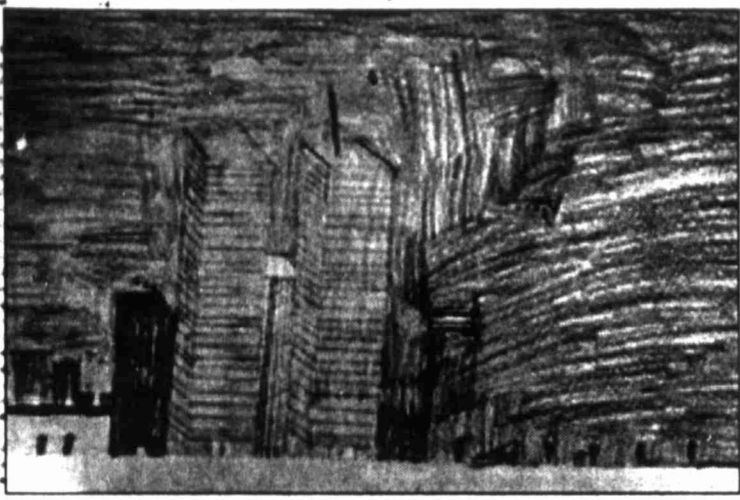


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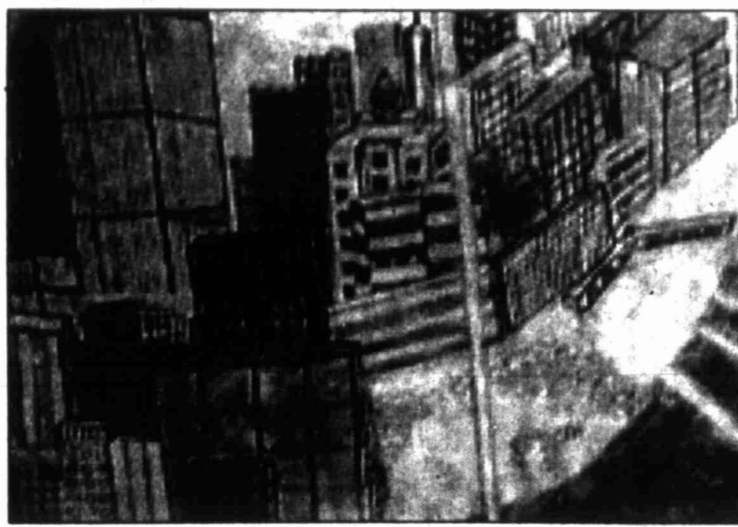


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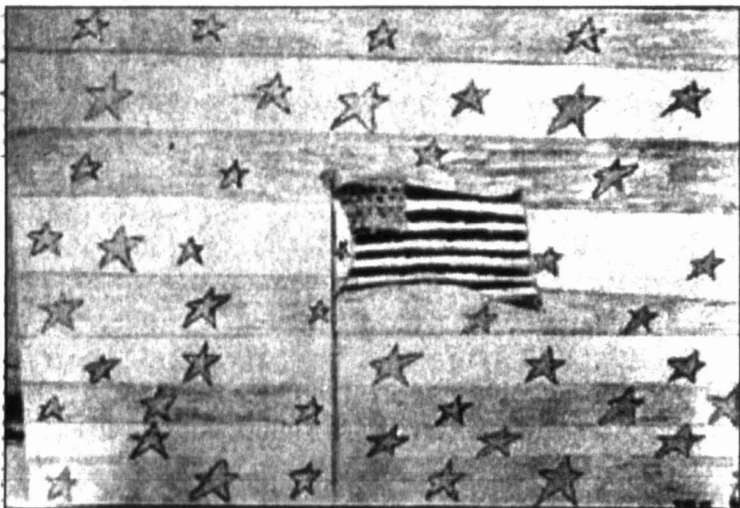
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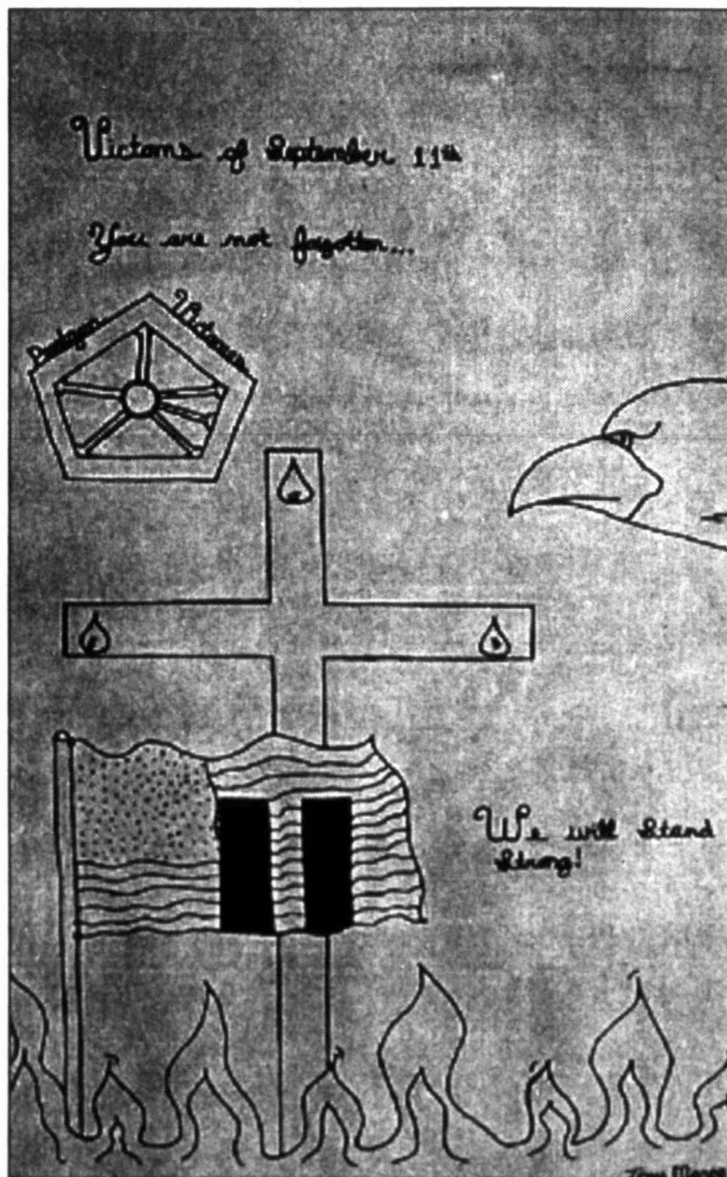
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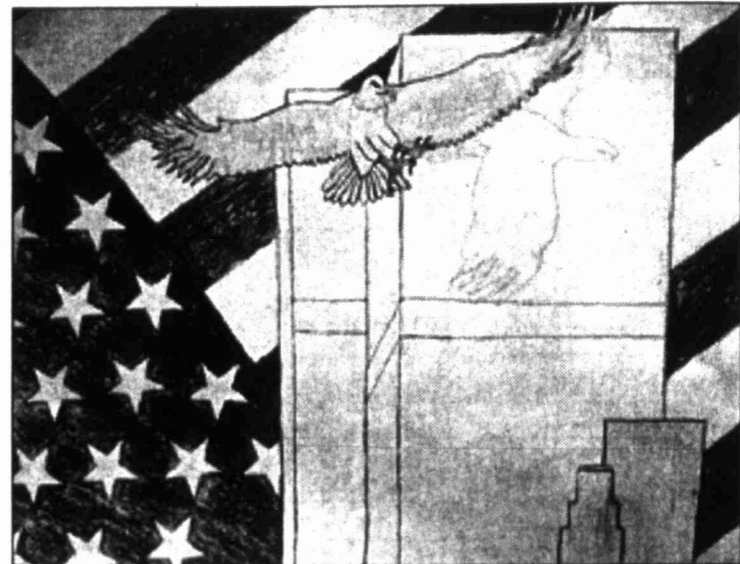
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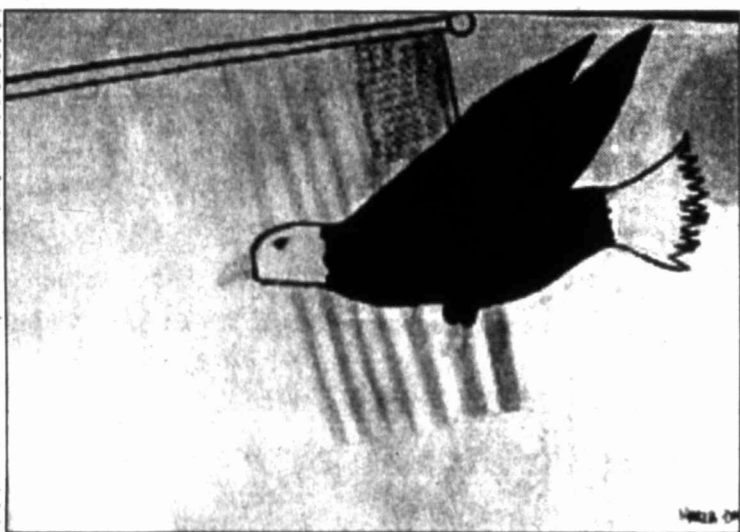
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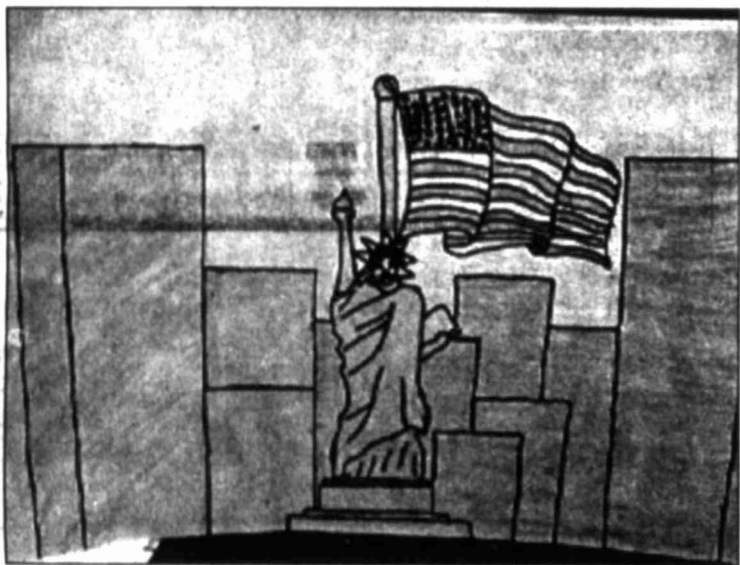
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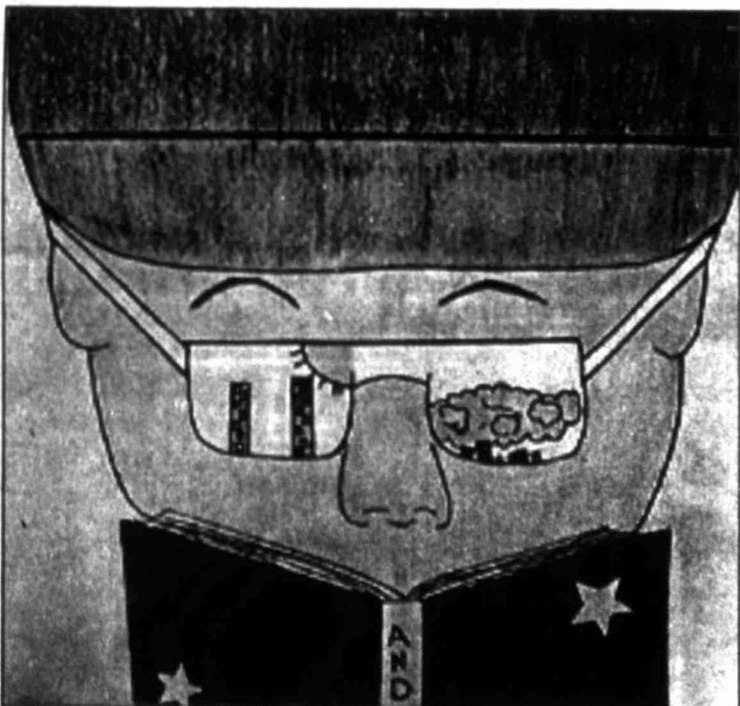
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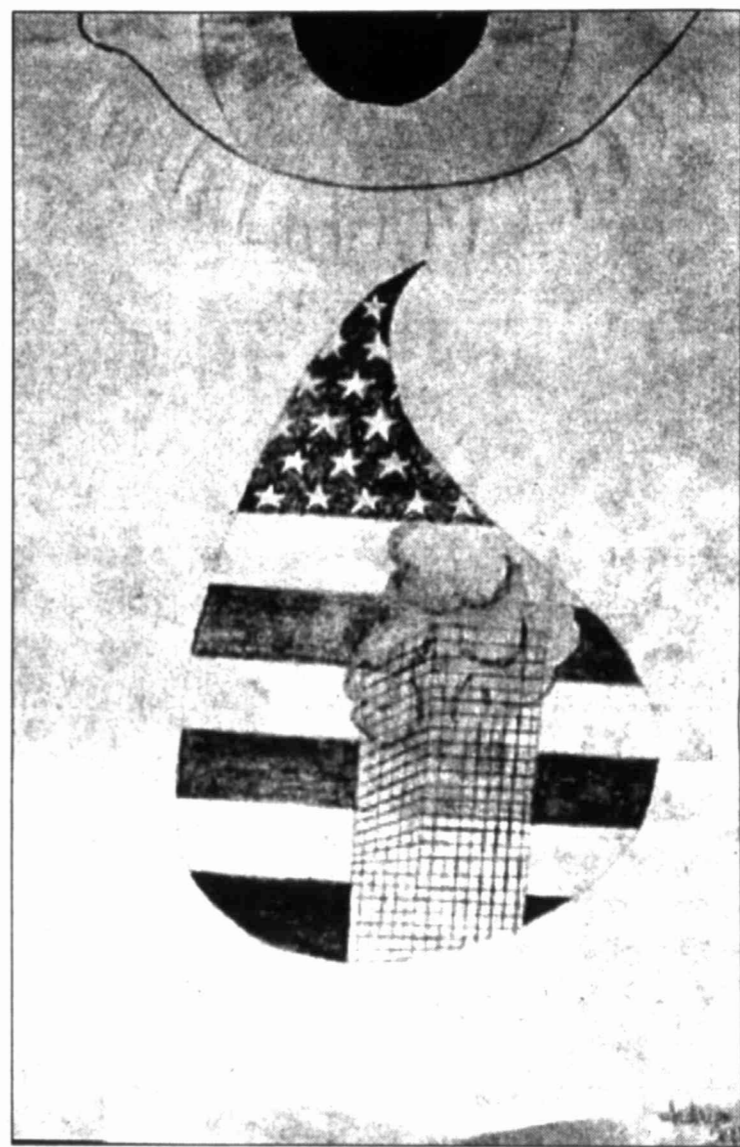
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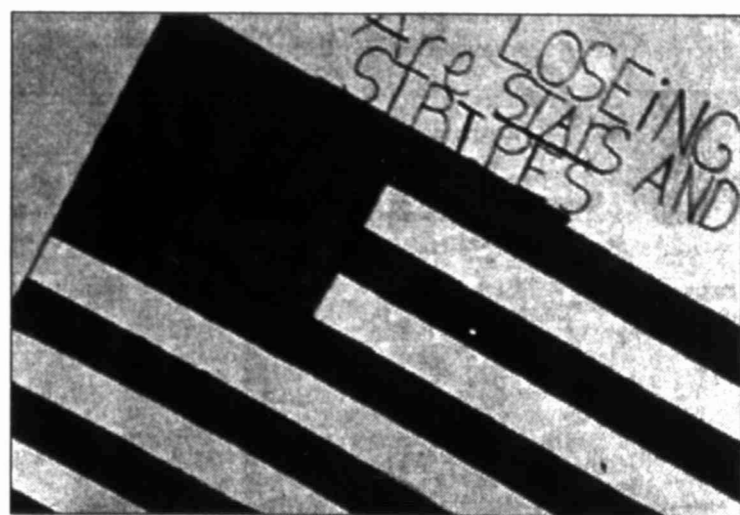
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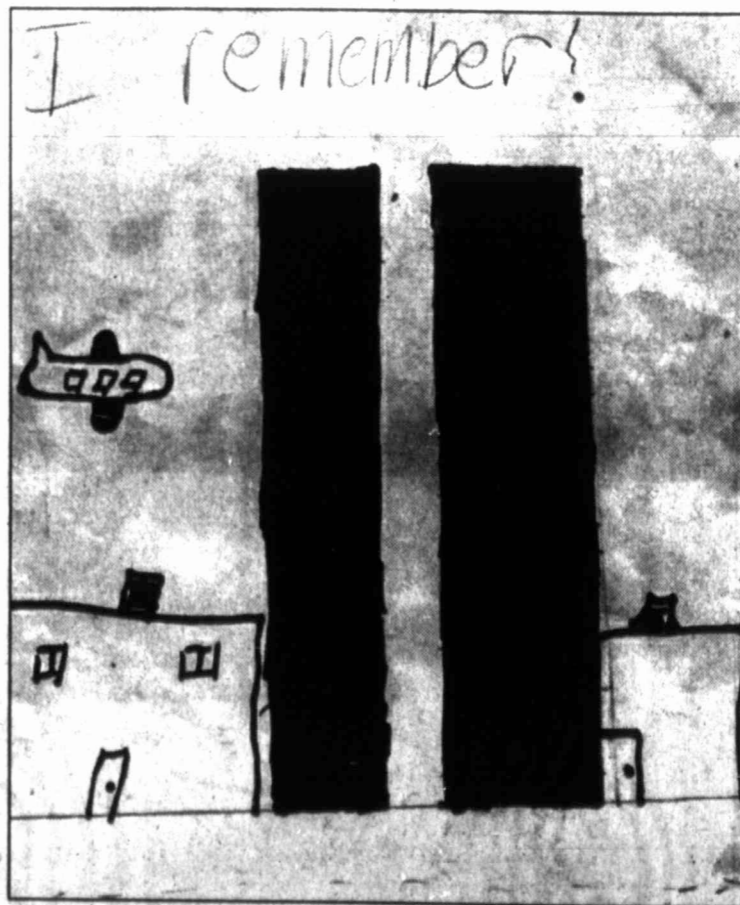
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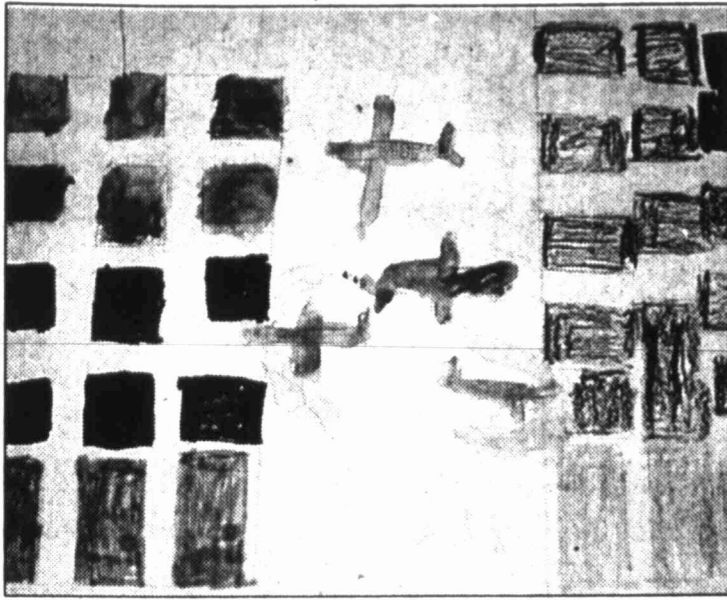
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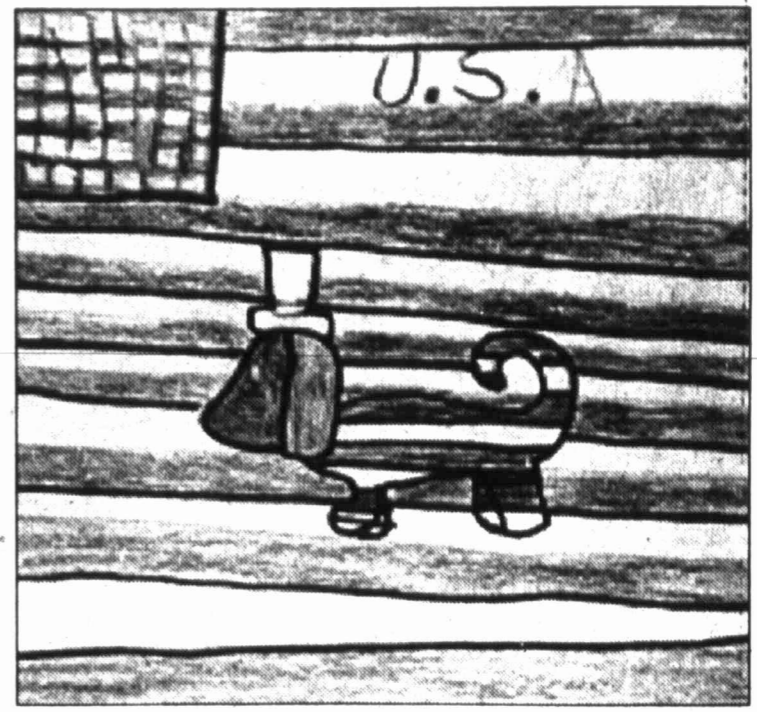
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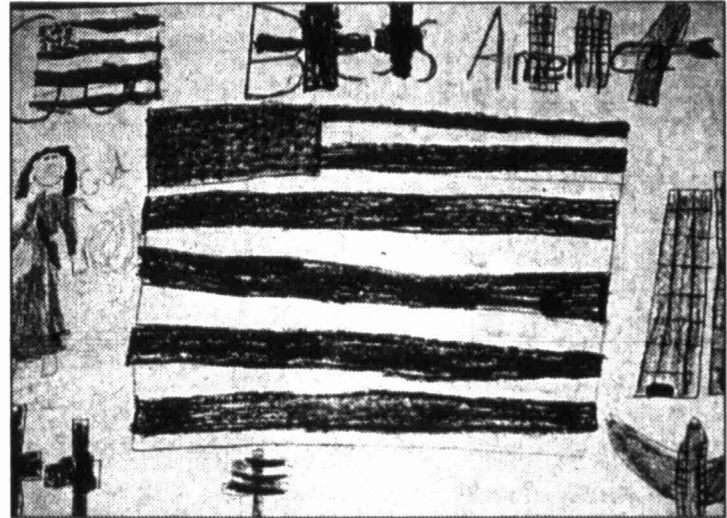
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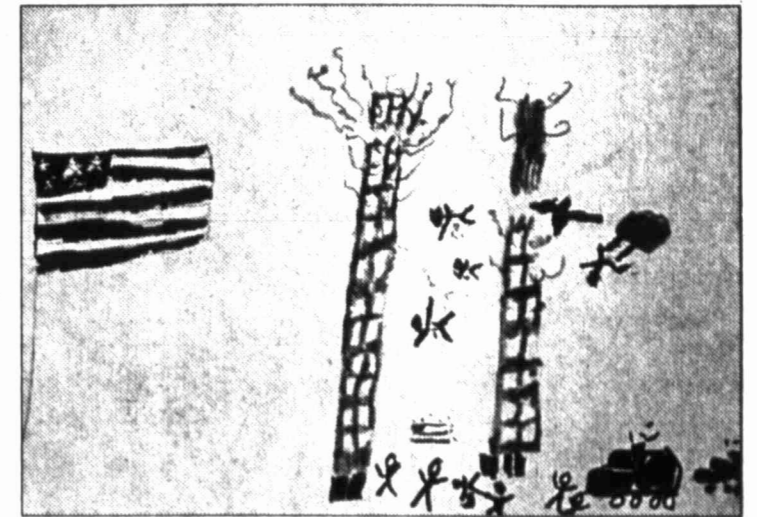
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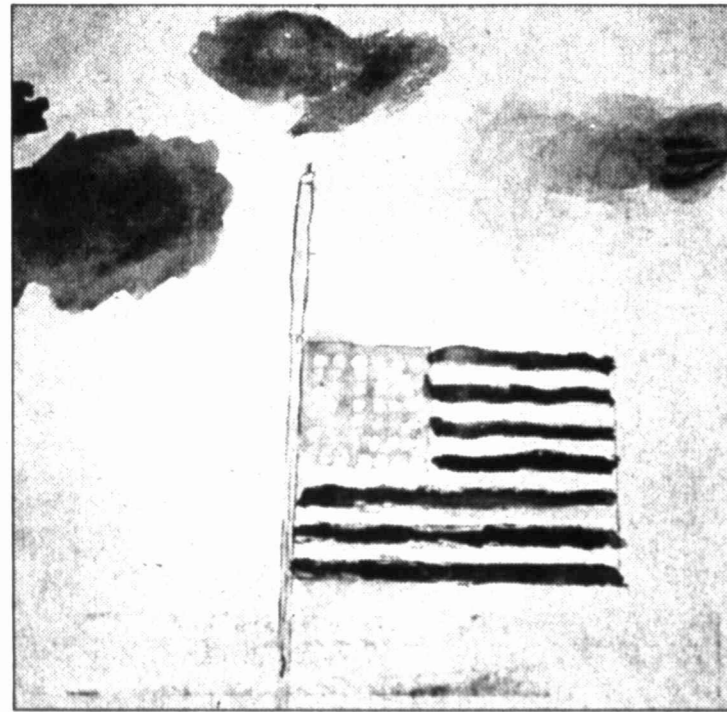
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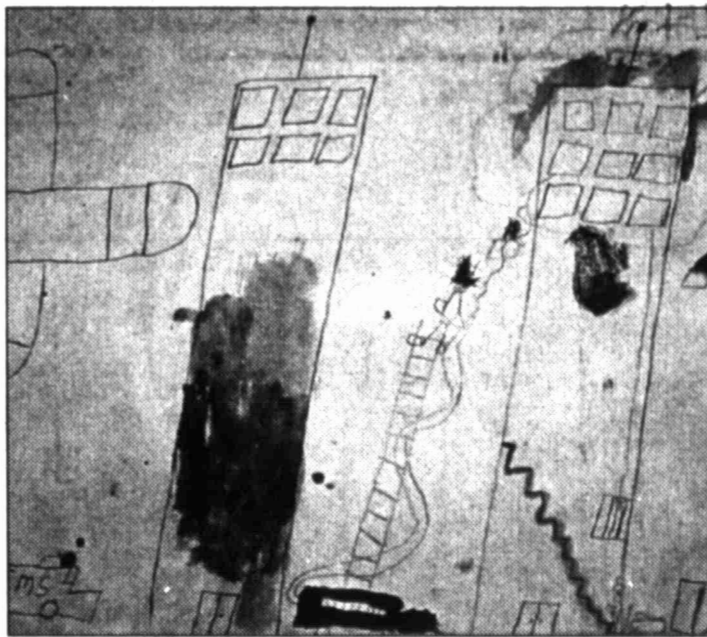
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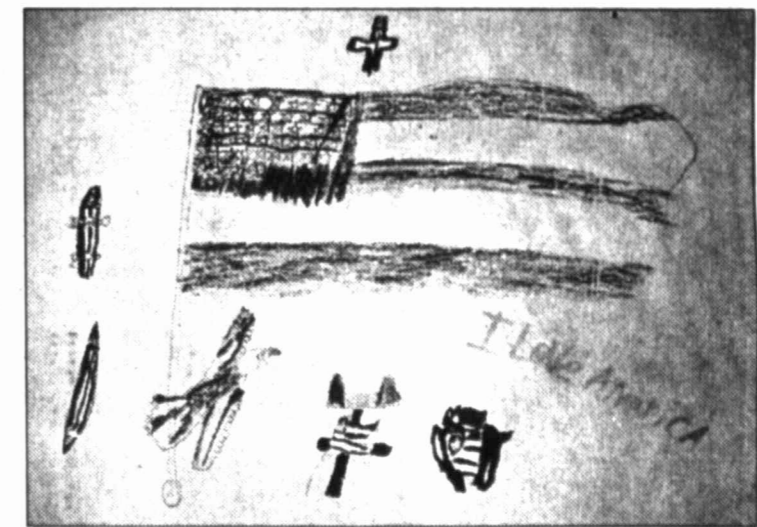
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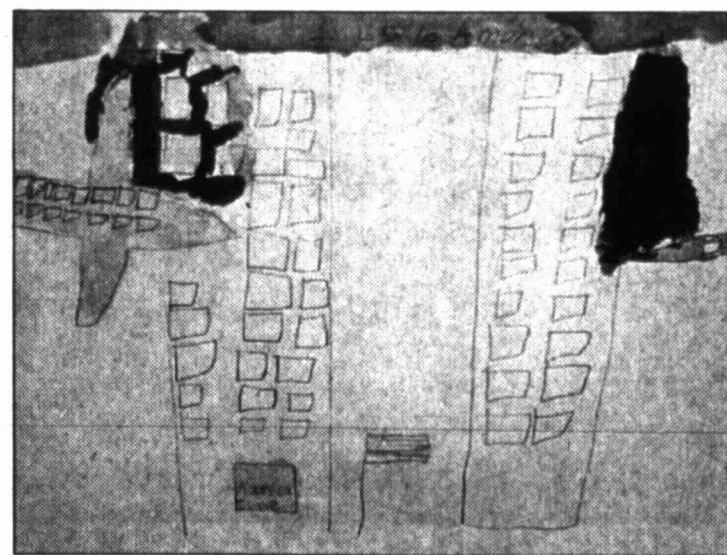
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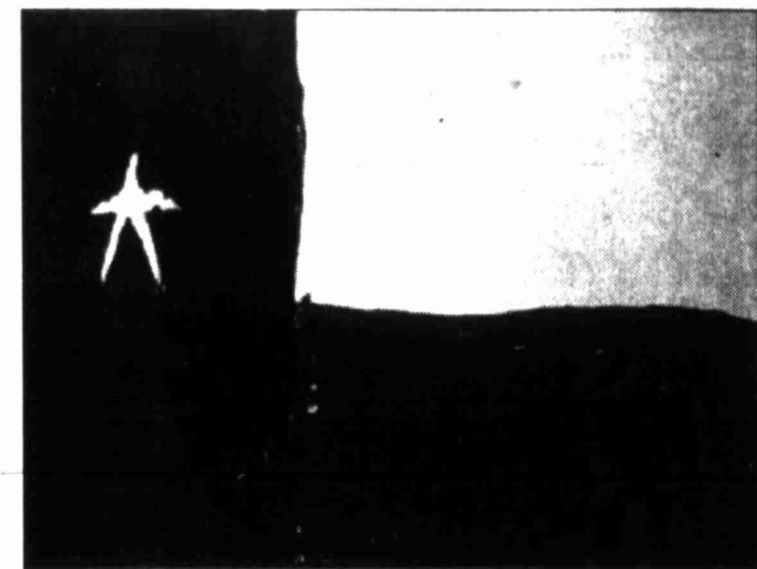
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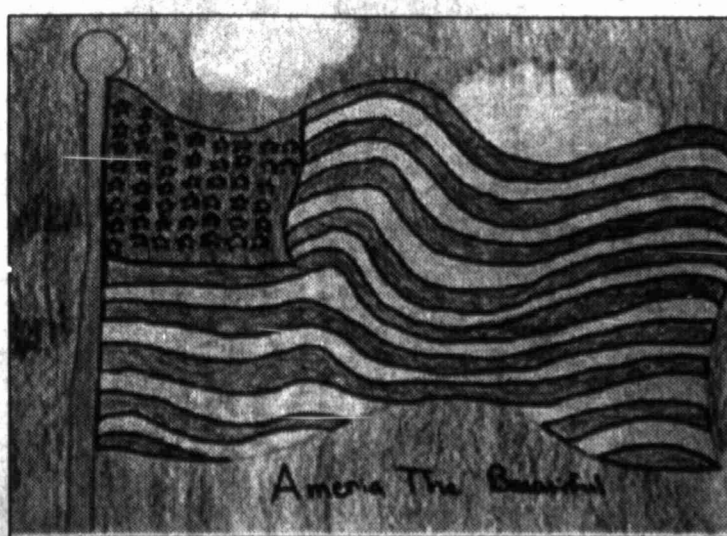
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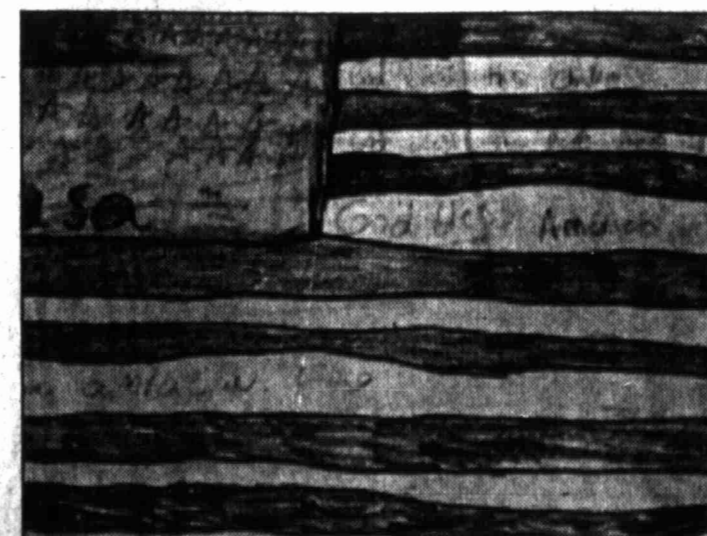
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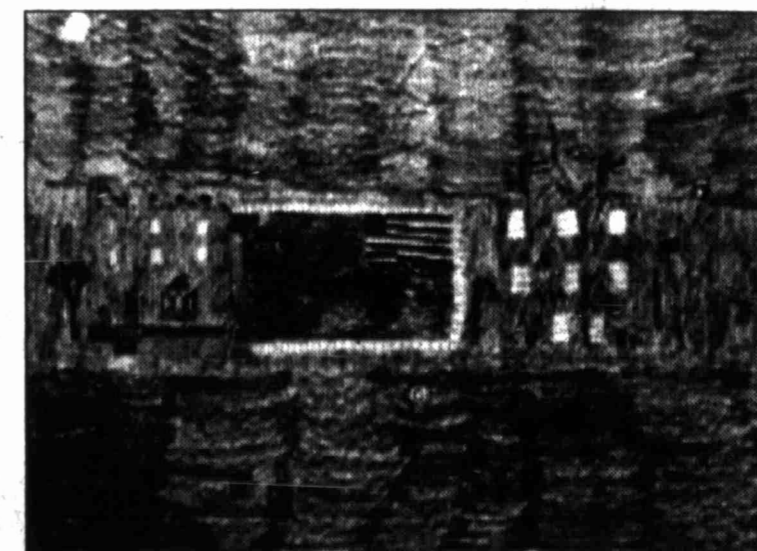
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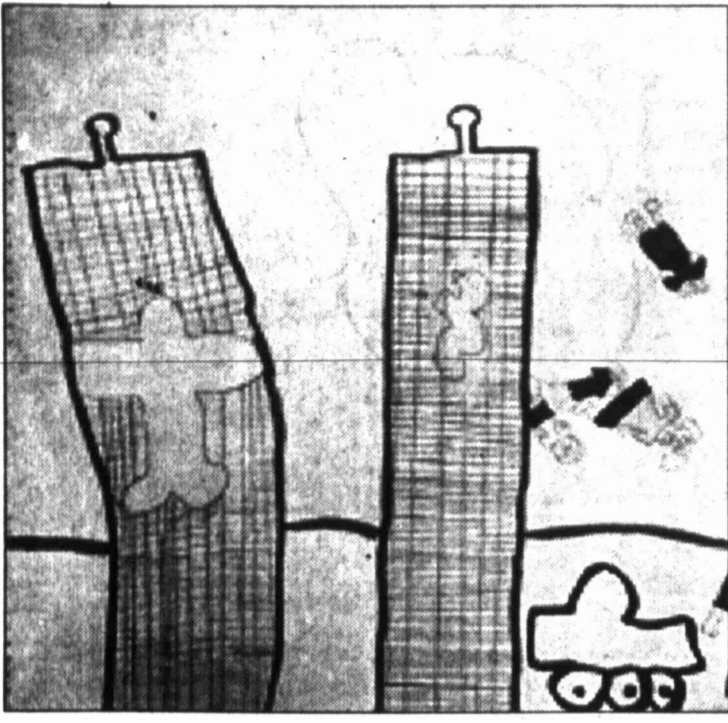


