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Tragedy impacts Snyder

Snyder residents expressed sorrow and outrage Tuesday after an apparent terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington — a tragedy that caused mass hysteria and death tolls expected to climb into the thousands.



A somber Bush

Four passenger airliners were hijacked, two crashing into each tower of the Trade Center, another slamming into one wing of the Pentagon and the last, suspected of being en route to Camp David, crashing in Pennsylvania. Both 110-story towers of the landmark Trade Center collapsed shortly after the attacks.

Cloyce Talbott, CEO of Snyder-based Patterson-UTI said yesterday that he was just in both towers of the Trade Center and had left New York Monday.

"It's just unbelievable, shocking," Talbott said. "I was there yesterday and flew out of La Gaurdia. The chairman of our company was there, and he flew out of Kennedy Tuesday morning."

Talbott said the chairman's flight made it to Indianapolis when the pilot announced the plane had to land for safety reasons.

"He called me from Indianapolis and said they had no idea what had happened until they had landed." Talbott said. "Right now, he's still stuck in Indianapolis."

The FAA ordered all U.S. flights to land immediately and prohibited any take offs. The flight ban was expected to last at least until noon today.

Talbott said he has eaten breakfast on the 107th floor of the Trade Center more than once and that the magnitude of the buildings was impressive.

"It's really hard to imagine how tall those buildings were," he said. "When I go back to New York, I'm sure it will look entirely different."

Talbott added that the attack couldn't have come at a worse time. "Walking into the World Trade Center at 9 a.m. is amazing," he said. "There are literally thousands of people. There are coffee shops and gift shops. They're like little cities." Up to 50,000 people work there daily.

The day's events had people glued to TVs as they watched the disaster unfold on live broadcasts.

"It's difficult to have a normal day at school when something like that happens," said Snyder High School principal Larry Scott. "It helps that most of our classrooms have TVs, so our students were able to keep abreast of the situation."

Volleyball matches and drama rehearsal were cancelled. The volleyball matches have been rescheduled for Thursday, and Friday football game at Wylie is still on schedule.

"Our kids have reacted in the manner in which you would expect them to," said SHS AD and football coach Chad Rogers. "They felt shocked and angry, and a sense of disbelief. But they dealt with it, and we tried to carry on business as usual, at least as much as we could."

WTC president Dr. Greg Williams said more than 20 students were fixed on the TV in the student center.

"I walked to the student center and was surprised to see so many students transfixed on the television," he said.

Williams said he was shocked and saddened by the early morning attacks. "I'm really sad that people in this world would do something like this to other people."

President Bush, in his 8th month in office, said, "Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror," and vowed the U.S. would seek vengeance for the attacks, making "no distinction between the terrorist who committed these acts and those who harbor them."

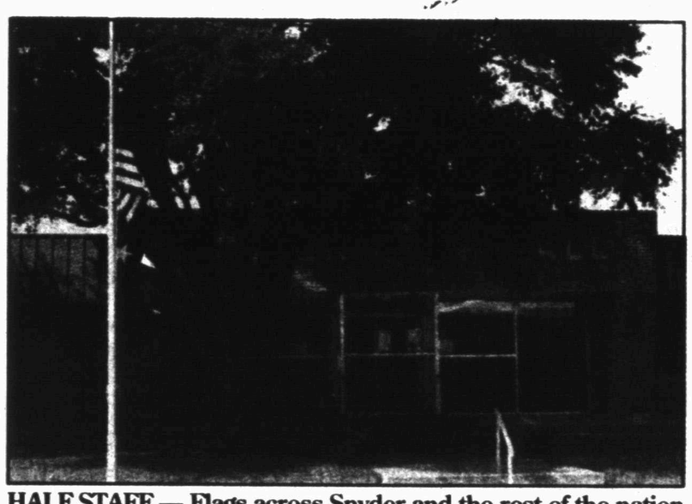
Tuesday afternoon, rumors of fuel shortages and worries of rising fuel prices spurred citizens across the country to rush to service stations. There were reports elsewhere of gas priced at $5 per gallon.

In Snyder, long lines were observed late Tuesday afternoon and into the evening. Some locations ran out of fuel and were unable to give change.

The renovation at the Pentagon kept a 1980 SHS graduate out of the path of the jetliner that struck the building after it was hijacked.



LONG LINES — Vehicles flooded the United Fuel Station Tuesday afternoon as people throughout Snyder rushed to fill their tanks after rumors of a gas shortage.



HALF STAFF — Flags across Snyder and the rest of the nation were lowered to half staff Tuesday after reports of early morning terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington D.C. stunned Americans. (SDN Staff Photo)

"Tuesday was only my 4th day assigned to the Pentagon," said Major Andy Contreras.

"My normal office would have been in the area that got hit, but due to the renovation, we are working out of offices about three miles away."

Contreras serves as the executive officer for the deputy assistant Secretary of the Army for research and technology.

"I was in my bosses' office when some fellow office mates came in and told us they had seen the World Trade Centers hit by the airplanes.

"Shortly after that, we felt the shock waves of the plane hitting the Pentagon. We immediately began to evacuate our building and as the executive officer, I was the last one off my floor."

Contreras said the best way to describe Washington Tuesday is "organized chaos."

"It took four hours just to get to my vehicle from the office. Subways were shut down so people just started walking down highways in hopes of getting home somehow."

Contreras said he saw many instances of people in the residential areas offering water and even walking shoes to those walking home. "As soon as I got home, I contacted my parents (Santos and Estolia Contreras of Snyder) to let them know I was okay."

He also is a 1982 graduate of WTC and a 1984 graduate of the University of Texas. Contreras served in Desert Storm from September, 1990 until March 1991.

Dr. Ed Barkowsky, WTC English professor, and his wife, Judy, a teacher at Central Elementary, have a married daughter and family living in New York City. When they talked to Lesa Starkins, she told what she her husband, Greg, and their children Connor, 2, and Brenna, three months, went through Tuesday.

The Starkins live on the 32nd floor of the La Rivage, about six blocks from the Trade Center.

Greg, who works in the World Financial Center, usually walks past the Trade Center around 9 a.m. daily. However, Tuesday morning he had slept in.

Normally, Lesa's son, Connor, also takes music lessons near the Trade Center, but that appointment had been changed.

At 10 a.m., their apartment building was evacuated. The family grabbed what they could, put their children in a stroller and had just gotten into an elevator when the power went off. They discarded the stroller and carried the children down 32 floors.

Because the Starkins had children, Dr. Barkowsky said rescue workers put them in a van and they were driven to the American Café near Staten Island. A ferry ride took them to Jersey City and from there they walked to Hoboken, where Greg has friends.

Before they connected with Greg's friends, the family stopped in a restaurant where a couple recognized their distress and took them to their apartment where the Starkins called Greg's friends who picked them up.

Snyder's Zola Schlegel, who works at Anderson and West, has a niece, Leah Smith, living in Washington Heights, across the river from Manhattan. She said she was able to see the smoke from the attack.

Leah was not in any danger, but she was concerned about her two roommates. One was on the subway and another was in the Trade Center when the attack occurred. However, all are okay.

Emily Zeck, a SHS grad, lives in New York City where she recently graduated from college. She is the granddaughter of James and Faye Patterson of Snyder.

Mrs. Patterson said they had not heard directly from Emily, but are certain she is okay as she lives in an apartment in Queens Island, next to Manhattan.

Sherry Faulkenbery of Snyder began Tuesday after the disaster to find a way to help through the Red Cross. Her husband's cousin, Michael Long, works at the Pentagon but a week ago had been sent to North Carolina to an Army.

Michael and Angie Long, both SHS grads, have two sons and a daughter.

Angie's mother and stepfather, Jim and Joyce Lionberger live in Hermleigh.

The Red Cross doesn't have a Snyder rep, so Faulkenbery contacted the Red Cross in Odessa to see how she could help. Due to so many stipulations on items, they now only takes financial help and volunteers for major catastrophes.

United Way kickoff event is Thursday

The United Way kick-off luncheon begins 11:45 Thursday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with the slogan — "U Make the Difference."

Directors met Monday to put the finishing touches on the drive with hopes of raising $80,000.

The Noon Kiwanis, Rotary Club and Lions Club members also will attend the kick-off luncheon Thursday in lieu of their regular meetings.

Board member Zola Schlegel announced allocations of $27,000 would be dispersed to agencies during the luncheon. They include the Scurry County Boys & Girls Club, Snyder Child Day Care Center, Gateway Family Services Inc., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Scurry County Food Cupboard and American Red Cross.

Tommy Williams and Gary Landes have produced an educational video for use in the campaign. A program will be made available to any person by calling the United Way office.

Officers are Stephen Covey, president; Peggy Vernon, first vice president; Joan Bunch, second vice president; Zola Schlegel, treasurer; Leslie Cooley, recording secretary; and Rana Anderson, executive secretary.

Chairpersons are Kent Wright, Ann Smartt and Rodney Dupree, commercial; Francene Noah, city; Leslie Cooley, county; Bryan Cave, professional; and Ed Barkowsky, WTC; Gail Lomax, education.

Appointments made by city

Before conducting business, Snyder's city council observed a period of silence Tuesday evening in honor of the victims of the terrorism attacks.

"Because we have items on the agenda that have to be acted upon in a certain time frame, we had to have tonight's meeting," said Mayor Francene Noah. "Our hearts and prayers go out to all the victims and their families."

The council voted to accept the bid of Snyder National Bank as the city's depository for a three-year period beginning Oct. 1.

Other bids were received from American State Bank, First American Bank, Texas Savings Bank and West Texas State Bank.

The vote on the depository bank was four to one with Terry Martin abstaining. Martin is a director of West Texas State Bank. I.E. Martin was absent.

The council voted to fill upcoming vacancies on the DCOS board and the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Dayton Robertson and James Brown were namded to the DCOS, while Jack Denman was appointed to the CRMWD.

Robertson is the plant manager for YZ Systems and served as Snyder mayor for two terms before choosing not to seek reelection.

Brown is with an investment company. He was formerly the chief financial officer for Patterson Energy for 18 years.

Brown's acceptance of the appointment is dependent upon approval from his company's headquarters, Brown said this morning.

Denman has served on the city council, Board of County Development, Cogdell Hospital board and the Chamber of Commerce where he served as president.

He retired from Sun Oil Co. in 1985 after working for the company for 32 years.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Cowards should not awaken sleeping giants."

911!

September 11, 2001 will long be remembered as the nation's capitol as well as New York City were the focus of a national tragedy.

We weren't around when the cowards blindsided the sleeping Pearl Harbor that Sunday morning, but it was an act of aggression that Japanese forces would soon regret.

There were some 3,700 causalities.

It forced the United States into World War II and "Remember Pearl Harbor" became the rallying cry for fiercely united U.S. citizens.

It may be weeks before the total number of casualties are known from the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and related airline crashes. The losses will be enormous.

There have been other national tragedies that have gripped the nation – the assassination of President Kennedy, the space shuttle explosion that killed seven, the bombing of a Marine compound in Beirut and the bombing of the federal office building in Oklahoma City.

America and its citizens are resilient. Events like yesterday get our priorities into perspective. Issues that seemed important before pale in light of the implications of the terrorists activities and future terrorists threats.

America is a proud Democracy. We take pride in relatively open borders, we extend welcomes to people from all backgrounds, and we expect to walk around with them freely without the protection and visibility of armed militia on city streets.

Emotions after yesterday's attacks must be similar to those felt by Americans after Pearl Harbor.

We feel a greater kin to fellow citizens, we share the pain of those who have lost friends and relatives.

Yesterday's cowardice – using innocent American civilians to kill other innocent civilians – was an act of war.

We don't know how our government will respond, officially, but we're certain it won't be a Republican or Democratic decision – it will be an American resolve to make our country safe and peaceful once more.

Watch out, the slumbering giant is wide awake!

ASK US

Q—Who sets the agenda for the county commissioners' meetings?

A—The county judge.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 85 degrees; low, 63; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 65; no precipitation; total for 2001, 14.14 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, low mid 60s, SE winds 5-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, high mid 80s, Se winds 5-15 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, lows mid 60s.



Max Morin
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
7:54 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:27 a.m.

Of 254 days in 2001, the sun has shone 242 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

An archeologist is the best husband any woman can have. The older she gets, the more he is interested in her.

—Agatha Christie

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Humanity amid the chaos of terrorist acts

By The Associated Press

Even as they scrambled to flee World Trade Center offices, workers paused to count heads, making sure their deskmates were there. Construction workers cobbled together stretchers from materials at their Manhattan worksite. On the step of the capitol, members of Congress hugged and sang "God Bless America."

In the midst of the chaos, humanity emerged from Tuesday's terrorist attacks. Passengers on doomed planes reached loved ones by cell phone, saying a few final words before the connections broke. In New York, a priest couldn't find the words to comfort relatives of one of the many dead firefighters.

"I don't know what to say to them," said the Rev. Murray Gerald, who was called to St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan.