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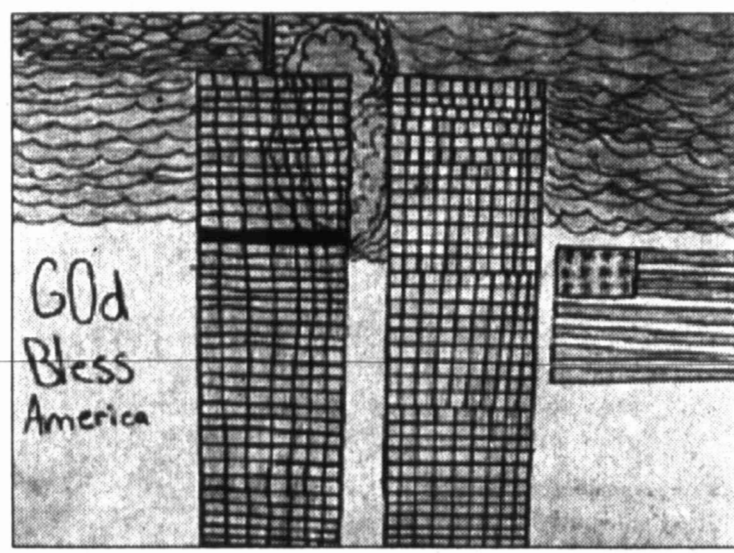


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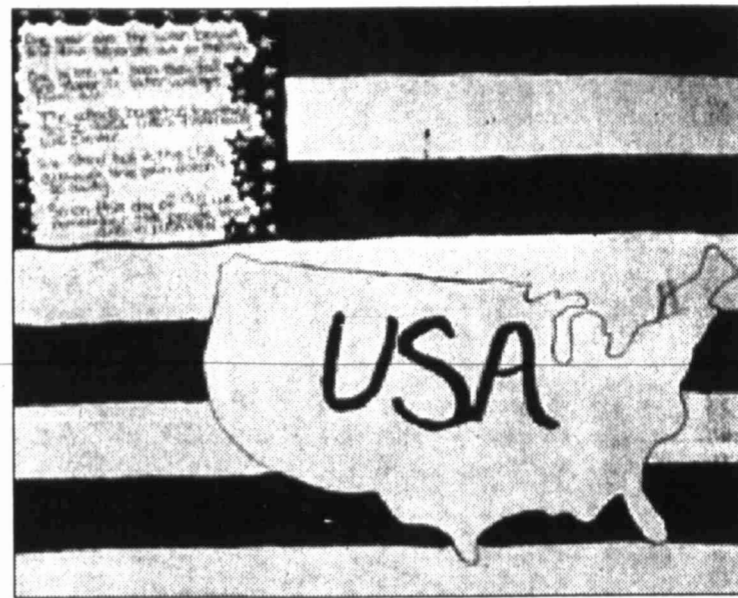
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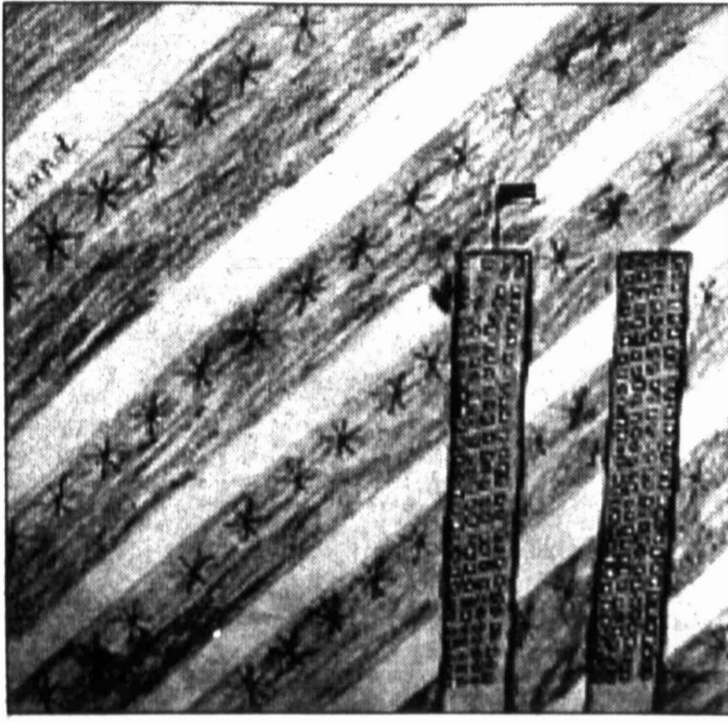
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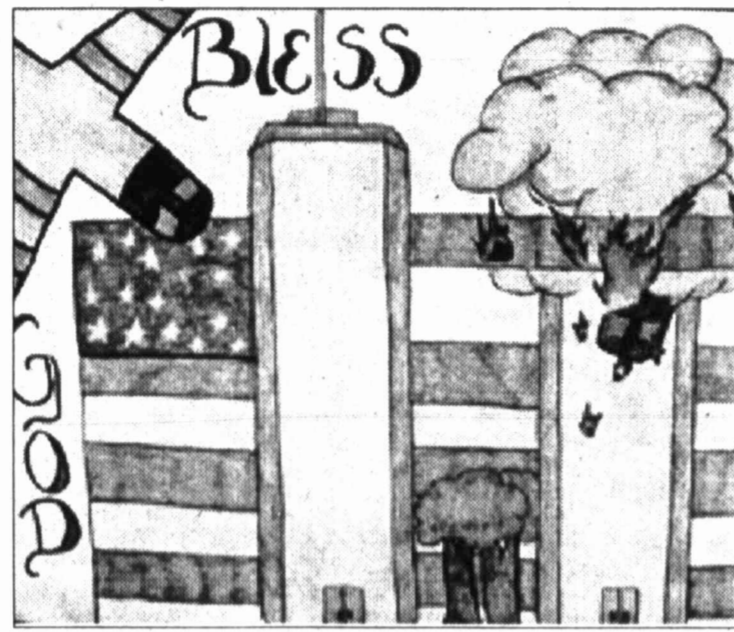
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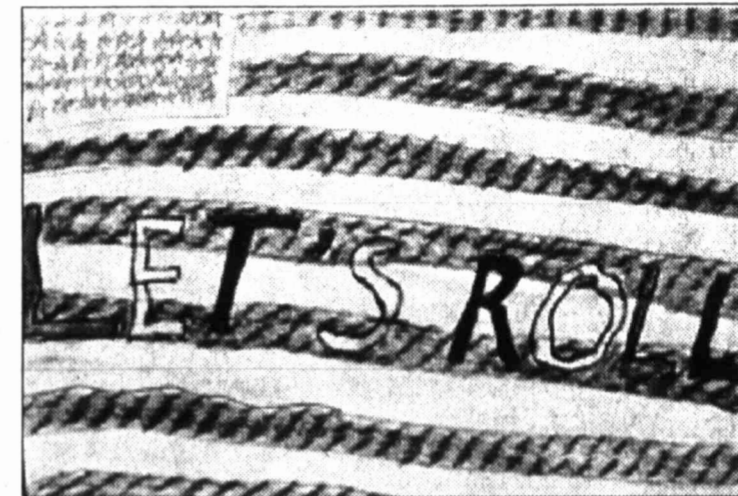
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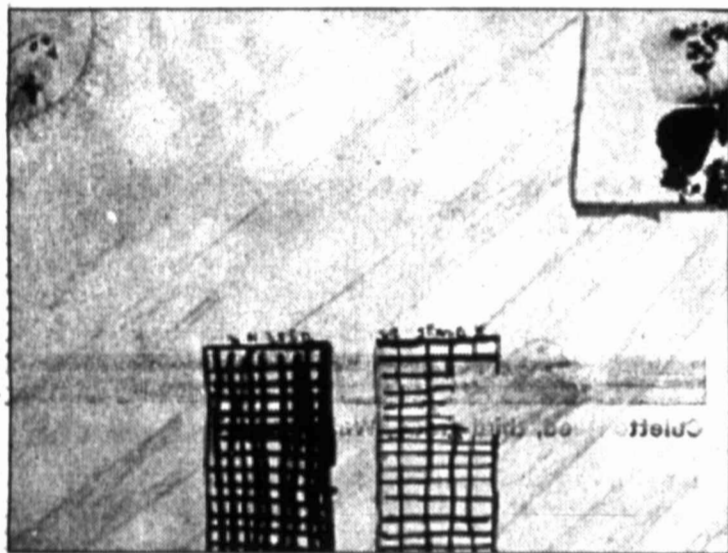
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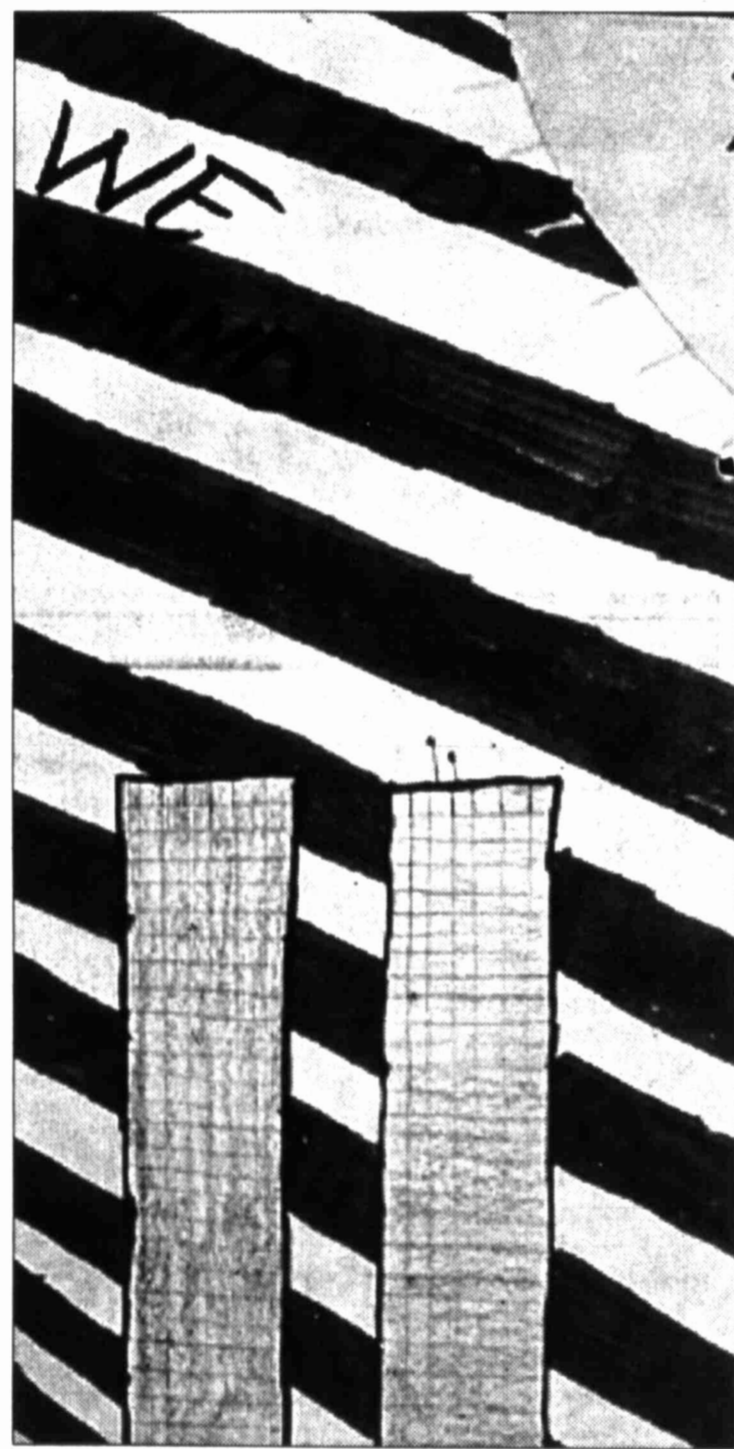
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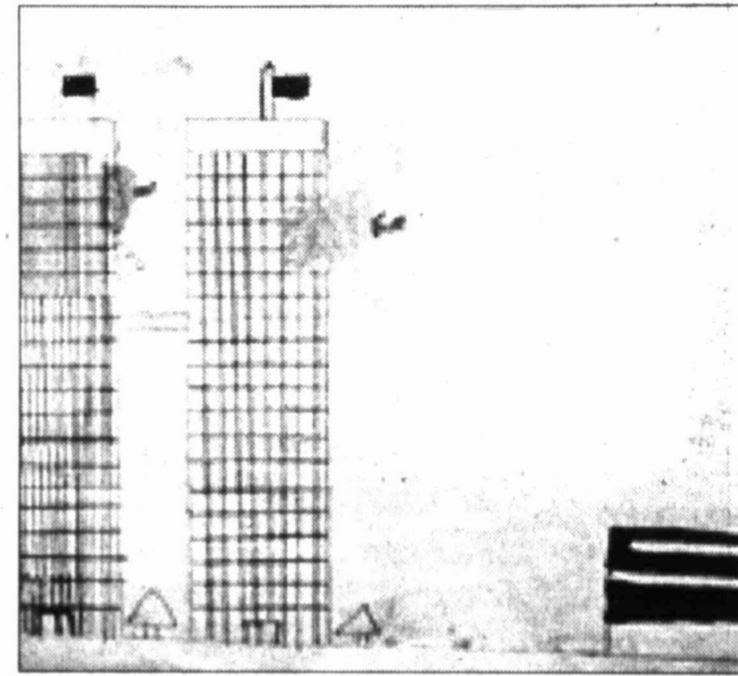
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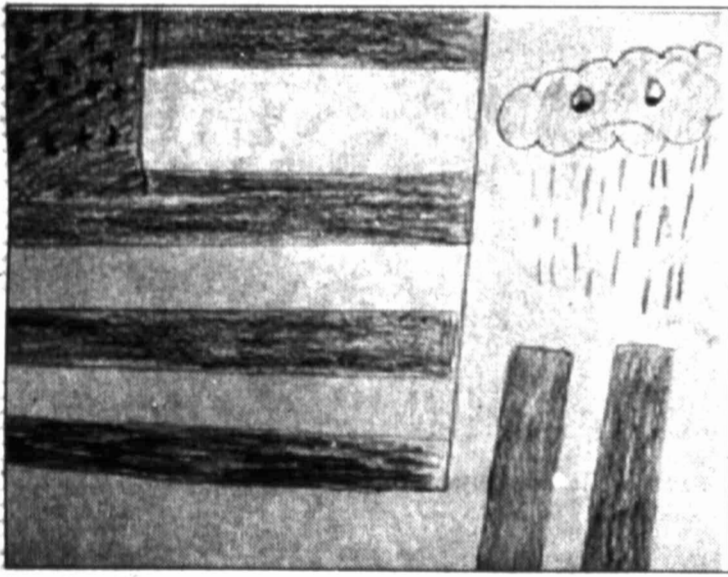
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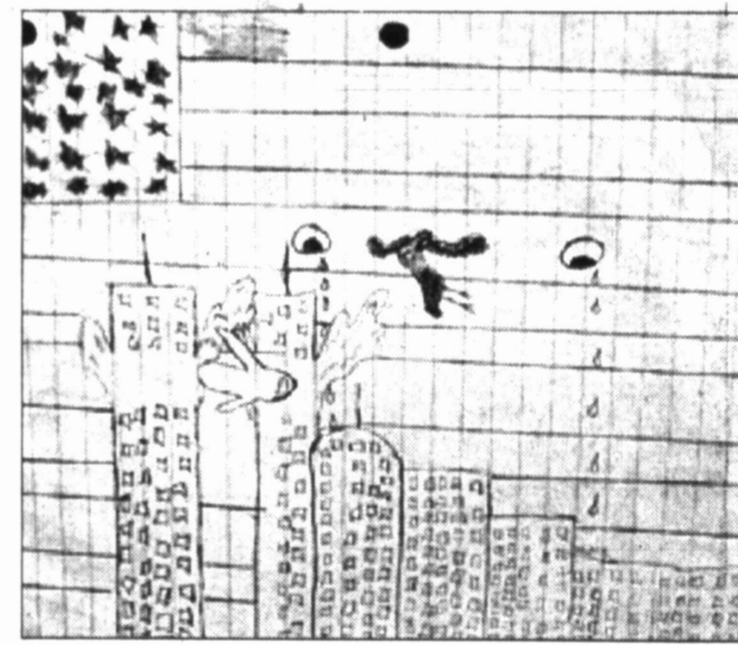
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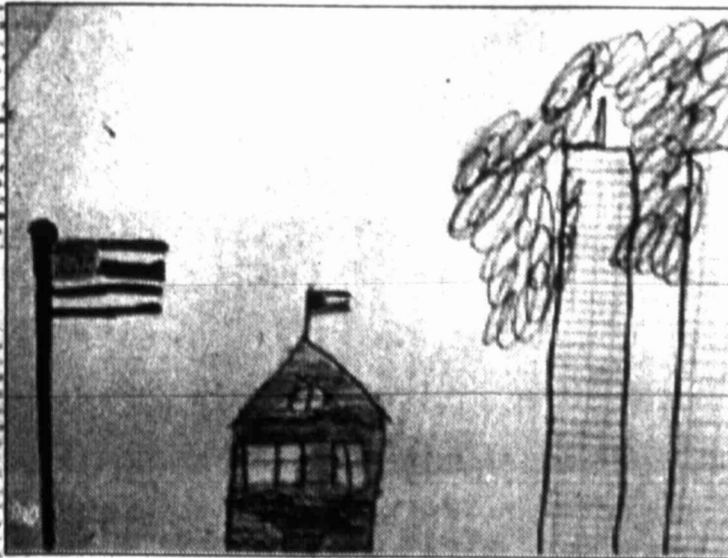
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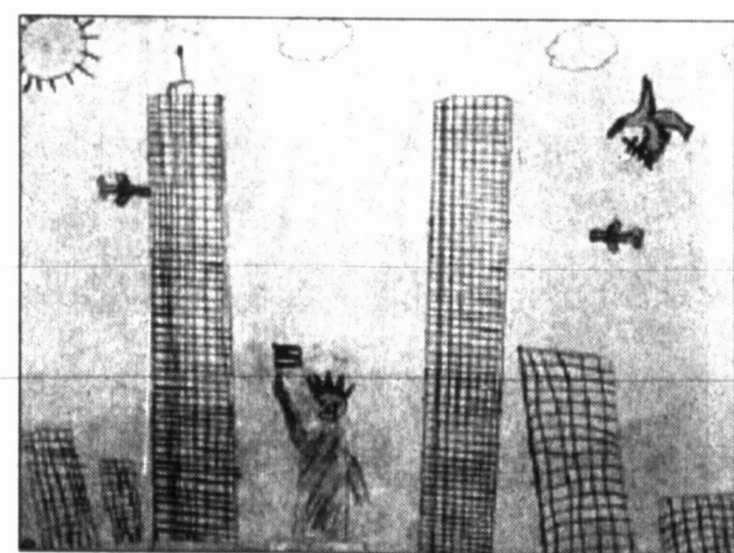
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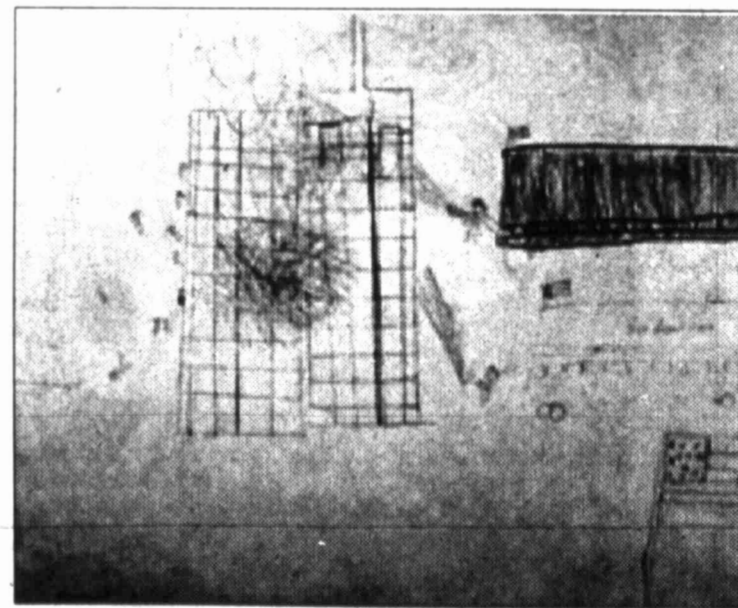
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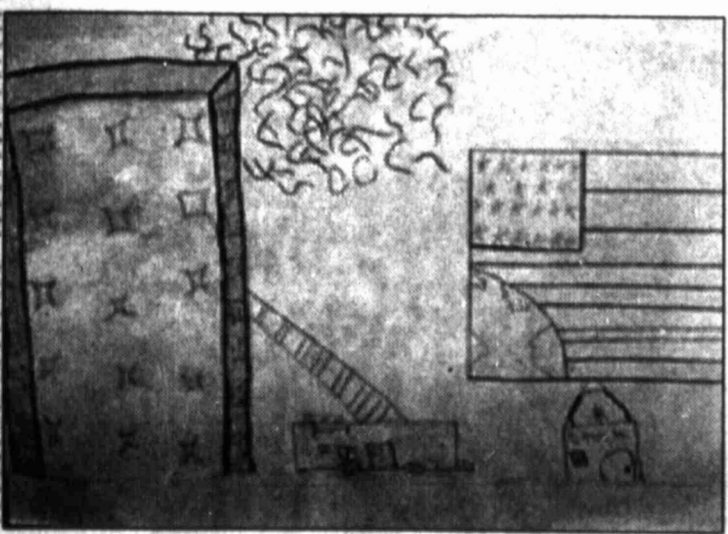
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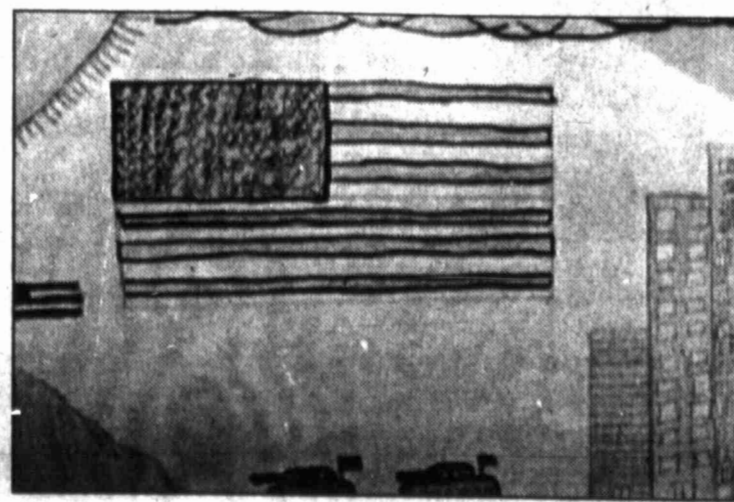
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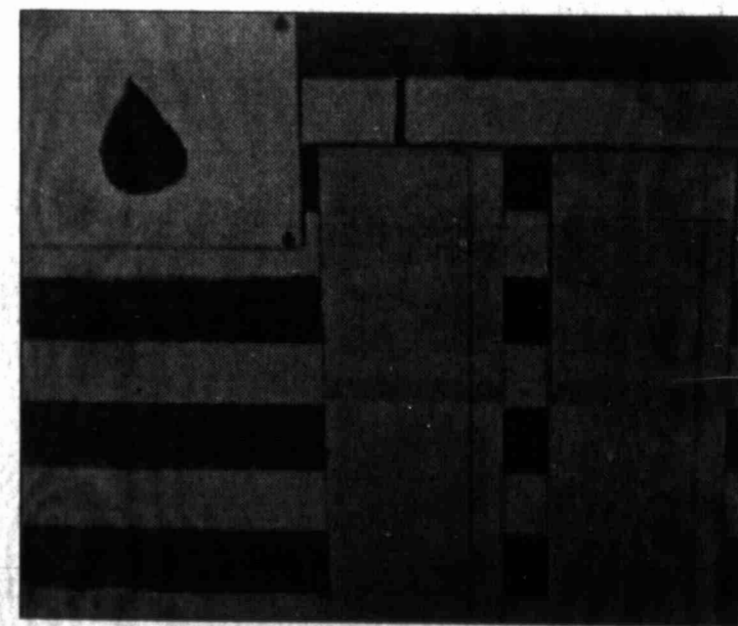
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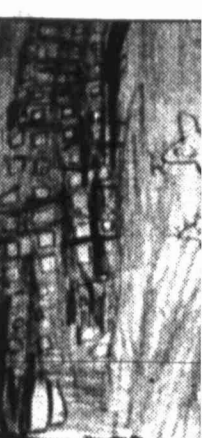
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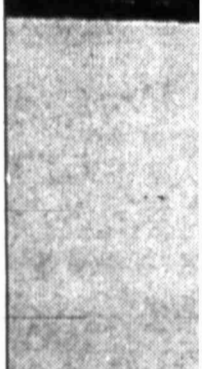
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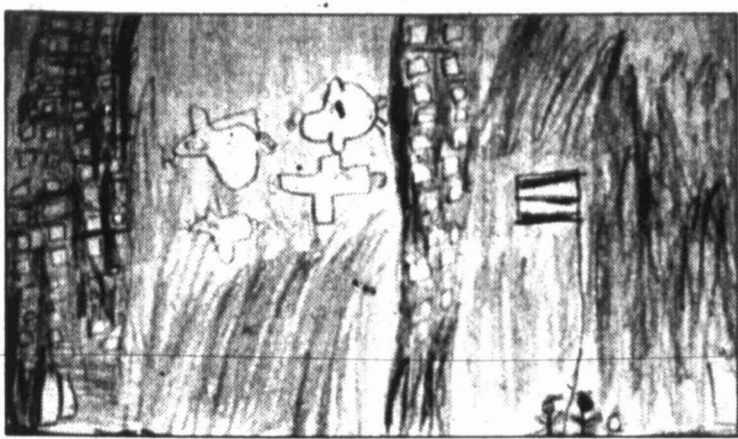
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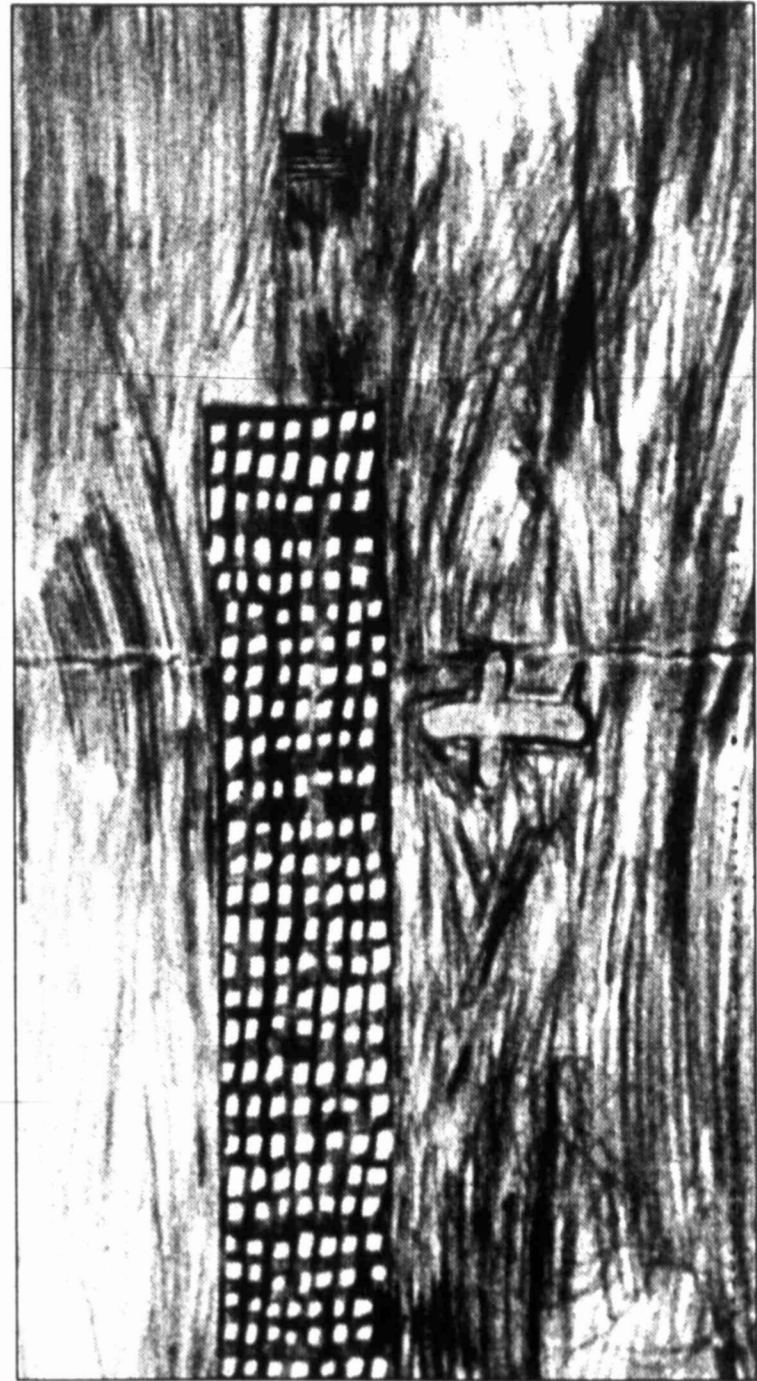
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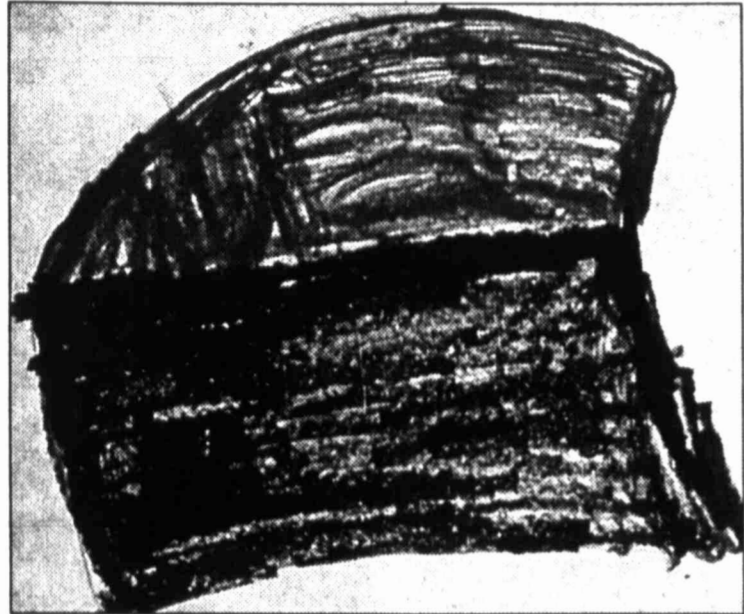
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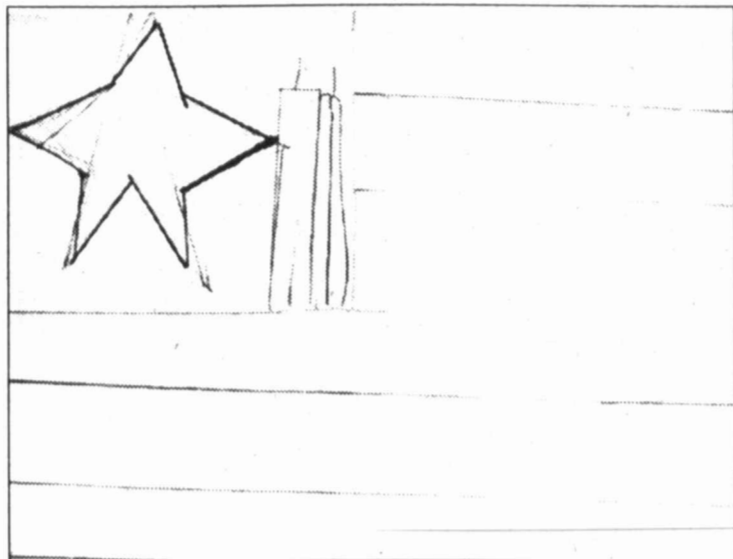
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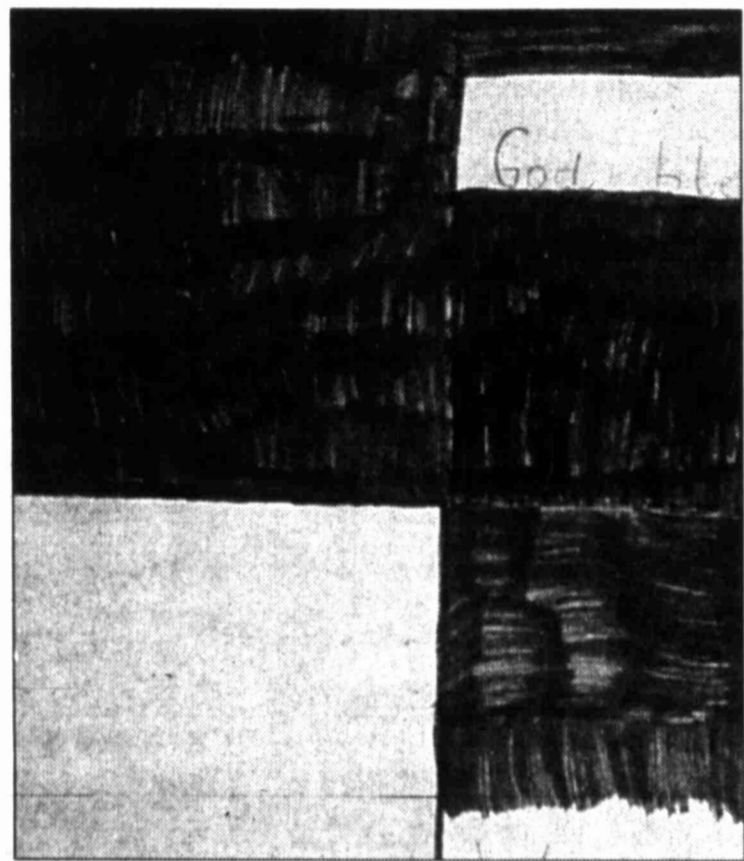
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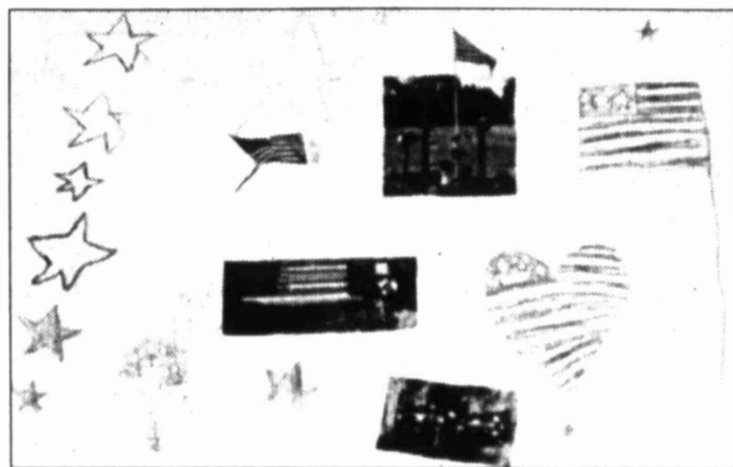
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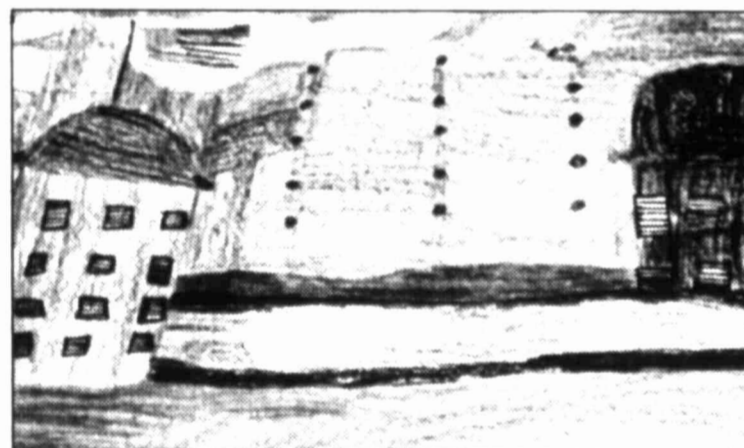
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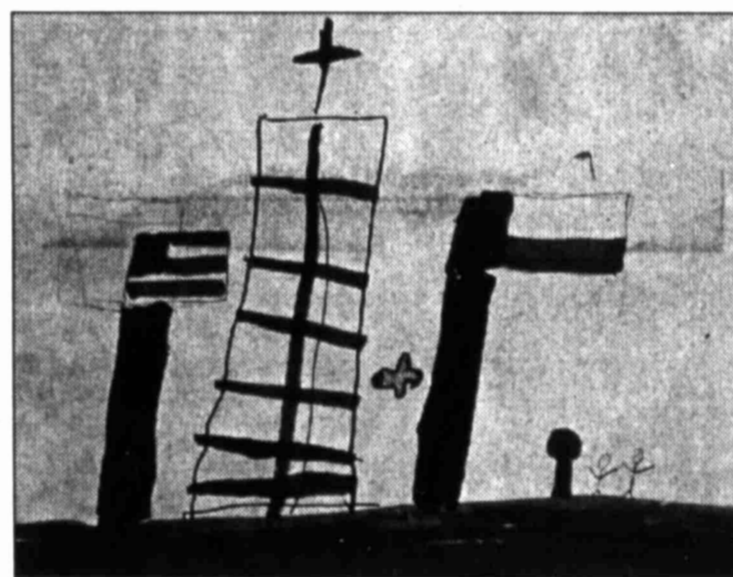
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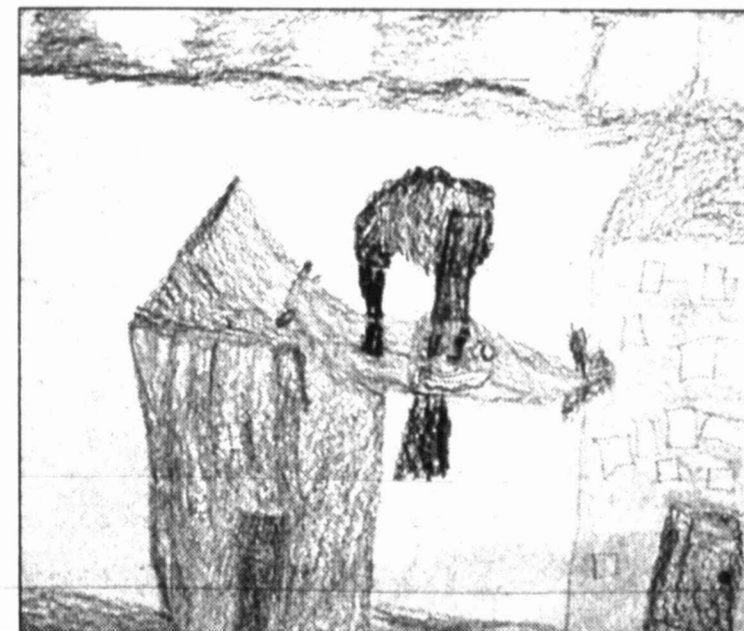
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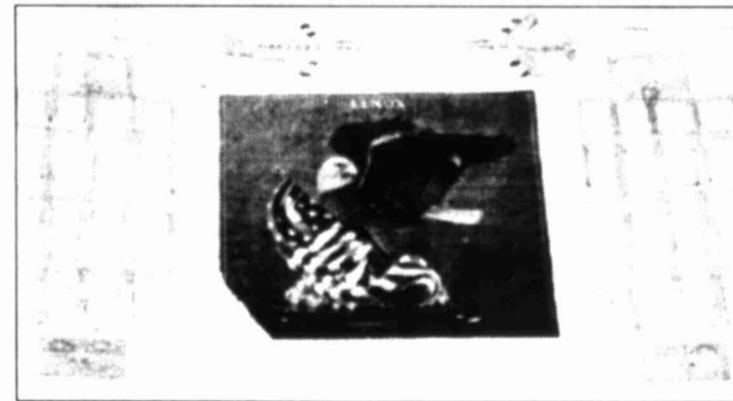
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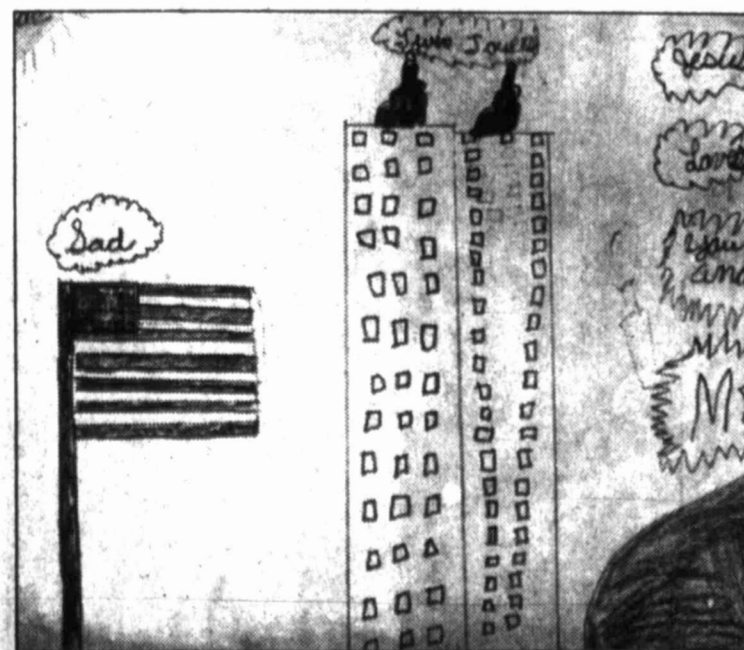
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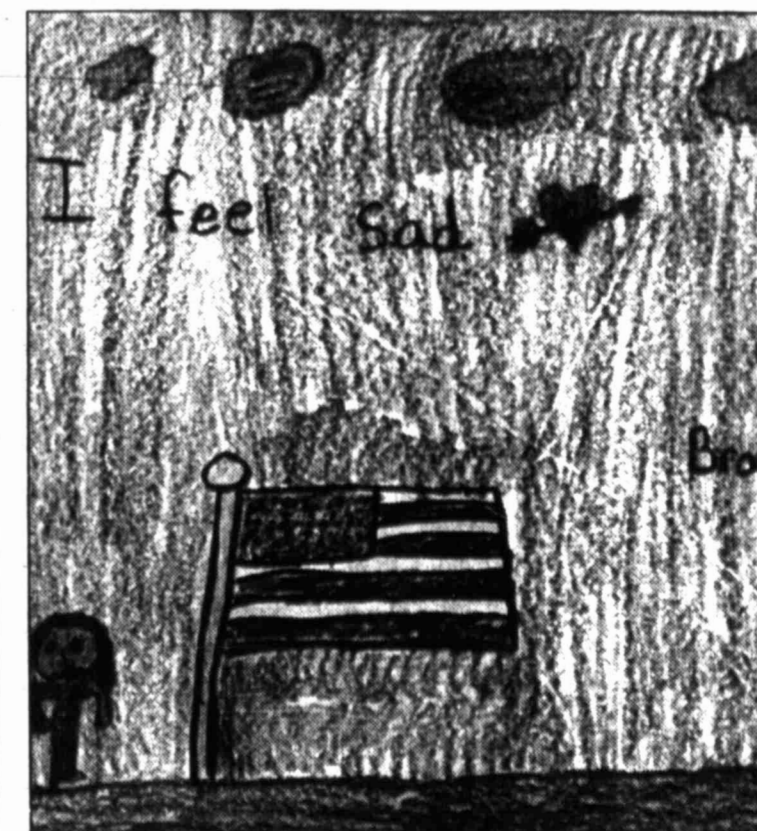
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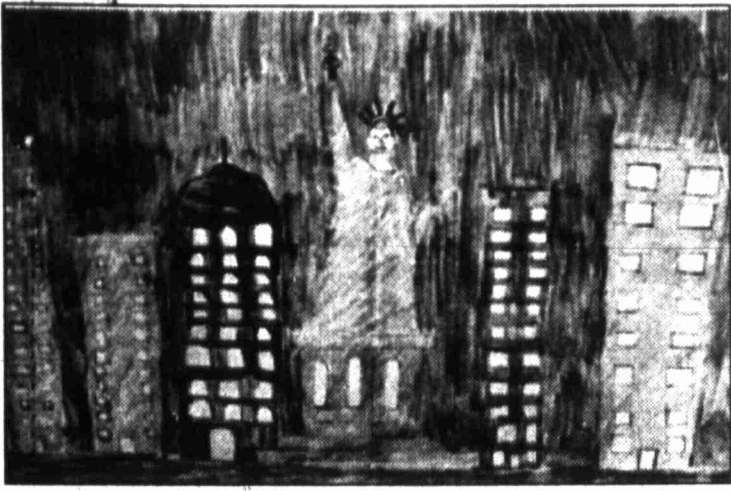