At the Hilton Hotel at Boston's Logan Airport, where clergymen rushed to be with relatives of passengers on two airliners that crashed into the World Trade Center, the Rev. David Keene said much the same. "Mostly we listen and hug," he added.

People at the scenes of devastation and beyond reached out to each other and tried to make sense of it all.

Jason Beerman rushed toward the twin towers complex as soon as he heard news of the attacks. But how could he find his older brother, Kenton, in the mayhem?

Somehow, he did. As 24-year-old Kenton emerged into daylight from the gloom of a stairwell, one of the first faces he saw was Jason's.

"I don't know how he found me," Kenton said. "He just hugged me and said, 'I'm so glad you're alive.' My brother is awesome."

Beerman described the scene on the 53rd floor, where workers stopped to take count of colleagues before heading for the street far below. On the way down the stairs, those fleeing comforted each other and many used cell phones to call home. A woman who reached her husband passed word: A plane had hit the building.

"We saw firefighters coming up the stairwell," Beerman said. "We felt kind of reassured."

Many firefighters would not make it out.

Among the casualties, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said, were some of the fire department's top brass, a longtime chaplain, and a fire official, Ray Downey, who he said had led a New York fire-rescue team sent to the Oklahoma City bombing.

Giuliani was with a group of firefighters 10 minutes before they died, he said. "They were working very hard and they were working at what they loved to do."

In a late-night press conference, Thomas Von Essen, a city fire commissioner, was subdued and close to tears as he spoke of the loss of firefighters, some with 30 to 40 years of service, reciting some of their names.

"The fire department will recover," he said. "But I don't know how."

Bill Hemm of Fayetteville, Ark., who was in New York for training at an investment firm at the World Trade Center, said he owes his life to police SWAT team members who prevented evacuees from going into areas of falling debris.

"I know they died," he told The Baxter Bulletin of Mountain Home, Ark. "They had to have if they were still evacuating people. That's so sad. I guarantee they saved a bunch of lives."

Roman Catholic Cardinal Edward Egan administered last rites to a dozen victims and said the firefighters and police were "dead in great numbers."

In New York and around the nation, people seeking some way to help overwhelmed blood donation centers. One donor was Jessica McBlath, a 19 year-old New York University student, who lined up with classmates.

"It's a crisis, you must help. There's nothing else to do. You feel disempowered," she said.

Giving blood helped, but she still had one concern: She hadn't been able to get through by phone to her mother in New Jersey.

Cell phone calls did get through, astonishingly, from some people in the debris of the buildings — and, heartbreakingly, from aboard the doomed planes.

A businessman on a United flight called his father in Connecticut twice, but both calls were cut short, police said. In the second call, he said the plane was going down.

"He called to his parents' home, and so they were together in that moment," said a minister, the Rev. Bonnie Bardot.

It was just before dawn in San Francisco when Alice Hoglan got a call from her son, Mark Bingham.

"I love you very much," he told her, then added ominously, "I'm in the air, I'm calling you on the Airphone. I'm calling you from the plane. We've been taken over. There are three men that say they have a bomb."

In Westmoreland County, Pa., emergency dispatcher Glenn Cramer received a call believed to be from the hijacked plane that would soon crash nearby. The man on the line described an explosion and white smoke and then, Cramer said, "We lost contact with him."

U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson confirmed that his wife, Barbara, phoned him from aboard the American Airlines flight that plunged into the Pentagon. "I wish it wasn't so, but it is," he said.

All over the New York metropolitan area, thousands sought desperately to learn the fate of loved ones in the Trade Center. They frantically called relatives' coworkers and turned up at hospitals and police checkpoints. Often they learned nothing.

"They just tell me to check back again," Misha Phukhan told The Chicago Tribune, sobbing as she searched for her missing sister Bella at three hospitals.

Nancy Shea waited for word of her husband, Joseph P. Shea, whose office was on the 103rd floor of the Trade Center. "I heard from him after it happened," said the mother of four. "He said a plane hit the building. I haven't heard from him since."

Angelo Otchy sat on a curb near the Trade Center complex, head drooping after a long, long day. He'd arrived with other members of his New Jersey National Guard unit in the afternoon. In teams of two, they climbed up on the pile of rubble at One World Trade.

At the U.S. Capitol, dozens of House members gathered and heard Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., say, "We will stand as Americans together throughout

Six injured when two trains collide

HALLSVILLE (AP) — A passenger train collided with a freight train in eastern Texas, injuring five passengers and an engineer.

Seventeen cars derailed in Tuesday's wreck of an Amtrak Texas Eagle passenger train and a Union Pacific freight train. The Amtrak train was carrying 11 crew members and 48 passengers.

The injuries were described by Amtrak officials as "non-life-threatening."

Mark Davis, a Union Pacific spokesman, said the passenger train had been diverted to a side track to make way for the freight train but didn't stop when it got to the end of the side track.

"We can't comment on cause and fault until an investigation is complete," said Amtrak spokesman Kevin Johnson.

Cleanup efforts continued Wednesday at the accident scene, some 50 miles west of Shreveport, La.

Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed the accuracy of the fuel saving theories in this advertisement.

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After studying this process for five years, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition to this government study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "Almost a half million Gas Savers have been sold. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

For further information call:
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Date Book

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001

Today is the 255th day of 2001 and the 84th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1869, in Chicago, the first Prohibition Party convention was held.

On this day in 1958, in Dallas, Texas, engineer Jack Kilby of Texas Instruments tested the first integrated circuit.

On this day in 1992, Dr. Mae Carol Jemison flew into orbit aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor. She was the first African-American woman in space.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: H.L. Mencken (1880-1956), journalist; Maurice Chevalier (1888-1972), singer-actor; Alfred A. Knopf (1892-1984), publisher; Irene Joliot-Curie (1897-1956), physicist; Ben Shahn (1898-1969), artist; Jesse Owens (1913-1980), track-and-field great; Linda Gray (1940-), actress, is 61; Tim Hardaway (1966-), basketball player, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, jockey Albert Adams rode a horse to his ninth consecutive victory in three days, setting an American record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Penetrating so many secrets, we cease to believe in the unknowable. But there it sits nevertheless, calmly licking its chops." — H.L. Mencken

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Sept. 10) and new moon (Sept. 17).

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

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Estimated jackpot: $500,000

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

12-14-34-37-38

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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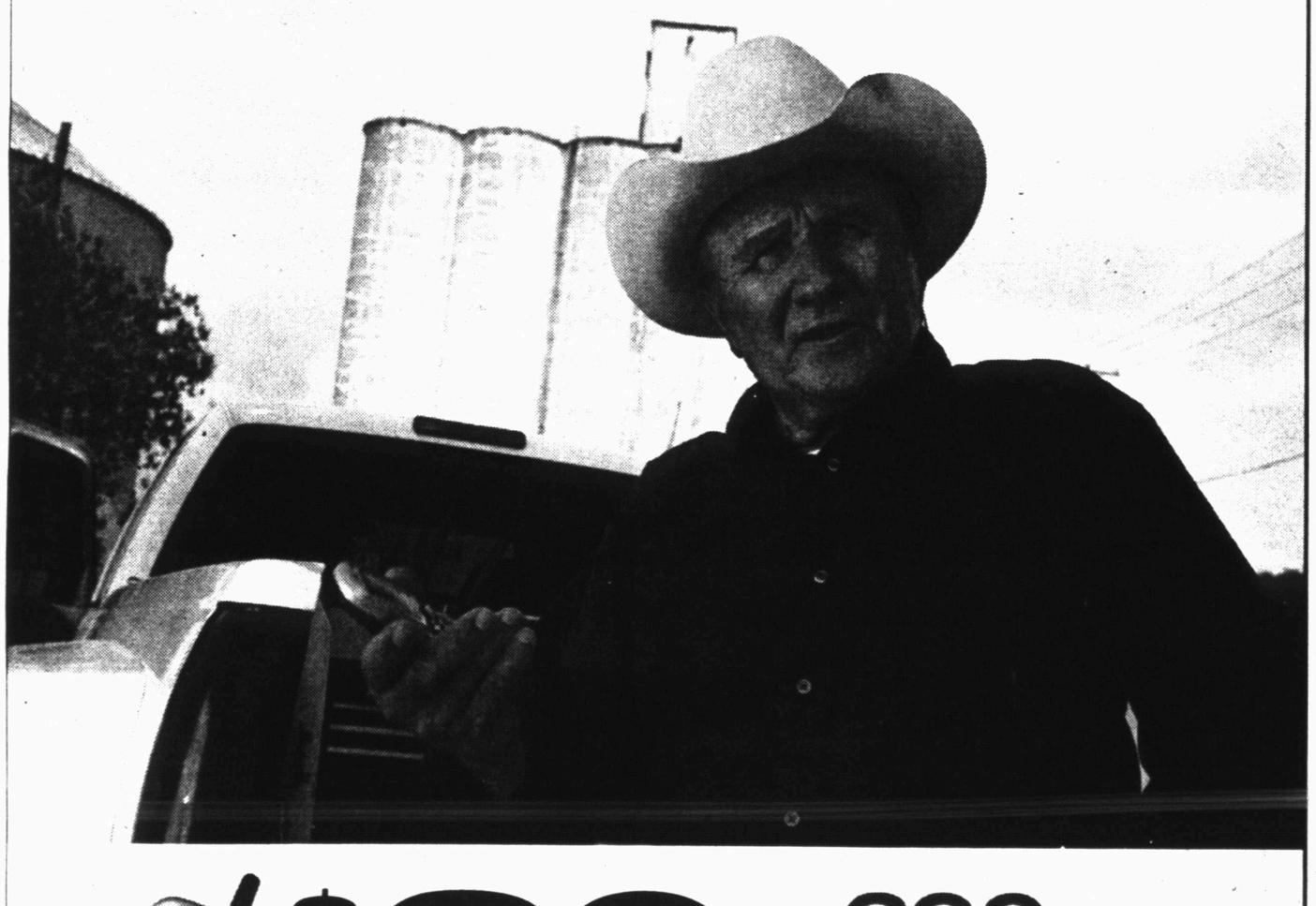
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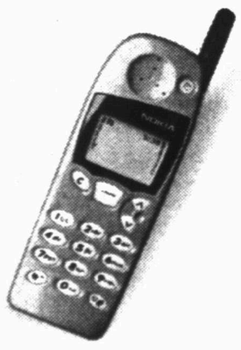
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Postal Service seeks to raise first-class postage next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of mailing a letter will go up again next year, jumping 3 cents to 37 cents.

Citing a looming $1.65 billion deficit, the U.S. Postal Service announced Tuesday it will seek rate increases averaging about 9 percent, including the boost for personal letters.

"The fact is, our options are limited," said Robert F. Rider, chairman of the agency's board of governors. "We must take the necessary action today."

Rider said the decision by the governing board was unanimous.

The current 34-cent mail rate took effect in January along with increases in many other classes of mail. Another boost in some rates kicked in July 1.

Nonetheless, rising costs for fuel, labor and health care threaten more red ink for the agency, officials said. Currently, the post office is in labor negotiations with unions representing about 700,000 workers.

"We do not intend to mortgage the future of the Postal Service," Rider said of the need to raise money to balance the budget.

Earlier, managers ordered a freeze on new construction and cut back on overtime and other costs, trimming the Postal Service's deficit from $3 billion to an estimated $1.65 billion. A cut in headquarters managerial staff of 800 positions was announced last week with another 500 positions scheduled to be eliminated in field offices.

The increase in first-class stamps will be accompanied by increases in other types of mail as well: First-class, up 8.2 percent; Express Mail, 9.7 percent; Priority Mail, 13.5 percent; periodicals, 10.0 percent; advertising mail, 7.3 percent and packages, 8.9 percent.

The U.S. Postal Service, although a part of the federal government, does not receive tax money for its operations. It is required to pay its own expenses from fees charged for moving the mail and to break even over time.

Postmaster General Jack Potter said that because of the continuing financial problems the construction freeze will remain in place and that management will be looking for further ways to cut costs.

Raising postal rates is a complex process. The agency's request for an increase is submitted to the independent Postal Rate Commission, which holds hearings and has 10 months to rule on the rate request, and possibly change it.

Only after that ruling can the Postal Service impose the higher rates. The lengthy process means a rate request filed this month would be unlikely to take effect before late summer or autumn of 2002.

The Mailers Council, a trade group that represents high-volume shippers, predicted the new increases are unlikely to boost postal revenues because they will most likely result in a decline in the amount of mail.

"In the private sector, ailing companies ... are cutting their prices in response to declining sales and revenues. The Postal Service has apparently decided to take a different approach," the council said in a statement.

On the Net:
U.S. Postal Service:
http://www.usps.gov

Coastal Bend Reservoir levels jump

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Recent rains in Southeast Texas have filled Lake Corpus Christi faster than a hurricane or a tropical storm.

The lake rose from 21.4 percent, the lowest level recorded, to 72.4 percent full in the past two weeks, according to the reservoir's supervisor

Before the rain, Mary Schumacher's neighbors joked that the lake would go to better use as a golf course or a playground.

"People came out, played in the rain. Even me," she said. "And now I want some more."

The rain increased the reservoir level and helped the bays and greened up brown grass.

The only time that an increase was recorded to be as significant was during a 10-hour period during Hurricane Allen in 1980, when the water level went from 202,173 acre-feet to 241,241 acre-feet of water in about two weeks time.

In four days, beginning Aug. 28, about 5.61 inches of rain fell on the area, topping the average August rainfall by more than two inches. So far in September, there have been six inches of rain, which is more than average.

During the summer months, where the evaporation levels are highest, the salt level in the water increases. With an influx of water, the salt levels drop and create a better environment for young shrimp to grow.

Cincinnati Ballet has new director

CINCINNATI (AP) — A former general manager of the Cleveland-San Jose Ballet will take over as executive director of the Cincinnati Ballet on Oct. 1, officials said.

Alan R. Hills, 43, will start at the ballet three weeks prior to its 2001-2002 season, which starts Oct. 26 with a production of "Don Quixote."

Hills has worked for 24 years in the arts and entertainment field, including from July 1989 until January 2000 as general manager of what was then known as the Cleveland-San Jose Ballet. That company then served both Cleveland and San Jose, Calif., but no longer serves Cleveland.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Fast action by rape victim helps police catch predator

DEAR ABBY: You were correct to advise "Survivor in San Francisco" that acquaintance rape must be reported as soon as possible. Drug rapes can be difficult to prove. GHB (a common incapacitating drug) leaves the victim's body in 12 hours without a trace. Filing charges immediately enables police to obtain a search warrant to look for evidence that supports the charges — such as vials of drugs, or drug residue in a glass.

A friend of mine was drugged and raped last summer. I'll spare you the details, but she had the guts to go immediately to the police. After the rapist was arrested, other victims came forward. No one knows for sure how many victims there are, but it's alleged that he had been drugging and raping for years.

I believe that failure to report such a crime makes one an accomplice. The price of freedom is eternal vigilance; part of one's responsibility as a citizen is to fight for justice. If any of the previous victims had reported their rape, perhaps my friend might not have been raped.

I'd also like to begin a campaign to eliminate from the lexicon the words "date rape" and "acquaintance rape." "Incapacitation rape" is more appropriate. We don't say "date murder" or "acquaintance murder," despite the fact that most murders are committed by someone known to the victim. Let's not supply euphemisms to heinous crimes. Criminals should be reported, tried and punished accordingly if found guilty. — **ANGRY BOYFRIEND IN VERMONT**

DEAR ANGRY BOYFRIEND: I agree. It is unfortunate that in cases of sexual assault, many people still tend to blame the victim. And because of that mind-set, many rape victims also blame themselves for what happened to them. Until that attitude changes, and until parents get the message across to their children of both sexes that women have the right to say no to sex, sexual assaults will continue. Victims must find the courage to report these crimes so the predator can be stopped.

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DEAR ABBY: Here's a topper for your "can you top this" collection. My wife and I attended a lovely wedding. The groom was a 45-year-old physician; his bride is a 38-year-old professional. It was a first marriage for both, a lavish affair with a reception and formal dinner following the ceremony.

Six weeks later, we received the following e-mail from the newlyweds: "Dear Friends: We're back from our glorious honeymoon romp through the game parks of East Africa, and still basking in the glow of our wedding.

"Tomorrow we're meeting with the catering manager at the hotel where our wedding was held, because we're disputing the liquor bill from the wedding dinner. Their claim works out to seven drinks per person! This is separate from the wine and champagne served during dinner.

"Would you please e-mail us the number and kind of drinks you drank at our wedding? We are meeting at 9 a.m. so we need your response ASAP. Thank you (all) for making our wedding so special."

Abby, my wife and I are aghast at this request. What's your take on this? — **APPALLED IN LEUCADIA, CALIF.**

DEAR APPALLED: That bill must have been a sobering reality after an intoxicating honeymoon. Either some guests from another wedding wandered into the doctor's reception, or a horde of freeloaders bellied up to the bar. Whatever the cause, the problem needs investigation.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $10 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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Design proposals for Bonfire memorials displayed by A&M

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Hundreds of design proposals for a permanent 1999 Bonfire Memorial at Texas A&M University will be displayed in a campus gallery and a Web site starting Thursday.

The public is invited to share opinions on the 176 proposals, which will be on display through Monday. A nine-member jury will review the proposals and announce four finalists on Nov. 18, the two-year anniversary of the bonfire collapse that killed 12 Aggies and injured 27.

Each finalist will receive $10,000, plus an additional $10,000 to develop his or her design for the second phase of the competition. The winner is scheduled to be announced on March 7, 2002.

The designs can be viewed at the MSC J. Wayne Stark University Center Galleries.

Entrants developed various concepts for the memorial, some incorporating parks or buildings and others including sculptures of the bonfire and the victims, officials said.

The location for the memorial hasn't been decided, but four campus sites have been proposed.

On the Net:
Bonfire memorial competition:
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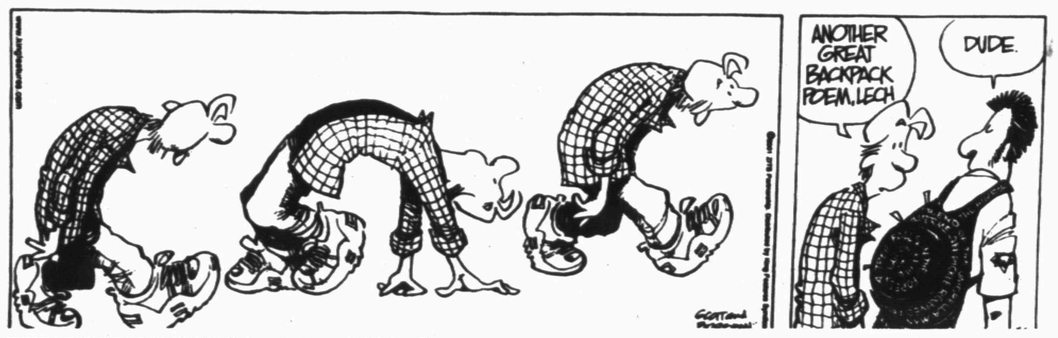
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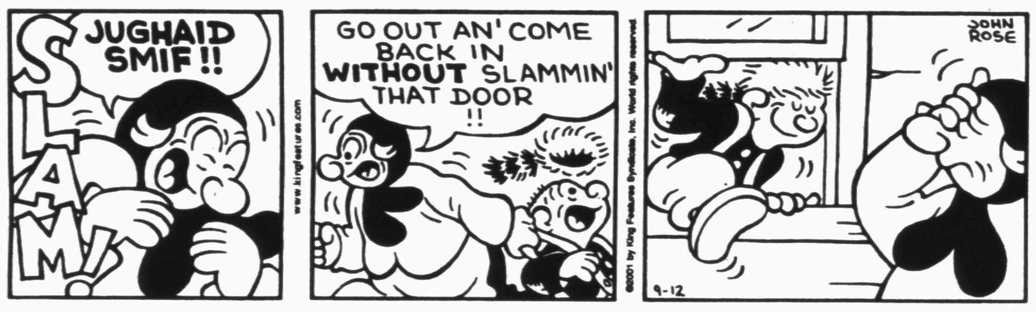
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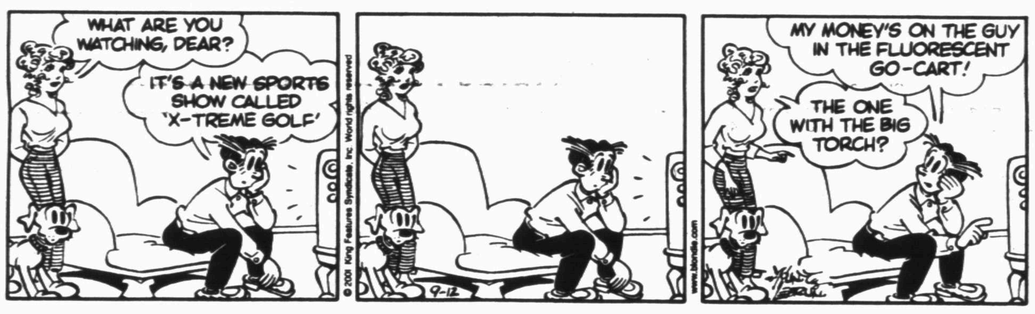
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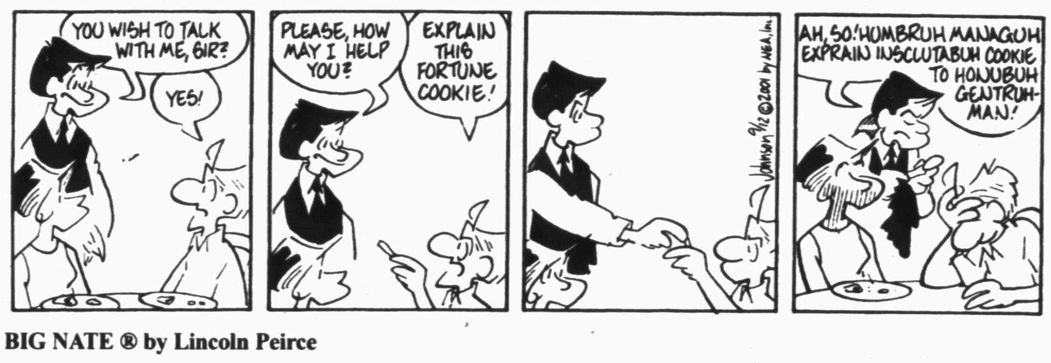
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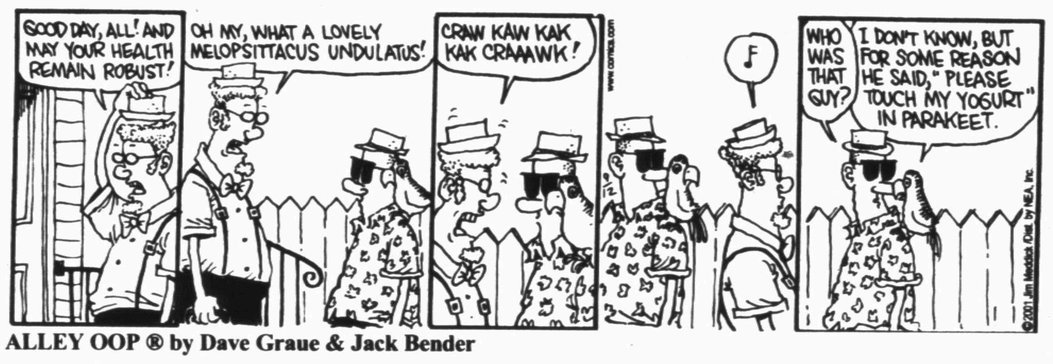
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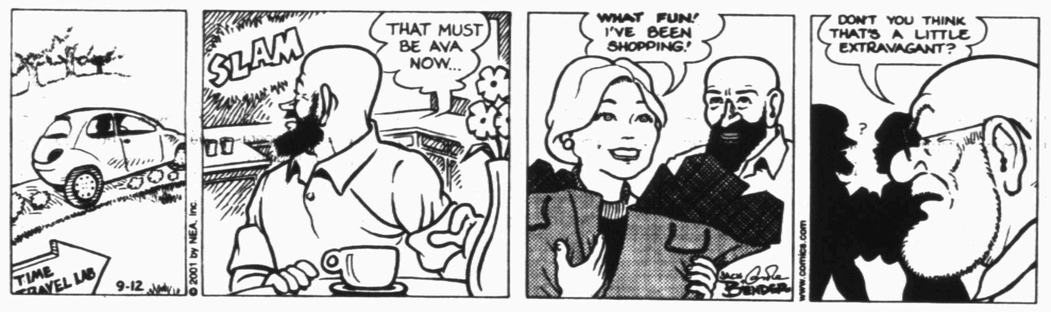
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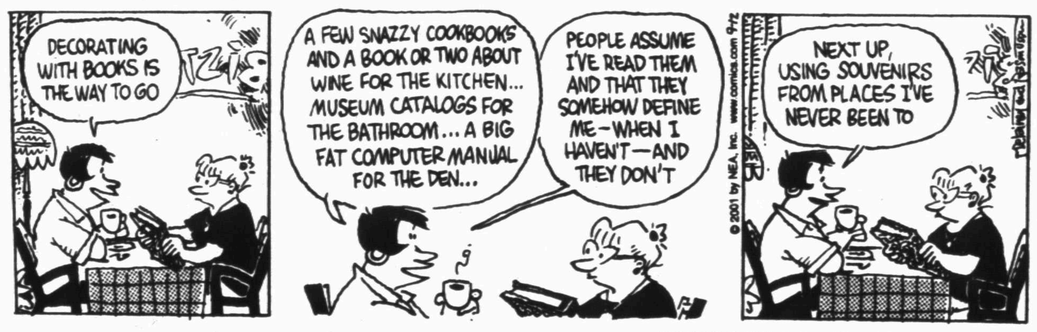
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1 Drink alcoholic beverages
7 Stain
13 Steel beam
14 Chief ore of lead
15 Actor Lorne —
16 Distant planet
17 Evergreen shrubs
18 Half a dance?
20 Large volume
21 Unfeeling
23 Sheeplike
27 Pause in a line of verse
32 Cowboy movie
33 Caravan stop
34 Confirm
35 Chew
36 Vaccine tool
39 Seaweeds
40 Have dinner at home (2 wds.)
42 Tel —
46 Commit theft
47 In a frenzied state
51 Rack and —
53 "Red as a rose," e.g.
55 As a precaution (2 wds.)
56 Click beetle
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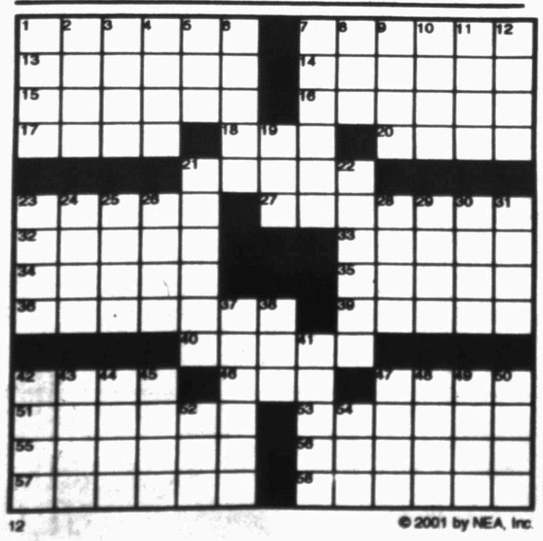
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2 Mud
3 Prepare tea
4 — of March
5 "Win — Stein's Money"
6 Construct
7 Tropical lizard
8 Disfigure
9 Cry of a lamb
10 Nevada city
11 E pluribus —
12 Assuage (pain)
19 Ad —
21 Calm
22 Naval petty officer
23 "So sorry!"
24 Alter
25 Believe — — not
26 Birthmarks
28 Writer Bellow
29 Military abbr.
30 Costa —
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37 Former V.P., John Nance —
38 WWII area
41 "A Doll's House" author
42 Sacred Egyptian bull
43 Climbing plant
44 South American Indian
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50 Actress Deborah —
52 "Verb" and
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SPORTS