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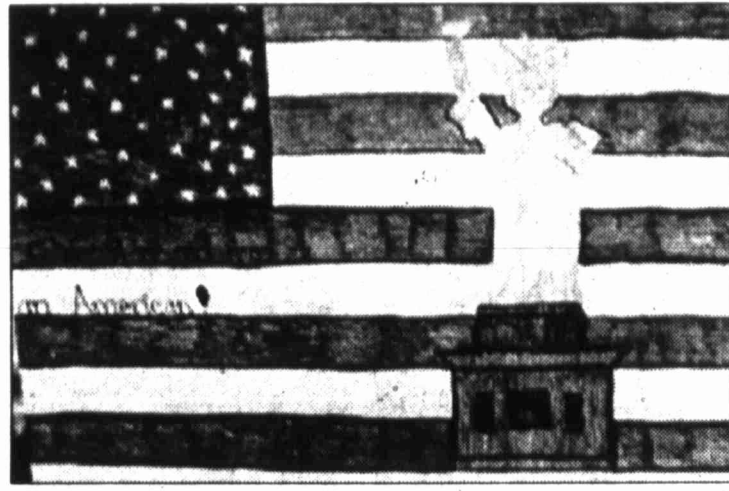


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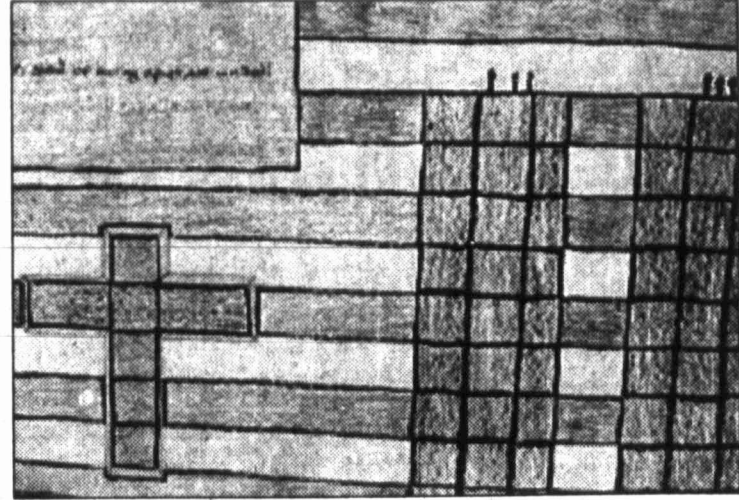
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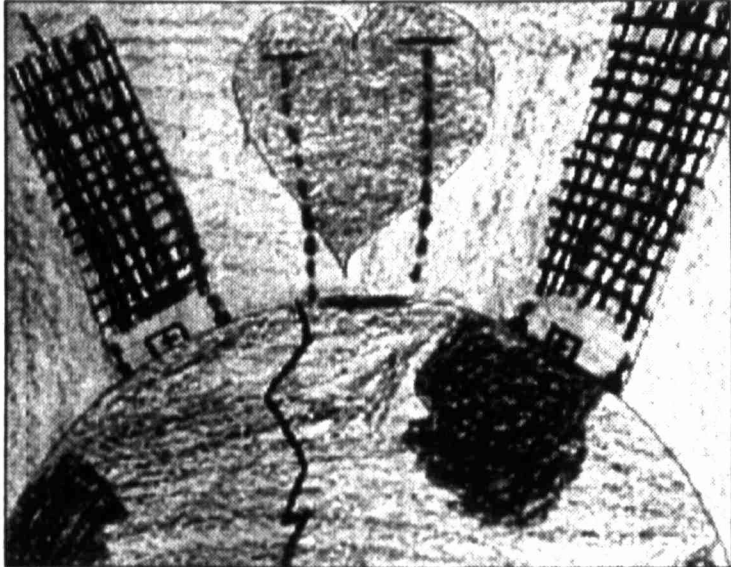
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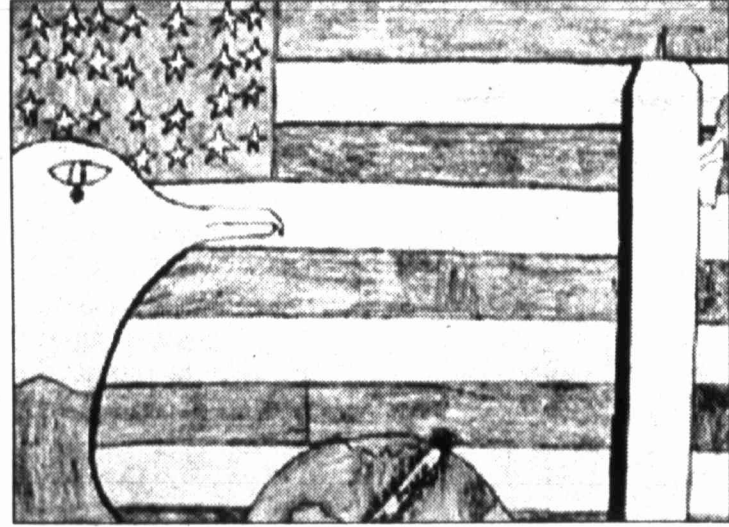
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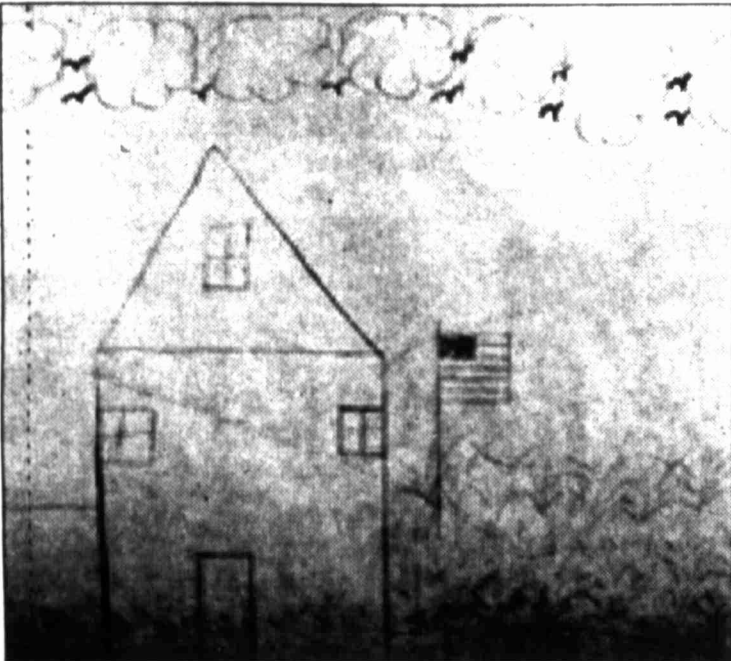
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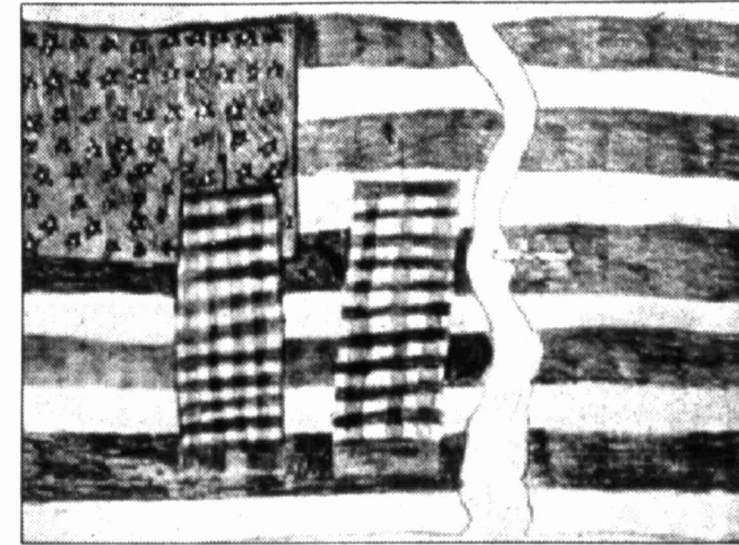
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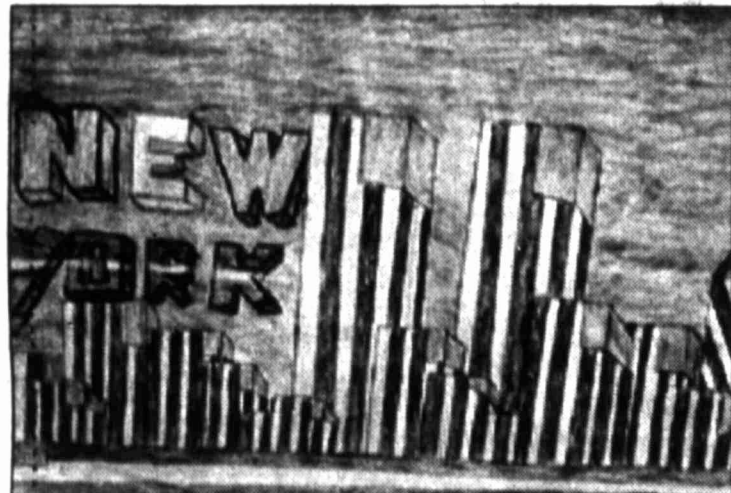
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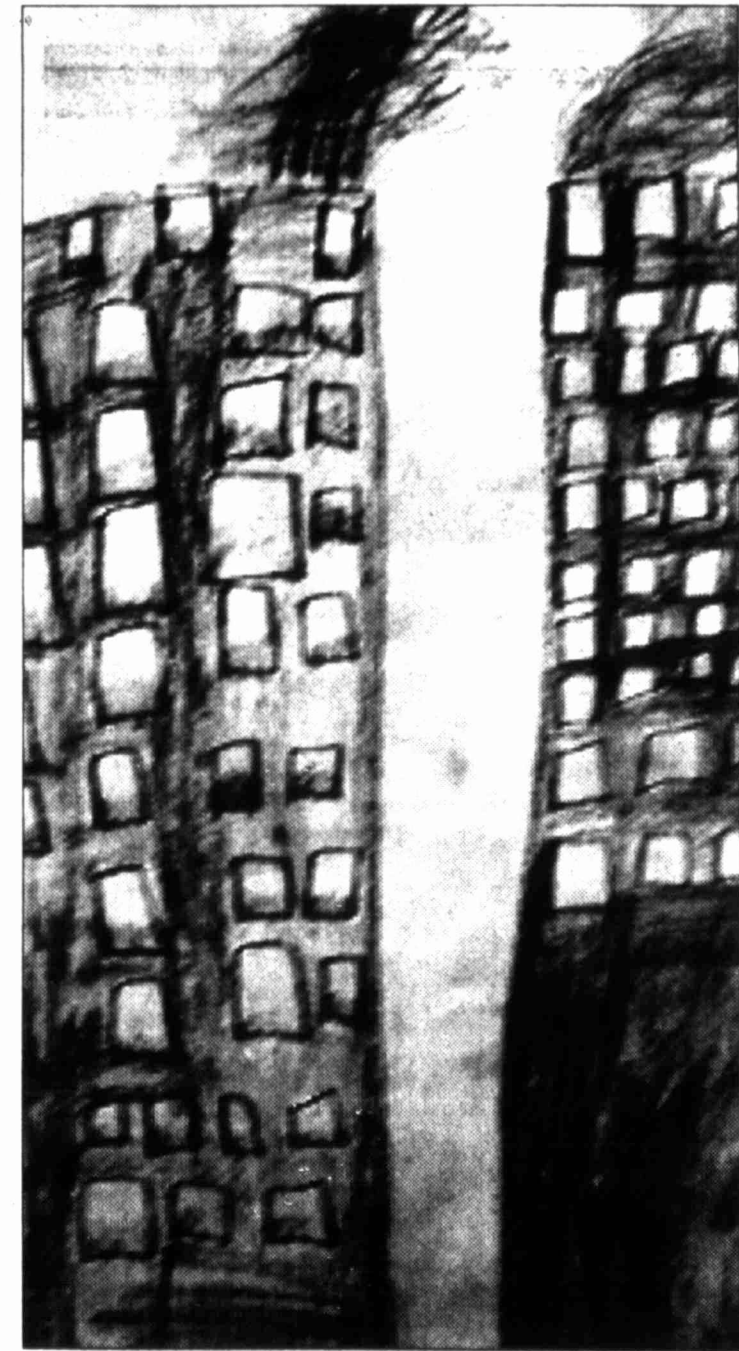
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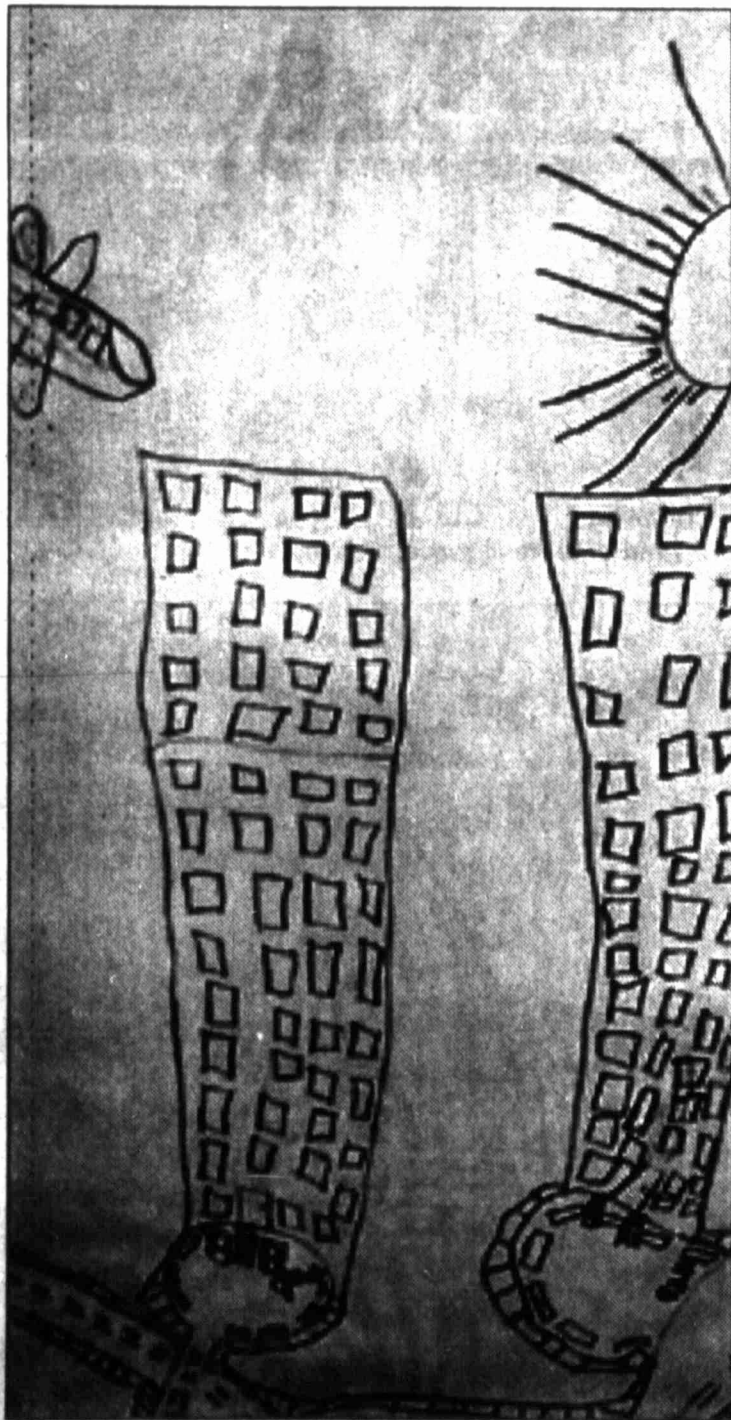
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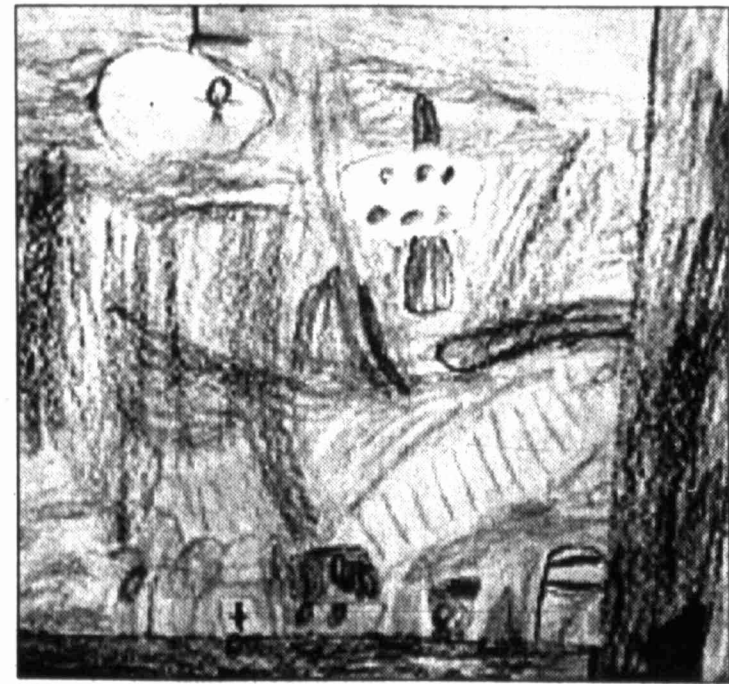
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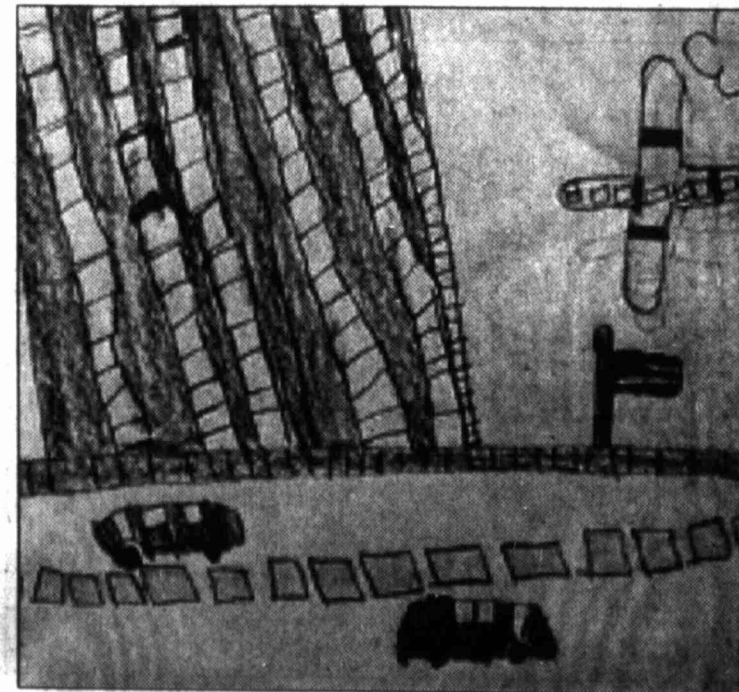
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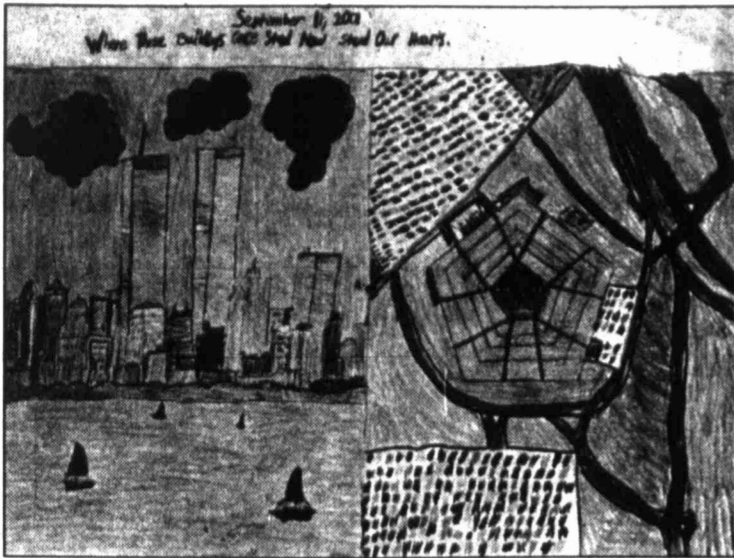
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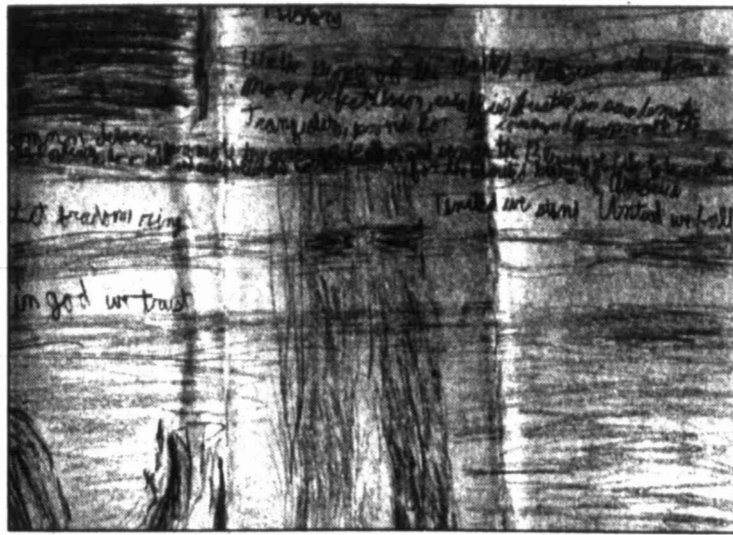
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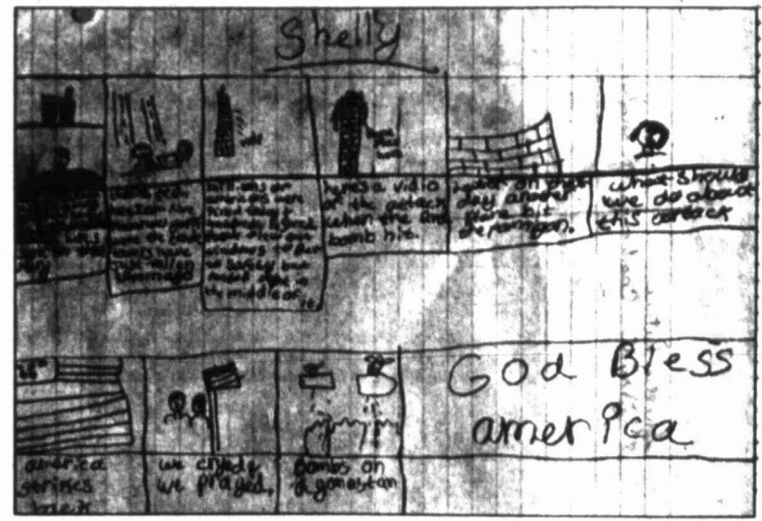
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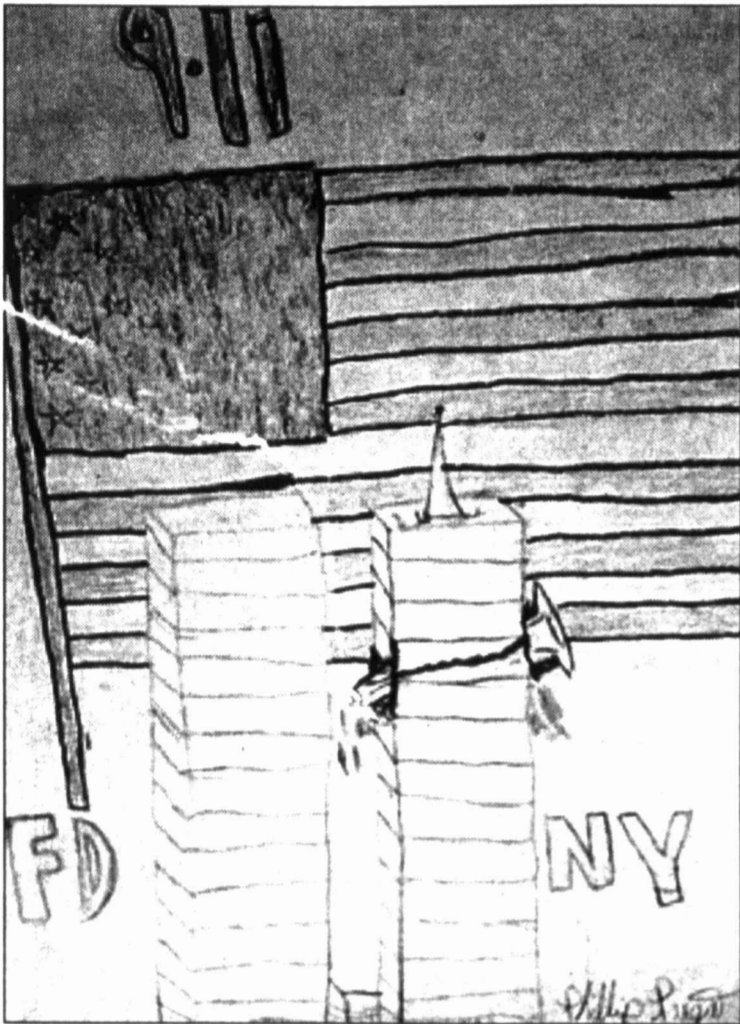
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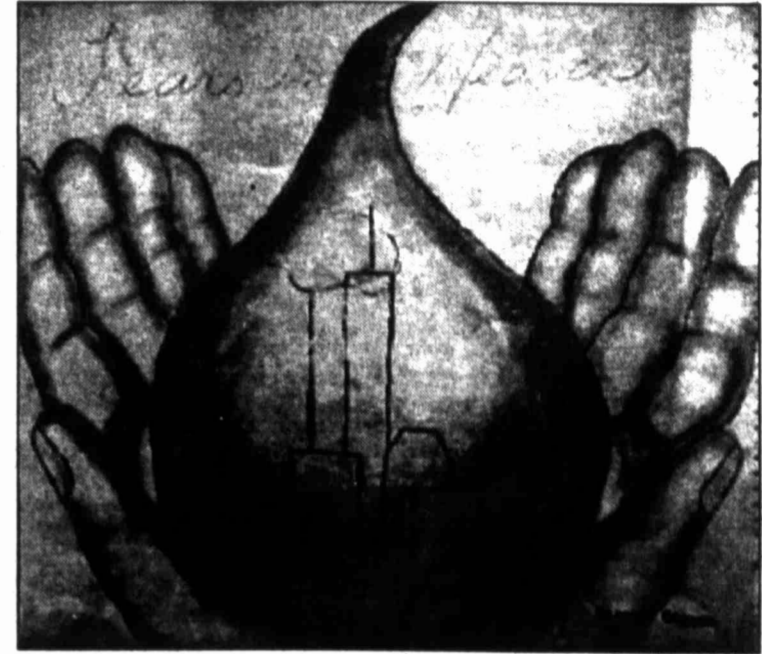
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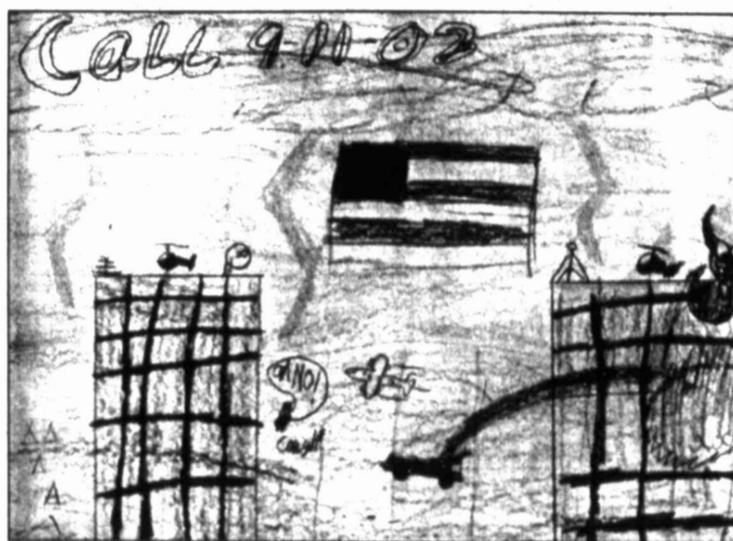
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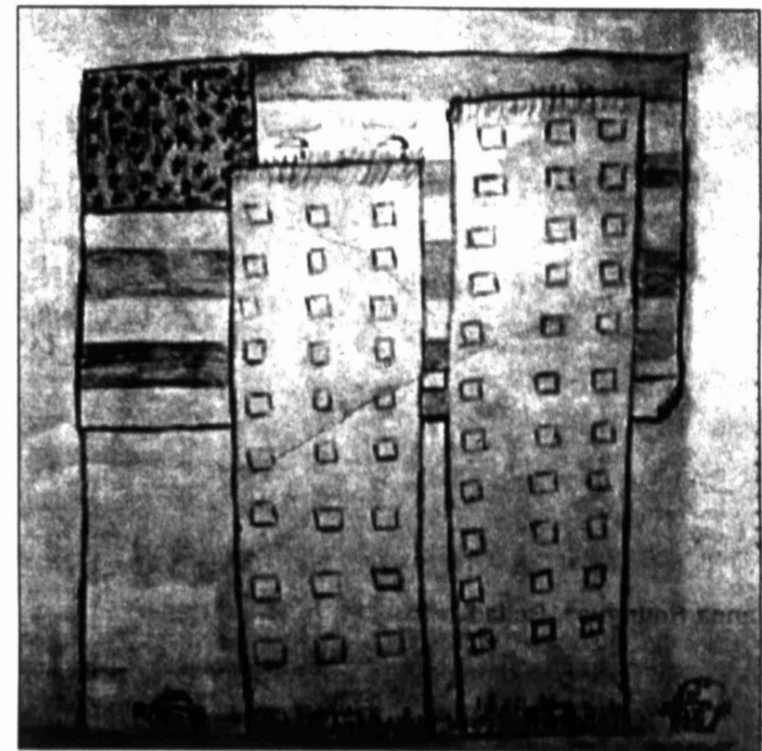
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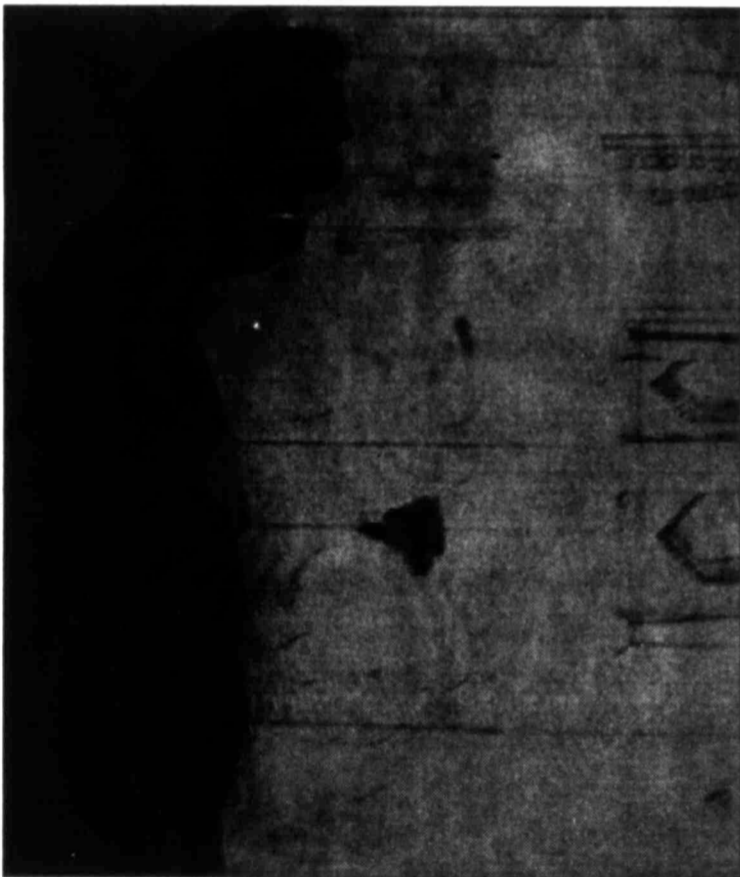
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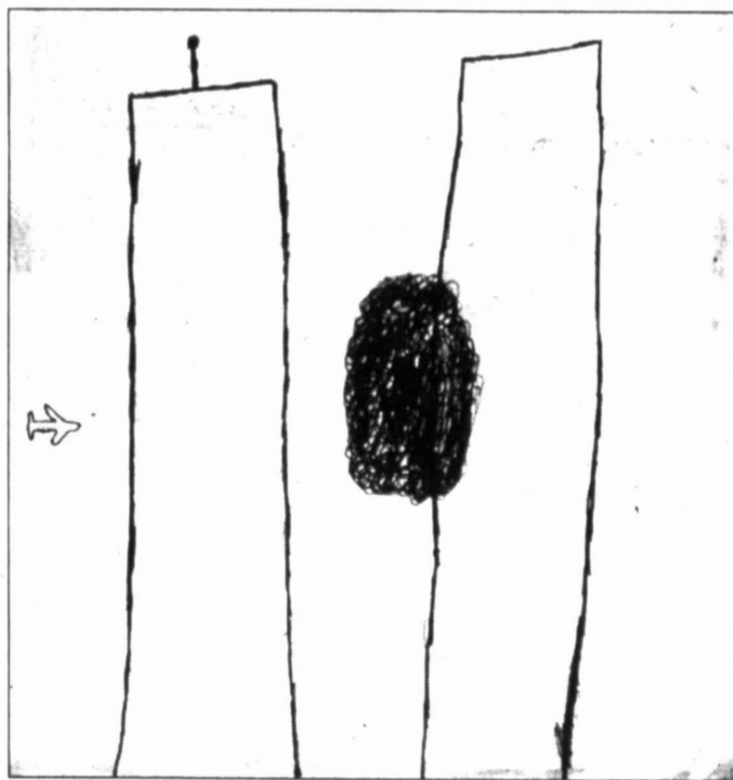
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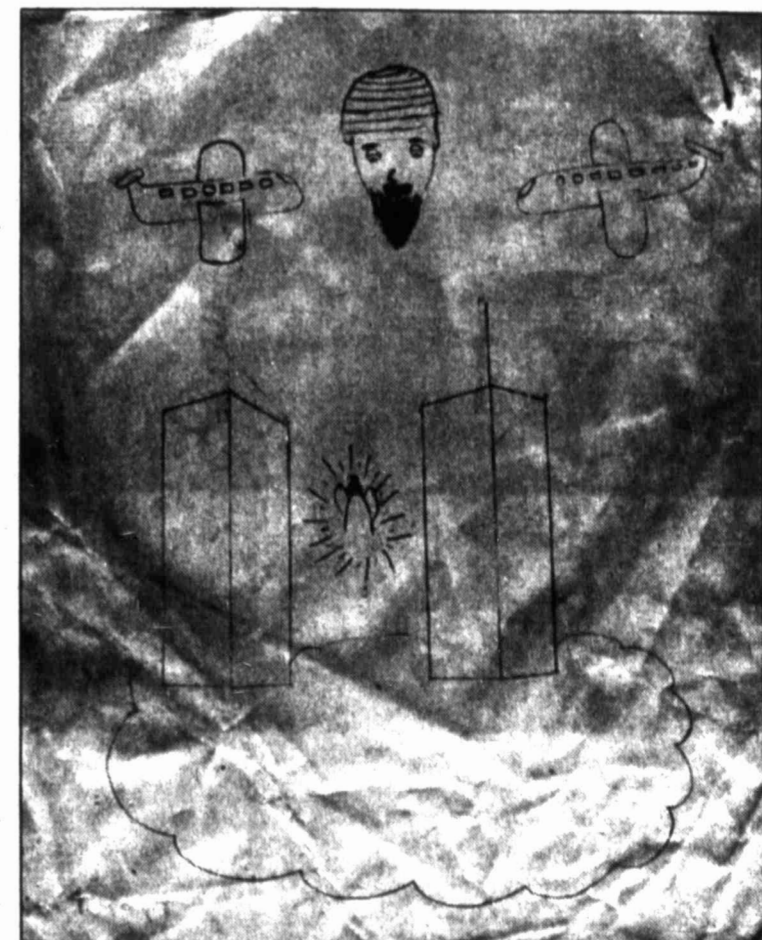
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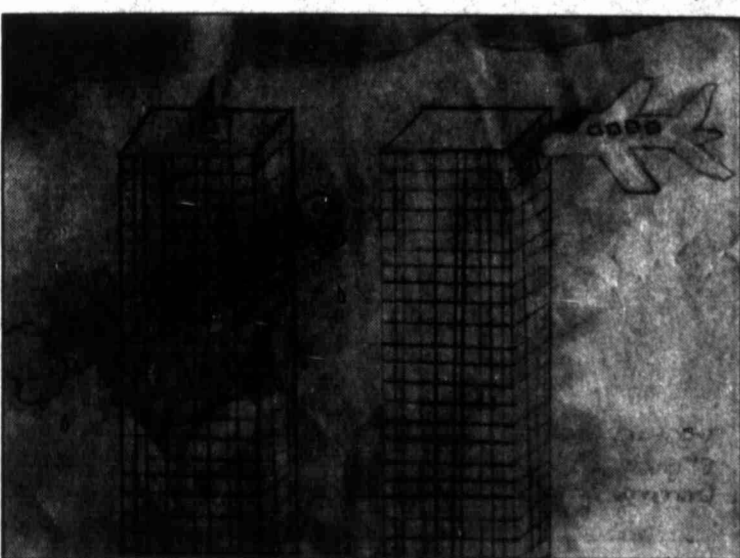
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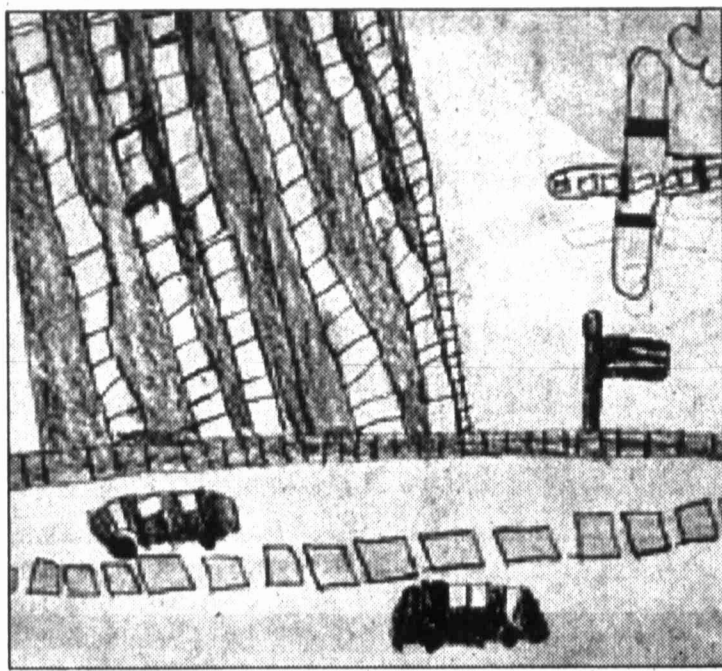


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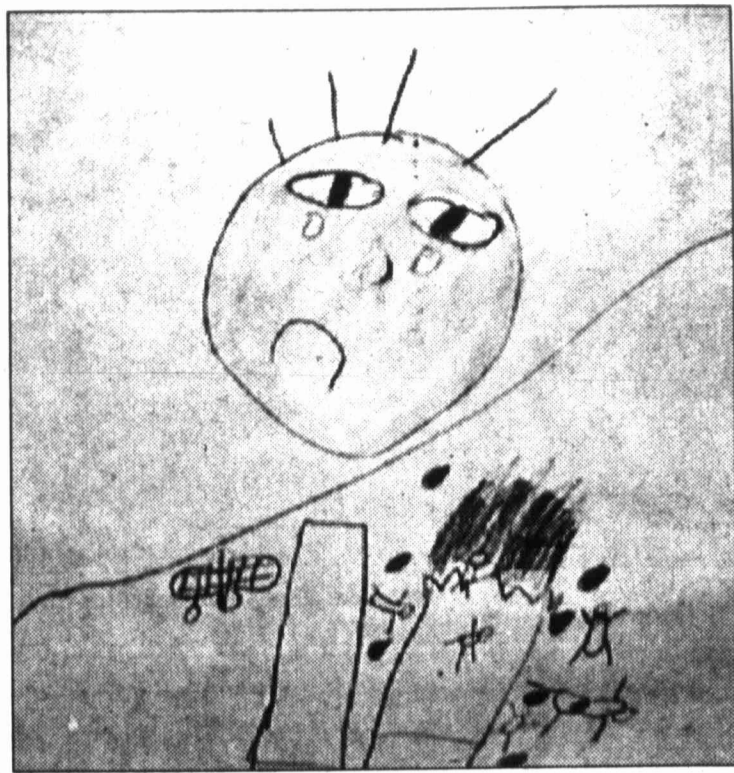
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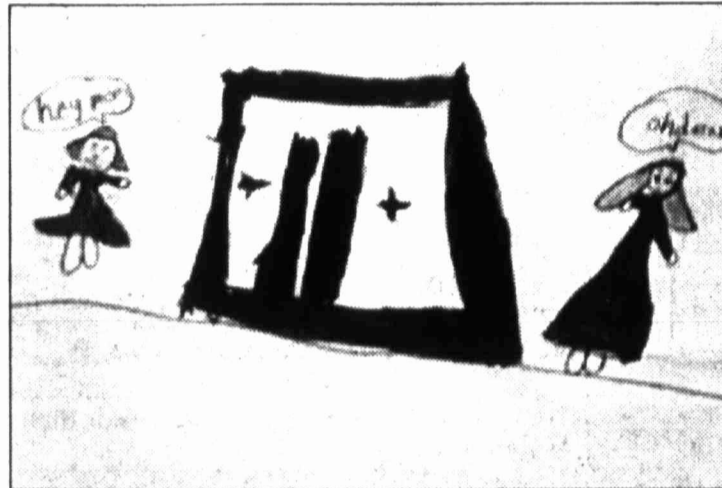
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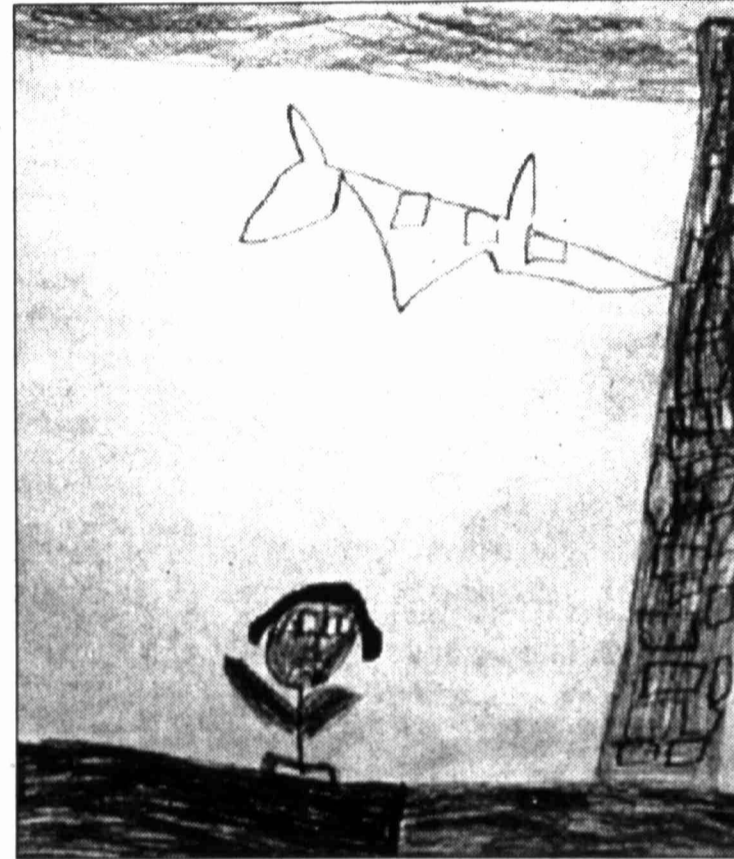
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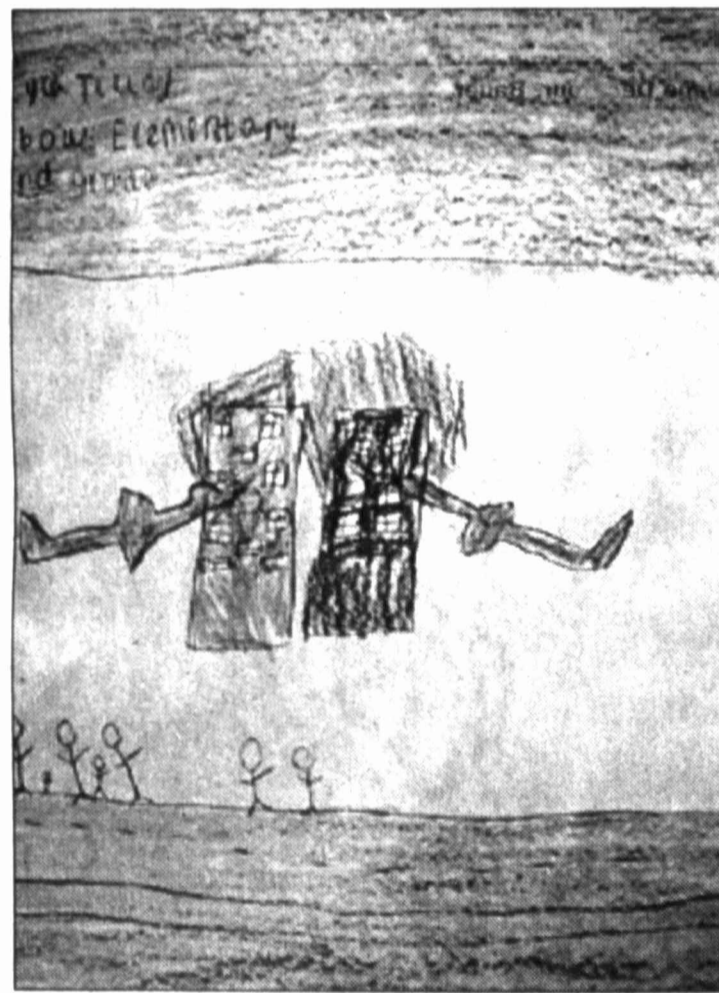
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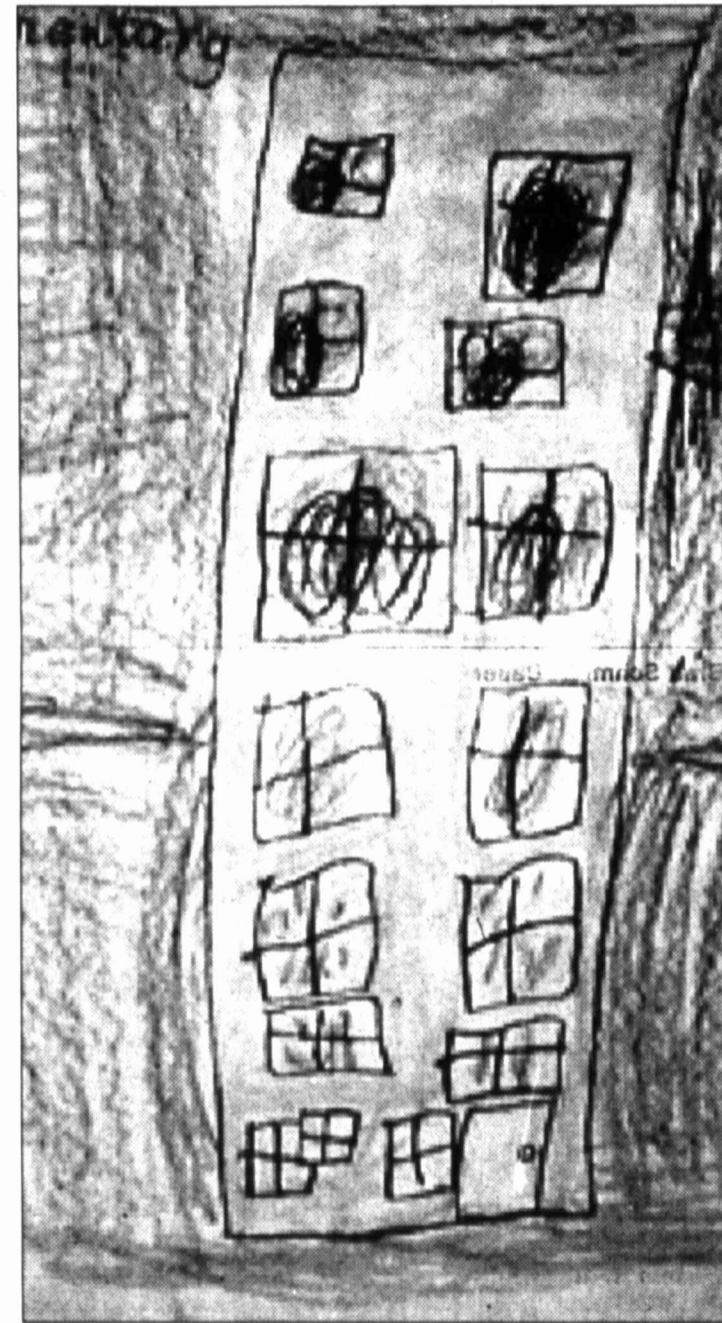
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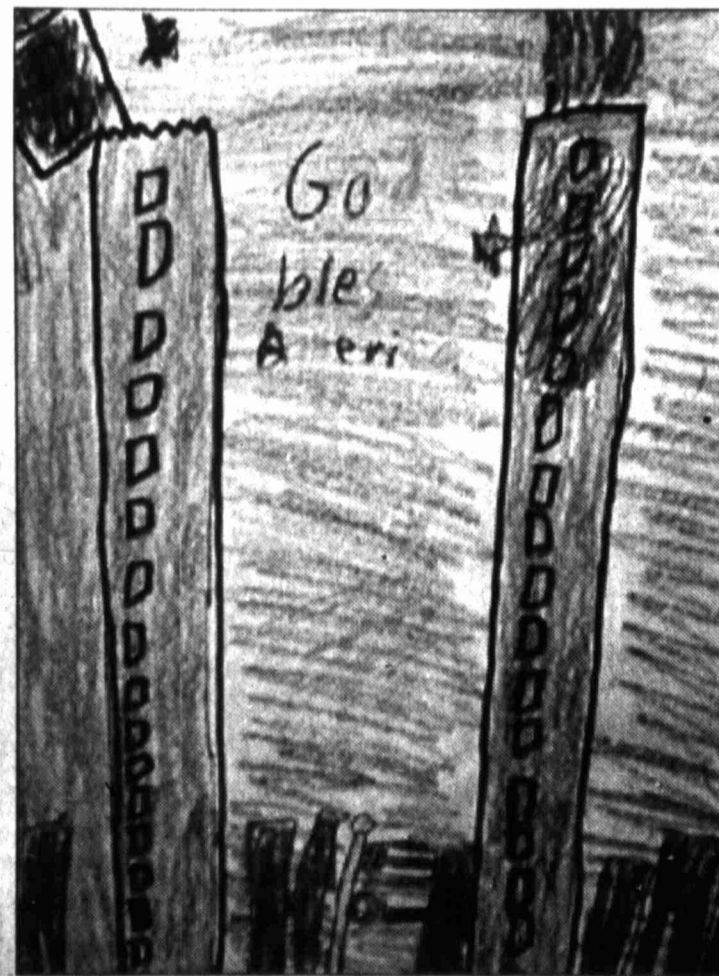
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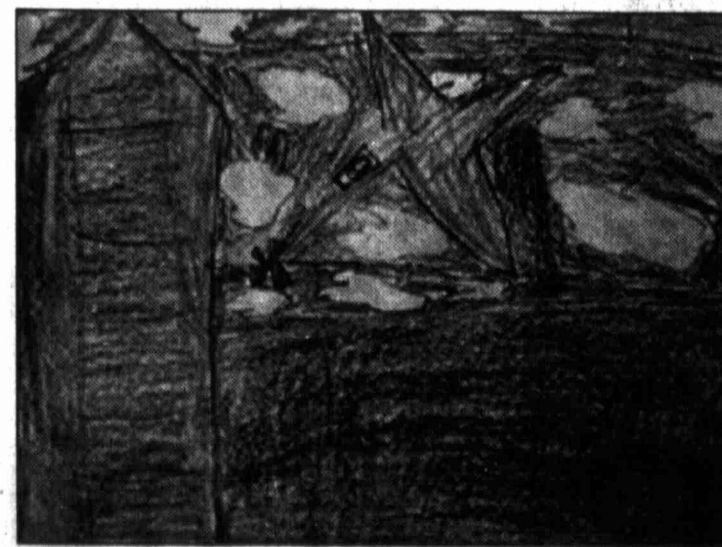
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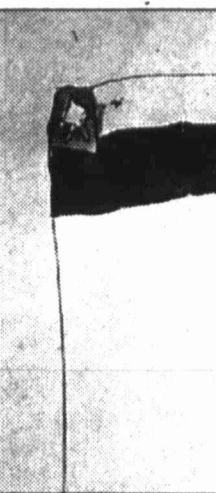
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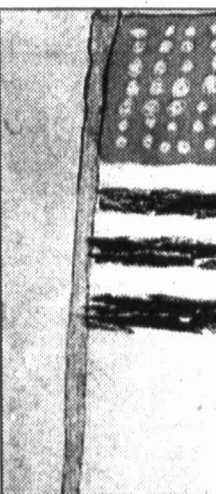
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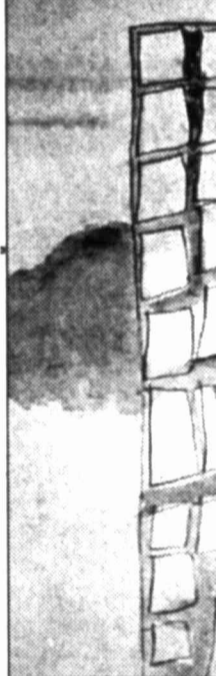
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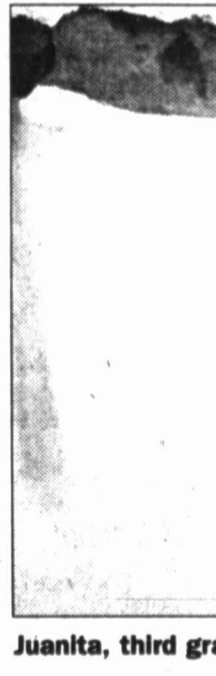
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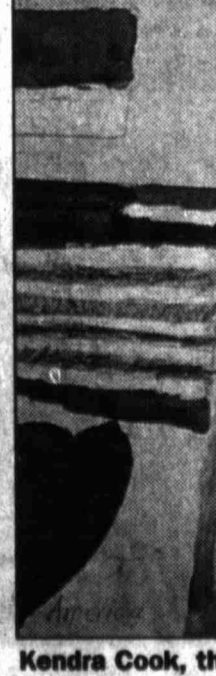
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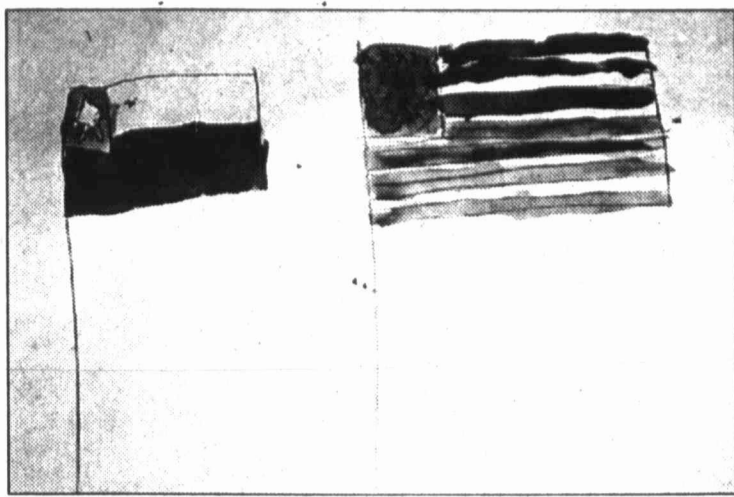
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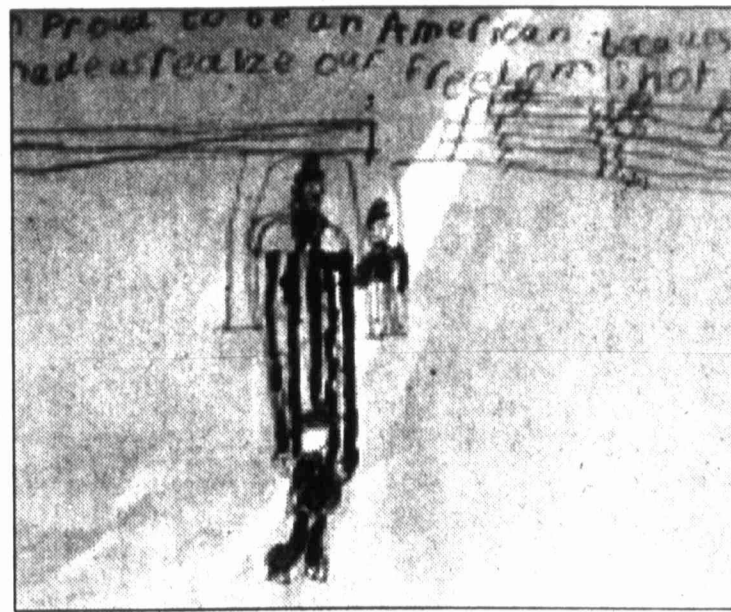
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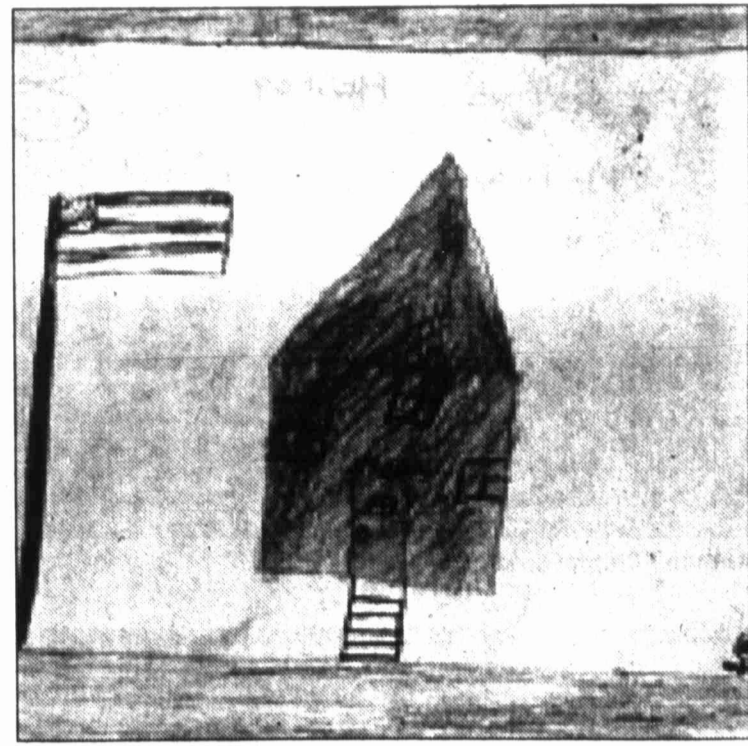
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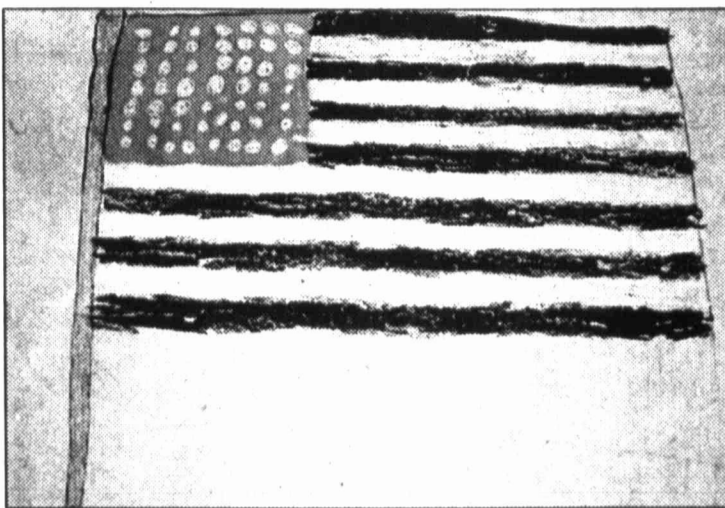
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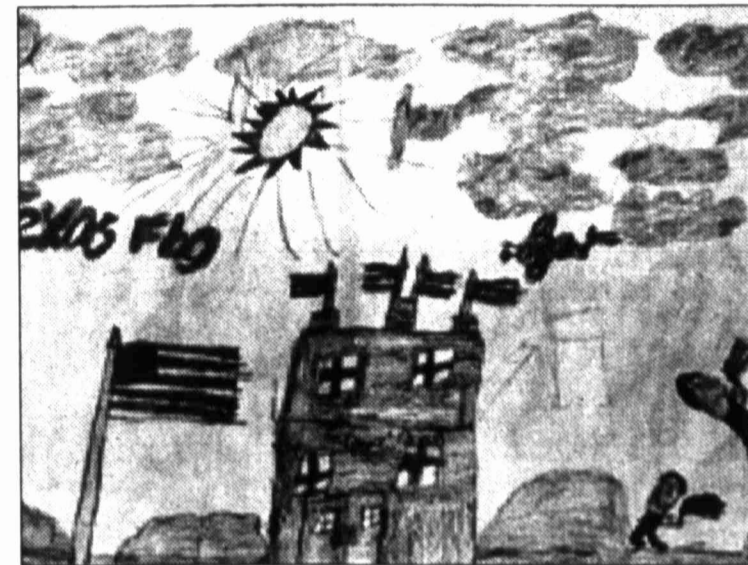
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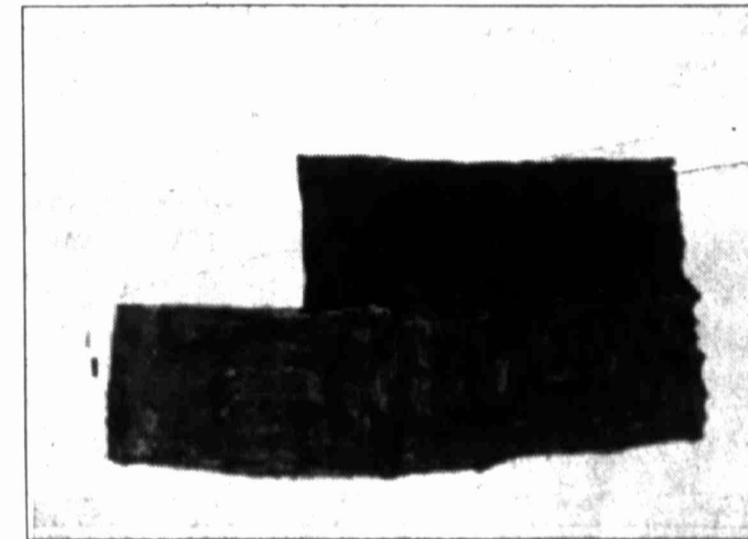
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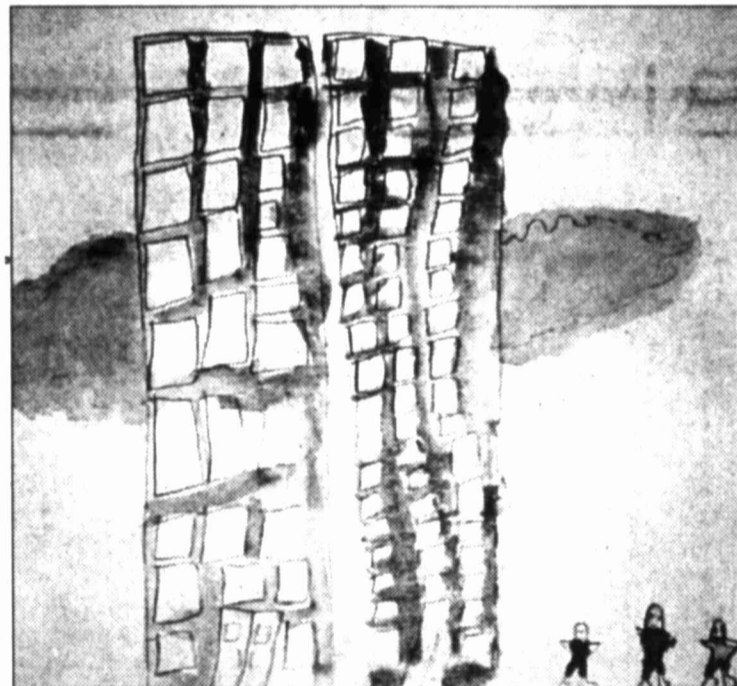
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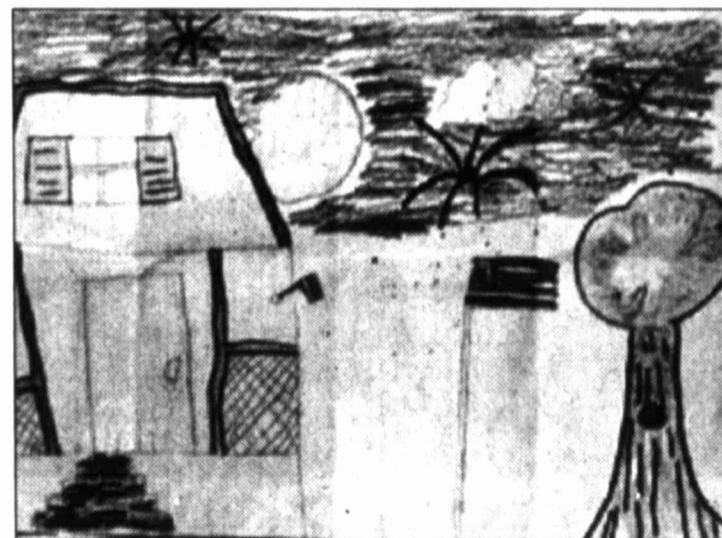
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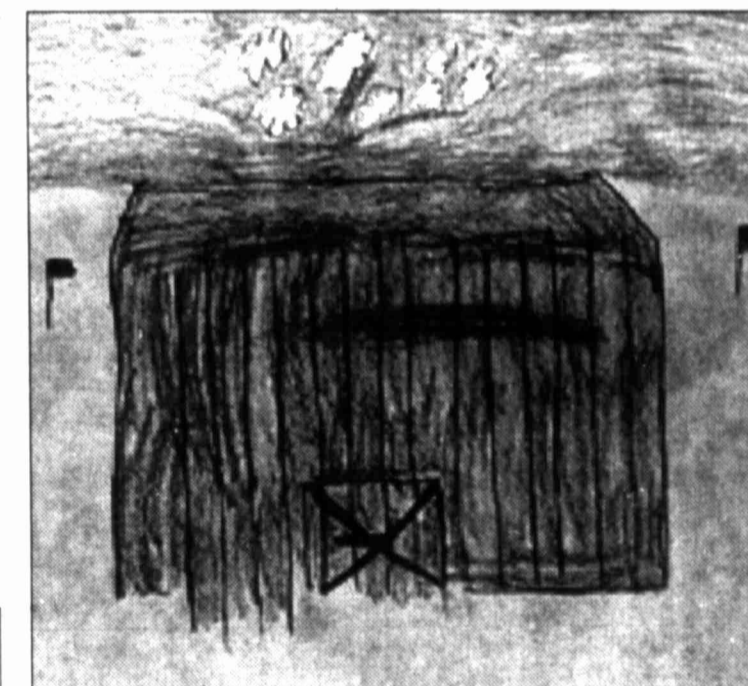
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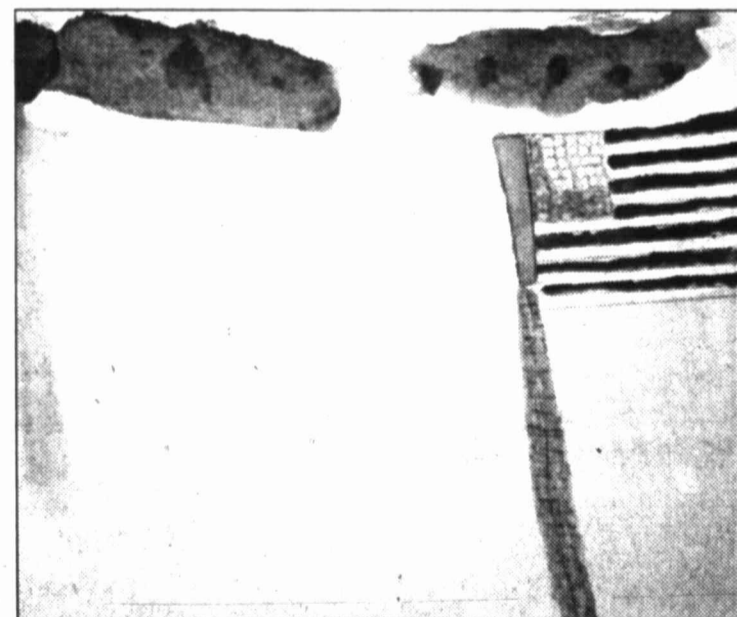
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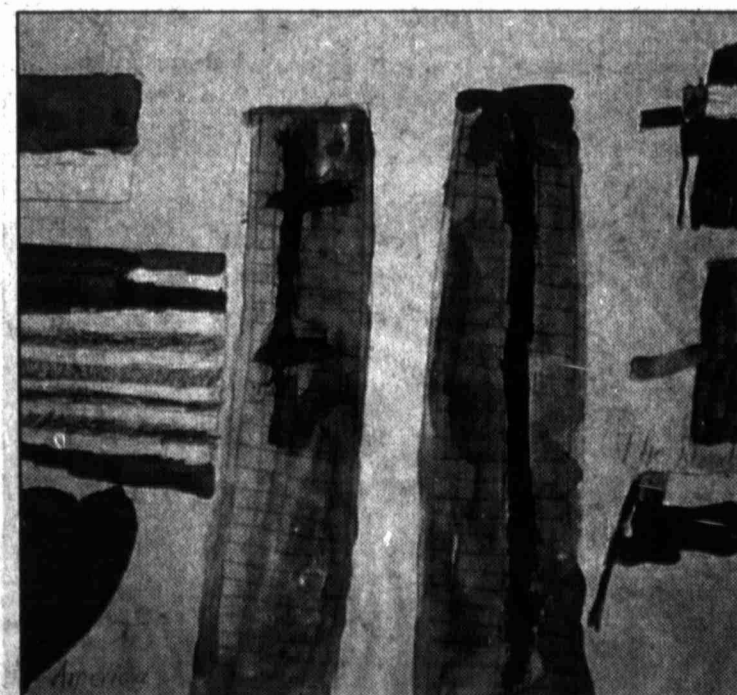
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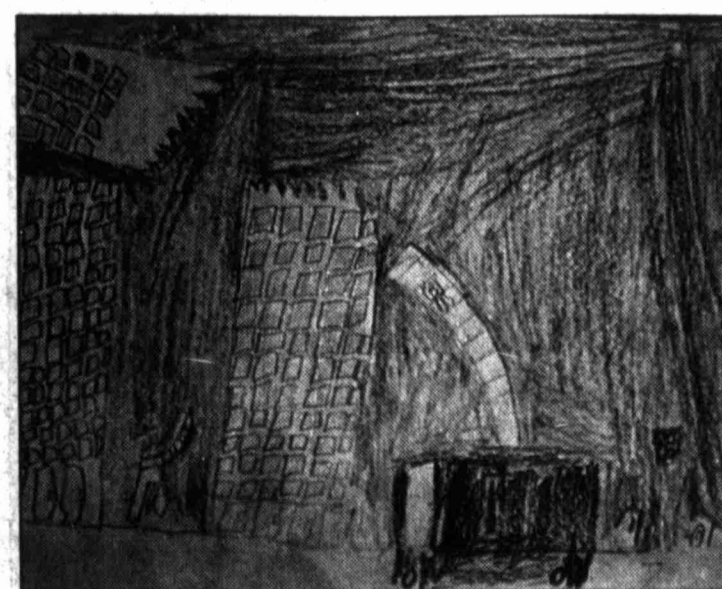
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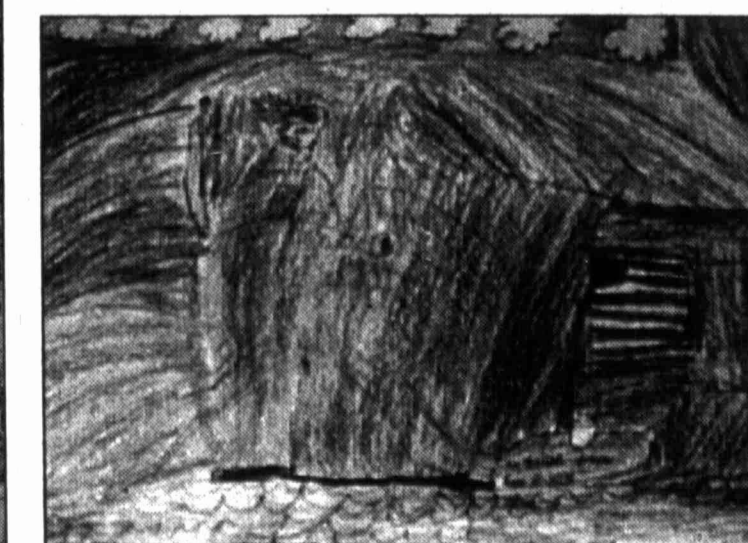
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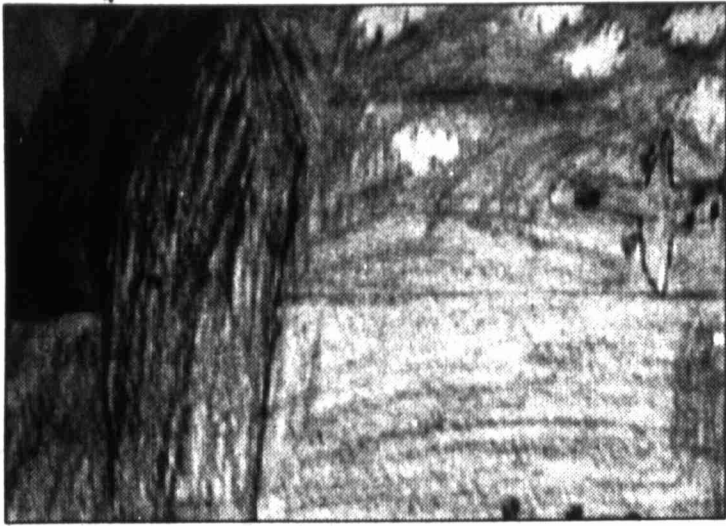