Games halted in wake of attacks

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

Major league baseball postponed its entire schedule of 15 games for the second straight day Wednesday following terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, and other sports could soon follow with cancellations.

The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon brought professional and college sports to a standstill nationwide and it was unclear when they would resume.

Major league baseball postponed a full schedule of regular-season games for the first time since D-Day in 1944, many college football games were called off and the NFL was deciding whether to play Sunday.

Baseball, with just 21/2 weeks remaining in its pennant races, perhaps was most affected. Teams are fighting for playoff berths and Barry Bonds hopes to hit eight more home runs to break Mark McGwire's record of 70.

Besides work stoppages, it was the first time baseball postponed two straight days of games since cutting the 1918 season short by almost a month because of World War I.

"Given the continuing national horror and the many significant challenges faced by our government, our cities and our citizens, I believe it is appropriate to postpone all major league baseball games for Wednesday," commissioner Bud Selig said. "I will continue to monitor the situation daily as to all remaining games."

The NFL, criticized for playing after President Kennedy's assassination in 1963, wasn't sure whether to play this weekend's schedule.

"We'll gather information and speak to several parties within the next 24 to 48 hours," league spokesman Joe Browne said.

College football commissioners considered postponing the weekend's entire schedule. Three games set for Thursday night and four on Saturday were postponed, including No. 13 Washington at No. 1 Miami.

"The games themselves are insignificant in the face of everything that has happened today," NCAA president Cedric Dempsey said.

Commissioners of the NCAA's Division I-A conferences, including the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern, held a conference call to discuss their options for staging this weekend's football games. There were 116 Division I games scheduled for Thursday through Saturday. The ACC postponed all sports through Thursday.

Three Thursday night games were called off: Texas Tech at Texas-El Paso was tentatively pushed back to Saturday; Ohio at North Carolina State was rescheduled for Nov. 24; and Penn State at Virginia was not immediately rescheduled.

Saturday's Washington-Miami game might be played Nov. 24. Other games wiped out that day include Arizona State-UCLA at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. (might be played Dec. 1); San Diego State at Ohio State (rescheduled for Oct. 20); and Brown at San Diego (canceled).

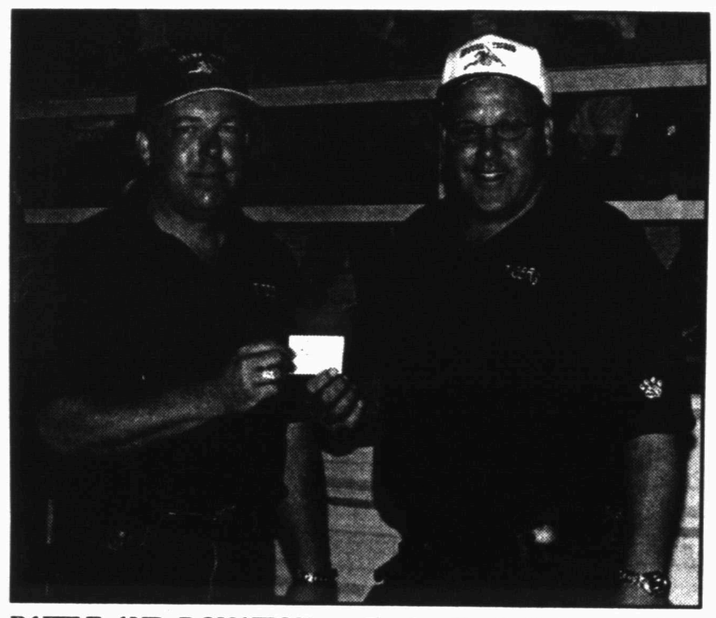
Also:

— The PGA Tour canceled Thursday's starts of the World Golf Championship and two other tournaments. Commissioner Tim Finchem said the World Golf Championship in St. Louis will begin Friday with 36 holes.

The Tampa Bay Classic will open with 18 holes each on Friday and Saturday and a 36-hole conclusion. The same schedule has been applied to the Buy.com Tour event in Oregon. The Senior Tour will remain on schedule, with a 54-hole event that starts Friday in North Carolina.

— NASCAR canceled Friday's qualifying for the New Hampshire 300 in Louden but made no decision concerning the race itself. The Indy Racing League will decide Wednesday on the status of Sunday's Chevy 500 at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth.

— Major League Soccer postponed all four of Wednesday night's games. In Columbus, Ohio, the U.S. Women's Cup doubleheader involving the United States against Japan and Germany vs. China was canceled.



RAFFLE AND DONATION — Snyder Football Booster Club president Steve Rich, left, congratulates Jerry Pechacek who won Friday's raffle for a $10,000 CD. Pechacek, father of SHS senior linebacker Justin Pechacek, donated the winning ticket back to the booster club in memory of the late Charles (Sonny) Payne, his former business partner at Mesquite Oil Tool. (SDN Staff Photo)

District 4-4A Statistical Leaders

Offense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Snyder	736	43	779	389.5	77
Frenship	265	105	370	370.0	33
Big Spring	143	207	350	350.0	25
Lake View	272	281	553	276.5	21
Plainview	171	207	378	189.0	24
Andrews	207	139	346	173.0	7
Estacado	78	53	131	131.0	13
Levelland	48	65	113	113.0	0
Defense	**Rushing**	**Passing**	**Total**	**Average**	**Points**
Snyder	195	91	286	143.0	7
Frenship	153	64	217	217.0	6
Andrews	316	121	437	218.5	26
Estacado	101	131	232	232.0	7
Levelland	185	65	250	250.0	30
Lake View	413	188	601	300.5	40
Plainview	349	267	616	308.0	28
Big Spring	355	16	371	371.0	28

Rushing	Carries	Yards	Average	TDs
Eric Robbins, Frenship	27	193	7.1	3
Jammall Pruitt, Snyder	26	173	6.7	4
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	45	142	3.2	1
Josh Montoya, Snyder	12	131	10.9	0
Dustin Wright, Lake View	5	104	20.8	1
Clay Williams, Snyder	7	96	13.7	1
Billy Pena, Snyder	14	95	6.8	0
Wade Pinson, Snyder	2	90	45.0	1
T.J. Jones, Snyder	12	75	6.3	2
Brady Haygood, Andrews	28	71	2.5	1

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TDs
Kyle Miller, Plainview	10	23	207	3	1
Tye Butler, Big Spring	11	13	207	0	2
Brant Dendle, Lake View	23	37	174	1	0
Ryan Newbrough, Andrews	11	31	139	1	0
Kris Kelley, Frenship	5	15	105	3	2
Eric Fornter, Levelland	9	14	65	1	0
Daryl Wilkerson, Estacado	4	13	53	0	0
T.J. Jones, Snyder	4	6	43	0	2

Receiving	Catches	Yards	Average	TDs
Brandon Mendoza, Big Spring	5	111	22.2	0
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	2	103	51.5	1
Ryan Lancaster, Lake View	5	94	18.8	0
Jouric Wideman, Plainview	3	78	26.0	0
David Thomas, Frenship	4	77	19.3	2
Matt Owen, Lake View	6	54	9.0	0
Eric Chavez, Big Spring	1	51	51.0	1
Brant Dendle, Lake View	1	35	35.0	0
Michael Gardea, Lake View	2	35	17.5	0
Greg Glasson, Andrews	2	31	15.5	0

Kicking	FGM/FGA	XPM/XPA	Points
Isaac Ramon, Snyder	0-0	11-11	11
Daniel Gomez, Plainview	1-1	1-2	4
Brandon John, Lake View	0-1	3-3	3
Chris Mandrell, Frenship	0-0	3-4	3

Punting	Punts	Yards	Average
Josh Kelley, Frenship	2	79	38.0
Dustin Wright, Lake View	9	331	36.8
Tye Bawcom, Levelland	7	247	35.3
Mark Gonzales, Estacado	7	245	35.0
Justin Raymer, Plainview	12	396	33.0
Joe Barnes, Andrews	6	189	31.5
Ryan Newbrough, Andrews	7	208	29.7
Isaac Ramon, Snyder	2	51	25.5

Punt returns	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
Brandon Mendoza, Big Spring	1	18	18.0	0
David Thomas, Frenship	3	51	17.0	0
Jouric Wideman, Plainview	1	11	11.0	0

Kickoff returns	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
David Kessler, Andrews	1	63	63.0	0
Eric Gray, Lake View	2	54	27.0	0
Justin Raymer, Plainview	4	80	20.0	0

Scoring	TDs	Points
Jammall Pruitt, Snyder	4	24
Eric Robbins, Frenship	3	18
David Thomas, Frenship	2	12
T.J. Jones, Snyder	2	12
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	2	12
Isaac Ramon, Snyder	0	11

Interceptions	No.	Ret. Yds	TDs
Butch Avery, Estacado	1	48	0
Eberado Martinez, Plainview	1	31	0
Jouric Wideman, Plainview	1	23	0
Wade Pinson, Snyder	1	22	0
David Kessler, Andrews	1	20	0
Justin Pechacek, Snyder	1	6	0
Chris Richburg, Frenship	1	0	0

Defense	Tackles	Avg./Game
Calvin Scholten, Plainview	25	12.5
Mike Mason, Lake View	23	11.5
Brant McAdams, Plainview	22	11.0
Justin Pechacek, Snyder	19.5	9.8
Eberado Martinez, Plainview	18	9.0
Brian Frantrum, Lake View	15.5	7.8
Brandon Woods, Plainview	15	7.5
Chad Ross, Plainview	15	7.5
K.C. White, Andrews	15	7.5
Brody Wright, Frenship	15	15.0

High School Football Poll

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

Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
Class 5A			
1. Austin Westlake (17)	2-0	194	1
2. Tyler John Tyler (1)	2-0	176	3
3. Lufkin (1)	1-0	150	4
4. Aldine Eisenhower	1-0	138	5
5. The Woodlands (1)	1-0	115	6
6. Arlington Lamar	1-0	77	8
7. Galena Park N. Shore	1-0	67	9
8. Copperas Cove	1-0	53	10
9. Midland Lee	1-1	38	2
10. Plano East	2-0	30	x

DROPPED OUT: Duncanville.
Also receiving votes: Flower Mound Marcus 12, Converse Judson 10, Mesquite 6, San Antonio Churchill 5, Katy 4, Lewisville 4, Longview 4, San Antonio Madison 4, Donna 3, Duncanville 3, San Antonio Harlandale 3, San Antonio Marshall 2, Abilene Cooper 1, Tyler Lee 1.