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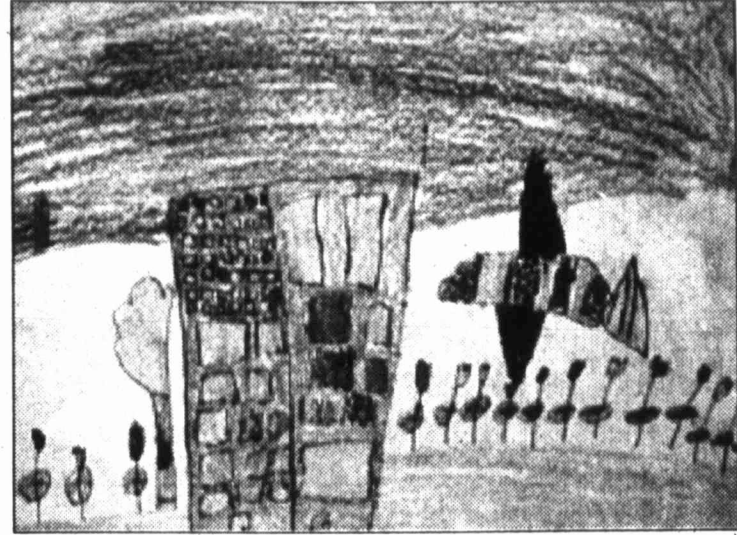
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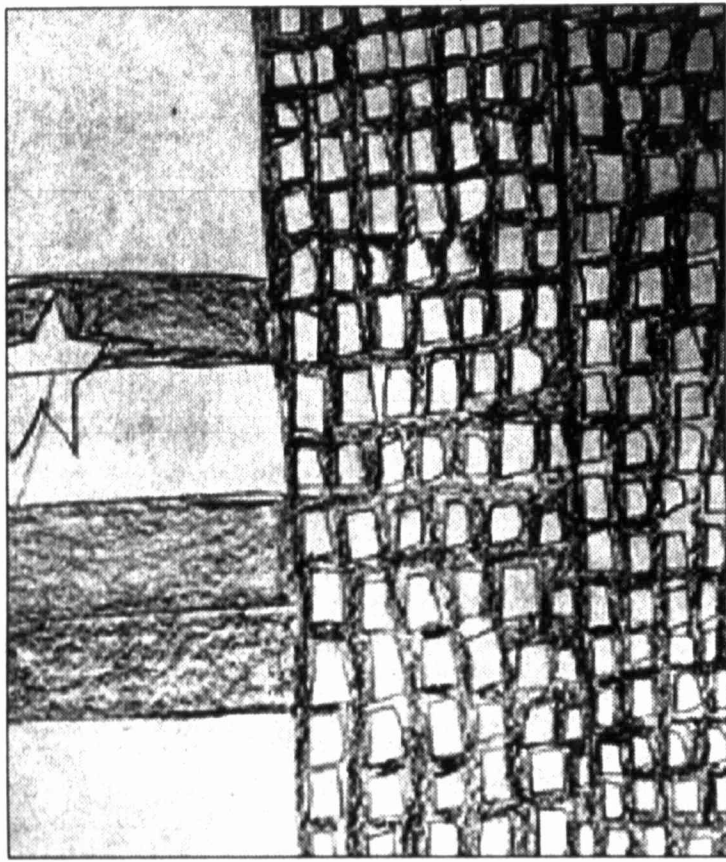
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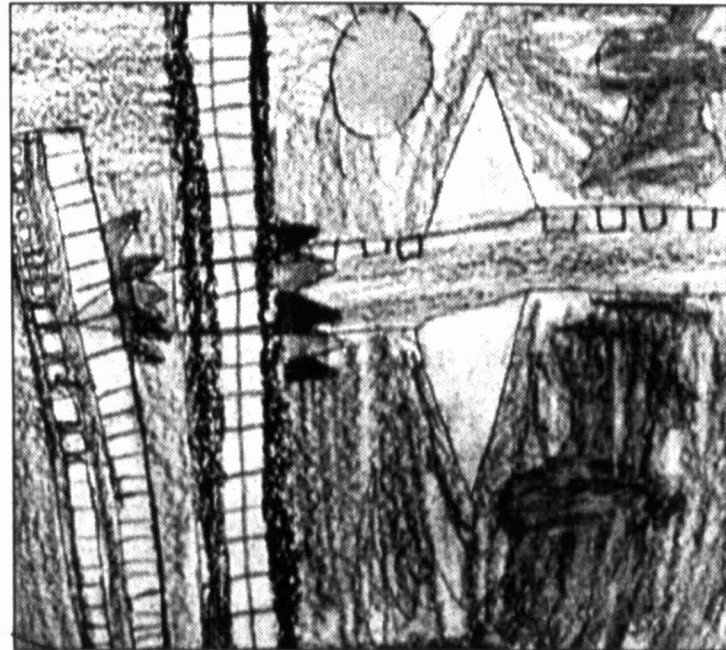
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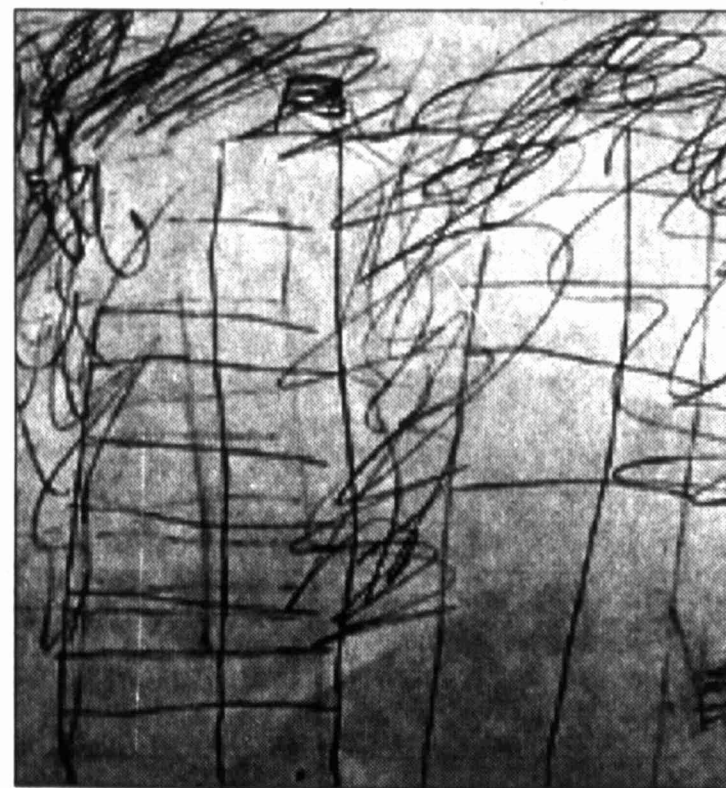
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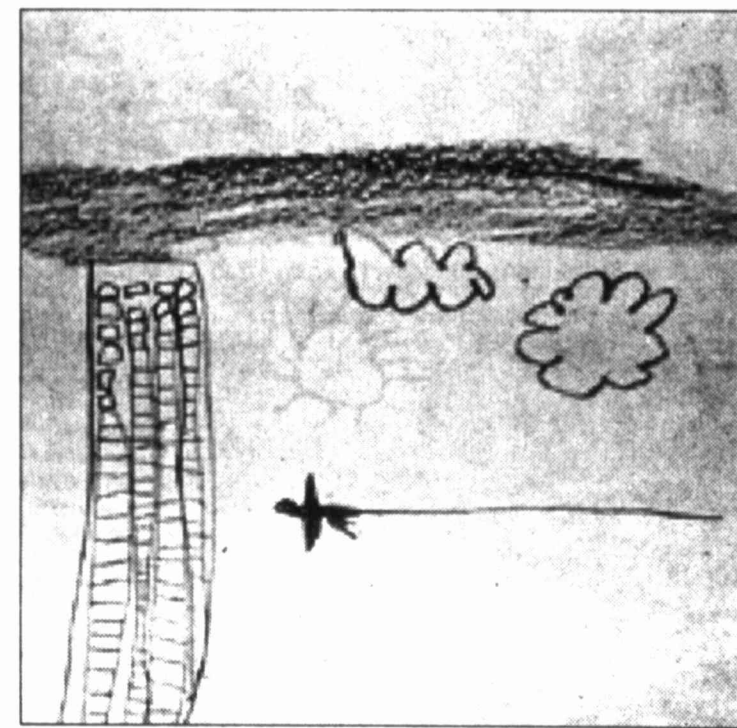
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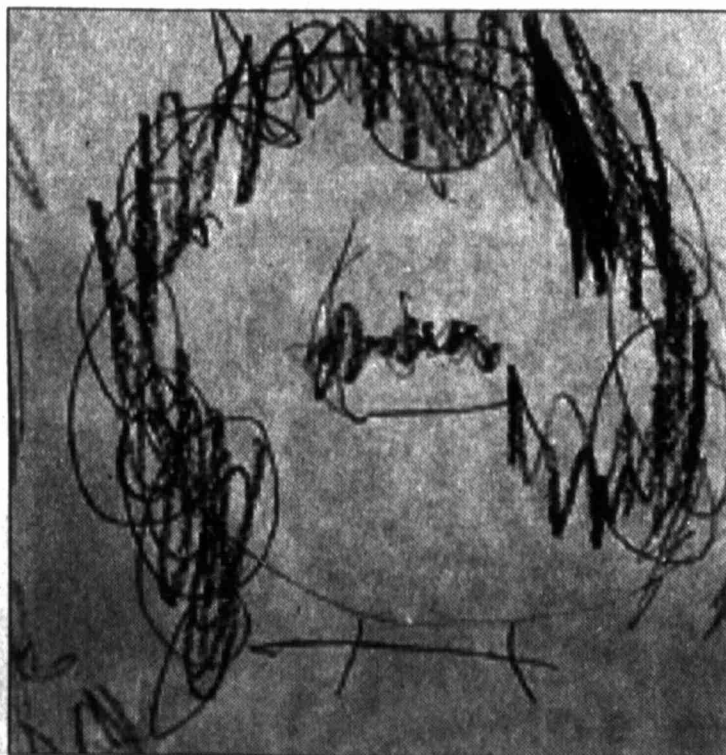
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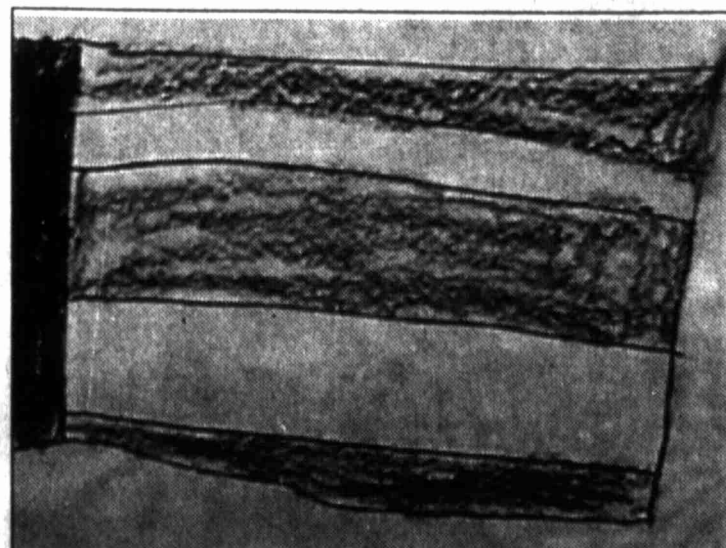
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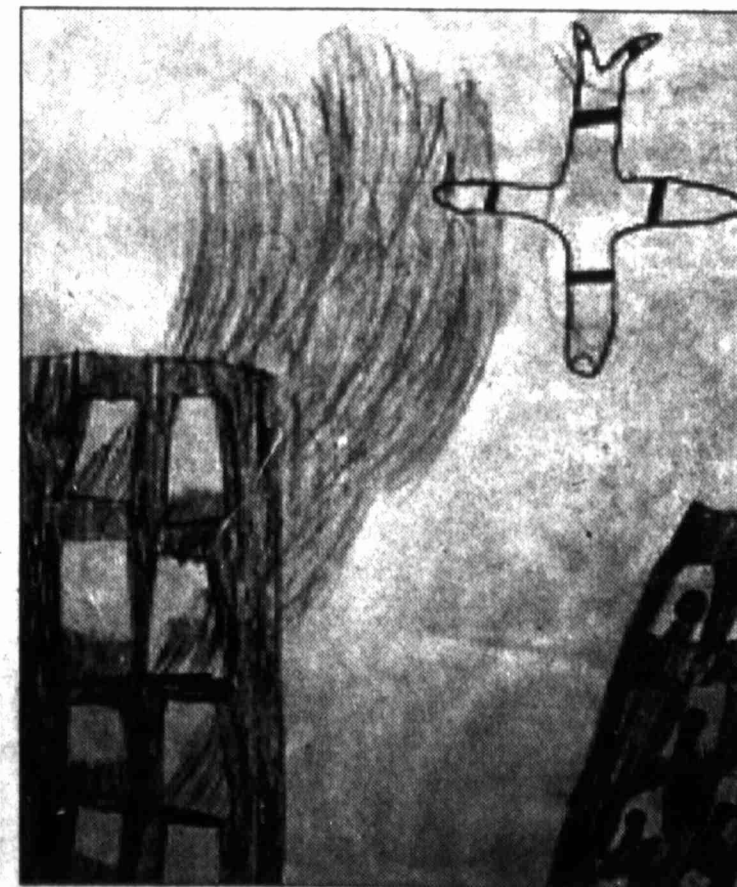
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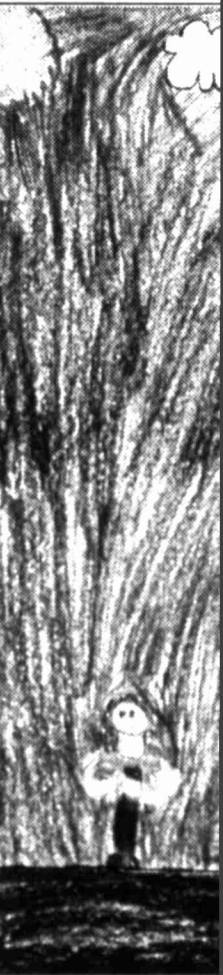
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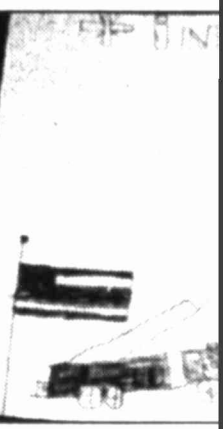
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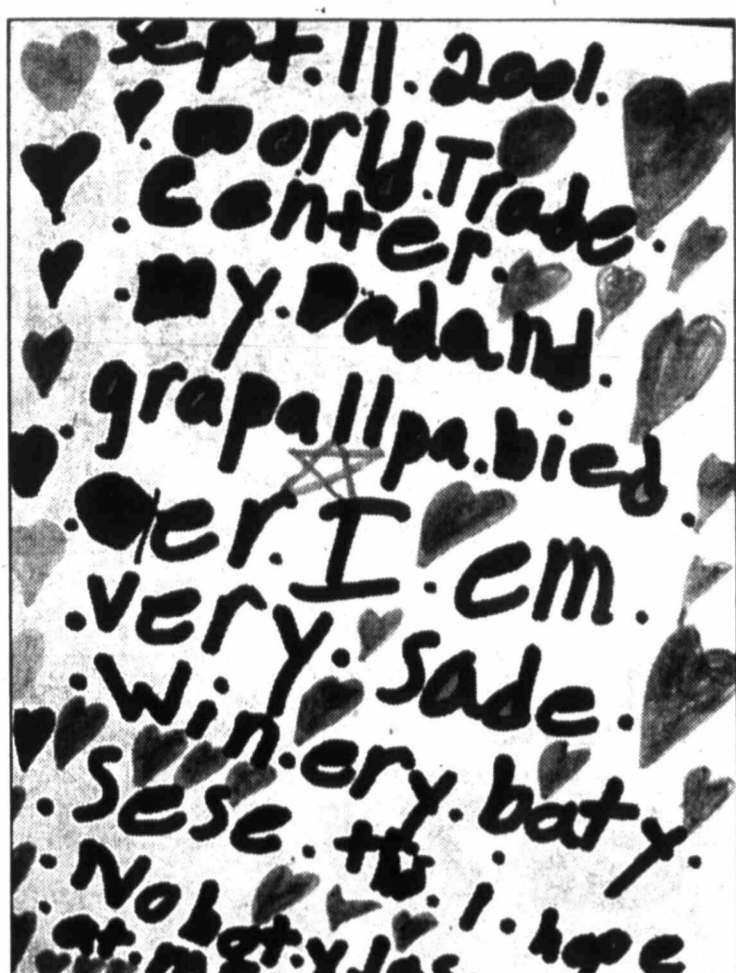
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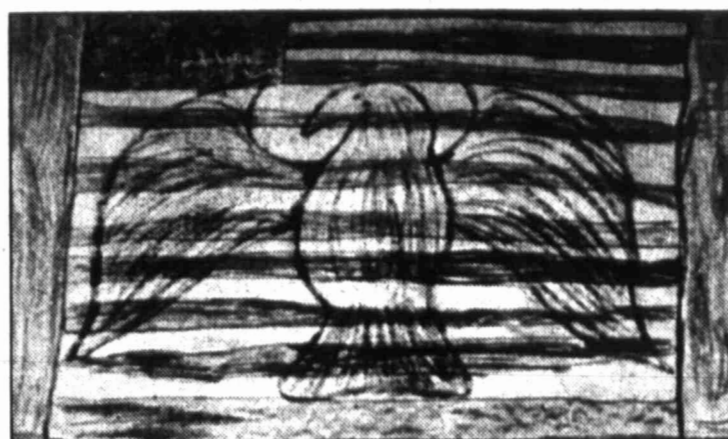
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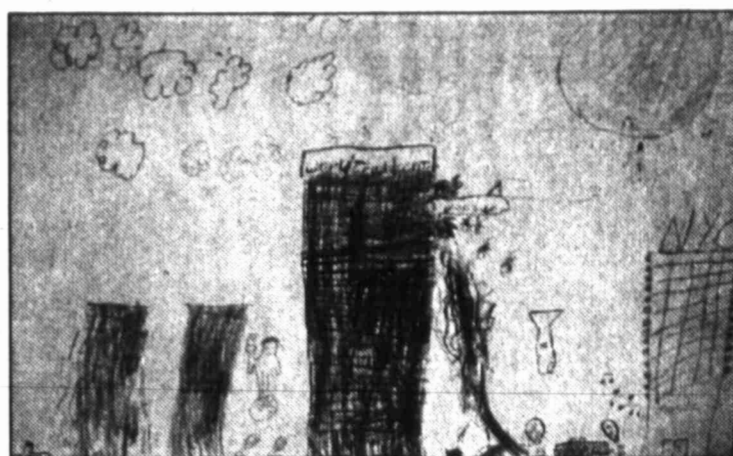
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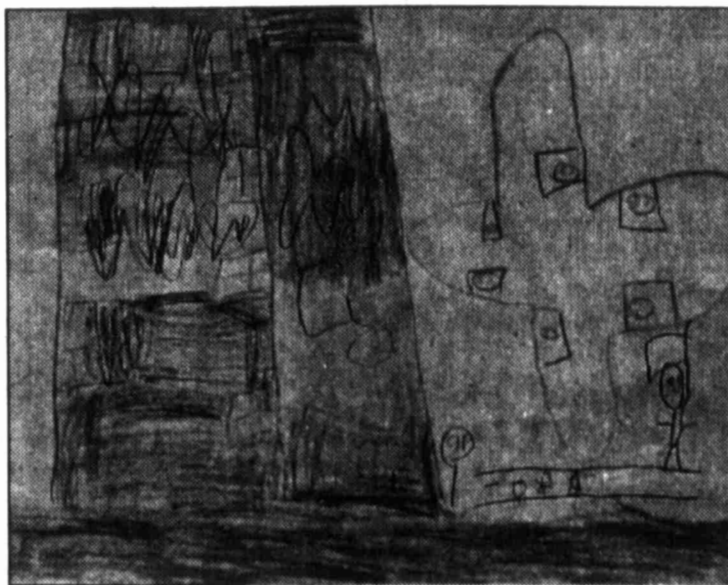
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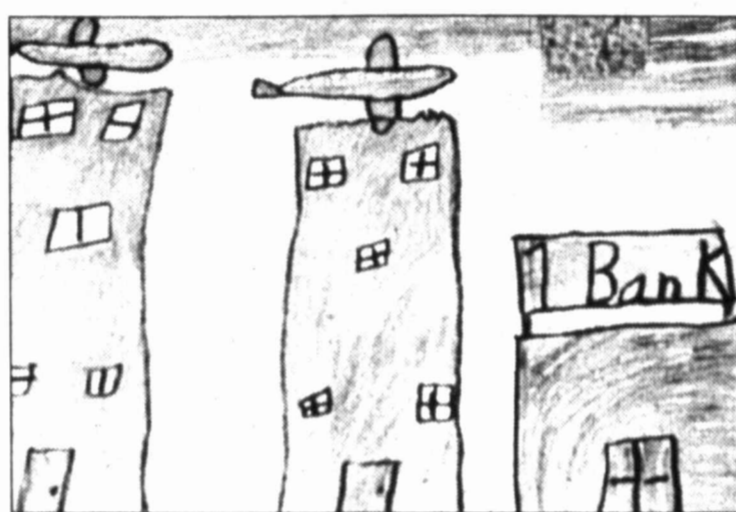
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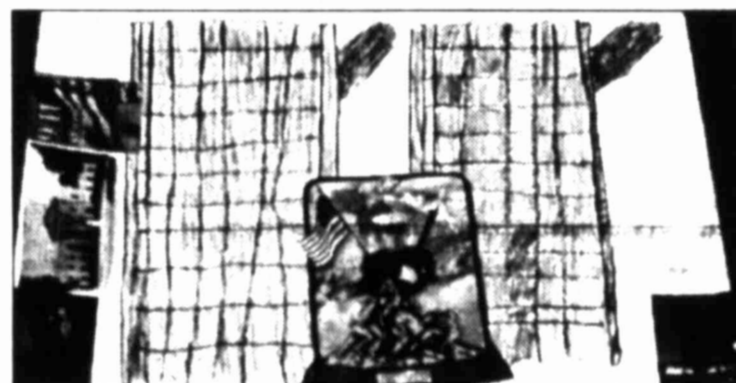
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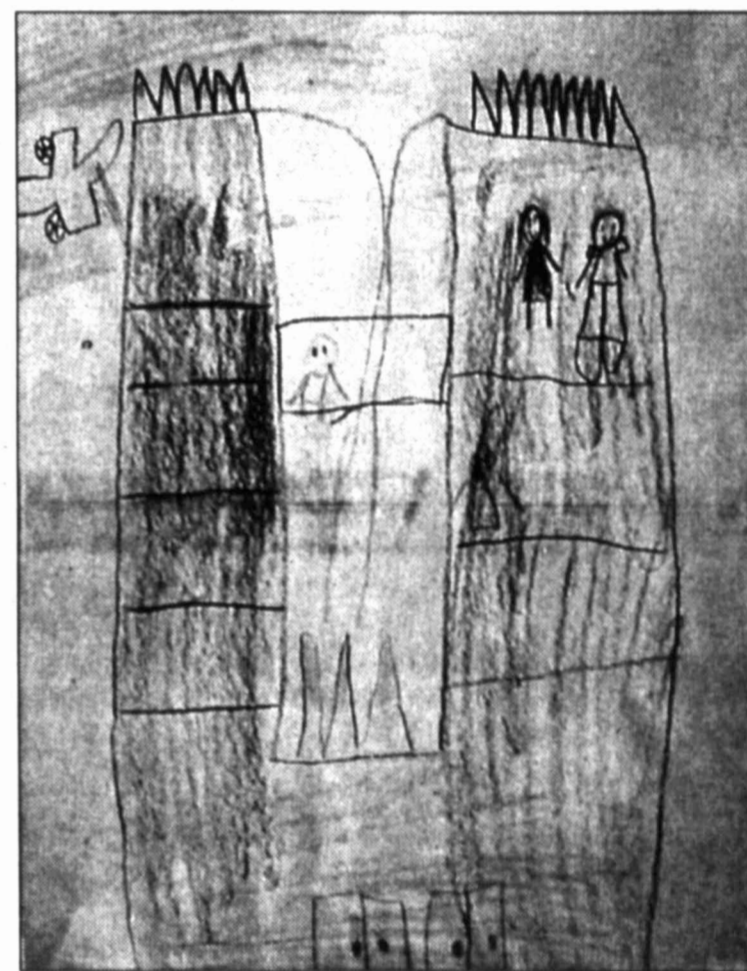
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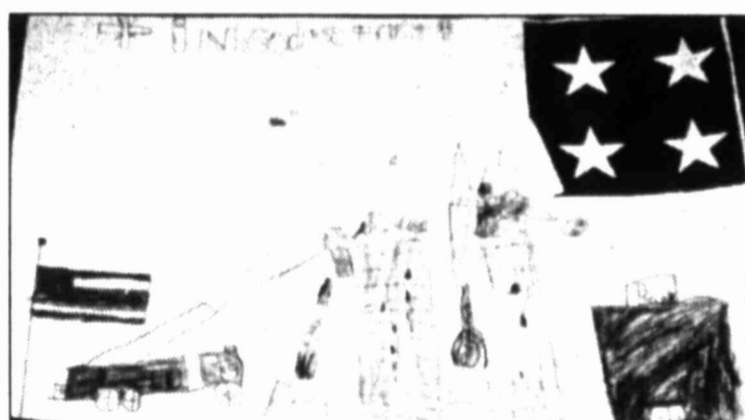
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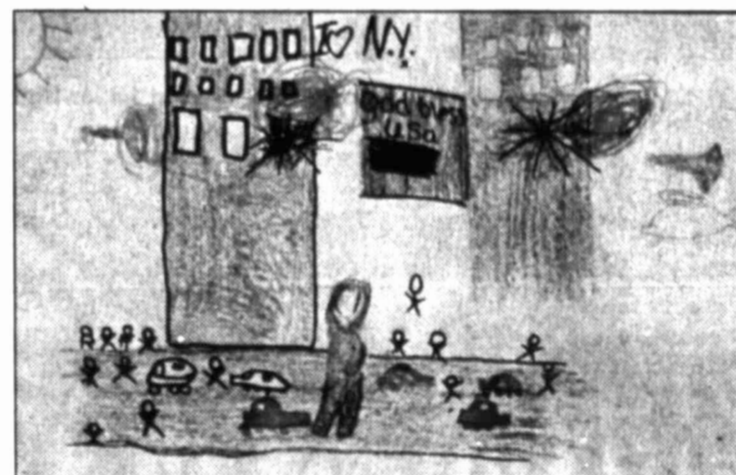
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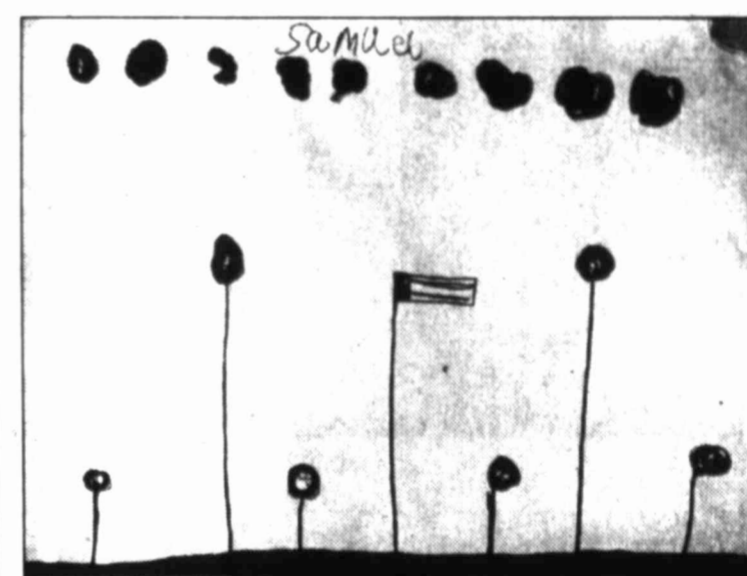
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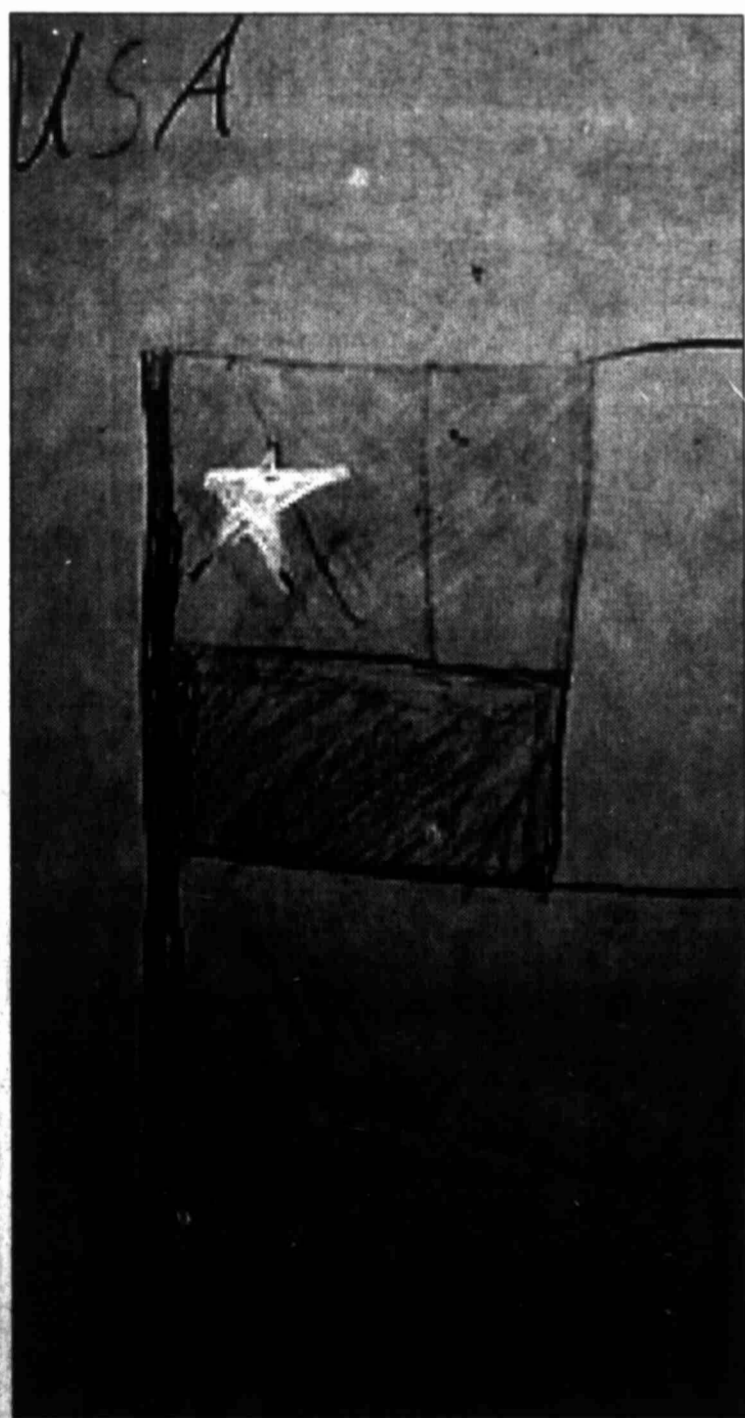
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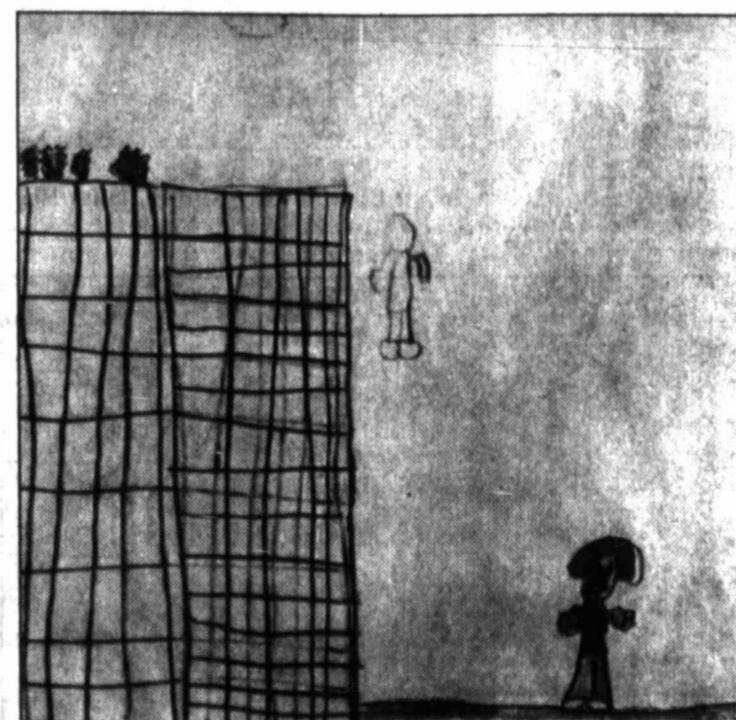
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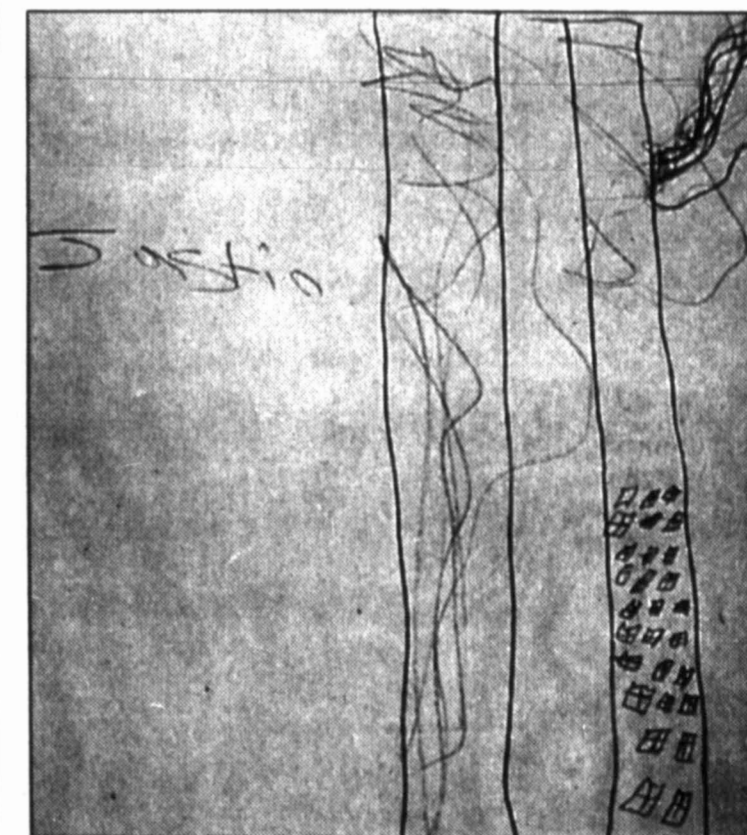
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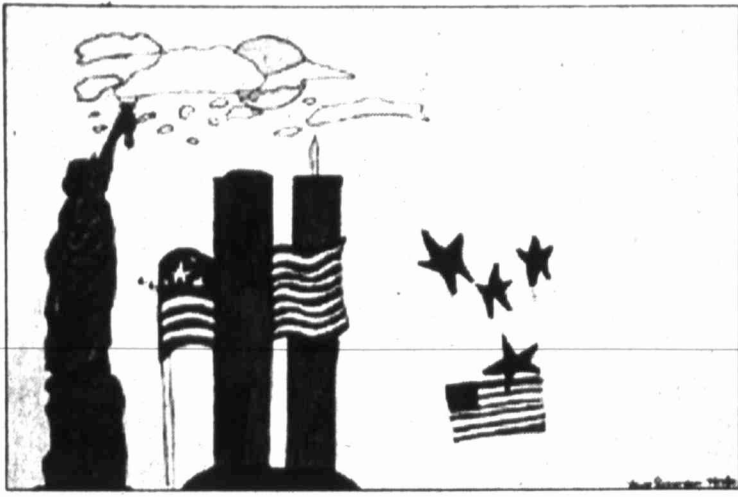


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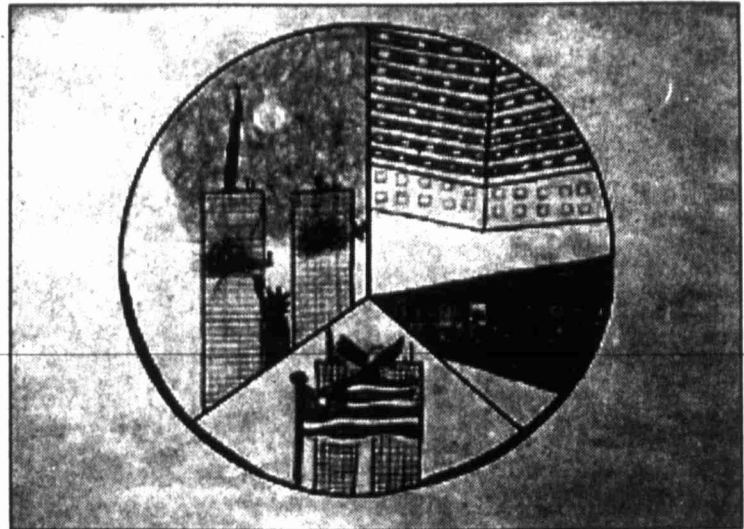
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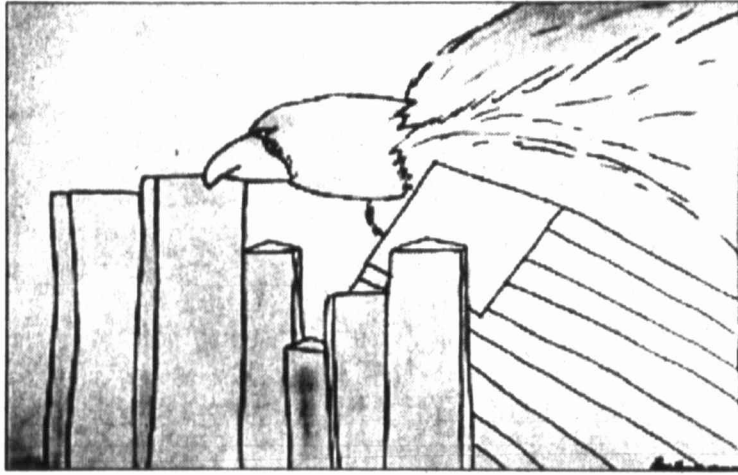
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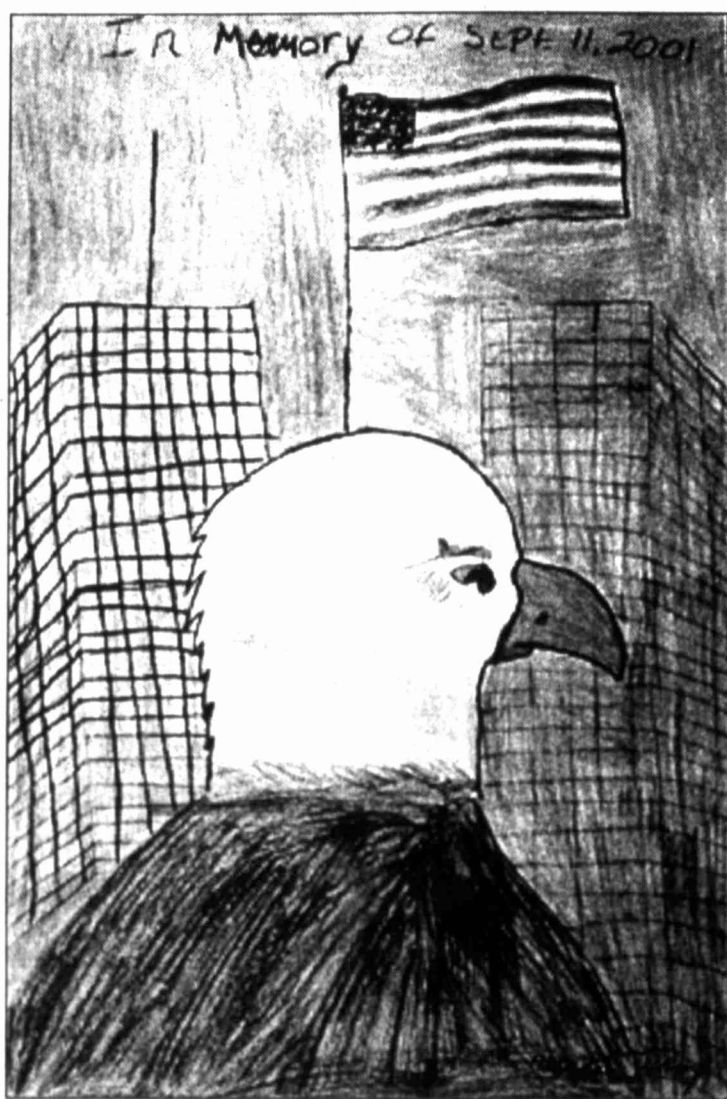
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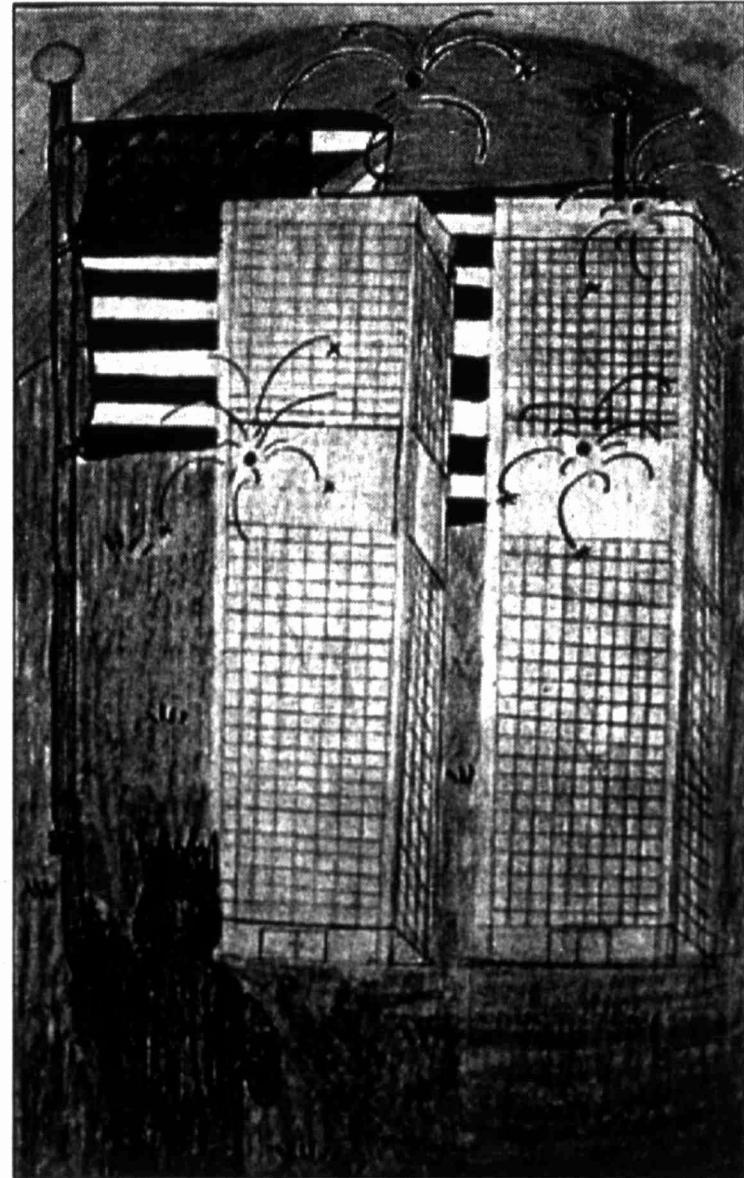
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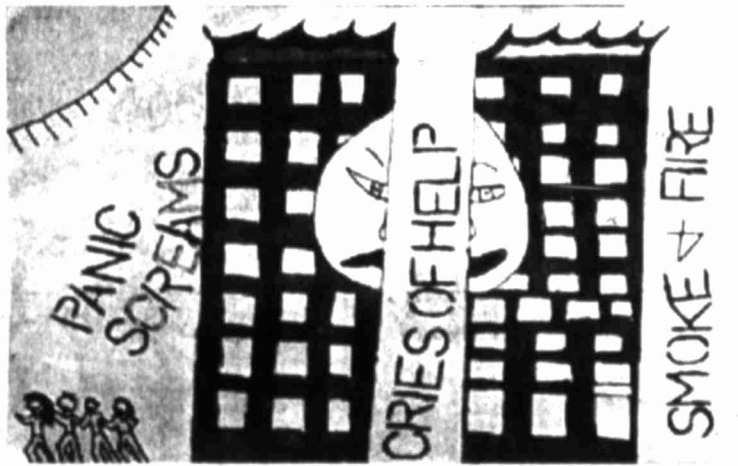
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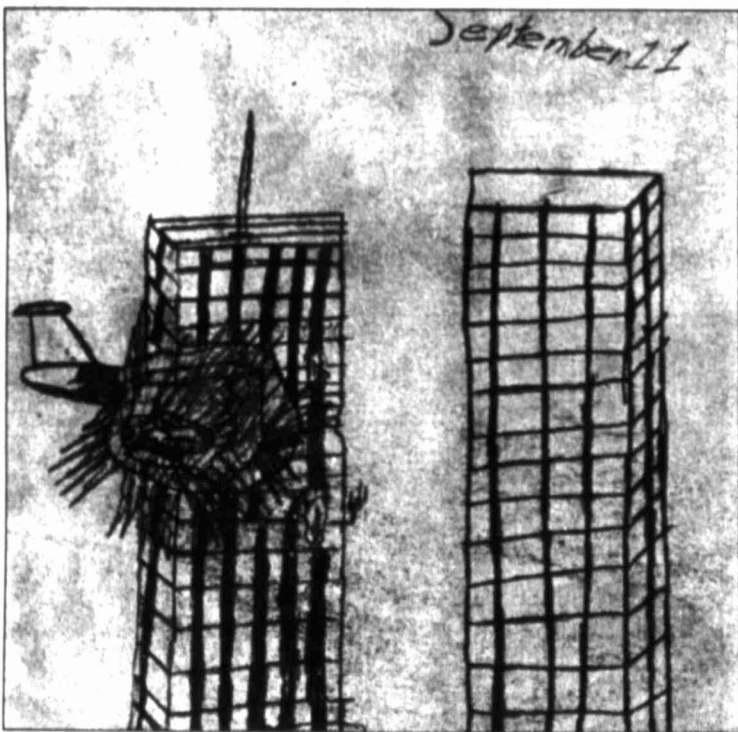
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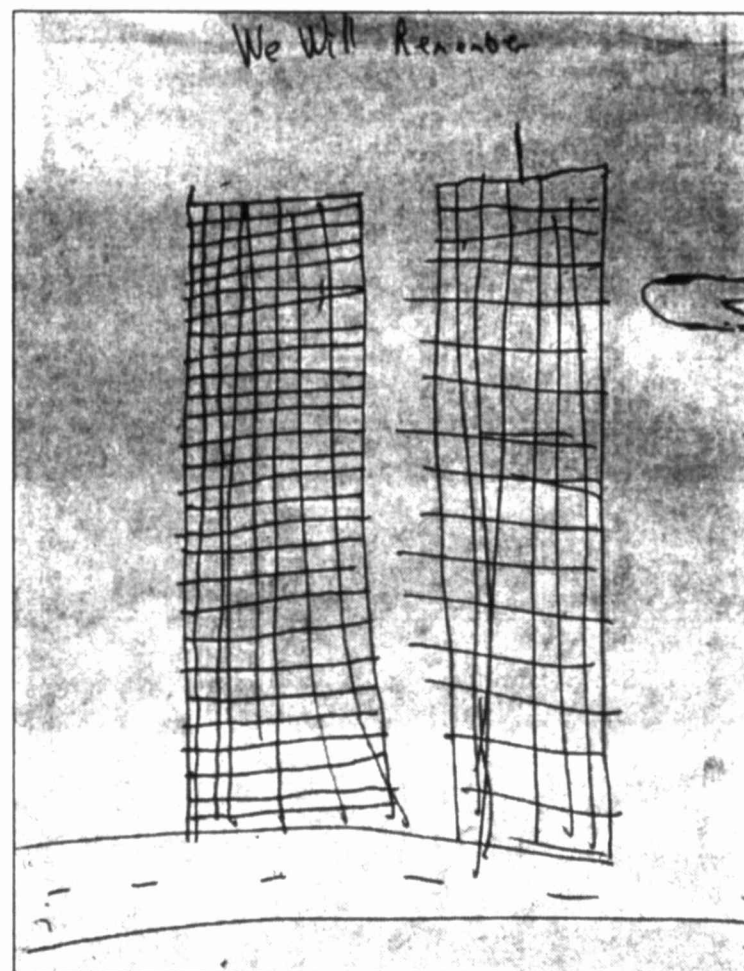
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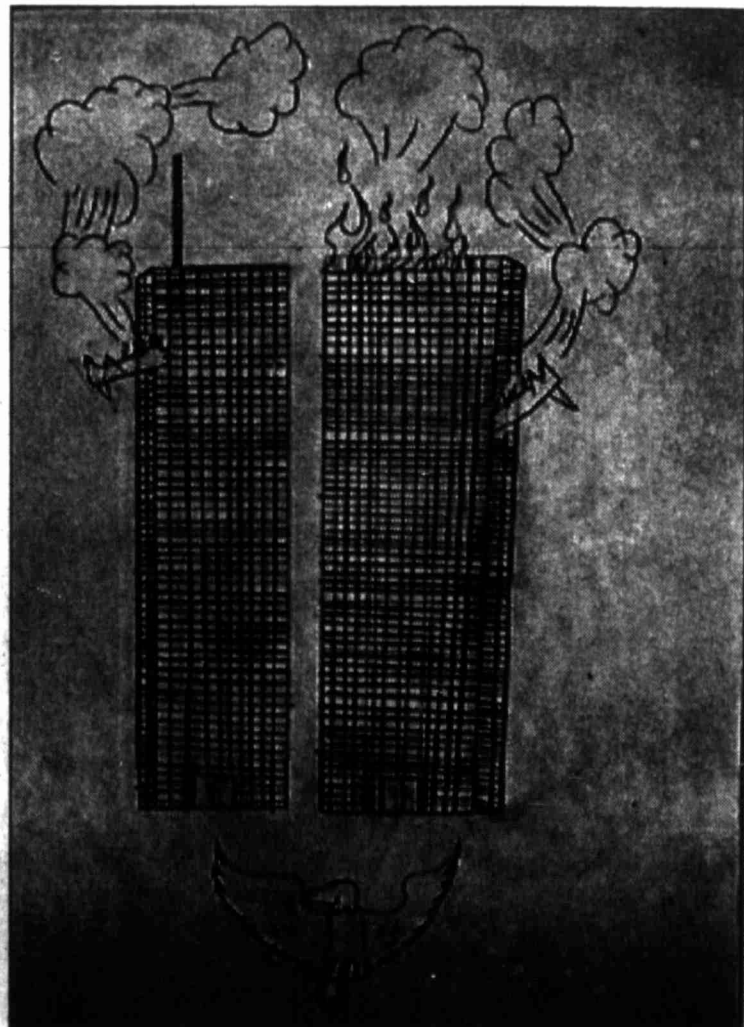
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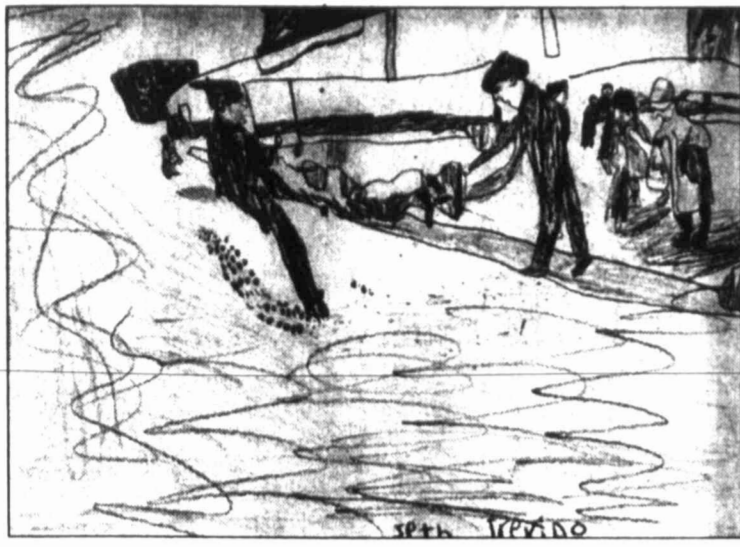
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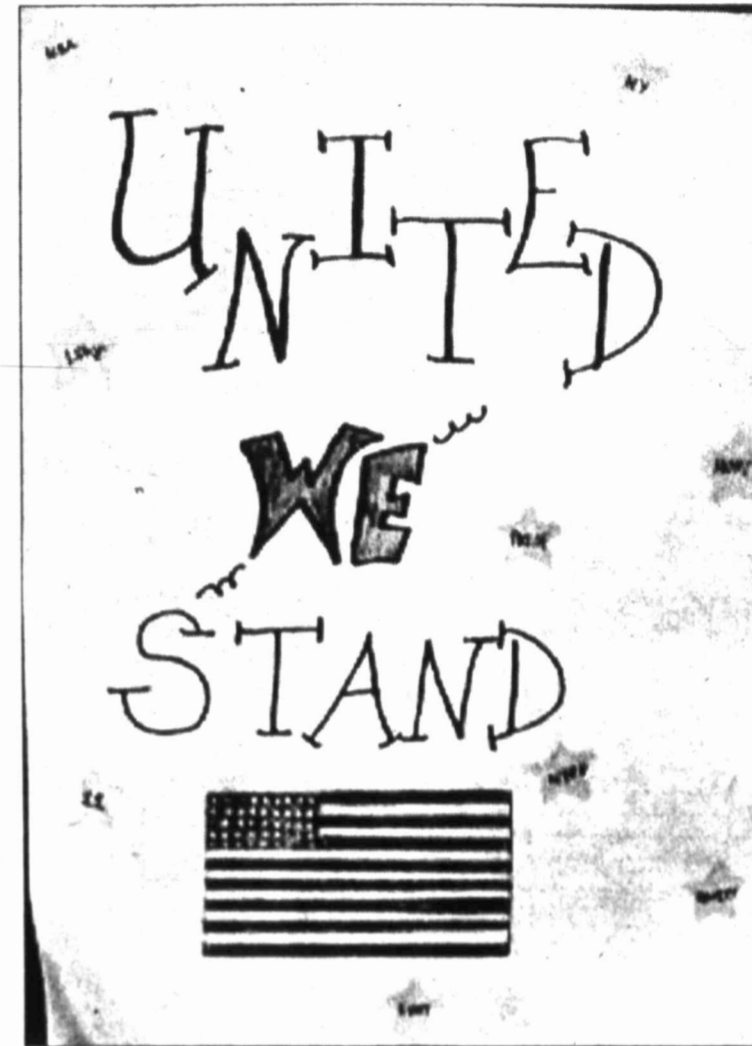
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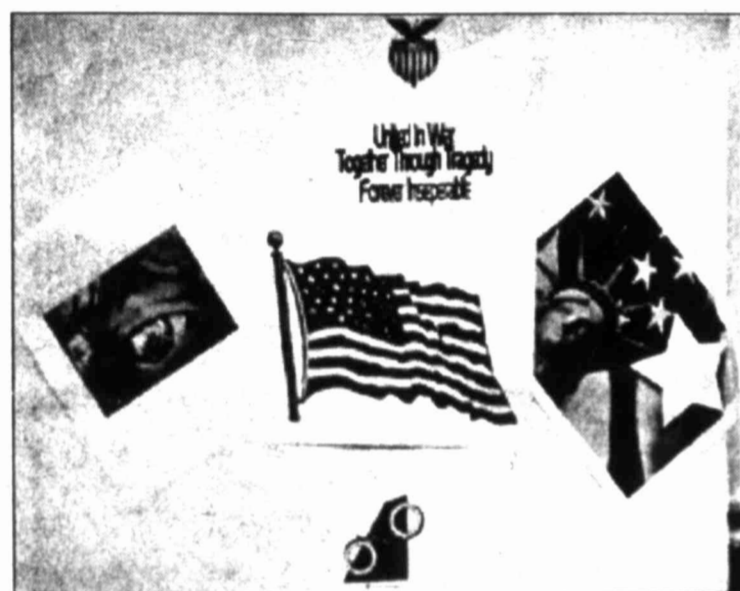
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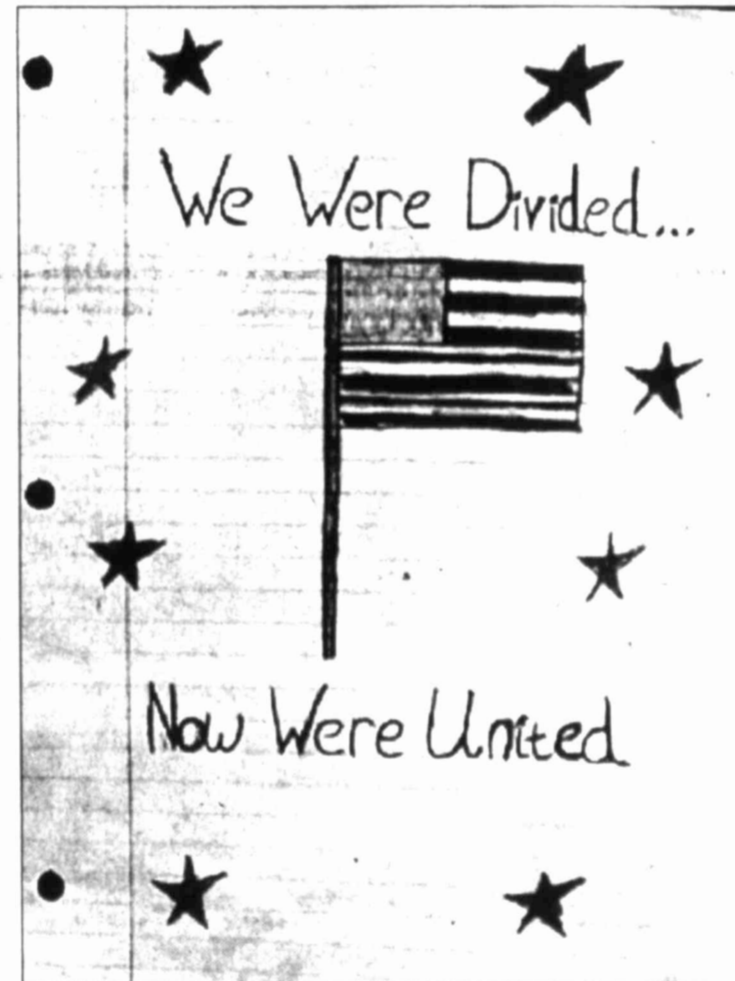
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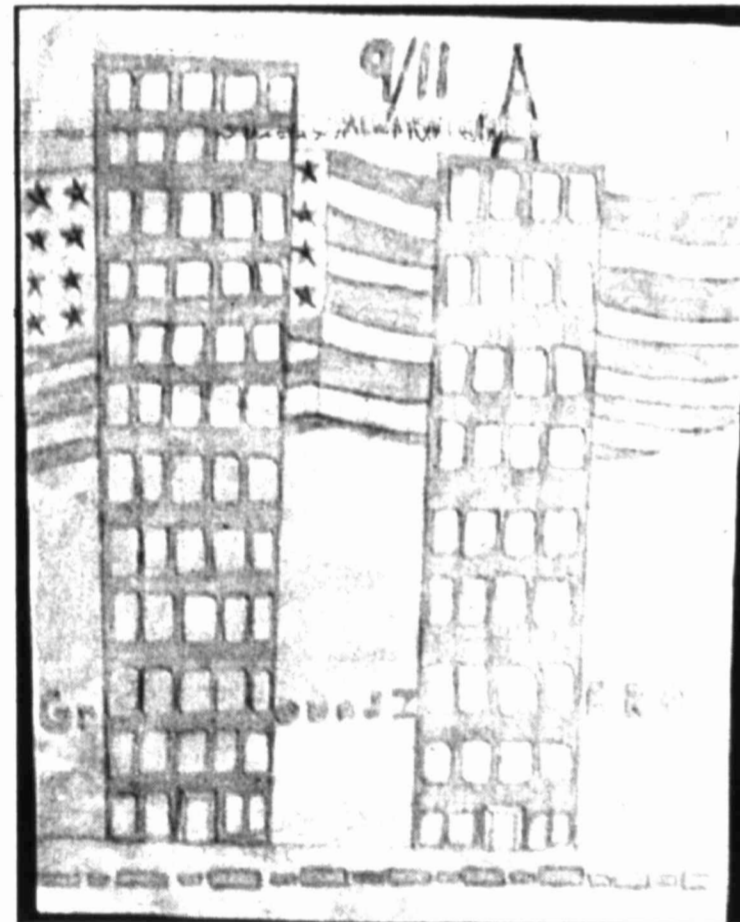
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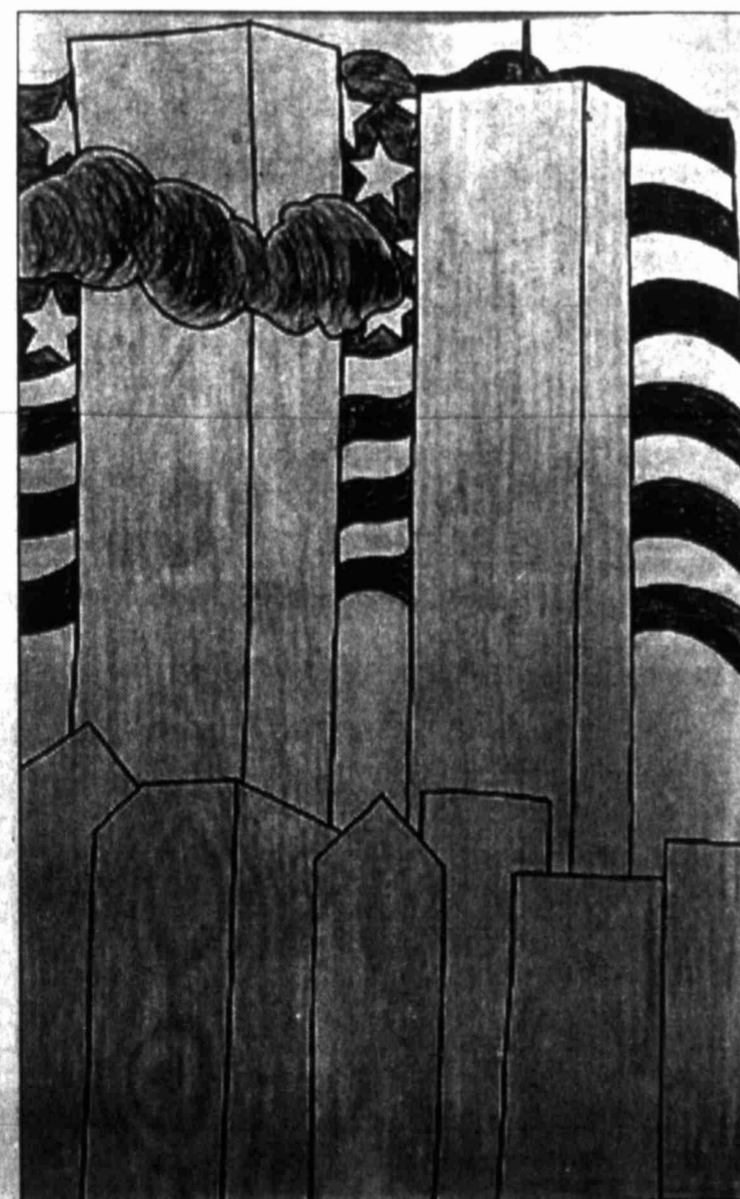
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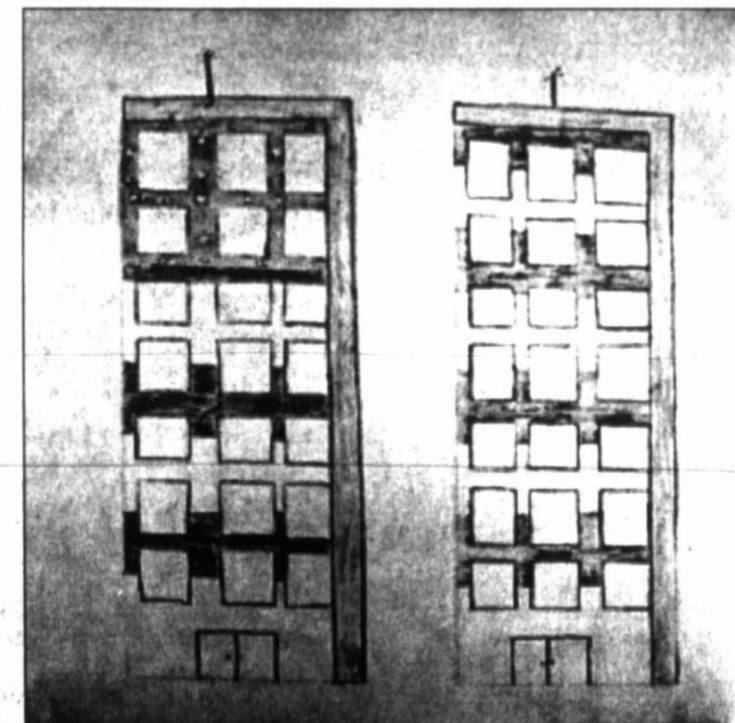
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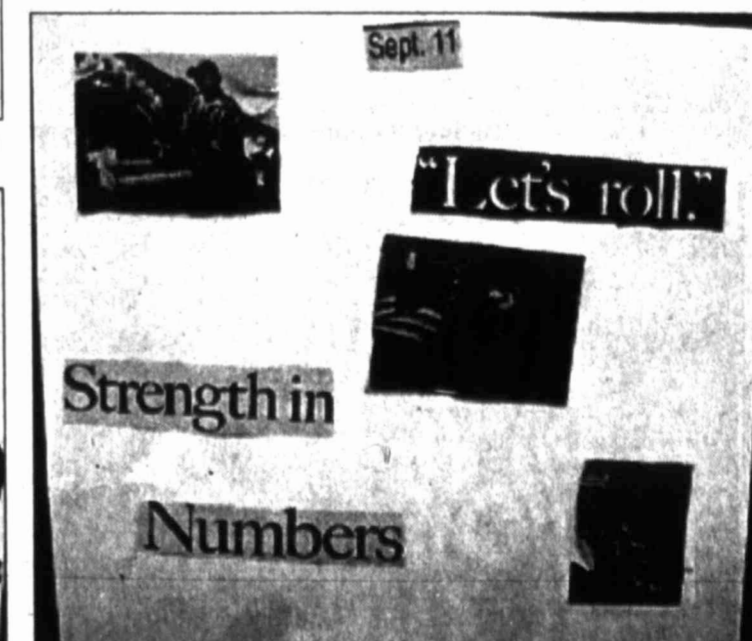
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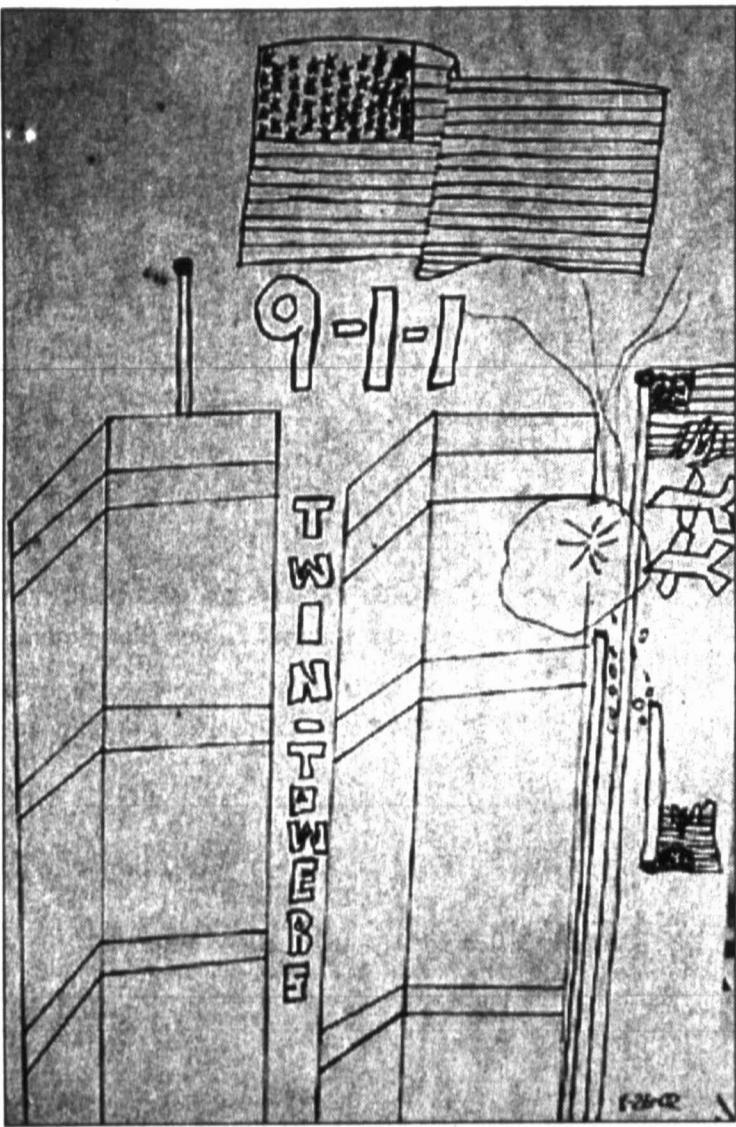