Class 4A			
1. Bay City (12)	2-0	191	1
2. Ennis (4)	1-0	173	3
3. Denton Ryan (4)	1-0	168	2
4. Corpus Christi Calallen	2-0	124	7
5. Killeen Harker Heights	1-0	92	8
6. Corsicana	1-0	82	9
7. Stephenville	1-1	70	10
8. West Orange-Stark	0-1	33	4
9. Brownwood	2-0	29	x
10. La Marque	1-1	27	6

DROPPED OUT: San Antonio Roosevelt.
Also receiving votes: San Antonio Roosevelt 21, Smithson Valley 21, Highland Park 11, San Marcos 10, Southlake Carroll 10, Beaumont Ozen 8, Texas City 8, Greenville 7, Waco University 5, Hays Consolidated 4, Henderson 3, Brenham 2, Kerrville Tivy 1.

Class 3A			
1. Forney (19)	2-0	199	1
2. Commerce	1-0	156	2
3. Abilene Wylie	2-0	146	4
4. La Grange (1)	1-1	133	3
5. Everman	1-0	108	5
6. Sinton	1-0	83	6
7. Sweetwater	2-0	71	8
8. Cameron Yoe	2-0	61	9
9. China Spring	1-0	54	10
10. Lindale	2-0	18	x

DROPPED OUT: Newton.
Also receiving votes: Newton 10, Graham 8, Gladewater 5, Gainesville 4, La Vernia 4, Midland Greenwood 4, Sealy 4, Sweeny 4, Atlanta 3, Diboll 3, La Feria 3, Lake Worth 3, Lamesa 3, Aledo 2, Altair Rice 2, Ballinger 2, Bandera 2, Elgin 2, Denver City 1, Falfurrias 1, Muleshoe 1.

Class 2A			
1. Celina (20)	2-0	200	1
2. Arp	1-0	172	4
3. Pilot Point	2-0	140	6
4. Farmersville	1-0	122	7
5. Mart	1-1	98	8
6. Rogers	2-0	76	9
7. Garrison	2-0	69	10
8. Refugio	0-1	38	3
9. Spearman	1-0	36	x
10. Sonora	1-1	32	2

DROPPED OUT: Corrigan-Camden.
Also receiving votes: Corrigan-Camden 25, Elysian Fields 14, Alto 11, Hemphill 10, Comanche 9, Albany 7, Blanco 6, Floydada 6, Poth 6, Big Sandy 5, Stanton 5, Jarrell 4, Bangs 2, Hardin 2, Brazos 1, Hico 1, Holliday 1.

Class A			
1. Stratford (19)	1-0	199	1
2. Roscoe	2-0	174	2
3. Windthorst (1)	1-0	146	3
4. Shiner	1-0	133	4
5. Beckville	1-0	107	5
6. Rankin	2-0	90	6
7. Celeste	1-0	76	7
8. Iraan	1-0	46	9
9. Collinsville	1-1	36	8
10. Nazareth	2-0	27	10

DROPPED OUT: None.
Also receiving votes: Wortham 13, Bremond 9, Charlotte 9, Mount Enterprise 7, Petrolia 7, Chico 6, Iola 4, Mildred 3, Paducah 3, Bosqueville 2, Rice 1, Robert Lee 1, White Deer 1.

Sports Briefs

Hunter education class

A course in hunter education will be held Saturday and Sunday. All hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must complete the course.

Students 12 years of age or older will receive a hunter education certificate. Students under 12 receive a certificate of attendance, but must take the course again for proper certification.

Cost of the course is $10 and class size is limited. For more information, or to pre-register call Gene or Nancy Bowlin at 573-2323.

Volleyball tourney

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Ministry will host a co-ed volleyball tournament Saturday. For more information, call Luis Alaniz at 573-7321.

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Players need to register in the pro shop by 5:30.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format is queen of the hill.

Injury ends Flowers' career

AUSTIN (AP) — A kidney injury will force Texas receiver Montrell Flowers to give up his football career.

Flowers, who had two touchdown catches in the opener, was hit while trying to catch a pass in the third quarter of Saturday's 44-14 win over North Carolina.

During treatment for the injury, it was discovered that Flowers has only one kidney.

"Because that kidney now has been injured, it's not safe for him to continue to play football," UT trainer Tom McVan said. "He will be able to resume an athletic life, but it's not safe for him to participate in a collision sport."

Flowers, a senior, is expected to continue running track.

"I'm really disappointed that I am not going to be able to continue my football career," Flowers said in a statement. "The entire team is really excited about this season and I'm sorry I won't be able to be on the field to meet our goals.

Also, fourth-string kicker Matt McFadden quit the team Tuesday, five weeks after he was arrested in Coppell on charges that he was involved in the distribution and taking of nude photographs of a 17-year-old girl.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	78	64	.549	—
Philadelphia	75	68	.525	3½
New York	71	73	.493	8
Florida	66	77	.461	12½
Montreal	61	82	.427	17½
Central Division				
Houston	84	59	.587	—
St. Louis	79	64	.552	5
Chicago	78	65	.545	6
Milwaukee	63	81	.438	21½
Cincinnati	58	86	.403	26½
Pittsburgh	55	88	.385	29
West Division				
Arizona	81	62	.566	—
San Francisco	80	64	.556	1½
Los Angeles	78	65	.545	3
San Diego	70	73	.489	11
Colorado	62	80	.437	18½

Tuesday's Games
All games, ppd.

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia (Person 14-6) at Atlanta (Burkett 11-10), 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Hamilton 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 10-6), 2:20 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 0-4) at Florida (Sanchez 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Appier 8-10) at Pittsburgh (D.Williams 2-6), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 1-2) at Houston (Reynolds 11-10), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Hermanson 12-12) at Milwaukee (Suzuki 5-11), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 13-11) at Arizona (Lopez 3-5), 9:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 10-4) at San Diego (Jarvis 11-10), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Montreal at Florida, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
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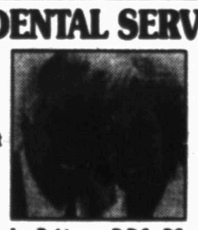
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New York	86	57	.601	—
Boston	72	69	.511	13
Toronto	70	73	.489	16
Baltimore	55	87	.387	30½
Tampa Bay	50	93	.350	36
Central Division				
Cleveland	82	62	.569	—
Minnesota	76	68	.528	6
Chicago	74	70	.514	8
Detroit	57	86	.399	24½
Kansas City	57	86	.399	24½
West Division				
Seattle	104	40	.722	—
Oakland	87	57	.604	17
Anaheim	73	71	.507	31
Texas	66	78	.458	38

Tuesday's Games
All games, ppd.

Wednesday's Games
Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.
Minnesota (Radke 12-9) at Detroit (Weaver 11-14), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 6-6) at Baltimore (Johnson 10-11), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Fossum 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 8-11), 7:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 6-6) at Kansas City (Durbin 7-14), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 11-9) at Oakland (Lidle 10-6), 10:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 13-5) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 10-9), 10:05 p.m.

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Cell phone calls give first look at passengers' horror

FORT WORTH (AP) — Cellular phone calls made from two hijacked American Airlines planes before they crashed revealed the first glimpse of the horror passengers endured.

Callers reported being forced to the back of the plane by hijackers armed with knives, in some cases stabbing flight attendants. American Airlines officials said Tuesday that two of their planes carrying 158 people crashed in apparent terrorist attacks, but would not confirm one crashed into the World Trade Center and the other at the Pentagon.

Government and industry officials say at least one flight attendant and two passengers called from three of the planes, two of them American Airlines crafts, as they were being forced down in New York and Washington.

According to the airline, Flight 11 from Boston to Los Angeles was a Boeing 767 carrying 81 passengers, nine flight attendants and two pilots. Flight 77 from Dulles Airport near Washington to Los Angeles was a Boeing 757 carrying 58 passengers, four flight attendants and two pilots.

An American spokesman could not explain why the passengers on the two flights totaled 156, other than to say 158 passengers was the most up-to-date information.

Law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Flight 77 hit the Pentagon.

Danny Defenbaugh, special agent in charge of the FBI in Dallas, said American Airlines' corporate security chief called the FBI in Dallas after the first plane hit the World Trade Center to say that an aircraft was in trouble. He said they later heard from American that a second plane was in trouble.

Flight 11 crashed into the trade center's north tower at 8:45 a.m., 18 minutes before a United Airlines plane hit the south tower.

An American statement says all the airline's flights, including American Eagle and TWA, have been accounted for and are safe, except for the two jets that crashed. All scheduled flights were canceled until at least noon today.

"We are horrified by these tragic events," said American chief executive Don Carty. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of all involved."

Airline officials mobilized about 350 employees to assist victims' families. The care team members, dispatched immediately after the airline learned of the crashes, went to the departure and destination airports and local command centers.

A large bouquet was displayed in the lobby of the airline's headquarters in Fort Worth along with a placard that read: "With deepest sympathy to those involved in today's tragedies."

American said it will give $25,000 to each victim's family. "We will provide that as quickly as we can work with the families to get that done," spokeswoman Laura Mayo said.

A fourth hijacked plane crashed north of the Somerset County airport, about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

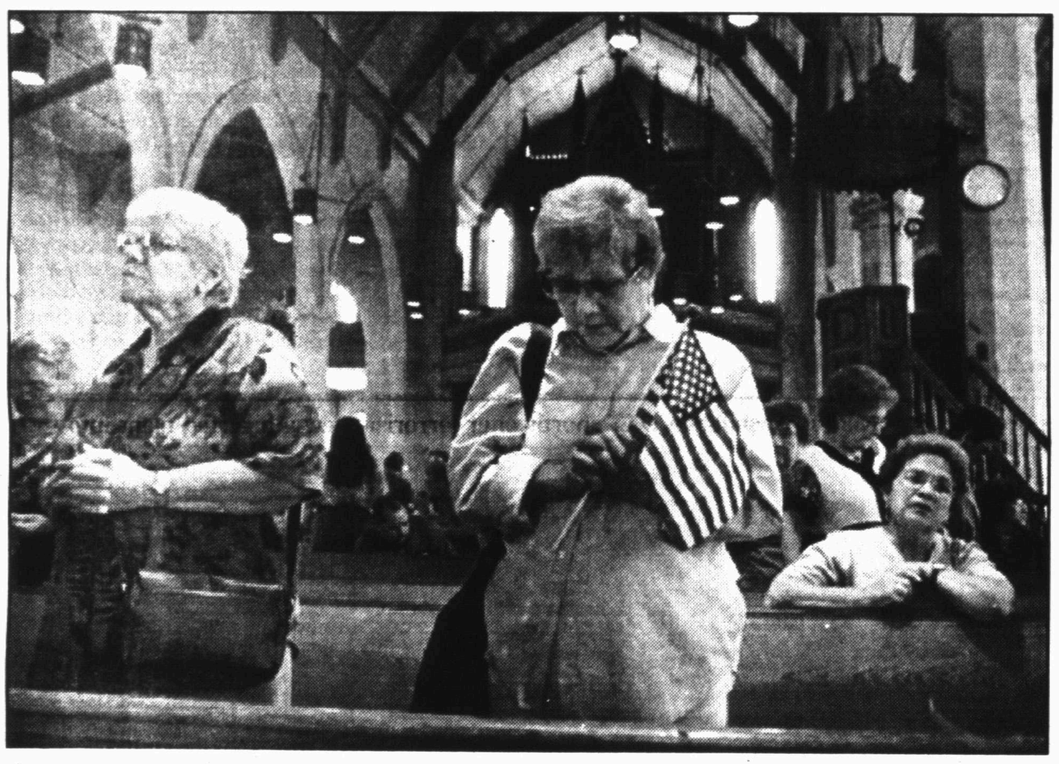
American usually releases a passenger list once it has contacted the families of crash victims. But because of the unusual nature of these crashes, officials couldn't say when information would be available.

This is the worst tragedy for American since June 1, 1999, when Flight 1420 overran a runway while landing in a storm at Little Rock, Ark., killing 11 of 145 people on board.

On May 25, 1979, 275 people were killed when an American DC-10 crashed on takeoff in Chicago.



DEADLY EXPLOSIONS — A woman reacts to a third explosion at the World Trade Center. Both towers collapsed some time after terrorists flew two hijacked planes into them. (AP Photo)



SOLEMN TIME — Aurora Norton, center, clutches a U.S. flag as she prays at San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio during a special noon Mass Tuesday. She said her niece works in the Pentagon, which was also attacked Tuesday. (AP Photo)

Country could face recession if consumer spending slows

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States could very well be propelled into recession should the economy's life blood— consumer spending — dry up in the wake of terrorist attacks on the nation's business and government hubs, private economists say.

Tuesday's attacks in New York City and in the nation's capital intensified economists' greatest fear and one of the biggest dangers facing the economy: that consumers, who have been the main force keeping the economy afloat, will sharply cut their spending and throw the United States into its first recession in 11 years.

"We need to wipe earlier economic forecasts clear off the table and put a new one together," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo. "Hopes are gone for a recovery in the fourth quarter."

Even before the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the economy was in bad shape, showing the toll of a year-long slump. The economy barely grew in the second quarter, expanding at an annual rate of just 0.2 percent, its weakest performance in eight years.

And last week's news that the country's unemployment rate shot up to 4.9 percent in August, as job losses in manufacturing climbed above 1 million, rekindled recession fears and made some economists worry that the current quarter could turn out to be a lot weaker than many had thought.

Still, many economists continued to hope that the Federal Reserve's seven interest rate cuts this year and tax-rebate checks totaling nearly $40 billion would help the economy return to better rates of growth later this year. Now analysts aren't nearly as hopeful.

"Given that they hit the nerve center of a lot of markets and businesses ... I'd be surprised to see any real economic recovery before March of next year," said Clifford Waldman of Waldman Associates.

Worries over whether consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity, will hang tough or collapse could be exacerbated depending on how financial markets react when they are opened, economists said.

The major stock exchanges were shut down Tuesday and officials said that the New York Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq Stock Market and the American Stock Exchange would remain closed on today.

But President Bush sought to bolster the nation's confidence. "Our financial institutions remain strong, and the American economy will be open for business as well," he said in a TV address Tuesday evening.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, who was in Japan when the attacks occurred, also expressed confidence the United States' financial system would weather the current crisis.

"Our nation's financial markets are strong and resilient," O'Neill said Tuesday. "In the face of today's tragedy, the financial system functioned extraordinarily well, and I have every confidence that it will continue to do so in the days ahead."

Against the backdrop of the new uncertainties facing the economy, analysts said there's a much greater chance that Fed policy-makers might opt to cut short-term rates for an eighth time this year — before their next scheduled meeting on Oct. 2.

"I think the odds are high that they will respond to this by lowering interest rates before the October meeting," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

"When it's all said and done, the economic impact of the attacks will be determined by how people and businesses respond," Zandi said. "If they don't panic and cut spending and they work through this, then this will be just an asterisk in our economic history. But if consumers and businesses freeze, it will have a very debilitating impact and the attacks will go down in history as the main cause of the 2001 economic recession."

The attacks disrupted business throughout the country. Stock trading was halted. Air travel was paralyzed. Business meetings were canceled and people were sent home from work.

But economist Ken Mayland of ClearView Economics said he is optimistic that the fallout will be temporary.

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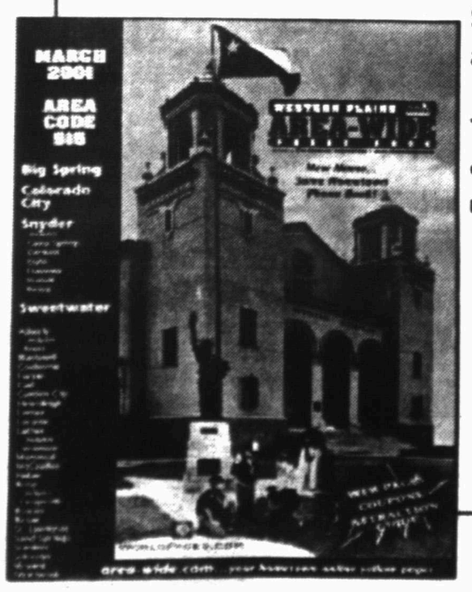
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LIKE A WAR ZONE — New York City firemen gather around the rubble of the base of the World Trade Center, the site of a devastating terrorism attack Tuesday. (AP Photo)

Government probe focuses on Bin Laden

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is using intelligence intercepts, last-minute cell phone calls from jet crash victims and search warrants to assemble early evidence linking the worst terrorist attacks on American soil to Saudi exile Osama bin Laden.

One investigative focus was in Florida, where agents sought search warrants amid evidence that suspected sympathizers of the accused terrorist were operating in the area, officials said.

"Everything is pointing in the direction of Osama bin Laden," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

A flight manifest from one of the ill-fated flights included the name of a suspected bin Laden supporter. And U.S. intelligence intercepted communications between bin Laden supporters discussing Tuesday's attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon, Hatch told The Associated Press.

"They have an intercept of some information that included people associated with bin Laden who acknowledged a couple of targets were hit," he said. Hatch declined to be more specific.

Officials cautioned it was too early to definitively assign blame but said early evidence was pointing toward bin Laden.

Ruling Taliban leaders in Afghanistan, where bin Laden is believed to be hiding, said they doubted the wealthy Arab could have been behind the attacks. Bin Laden previously has been tied to terrorist attacks against Americans overseas.

Whatever the case, each detail gathered in the hours immediately after the breathtaking devastation in New York and Washington pointed toward a carefully planned plot executed by knife-wielding hijackers to ensure the maximum casualties at two of Americas most famous landmarks.

Law enforcement officials told the AP that early evidence suggested the attackers may have studied how to operate large aircraft and targeted transcontinental flights with large fuel supplies to ensure spectacular explosions — and maximum destruction.

Thousands were believed dead in New York and Washington.

"These heinous acts of violence are an assault on the security of our nation," Attorney General John Ashcroft declared as thousands of federal investigators fanned out across the country pursuing leads.

"We will expend every effort and devote all the necessary resources to bring the people responsible for these acts, these crimes, to justice," he said.

Farewell phone calls from passengers and at least one flight attendant on the four targeted flights described a similar pattern: hijackers working in groups of three to five, wielding knives, in some cases stabbing flight crews as they took control of the cockpit and forced the planes toward their intended targets.

One of the passengers was Barbara Olson, the wife of Solicitor General Theodore Olson, who called her husband as the hijacking was occurring. She was aboard American Airlines Flight 77 that left Washington Dulles International Airport heading for Los Angeles but which eventually crashed into the Pentagon.

Olson told her husband the attackers had used knifelike instruments to take over the plane, and forced passengers to the back.

"She called from the plane while it was being hijacked. I wish it wasn't so but it is," Theodore Olson said.

A father in Easton, Conn., received a similar harrowing call from his adult son, who was flying with his wife and child on a plane that left Boston and eventually crashed into the World Trade Center.

Lee Hanson told authorities his son Peter called twice in short cell phone calls that cut off. In the first call, the businessman said a flight attendant had been stabbed. In the second call, the son said his plane was going down, law enforcement officials said.

"He called to his parents' home, and so in that way they were together in that moment," the Rev. Bonnie Bardot told a memorial service held Tuesday night in Easton.

A flight attendant aboard the second jetliner that struck the World Trade Center managed to call an emergency number from the back of the airplane, an American Airlines source said. The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the flight attendant reported her fellow attendants had been stabbed, the cabin had been taken over and they were going down in New York.

And a San Francisco woman told KTVU-TV that her son, Mark Bingham, 31, called her from aboard United Airlines Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania. "We've been taken over. There are three men that say they have a bomb," Alice Hoglan quoted her son as saying.

Hatch and several law enforcement officials confirmed they had linked at least one of the suspected hijackers who showed up on one of the flights' manifests to bin Laden's organization.

The FBI was seeking search warrants in Broward County in southern Florida and Daytona Beach in central Florida. A car was towed by authorities at one of those locations.

Other leads were being pursued. Authorities examined a van seized in New York for possible clues, while a car found at the Boston airport where one of the planes was hijacked reportedly contained an Arabic language flight manual.



AFTERMATH — A helicopter flies over the Pentagon in Washington D.C. shortly after terrorists flew a hijacked plant into the building Tuesday morning. (AP Photo)

Air Force F-16s are patrolling skies over Washington D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air Force F-16s patrolled the skies over Washington, Navy warships were sent to Manhattan and military commanders ordered forces on highest alert after Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

President Bush, in an Oval Office address, vowed to find those responsible. "We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them," he said.

At a Pentagon briefing earlier, Joint Chiefs Chairman Henry H. Shelton said, "I have no intention of discussing what comes next. But make no mistake about it, your armed forces are ready."

Some 10 hours before that briefing, a Boeing 757 plowed into the Pentagon, after two hijacked airliners had struck the towers of New York's World Trade Center.

But what would happen next — including potential retaliatory strikes — wasn't exactly clear.

President Bush put U.S. forces around the globe on the highest possible alert, "Threatcon Delta."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld denied that U.S. forces were responsible for the explosions heard Tuesday night near Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan. "In no way is the U.S. government connected," he said at the Pentagon briefing.

A senior defense official said the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, which was due to come home from the Persian Gulf, was ordered to remain in the area indefinitely. A second carrier, the USS Carl Vinson, remains in the area as well, the official said.

Officials at military sites across the country reported that only essential military personnel would be permitted on their bases. All unnecessary military flights were canceled, and the North American Aerospace Defense Command took steps to protect the military's computer systems from hackers, a spokesman said.

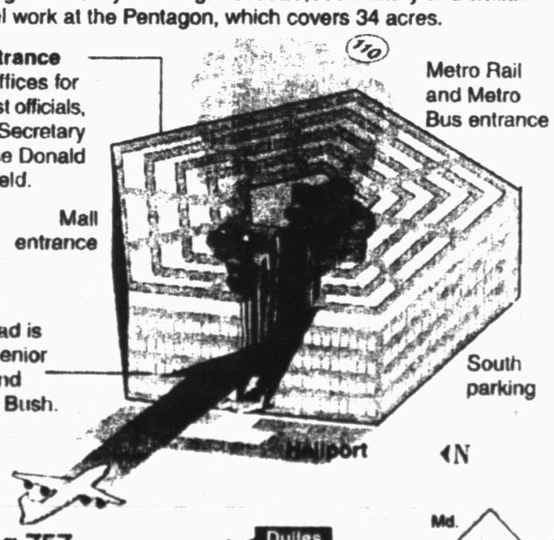
Around the country, fighters, airborne radar and refueling planes were scrambled, according to an Air National Guard spokesman at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

NORAD was also on its highest alert.

"We have all of our air sovereignty aircraft — fighters, surveillance and other support aircraft — ready to respond," NORAD said in a statement.

Attack on the Pentagon

A hijacked Boeing 757 plane carrying 58 passengers crashed into the Pentagon Tuesday morning. About 20,000 military and civilian personnel work at the Pentagon, which covers 34 acres.



Boeing 757

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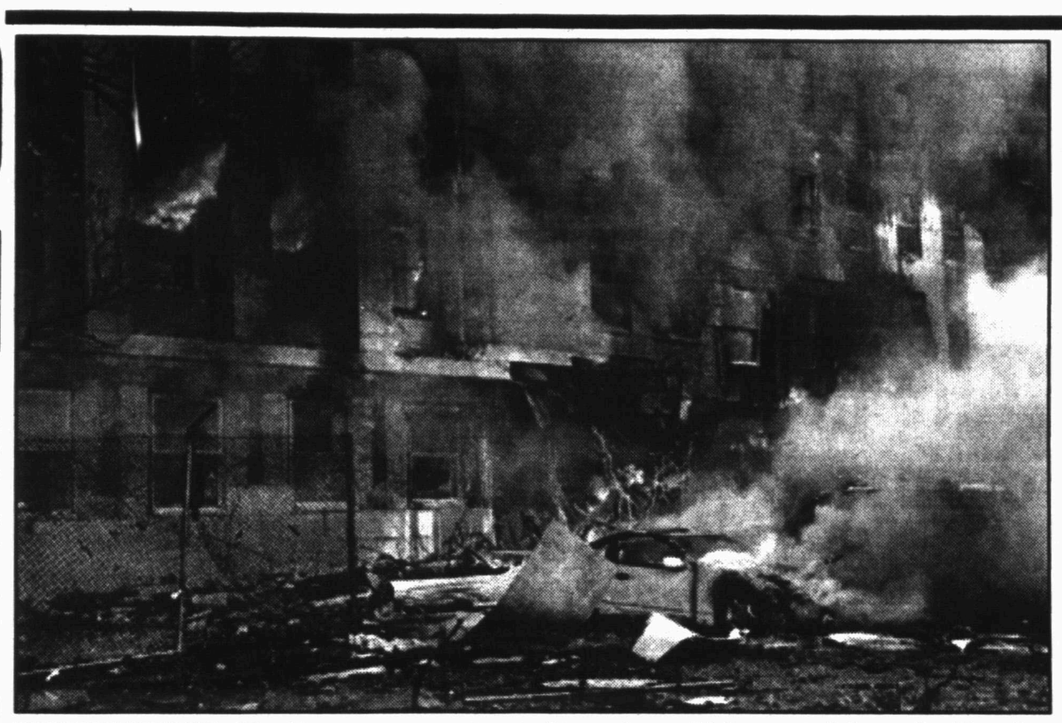
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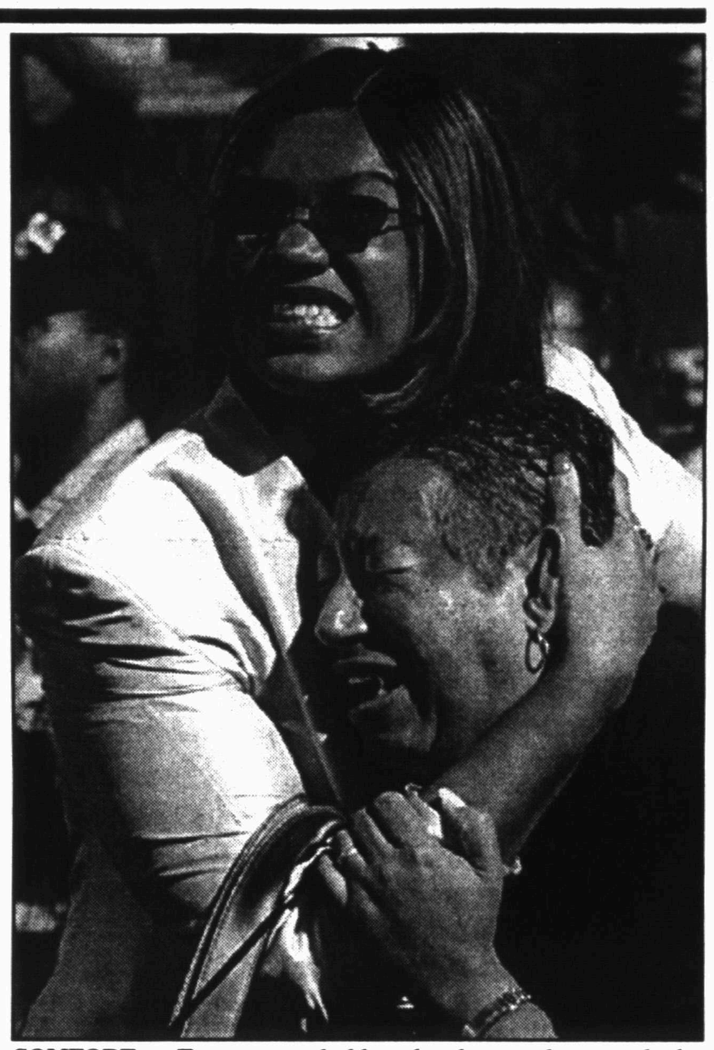