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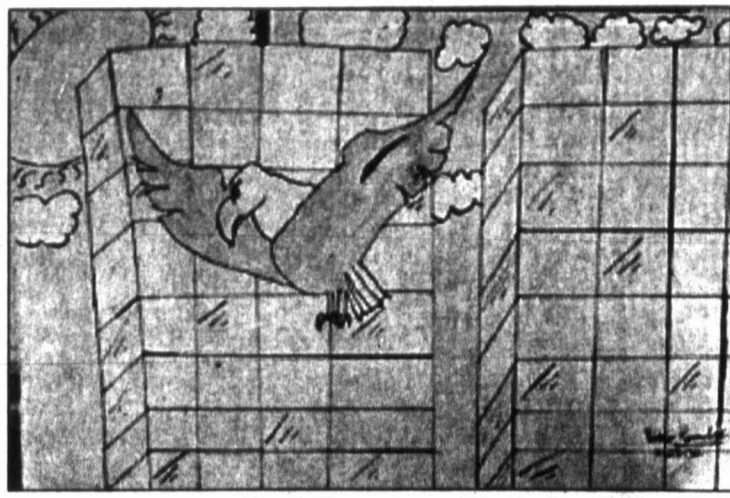


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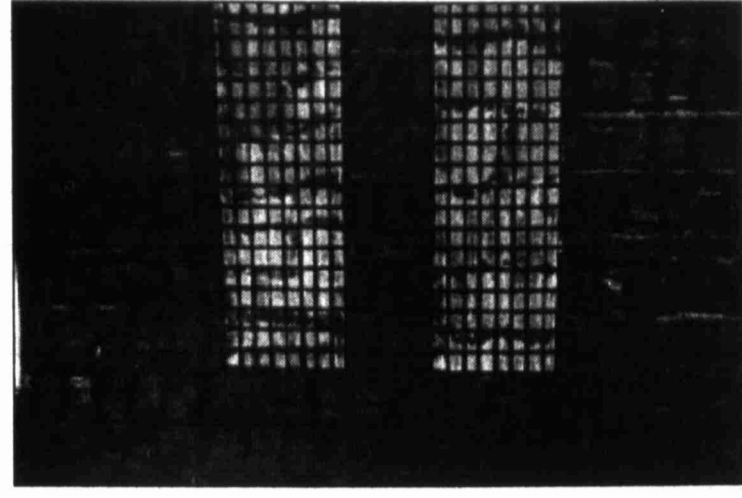
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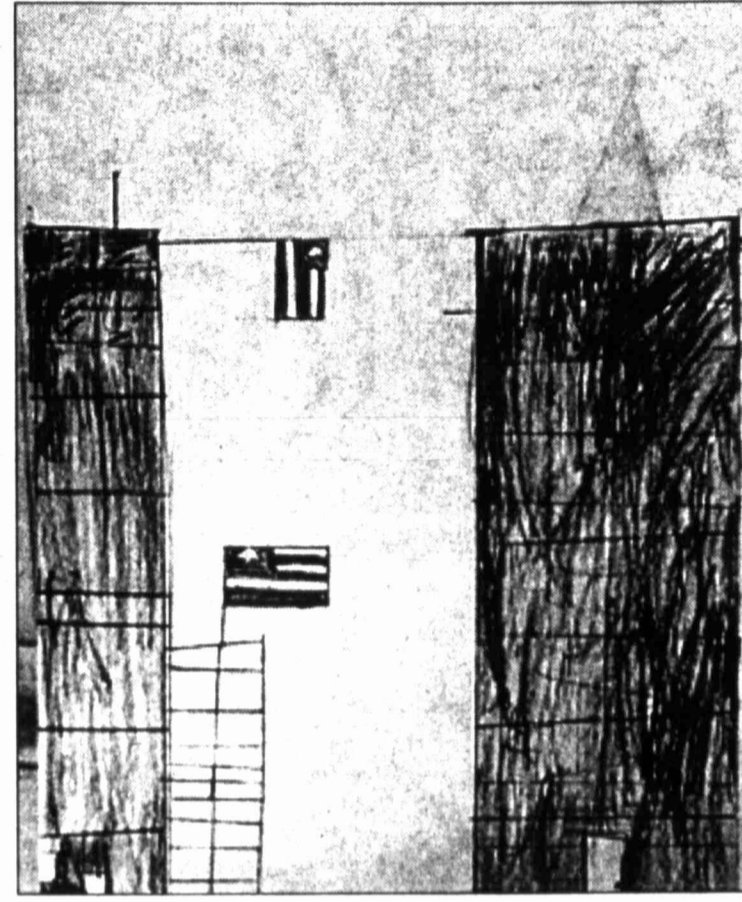
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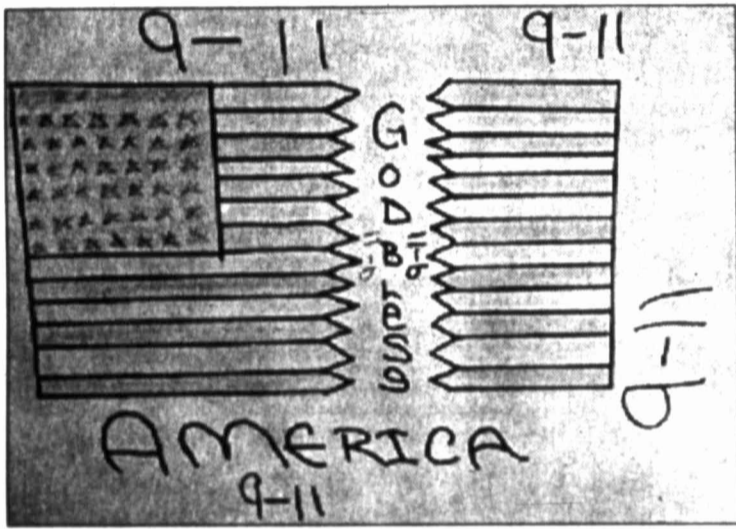
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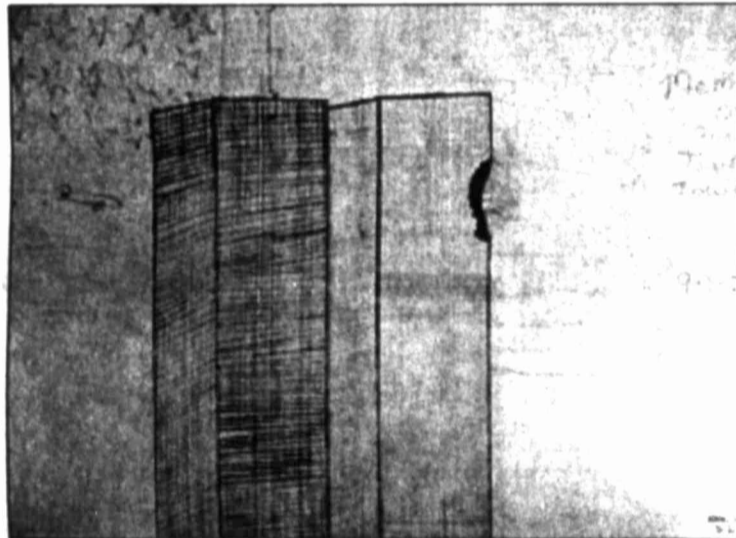
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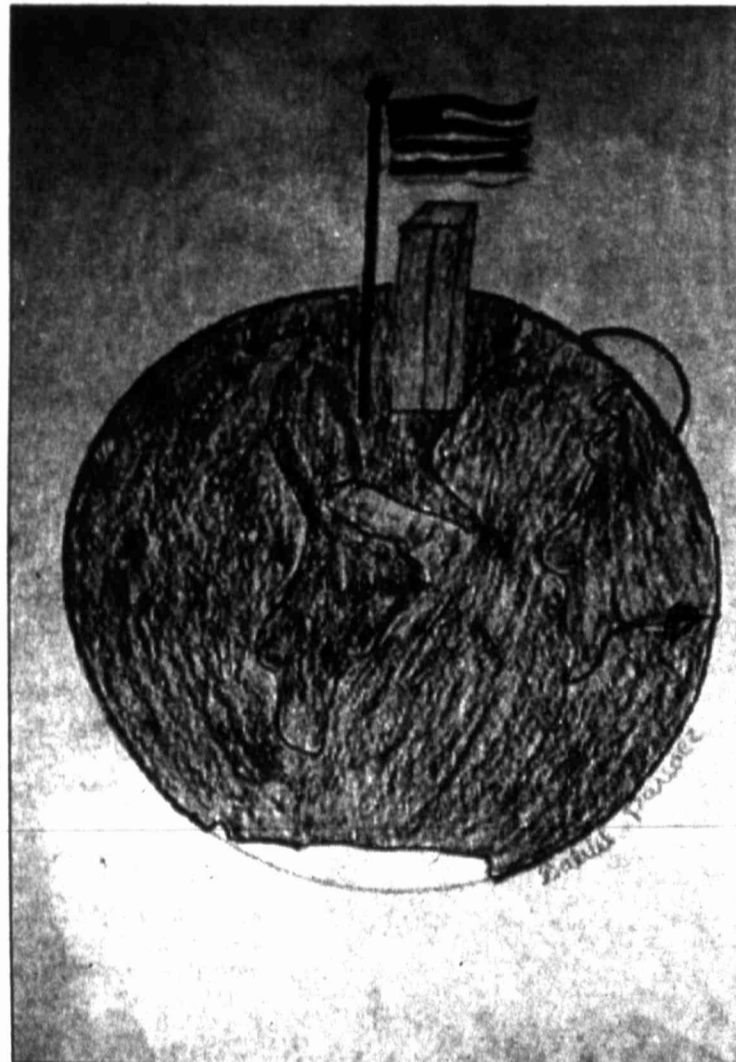
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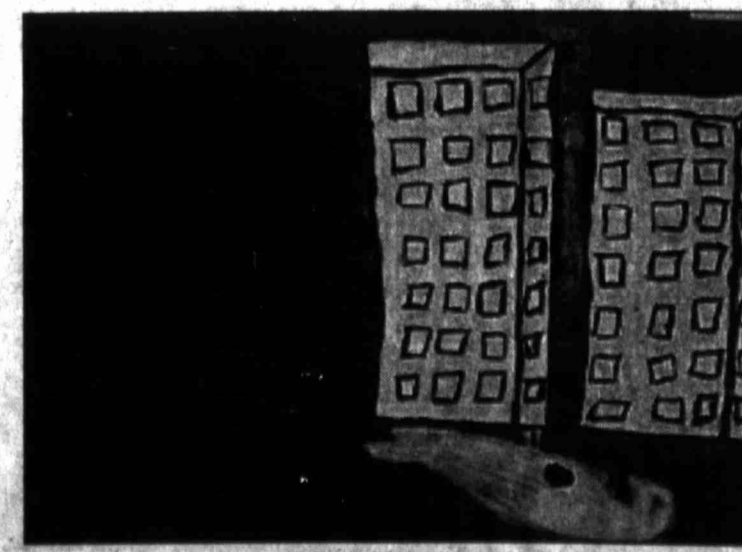
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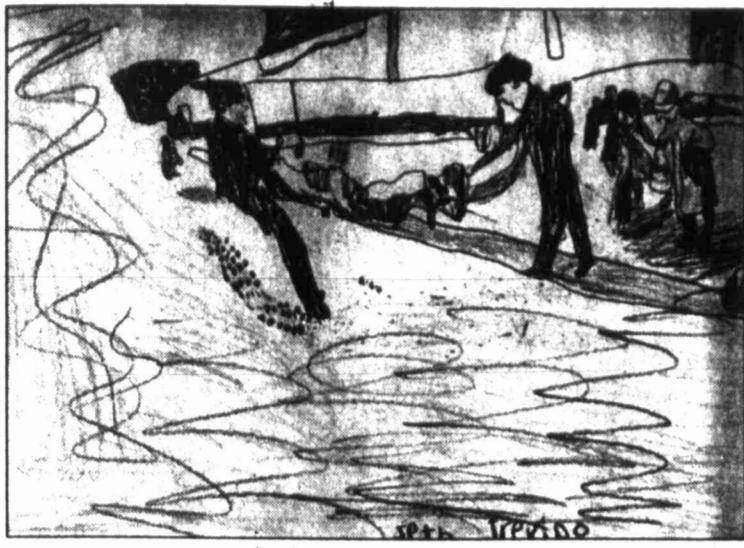


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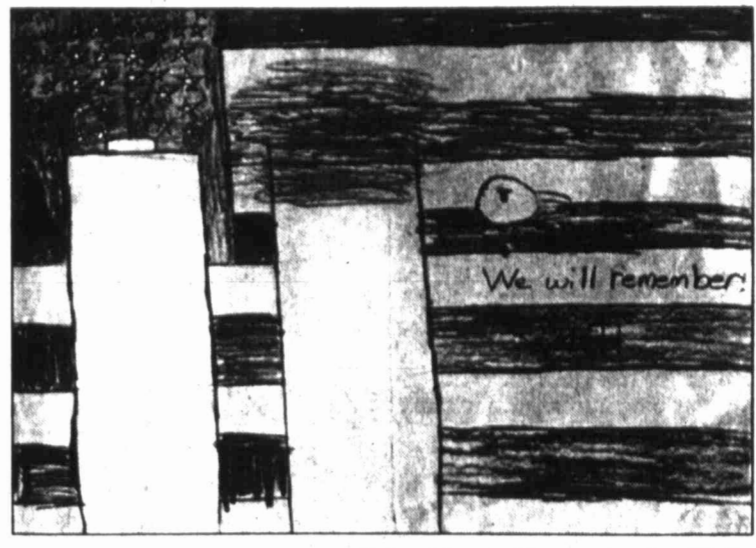