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COMFORT — Two women hold each other as they watch the World Trade Center burn following a terrorism attack on the twin skyscrappers in New York City on Tuesday. (AP Photo)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Are symptoms stress-related?

DEAR DR. GOTT: For more than a year, I've suffered attacks of lightheadedness, shortness of breath, total body weakness, nausea and tremors. An MRI, CT scan, Holter monitor and blood tests were normal. The diagnosis to date is autonomic dysfunction with the possibility of migraines.

I have not responded to several medications. The concept of a normal life has become a memory. Where do I turn next?

DEAR READER: Your array of complaints (and normal tests) do not suggest a ready diagnosis, although malfunction of the autonomic nerve system (nerves not under your conscious control) is certainly a possibility.

In circumstances like this, in which physical disease seems remote, the prudent physician would consider a non-physical cause for your symptoms. For example, extreme stress could cause shortness of breath and hyperventilation that, in turn, lead to lightheadedness, weakness, tingling of your extremities, shakiness and nausea. In other words, the spells you describe could have an emotional basis.

To investigate this likelihood, you and your doctor must work together. Meticulously analyze any factor that precedes your symptoms. Do they occur in any identifiable pattern? Are they predictable? What can you do to make them worse? Better? Do some symptoms follow others? Are the attacks always the same?

The answers to these and other questions should help you both to uncover the cause of your problem. If stress or emotional upset does seem to trigger your spells, you and your physician can decide how best to treat these symptoms; stress-counseling or anti-anxiety medicines may return your life to normal.

In the event you are unable to establish a stress-related pattern, I suggest you request a referral to a diagnostic clinic in a teaching hospital, where super-specialists welcome the opportunity to identify unusual afflictions.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of extensive cysts and damage to my right kidney, I had it removed two years ago. Soon afterward, I began retaining fluid, resulting in a puffy face, legs, ankles and feet. Other than diuretics, what would relieve this edema? My remaining kidney is also full of cysts.

DEAR READER: You have been left with one kidney that is malfunctioning. Therefore, you are unable to rid your body of wastes and excess fluid that have accumulated in your tissues.

Although diuretics (kidney stimulants) would certainly help reduce this edema, I am concerned that chronic use of such medicine may damage your remaining kidney and cause renal failure.

Because you have a serious affliction, called polycystic kidneys, I believe that you should be under the care of a nephrologist. Such a renal specialist can advise you about diet, drugs and other methods to salvage your remaining kidney. Most important, irrespective of your tendency to retain fluid, your kidney function must be carefully monitored; sooner or later, you may need dialysis or a transplant.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with a skin condition called lichen sclerosis, for which my dermatologist gives me frequent cortisone shots into the damaged areas. What is this disease?

DEAR READER: Lichen sclerosis is a common, chronic skin disorder of unknown cause, marked by white, flat pimples with red outer rings and hard, black center plugs. Over time, the lesions tend to coalesce into large, pale patches of thin, itchy skin that often affect the external genitalia of men and women. The affliction is not dangerous, but it is bothersome because of the itching and inflammation. Cortisone injections may lessen symptoms but are not curative.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North		
	♠ 8 5 4		
	♥ 7 6 2		
	♦ A K Q 9 8		
	♣ Q 3		
West		**East**	
♠ J 10 7 6		♠ 9 2	
♥ Q J		♥ 10 9 8 5 4	
♦ 6 3		♦ 10 4 2	
♣ A K J 9 4		♣ 10 7 6	
	South		
	♠ A K Q 3		
	♥ A K 3		
	♦ J 7 5		
	♣ 8 5 2		

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Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
	1 ♣	1 ♦	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

At trick four, South ruffed his club loser in the dummy; then he cashed his three top trumps. "Unlucky" — East discarded on the last. Now South shifted to diamonds, yet West ruffed the third and exited with a club. South lost trick 13 to East's heart 10: one down.

South shouldn't have been greedy. He should have immediately attacked trumps, but ducked the first or second round. What can the defenders do then? Nothing. Declarer wins whatever comes back (perhaps by ruffing a club in the dummy), pulls the remaining trumps, and runs the diamonds.

I always thought that sentence was one of Shakespeare's, but it is in St. Matthew's gospel.

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Superintendent's Corner

By Gayle Lomax, Superintendent

If you have been in either Northeast or East Elementary this school year then perhaps you have noticed the newly installed air-conditioning systems. West Elementary is targeted for a similar heating/AC project this spring. All three of these projects have been accomplished due primarily to mineral increases in our taxing base.

There are several other projects that must be addressed that relate to the basic infrastructure of the Snyder schools. To this end, the Snyder ISD will be filing an RFA to the Texas Education Agency for the School Repair and Renovation Grant Program. Eligible applicants may apply for not less than $10,000 but not more than $1,000,000.

School repair and Renovation funds may be used to help local education agencies make repairs to and renovate their school buildings to ensure the health and safety of students and school staff. Repairs and renovations may include repairing, replacing or installing roofs, electrical wiring, plumbing, or sewage systems (including insulation), and bringing public schools into compliance with fire and safety codes. In order to prioritize our requests, I am asking each concerned citizen to take a few minutes and respond to my office in writing and identify what you believe should be our first priority.

Upgrade Electrical Wiring	Estimated Cost	Priority Rating
High School	$1,265,000	_____
Jr. High	660,000	_____
East	365,000	_____
West	445,000	_____
Northeast	385,000	_____
Stanfield	326,000	_____
Central	300,000	_____
Heating and Air Conditioning		
High School	1,545,000	_____
Jr. High	805,934	_____
Stanfield	351,141	_____
Roofing		
New roof East	$300,000	_____
New roof Northeast	$350,000	_____
New roof Travis gym	$20,000	_____

COMMENTS_____

Please mark your 1, 2, and 3 priorities and any comments and return this form to the superintendent's office at 2901 37th Street or you may mail it to:

Gayle Lomax
Superintendent of Schools
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I want to thank you in advance for assisting us as we try to qualify for grant money to refurbish our schools.

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001

If you must lose a trick, accept it

By Phillip Alder

What is the origin of the following quote?

Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's.

Unless you are playing in a pair tournament (where overtricks are important), your top priority as declarer should be the contract's safety. If insuring success requires conceding — rendering unto the opponents — what might prove to be an unnecessary trick, merrily accept that loser.

In this deal, how would you try to make four spades? West starts with two top clubs, then shifts to the heart queen.

The bidding was difficult, but well executed by South. First, he cue-bid to show a strong hand. Then, when his partner didn't rebid in no-trump, South mentioned his strong four-card suit, which was forcing. And after North raised, South decided 10 tricks would be easier to win in four spades than 11 in five diamonds.

There are 10 tricks: three spades, two hearts and five diamonds. But declarer must draw trumps before running the diamonds.

Republicans pressure Gramm to step down from U.S. Senate post

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Some Republicans are "moving heaven and earth" to get Sen. Phil Gramm to resign early so that U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla can be appointed and the GOP's hold on the seat can be assured, party officials say.

Gramm has said he will not step down before his term ends in January 2003, but at least one congressional source told the San Antonio Express-News in today's editions that he believes the senator has changed his mind.

Bexar County Republican Chairman Roy Barrera Jr. says Republicans want Bonilla, an Hispanic, to take Gramm's seat in order to offset any Democratic advantage in the upcoming elections.

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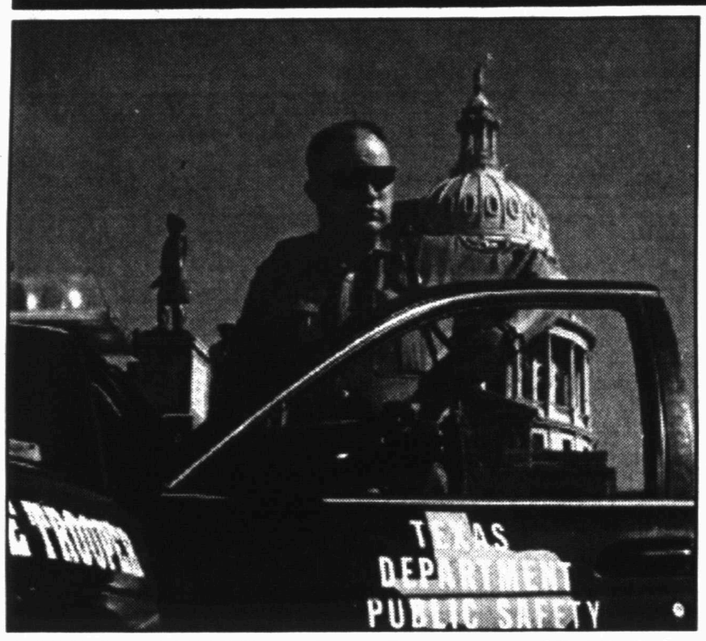
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OFFICES EVACUATED — Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Jason Melson posts a roadblock outside the Texas Capitol on Tuesday in Austin. Office buildings were evacuated as a precaution following Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington. Business resumed as usual today. (AP Photo)

State government to operate normally

AUSTIN (AP) — The workings of state government slowed following terrorist acts in New York and Washington, but Gov. Rick Perry said state offices would be operating on full staff and normal hours today.

Perry, himself, canceled all outside meetings for today. He had been scheduled to make a public appearance in Houston.

"We will look at the schedule day by day as we move forward," Perry said Tuesday.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn had planned to announce today he would run for Phil Gramm's U.S. Senate seat, but instead issued a statement saying the announcement would be postponed.

"Our prayers are with the victims and families affected by these tragedies," Cornyn said.

"This is no time for politics," said Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, who has announced his bid for lieutenant governor but is said to be considering a bid for Gramm's spot.

Political analyst Bill Miller said he did not expect any political announcements for the next week or two.

Talk at the capital for the past week has centered on potential candidates in the U.S. Senate race. Gramm announced last week that he would leave the Senate at the end of his third term next year.

"Any candidate that would rush into announcing their plans and in fact put on display their political ambitions at this time is a complete idiot," Miller said. "This is not the time to display your ambitions. This is a time to mourn."

Miller pointed to statements from both Cornyn's and Dewhurst's campaigns as a sign that while political activity has slowed, it has not stopped.

On Tuesday, the state's emergency management office was operating on escalated response, and security was stepped up around the Texas Capitol complex. Department of Public Safety patrol cars blocked driveways leading to the capitol.

Perry urged calm and said there were no known terrorist threats in Texas.

In Washington, U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, left the Pentagon about 20 minutes before an airplane crashed into the building.

Officers respond to screams; woman upset about attacks

•Disturbance

An unknown caller alerted police to a possible family disturbance in the 2200 block of 41st Street at 10:30 Tuesday night. The caller advised she heard a woman scream loudly from a residence there.

Several officers responded to the call to find that no disturbance had occurred. The officers made contact with a man at the residence who advised his wife became upset after watching news reports of the terrorist attacks in New York City and her having family members there.

•Arrests

A 25-year-old woman was taken into custody at 6:40 p.m. Tuesday for driving with a suspended license. Her vehicle was released to her family.