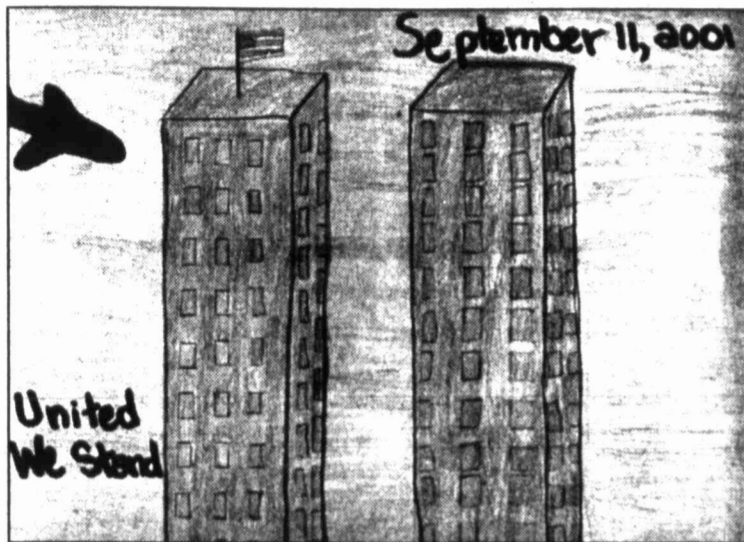
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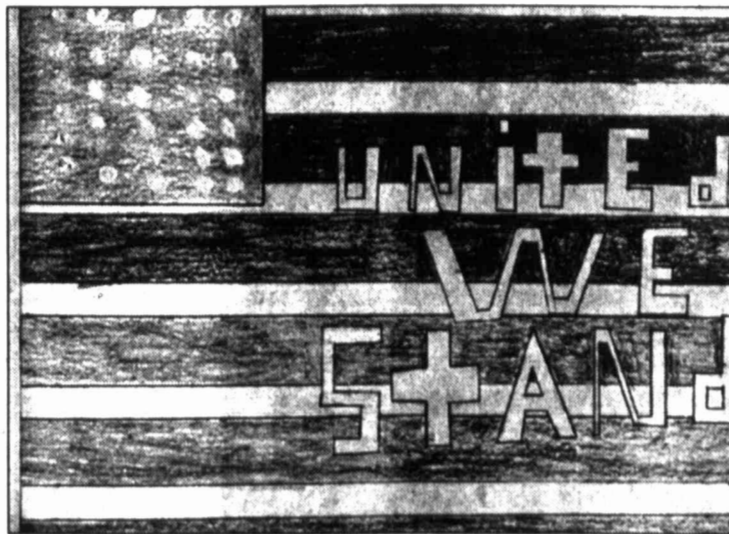
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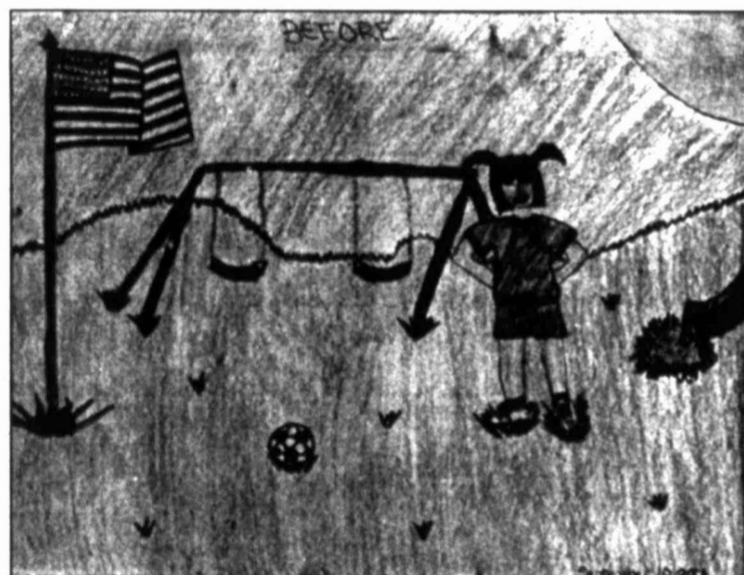
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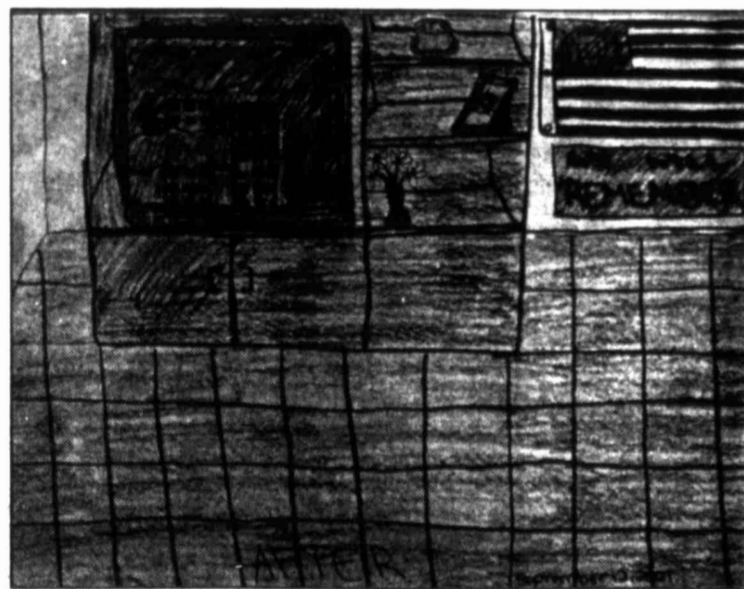
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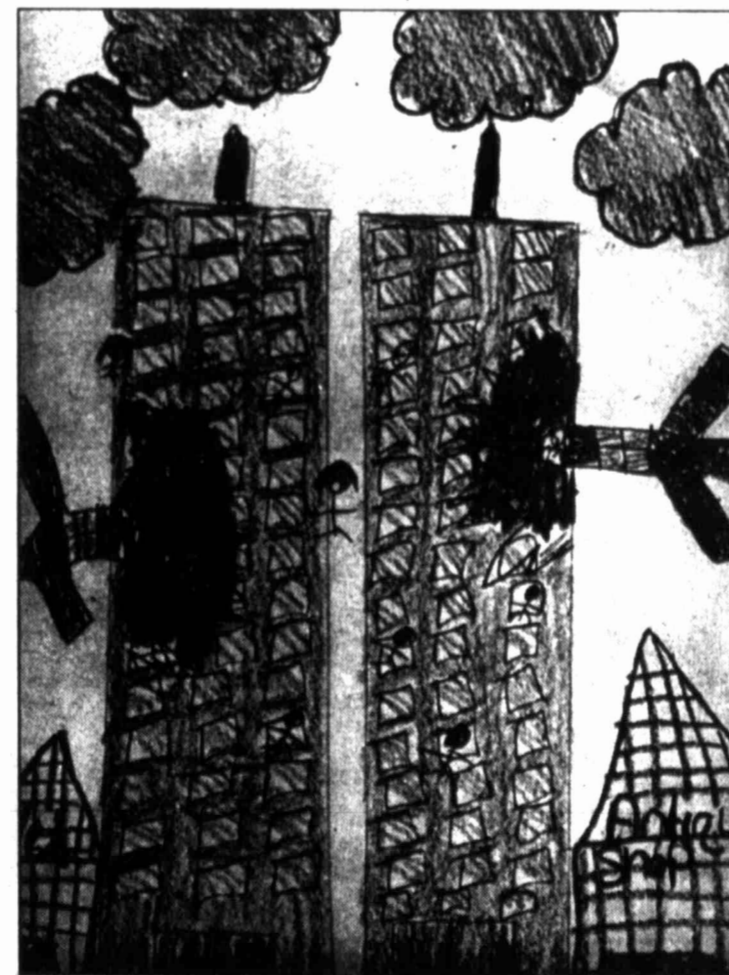
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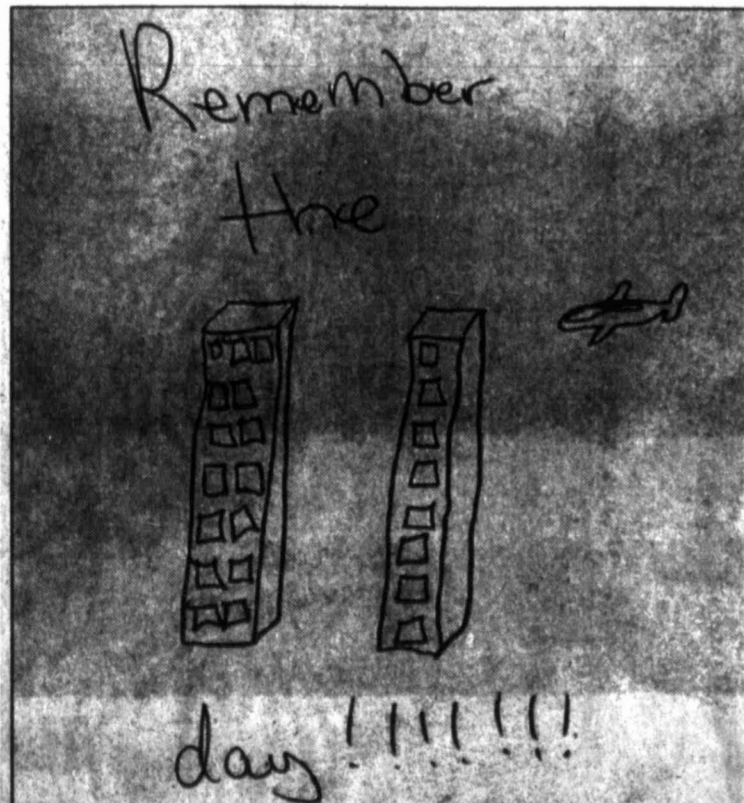
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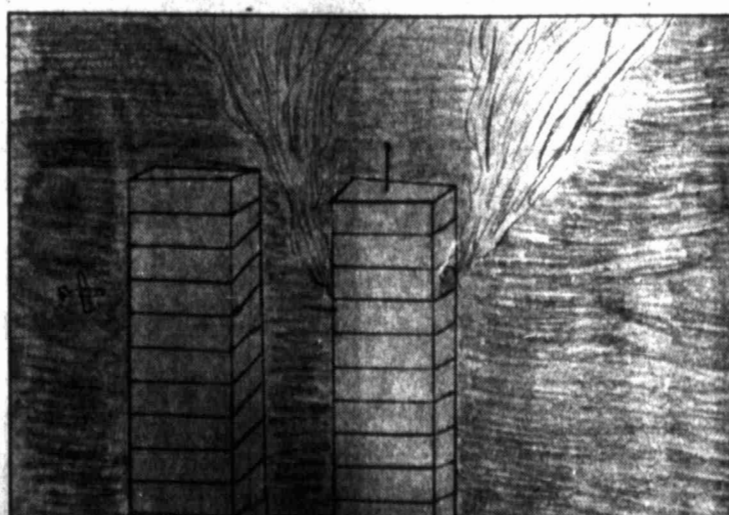
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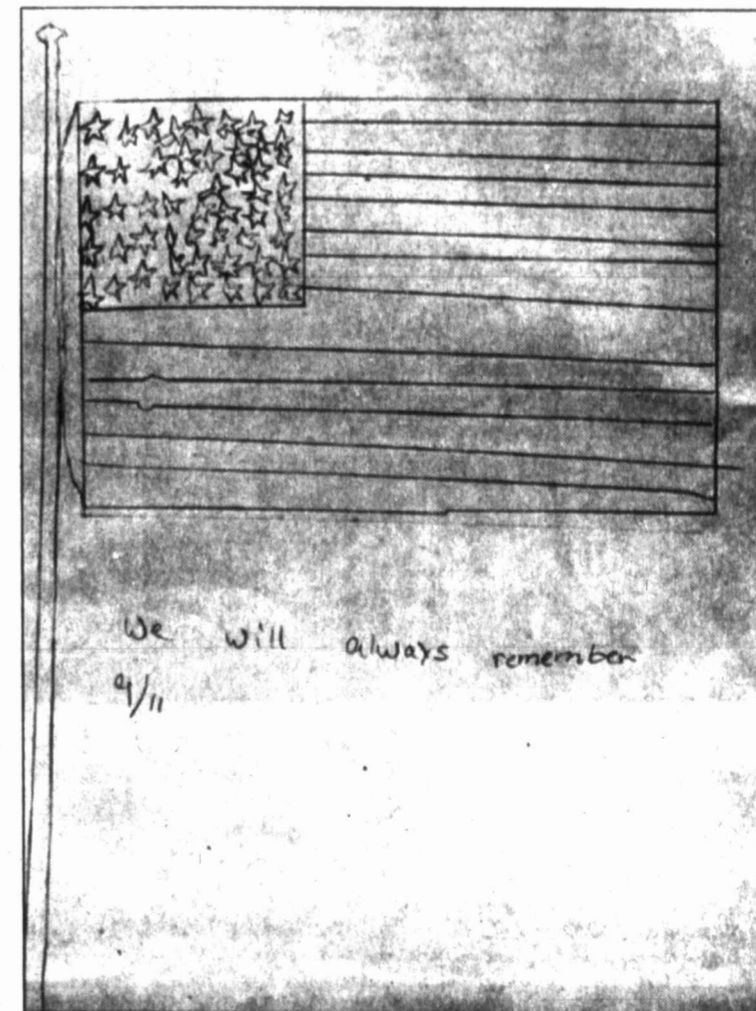
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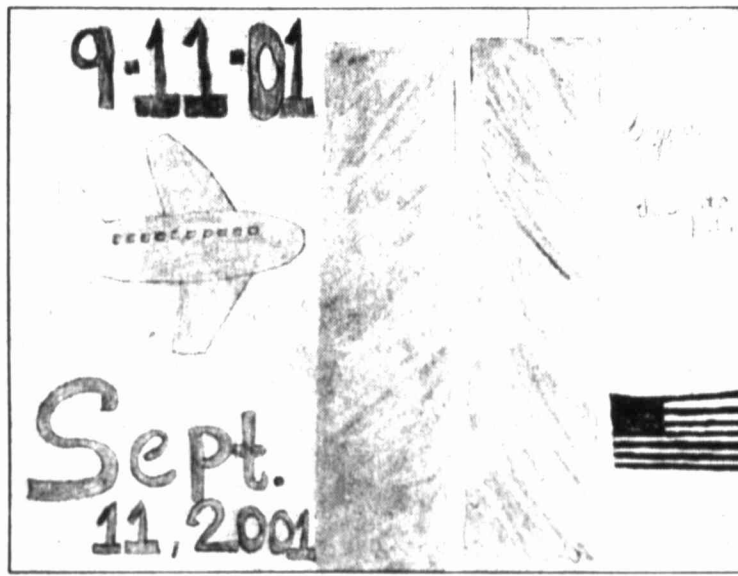
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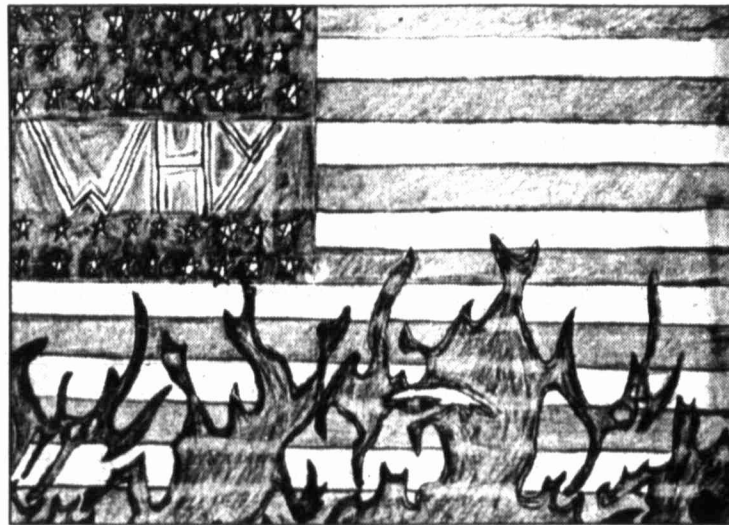
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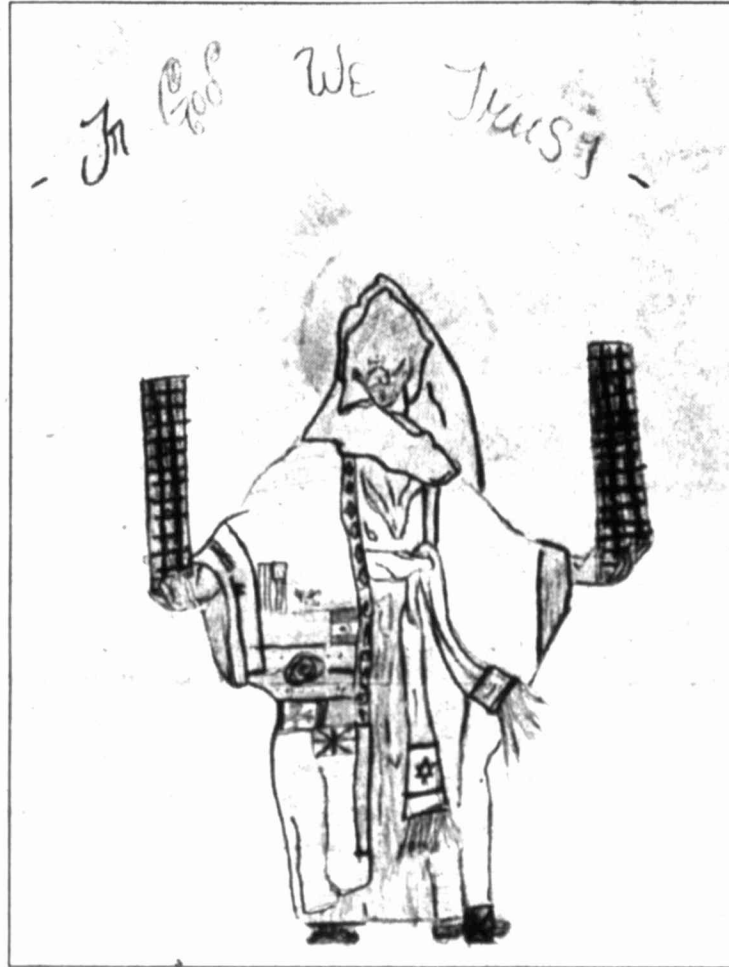
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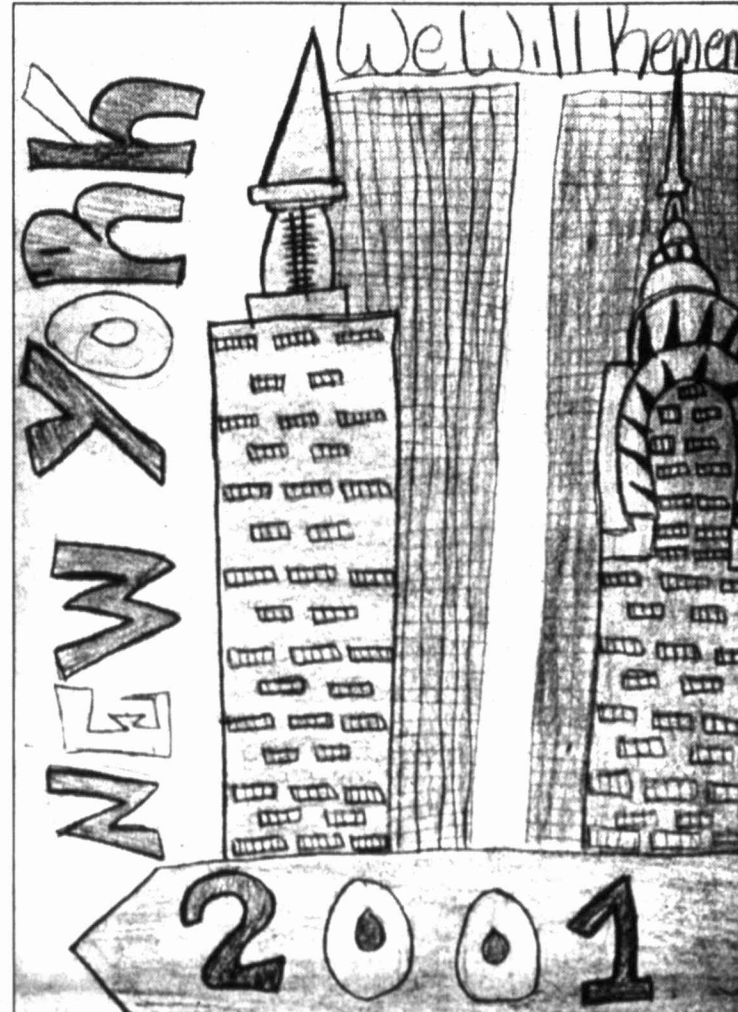
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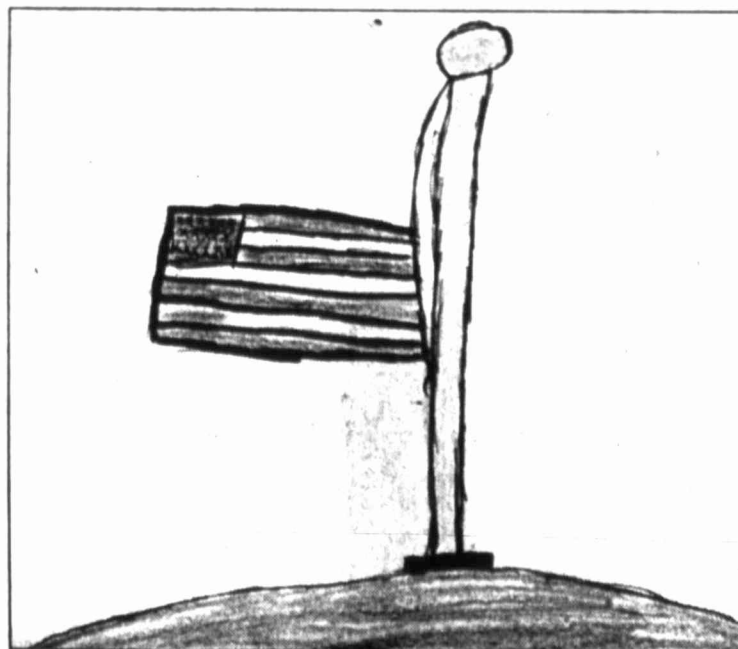
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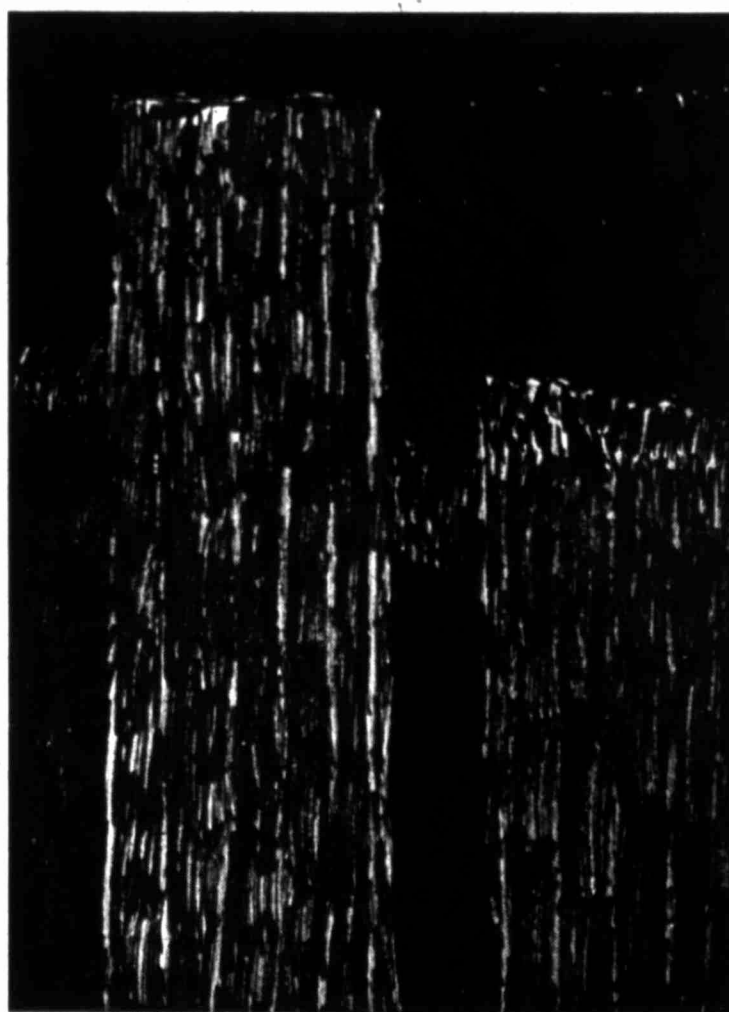
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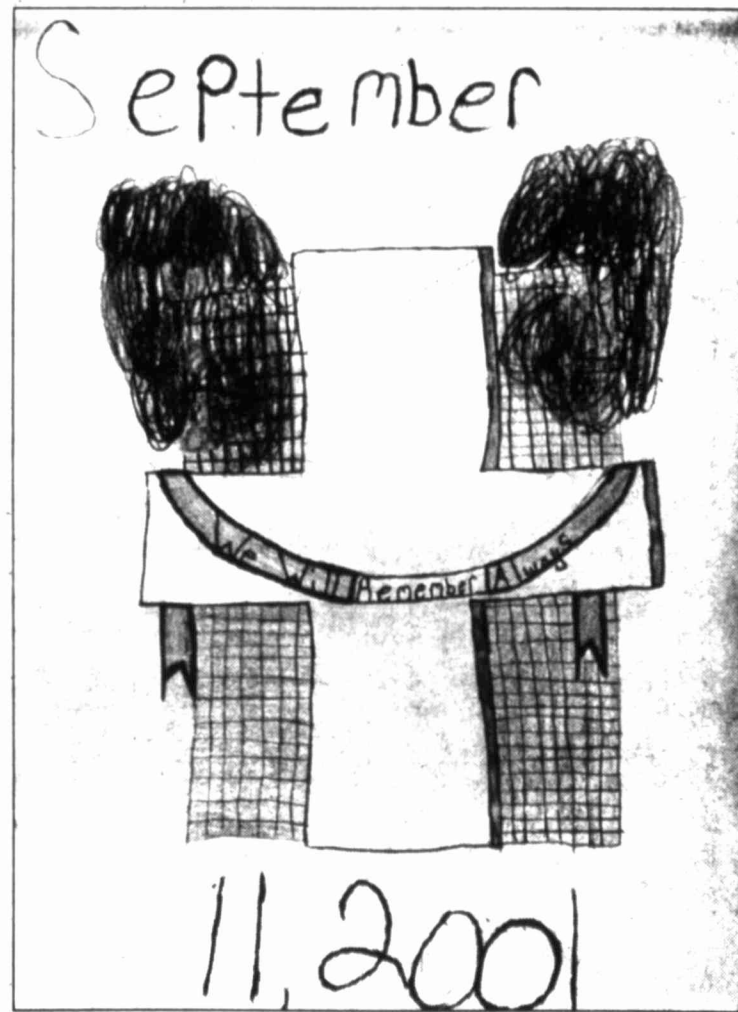
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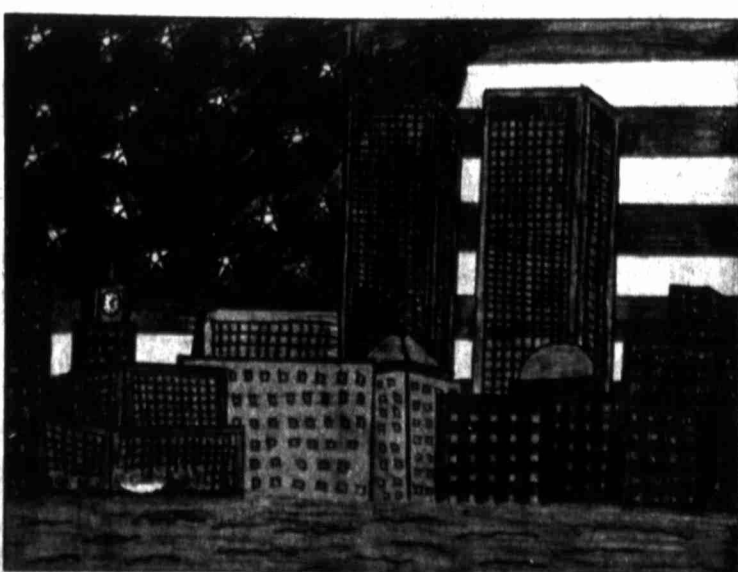
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HEALTHWATCH:

It's certainly time to get into a healthy way of living

Some people equate being healthy to being thin. However, a particular clothing size or number on the scale does not indicate your health potential. A melange of different factors, including physical well-being, psychological balance and a good dose of activity or exercise all contribute to what is healthy.

What better time is there than during the warm-weather months to turn over a new leaf and evaluate your health?

Are you a couch or Internet potato? Do you spend hours in front of the computer monitor surfing the Web?

Perhaps you could use a little more time in the great outdoors. Take your pooch for a walk around the neighborhood; grab your rod and reel and head down to the pier for a little evening fishing; or do a couple of extra laps around your backyard pool. These are all simple ways to increase your energy expenditure.

Some people who are in prime physical health inadvertently do things which endanger themselves, like mixing incompatible prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Make sure your physician is aware of all medications you are taking so that he or she can keep you out of danger.

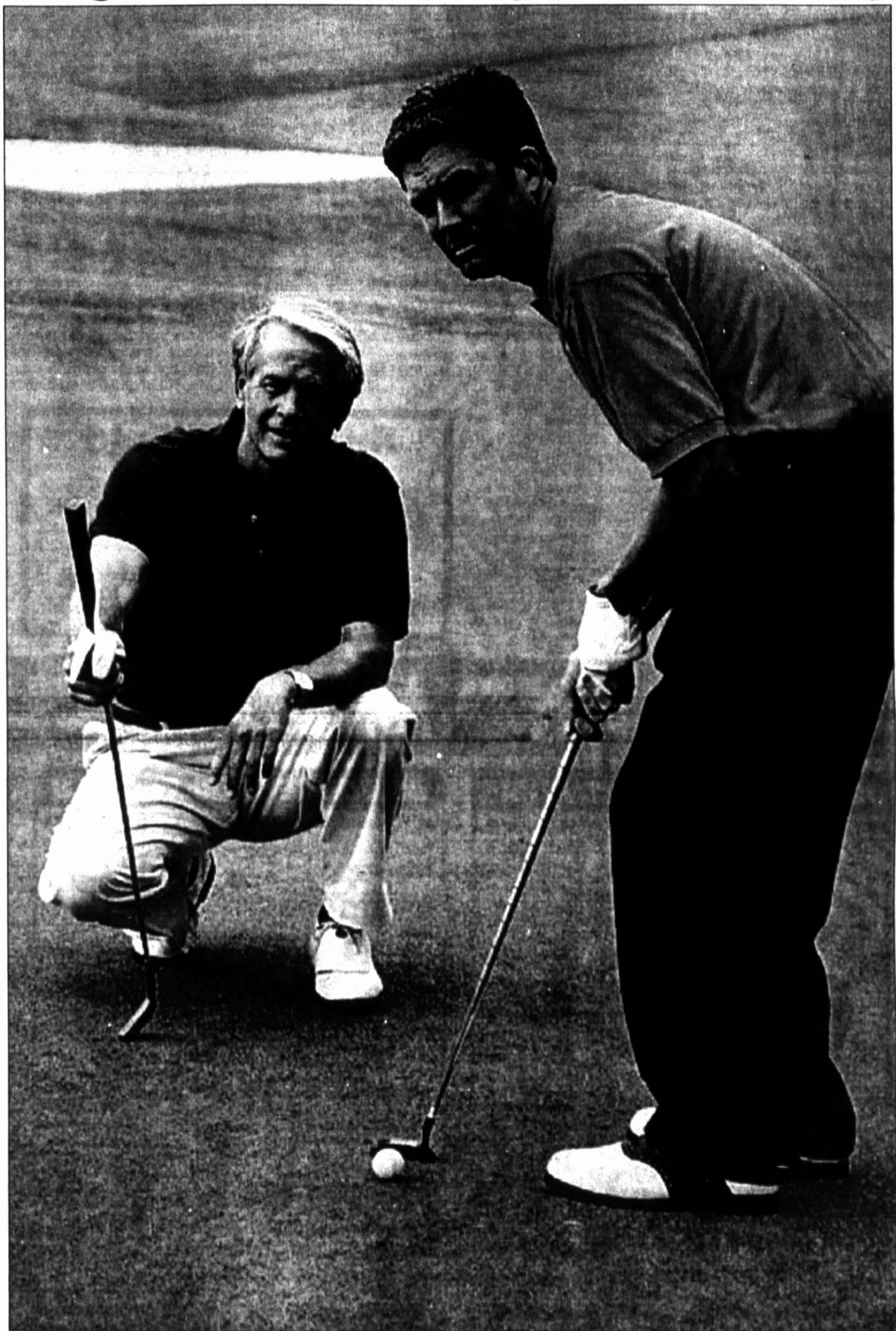
Also, consult your doctor anytime you make a drastic change in your health regimen, like dieting.

Sports enthusiasts can be much more than just fans in the stands.

Participating in your favorite sport is one of the easiest ways to jump start your activity level.

Round up your buddies for a game of baseball in the park or tee-off on the links near your home.

The warm weather and health seem to easily work hand-in-hand.



There's no time like the present to get on a healthy track. This could involve visiting your physician, starting a new fitness routine or engaging in a sport or hobby.



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Achoo! Sniffle, Sniffle...

This allergy season, understand your air-cleaner options

Nowadays, people spend most of their time — more than 90 percent — indoors at home, the office, in school, at the mall and other recreational facilities. As a result, indoor air quality has become more important than ever.

If you suffer from allergies, you've got plenty of company. Experts at the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology estimate that more than 35 million Americans are allergic to airborne dust particles, mold spores, animal dander and more.

For those with hay fever, the combination of indoor and outdoor allergens can be a double-whammy. Depending on your specific allergy, your "sneezin' season" can drag on for weeks or even months.

A good allergy-treatment program includes avoiding (or at least reducing) exposure to the allergen. For example, keep the windows closed and stay indoors when outdoor pollen or mold counts are high.

Air cleaners are another part of an overall allergy-treatment program. An air cleaner helps trap impurities, like dust, mold spores and insect excreta from the air.

You can select the best filtration equipment for your needs once you understand the options available. Air-filtration products fall into two main categories: whole-house and portable (room size).

WHOLE-HOUSE HELP

A whole-house air cleaner is designed for use in the entire home. It operates as an add-on to your home's forced-air heating and cool-



ing system. A Honeywell whole-house air cleaner traps up to 70 percent of 0.3 micron-sized particles from the air passing through it.

A whole-house air cleaner may be a good choice for you if:

- You want to reduce the impurities in your entire home.
- Your home is heated or cooled with a forced air system and ductwork.
- You are interested in capturing certain allergens and other particles from the air passing through the air cleaner.

Replace the filter or clean the cells of your whole-house air cleaner as directed by the manufacturer. Including professional installation, whole-house air cleaners range from \$250

to \$850, depending on the type selected and your home's design.

Whole-house air cleaners and other whole-house air quality products are available for professional installation through leading heating and cooling contractors.

PORTABLE POINTERS
A portable air cleaner is

designed for use in a single room. Look for a model with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter. A Honeywell Enviracaire air cleaner, for example, features a true-HEPA filter that is certified to have a minimum effectiveness of 99.97 percent at capturing particles as small as 0.3 microns from the air that passes through the filter. Portable HEPA air cleaners come in a range of capacities to accommodate various room sizes.

A portable HEPA air cleaner may be a good choice for you if:

- You or another member of your household suffers from allergies.
- Your home is heated or cooled without using ductwork. For example, your home may use hydronic heat, baseboard heaters or window air conditioners instead of a forced-air heating or cooling system.
- You want to add air-cleaning "oomph" to supplement a whole-house air cleaner. You may wish, for example, to run a portable air cleaner in your bedroom when you sleep.
- You like the flexibility of moving your air cleaner where you need it most without having to install a whole-house air cleaner.

Many portable air clean-

ers need a new pre-filter every three months and a new HEPA filter every one to three years. Portable HEPA air cleaners range from \$100 to \$300, depending on capacity and other factors, and are available at leading retail stores.

For more information, or to find a store or contractor near you, visit www.honeywell.com/yourhome/, your source for information on home comfort, safety and health. Or call (800) 345-6770, ext. 520.

YOUR ALLERGEN THRESHOLD

How much of a difference using an air cleaner makes depends on your individual allergic threshold, according to the experts at Honeywell.

Although use of an air cleaner should be part of an overall treatment program for allergies triggered by pollen or other airborne particles, there is no guarantee it will relieve your symptoms.

That's because each person has a different threshold at which an allergic reaction occurs. Reducing the number of airborne allergens may provide significant relief for one person, yet no relief for another due to this threshold difference.

Did you know?

Boating can be an enjoyable sport, especially if you have peace of mind by following certain safety precautions. Here are some tips from BoatingSafety.com on how to remain safe while on the water.

BE SAFE AFLOAT


- Life jackets and safety harnesses are essential and should be provided for everyone on board.
- Ensure sets of warm and protective clothing are available, including sunglasses.
- Everyone must know what to do in a "Man Overboard" situation.
- Carry an alternative means of propulsion and a spare can of fuel.

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

- Keep a good lookout at all times.
- Be sensible about drinking alcohol, it will impair your judgement.
- If you smoke, be careful — a fire at sea can be disastrous.
- Remember, it is easier to find you and provide assistance in the daylight than at night. An on-board GPS will provide invaluable information if you need assistance.

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While most people are unaware that ultraviolet (UV) rays can cause damage to their eyes and skin, sunglasses and accessories for the eyes are necessary to protect your eyes from harmful rays from the sun.

PREVENTION VS. REPAIR
Increasing scientific evidence shows that exposure to UV light can cause eye problems including cataracts, pterygia, keratitis and retinal lesions like macular degeneration.

"All the answers clear as far as ocular damage from UV light is concerned. We now know UV light is responsible for many skin lesions," says Joseph Bacotti, a dermatologist from Miramar, Fla. "The severity of these lesions along with the levels of UV light we suspect UV light to the eye and is about the lens and retina, especially the macula. I recommend that all of us obtain UV protection eyewear. It is especially important for those following surgery to use eye wrap arounds."

EYE-PROTECTION OPTIONS

The solution to protection from harmful UV rays is simple: Wear sunglasses that block out 99 percent of UV rays.

For those with vision there are a variety of sunglasses available to provide adequate protection. However, according to the Vision Council of America, 60 percent of the population wears no eye protection. For people, sun-protective sunglasses seem to decrease daily.

Prescription sunglasses can also be costly, especially for those who do not have optical coverage through their health insurance. One of the most common reasons consumers

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Healthy eyes: Affordable protection for eyeglass wearers

While most people know about the dangers of sun exposure to the skin, many are unaware that the sun's rays can cause damage to their eyes and the delicate skin around them. Sunglasses are not just accessories for the summer; they are necessary to protect your eyes from the harmful rays produced by the sun.

PREVENTION VS. CURE
Increasing scientific evidence shows that long-term exposure to ultra-violet (UV) light can cause a variety of eye problems, including the development of cataracts, pterygium, photokeratitis and retinal problems like macular degeneration.

"All the answers are not clear as far as ocular damage from UV light is concerned. We now know that UV light is responsible for many skin lesions," Dr. Joseph Bacotti, an ophthalmologist from Mineola, New York states. "The incidence and severity (i.e., cancer) of these lesions increases along with the increasing levels of UV light radiation. We suspect UV light enters the eye and is absorbed by the lens and retina, especially the macula. I recommend that all of my patients obtain UV protection in all their eyewear. I believe it is especially important for those following cataract surgery to use eyewear to block the UV rays and use wrap arounds."

EYE-PROTECTION OPTIONS

The solution to eye protection from harmful UV rays is simple: Wear sunglasses that block out 99 to 100 percent of UV rays.

For those with 20/20 vision there are a multitude of sunglasses available that provide adequate protection. However, according to the Vision Council of America, 60 percent of the population wears prescription eyewear. For these people, sun-protection options seem to decrease dramatically.

Prescription eyeglasses can also be costly, especially for those who do not have optical coverage on their health insurance policy. One of the most common reasons consumers give for

not purchasing prescription sunwear is that they cannot afford to do so, especially if they have just purchased a new prescription optical frame. As a result, many spectacle wearers tend to have inadequate or no protection.

Finally there is an affordable, stylish and comfortable sunwear solution for the millions who wear glasses. Fitovers Eyewear(R) manufactures a collection of sunglasses that simply slip right over your prescription glasses.

Offering 40 percent more protection than regular sunglasses or clip-ons, these fit-over style sunglasses are so light and comfortable the wearer hardly notices them. Fitovers come in four styles, three of which belong to the premium Jonathan Paul(TM) Collection — sleek modern styles designed to compliment today's modern frame choices.

Each style is tailored to fit a different size or shape of prescription eyeglass, providing a perfect fit with maximum comfort for the wearer.

The styles are polarized and available in two sizes, comfortably fitting over 98 percent of all optical eyewear.

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It was Socrates who said "everything in moderation." However, many people feast solely on carbohydrates and energy bars. Under the guise of a balanced diet, a balance scale is used to maintain why the "fad" diet industry is so crowded on the market. Who needs a gym or a personal trainer when a quick meal can do it?

Fad diets come in many forms, some that are rapid or dramatic, some that are slow and steady. Some are based on a certain kind of food, some on cutting down on a certain type of food.

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There is a vast difference between dieting and healthy eating

The road to health is confusing for many, fraught with temptation, frustration and roller-coaster diets providing detours and roadblocks to their health goals. With a plethora of options and misinformation available, it's small wonder people end up confused and discouraged, quickly gaining back whatever weight they manage to lose. But there is a world of difference between dieting and eating healthy, and evidence that a balanced diet may be the road less traveled in the "Battle of the Bulge".

under scrutiny from the government and other health groups that allege fad diets neglect significant portions of a balanced diet. So what's a frustrated person to do?

BALANCING ACT
The USDA has a well-defined system for what constitutes a balanced diet. There really is something behind that famous "food pyramid" you probably grew up with (available online at

www.nutrition.gov). It calls for six to eleven daily servings of bread, pasta, and grains (depending on one's age and amount of activity), three to five servings of vegetables, and two to four servings each of fruits, meat or poultry and dairy products. Fats and sweets are allowed sparingly. If variety is indeed the spice of life, a balanced diet should not be such a struggle. In fact, many other cultures have been benefitting

from a well-rounded diet for centuries. The Japanese, for example, have the longest healthy-life expectancy in the world, according to the World Health Organization. Four and a half years longer than Americans, in fact. Traditional Japanese meals combine a number of low-fat, in-season ingredients with moderate portions prepared for aesthetic value as much as for taste. Closer to the west, the

French boast a low obesity rate: 8 percent compared with 33 percent of Americans (Institut National de la Sante et la Recherche Medicale, Paris). They maintain healthy weights by snacking less and eating more slowly, even though many French foods are rich in fat. And Mediterranean cultures rely on fish, nuts and whole-grain breads to keep healthy — items which contain natural antioxidants.

The bottom line is that every body will respond to diet programs differently. However, no one said dieting was easy (or fun), and bad habits can be tough to break. Those considering a lifestyle change or beginning a diet program should consult their doctor first. And, it can't hurt to have a support network. After all, it helps to have a friend to help navigate on the straight and narrow road to health.

DODGING THE DIETS
It was Socrates who said, "everything in moderation." However, many Americans feast solely on combo meals and energy bars for sustenance. Under those conditions, a balanced diet is difficult to maintain. That's why the "fad" diets and no-sweat exercise equipment on the market are so appealing. Who needs hours at the gym or a parade of bland meals when a quick fix will do?

Fad diets consist of any program that promises rapid or dramatic weight-loss by eating more of a certain kind of food, perhaps in addition to cutting out or cutting down on another type of food. Naturally, there are conflicting opinions on what's right. For instance, one wildly popular program is known for its high-fat, low-carb menu. One dines on high-fat, high-protein dishes like bacon, beef and eggs, but cuts way down on breads and pastas. In contrast, another popular plan suggests just the opposite: lots of carbs, little protein. Recently, even fast-food chains and brand name food producers are getting in on the action with their own plans boasting rapid weight loss. Within the past few years, these programs have come

Good eye health helps keep your eyes on the ball

What makes an athlete successful? Strength, stamina, speed and agility are keys to success in any sport. And although it may not come to mind immediately, how well a person can see also contributes to his or her performance when playing sports. The ability to see clearly aids a player in catching a football or returning a serve on the tennis court. This ability is called visual acuity and it's just one of the many ways eyes contribute to a player's performance.

For example, vision pursuit is the ability of the eyes to watch or follow an object; peripheral vision refers to how well a player can see what's happening in the immediate area without moving his or her eyes away from a focal point; and depth perception gauges the distance between the player and an object, like the ball, another player or a boundary line. Vision is a vital aspect of concentration, visualization, eye-hand and body coordination, which is why it is so important to be aware of your visual health and safety when playing sports.

There are several signs that visual problems, rather than lack of practice or mastery of the sport, may be hampering performance, according to The American Optometric Association (AOA). These include: the inability to focus on the ball, feeling unsure of where the ball and other players are, over- or under-estimating the distance, making the same mistakes repeatedly, failure to improve with continued practice, and/or difficulty in remembering plays. If any of these signs apply to you, a sports vision optometrist may be able to help. An optometrist will perform a comprehensive eye examination to measure how well your eyes see and assess the general health of your eyes. An optometrist can also guide you in picking suitable safety eyewear.

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