A 22-year-old man was arrested at 9 p.m. Tuesday in the 2500 block of Ave. M on an outstanding warrant from Kerr County for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

•Accident

Officers responded to the scene of a minor accident at the intersection of 19th Street and Ave. Q just after 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Involved were a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by W.C. McFatridge, 60, of 1811 Ave. O and a 1990 Cadillac driven by Marcos Gutierrez, 17, of 1404 Ave. K. No injuries were reported.

•Assault

A man contacted police just before 10 p.m. Tuesday in reference to his 16-year-old daughter assaulting her mother. Officers responded and made contact with all three parties and with juvenile probation.

The girl was released back to her parents, but all three were advised to meet with the juvenile probation officer today.

•Criminal mischief

Employees at Snyder National Bank requested a close patrol of the bank's facilities in reference to skate boarders using the drive through lanes. Officers initiated a close patrol of the location and bank employees advised they would contact police if they witness more skateboarders.

•Gas drive offs

Three gas drive offs were reported in Snyder Tuesday as hundreds of motorists rushed to fill their tanks after rumors of gas shortages and price increases spread throughout the nation.

A clerk at Tiger Mart reported a drive off in the amount of $30.43. The clerk said a man with a gray beard, driving a late '60s model Chevrolet pickup, did not pay for gasoline.

A clerk from Town and Country East reported a gas drive off by a man in a white extended-cab Ford pickup.

Another drive off was reported by a clerk at McD's. The clerk requested officers attempt to locate a man who left without paying for $20 in gas. Officers contacted the man's wife and he returned to pay.

Inmate escapes from Stiles

BEAUMONT (AP) — A 26-year-old man serving a life sentence for a capital murder conviction escaped from a state prison near Beaumont after leaving a dummy in his prison bed, a prison official said today.

The inmate, Harold Laird, was discovered missing from the Stiles Unit at 6:28 a.m., said Larry Todd, a Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman.

"We found a dummy in the inmates cell that he tried to fashion," Todd said. "We do not know if he is armed or if he had outside assistance," Todd said.

Laird was serving a life sentence for a Harris County slaying on Jan. 14, 1992.

The man escaped by crawling through a light fixture and then went through a pipe chase, which contains electrical wiring, Todd said.

Laird then climbed up an outside drainpipe to the roof.

"We are doing a complete and thorough shakedown of the unit. Tracking dogs have not found any scent outside the perimeter fence," Todd said.

The Stiles Unit is four miles southeast of Beaumont in Jefferson County. The prison handles all custody levels.

The prison has 2,856 inmates and a capacity of 2,897 prisoners. It has 870 employees, 612 of which are security personnel.

Laird was 17 when he was sentenced to life in prison for killing a Channelview man, Douglas Redd, 59, who had helped him and his mother when they were homeless. Redd and a female companion were shot and killed.

Testimony at his trial showed Laird, then 16, led several other youths to the home of Redd and a woman, Sharon Smith, 47, planning to rob them. Redd had befriended Laird and Laird had lived at his home.

Redd was beaten with a baseball bat and prosecutors said Laird decided to kill him and Smith to avoid being identified. Their bodies were found in the home Jan. 15, 1992.

County hires Houston-based law firm

Scurry County commissioners' court this morning unanimously voted to hire a Houston-based law firm to represent it in a suit brought by the Snyder Daily News for repeated violations of Open Meetings Act.

Representatives from the firm of King and Pennington, were scheduled to meet with the court in executive session, but were unable to attend after terrorist attacks shut down the nation's air traffic system.

"I invited them to our meeting today, but because of the horrible tragedy yesterday...their flight was cancelled," County Judge Ricky Fritz said.

Fritz told the court the law firm came highly recommended after talking to people "who needed attorneys in similar matters."

The court did not convene in executive session as planned and adjourned in just five minutes.

Public hearing on appraisal budget slated Thursday

A public hearing concerning the Scurry County Appraisal District's 2002 proposed budget is slated for 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the district office.

The $568,426 budget is almost identical to the current spending plan.

The board of directors will convene in regular session at 9 a.m. to vote on the budget.

The meeting's agenda includes only one item of new business, a mineral valuation contract with Thomas Y. Pickett and Co.

Tiebreaker decides SDN football contest

Last week's SDN Football Contest saw nine entrants with four misses each, making the tiebreaker procedure a necessity for determining the winners.

However, four of the nine correctly picked Snyder over Littlefield and called the 35 total points exactly.

The Football Contest Editor decided that the fair way to solve this dilemma was to combine the prize money and divide it four ways, giving each of the four $22.50.

The four winners were Buck Sitton of 3749 Rose Circle, Christi Williams of 4514 Galveston, Benny Scott of 100 37th and Jacob Cervantez of 3308 Ave. A.

Another contest appears in today's edition.

Obituaries

Ruby Fern Holt

1918-2001

ODESSA — Ruby Fern Holt of Snyder died Monday, Sept. 10, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Graveside service for Mrs. Holt, 83, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

She was born June 8, 1918, she married Alrod Holt on June 30, 1955. He died in 1984.

A resident of Snyder for 30 years, she had been in an Odessa nursing home the past 14 months.

Survivors include her sister, Belle Roberts Speed of Odessa; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren; and two nephews.

Elrena Deel

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ROBY – Elrena Deel of Levelland, a former resident of Roby, died Saturday, Sept. 8.

Funeral service for Mrs. Deel, 94, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First United Methodist Church in Roby with the Revs. Weldon McCormick and Jerry Williams officiating. Burial will follow in the Roby Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born April 6, 1907 in Erath County, she married N.P. "Pete" Deel in 1925 in Snyder. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Deel was a member of the First United Methodist Church and had been a member of the church choir.

Survivors include three sons, Dr. W.S. Deel of Levelland, Neal Deel of Hurst and Max Deel of Kingsland; a daughter, Barbara Ocha of Amarillo; two sisters, Lizzie Young of Roby and Mildred Brown of Abilene; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

Prayer services

A city-wide prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Worsham Auditorum in honor of the terrorist's attacks on the United States. Also, mass and memorial prayer service for those affected by the national tragedy will be held at 7 tonight in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. The public is welcome.

Palette Club

Snyder Palette Club will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday in the airport terminal building. Artist's videos will be viewed and anyone interested is invited.

Lions to meet with UW

The Snyder Lions Club will attend the kickoff luncheon Thursday for the Scurry County United Way at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

WTC student government fundraiser

the WTC student government will pump gas and clean windows for donations at Town and Country on East Coliseum Dive from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday.

Northeast school pictures

Northeast Elementary school pictures will be taken Friday. Pictures must be paid in advance.

GED testing

GED testing will be held at Western Texas College Friday and again on Friday, Sept. 28. For more information call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

St. Jude's bike-a-thon

The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital bike-a-thon will be from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday at the Ira School track. Come by 5722 FM 1606 to pick up sponsor form. Contact Pam Mauldin at 574-1817 for more information.

Cosmorama Club

The Cosmorama Club will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The Hawaiian Aloha Festival will feature foods, fads and fun.

Jamaica Festival

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will host a Jamaica Festival from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the church campus. Activities include a volleyball tournament, live music from a variety of bands, Folkloric dances, talent shows, games, raffle, and a variety of foods.

Mesquite Country Emmaus meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Methodist Church. Babe Chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Phillips Family Singers

The Phillips Family Gospel Singers will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Assembly of God, 1809 College. The public is invited.

Boys basketball boosters

The boys basketball team booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school office.

Class of 1941 reunion

The SHS class of 1941 will have a reunion Sept. 21-22 at the Willow Park Inn. Contact Thadene Harless at 573-0035 for more information.

Cowboy camp meeting

The Bull Creek Cowboy camp meeting is set for Sept. 22-23 at the Doyle and Shirley Newton ranch - 573-0968. The chuckwagon supper is at 5 p.m. on Saturday with the worship service following. Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Sunday followed by the service at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow the service. Ronnie Trice will be the minister and leading the worship with be Mary Styer and family.

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

The Avenue D Baptist Church will have an "old fashion tent revival" Sept. 23-27. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 a.m. and the evening service will be at 6 o'clock. Weekday services are at noon with a covered dish meal, and at 7 p.m. Evangelist will be Herman Cramer from Seguin, and Don Thornton of Fairfield will lead the music.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, at Ira Baptist Church's fellowship hall. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for lunch. For more information, call Louise Layne at 573-2012 or Lorita Keller at 573-3825.

Senior water aerobics

Water aerobics for senior citizens is held from 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Ira 2001 annuals

The Ira 2001 Bulldog annuals are in and can be picked up from Becky Hudgins at the high school. Extra copies are available for $22 each.

SHS 1982 reunion

The SHS class of 1982 needs help in finding classmates' addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, family member names and occupations for a reunion directory. Many classmates can be found at Classmates.com. Contact Stockton Roberts, 8049 Sunscape Lane, Fort Worth, 76123, or e-mail stockrob@prodigy.net., or Kathryn Roberts at 573-8347.

WTC adult basic education

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool open

The WTC swimming pool is open for the fall semester. The public schedule for lap swimming is from 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. M-F. Open swimming is 7 to 9 p.m. M-Th. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. Thursday night is family night at a cost of $5 per family. The pool also is available for parties on Friday and Saturday. For information, call Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

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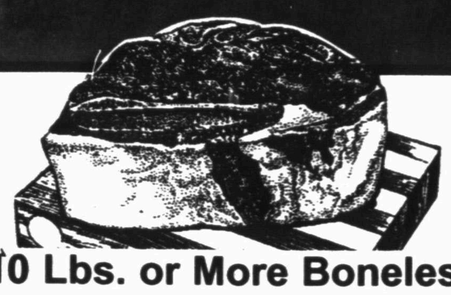
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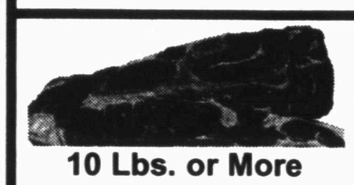
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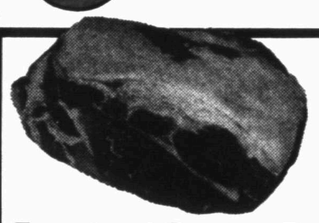
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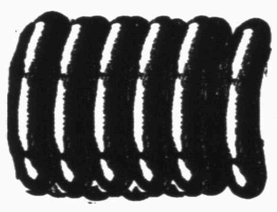
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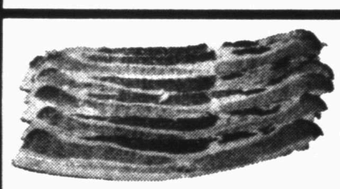
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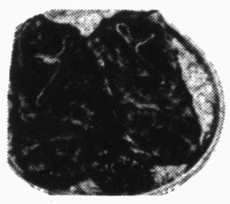
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Bank robber kills himself

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — An enlisted man stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base robbed a bank and then killed himself after police surrounded him, authorities said.

Senior Airman Tony Lamar Montgomery Jr., 22, of Panama City, walked into the Guarantee National Bank in Tallahassee on Thursday with a semiautomatic handgun and escaped with an undisclosed amount of money, police said.

Tallahassee Police officer Chuck Perry saw Montgomery get into a vehicle after Thursday's holdup and pursued him. Montgomery fired while trying to elude Perry, police said.

Another officer cut off Montgomery's escape with her car, and Montgomery stopped his vehicle and shot himself in the head, police said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001

In the year ahead you're not likely to adhere to many of the same routines and procedures that you've previously followed. New measures will prove healthy and beneficial for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's great to want to be productive today, but don't kid yourself as to what and how much you're capable of getting done. Unrealistic expectations will leave you feeling inadequate. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The wrong type of companions could put a big damper on your enjoyment today. Select only those who you know are congenial, happy-go-lucky and cooperative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The type of results you were hoping for will be denied you today if you come on too strong or overly assertive. People respond to pleasantness, not pushiness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — At times you can be a bit too talkative or blunt, causing trouble for yourself. This may be one of those days where you'll need to watch what comes out of your mouth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Usually you're a pretty good horse-trader, but today someone might notice your moment of weakness and get you to put up your hard-earned funds for something he or she is trying to dump.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — People you're involved with could disappoint you today. They might not be as cooperative as you had hoped and leave you feeling let down.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Time and patience will be the two prerequisites for accomplishing your tasks today. Experimenting or taking shortcuts will be a big mistake and make extra work for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is not a good day to attempt to impose your will on your pals. Unless you are willing to go along with the will of the majority, complications in your social world could result.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's nice to be an easygoing person, but today that wonderful trait of yours could get you drawn into a situation you dislike, with people who turn you off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be careful to think before you open your mouth today. People in general are especially sensitive at this time, and the slightest faux pas could cause someone pain.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It may be more difficult than usual to keep from making purchases today you can ill afford. To make matters worse, the tempting purchases may turn out to be worthless.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Above all else today, it may become very important that you are self-sufficient. There's a good chance someone you were depending on will switch sides and leave you standing alone.

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