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## How do you remember?

**Adriana McKinney**  
> **Houston junior**

"I think [9/11] is going to be remembered as a patriotic time and a time when we [began] focusing on what was important and we came together as a nation."

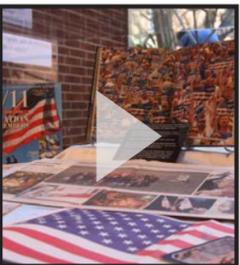
**Dr. Charles Weaver**  
> **Professor of psychology and neuroscience**

"It'll be a little different for everybody, but I think we'll remember the way it impacted us personally. But more, we'll remember the way it impacted us as a nation."

**Randall Fowler,**  
> **Abilene senior**

"I think it's going to be remembered as a defining moment of George W. Bush's presidency and more than that it will be the one moment you have, kind of like Pearl Harbor, where it changes the paradigm of America."

## On the Web



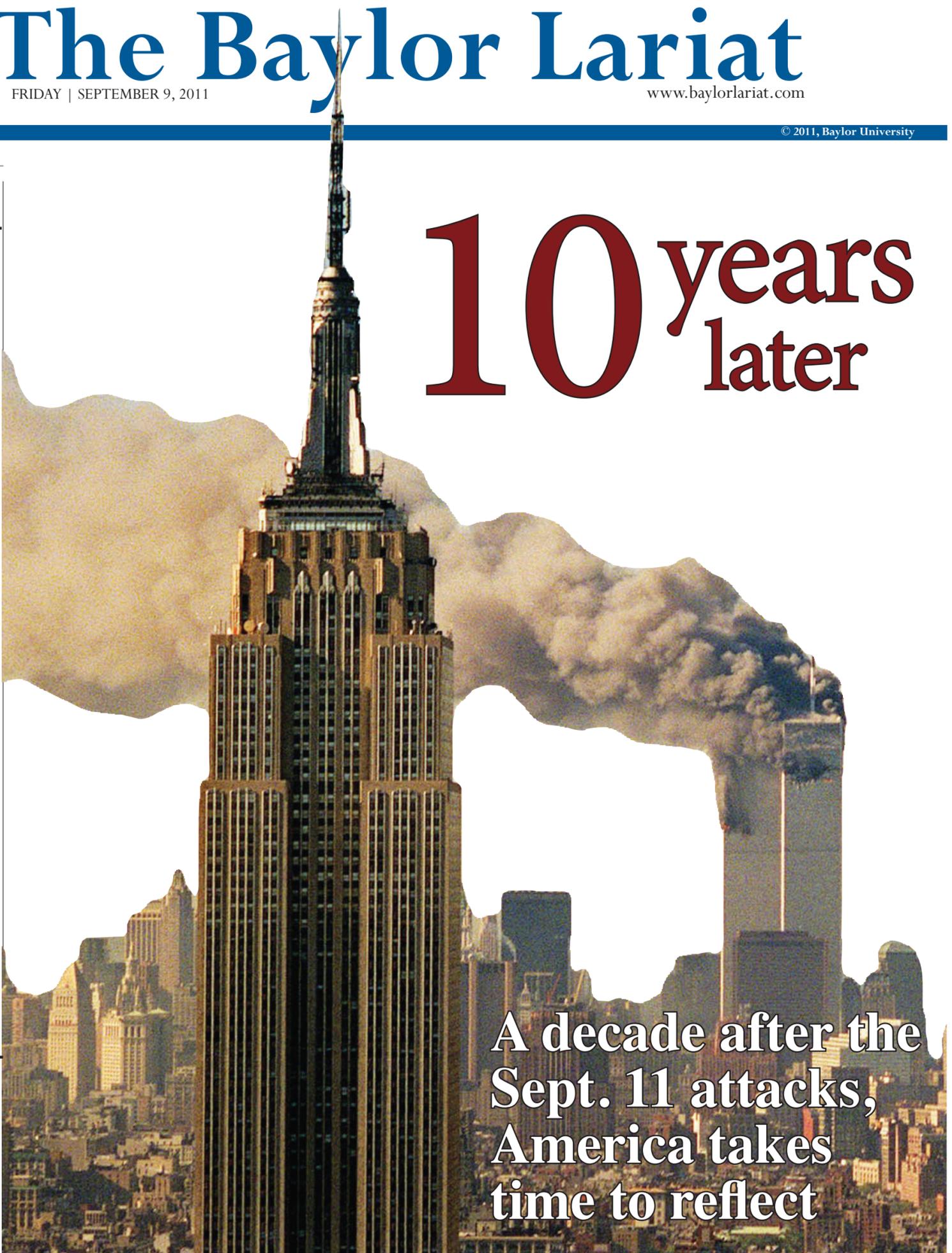
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## Viewpoints

*"We all remember the World Trade Center attacks. We remember the disbelief, fear, anger, shock and other uncontrollable emotions evoked by what we saw. There is no denying the scale of the attacks in American history."*



## A decade after the Sept. 11 attacks, America takes time to reflect

## Reliving to remember

BY AMY WESTFELDT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The planes will crash. You'll hear police sirens, the voices of those who lived and many who didn't. You'll feel like you're in the buildings. And then they'll fall.

There's long been talk of a room in the Sept. 11 museum that will look something like this. Planners spoke years ago of an "immersive" area where visitors will hear, see and know what Sept. 11 really felt like.

Maybe you'll hear Brian Sweeney, a passenger on United Flight 175, calling his wife minutes before his plane barreled into the World Trade center's south tower.

"Jules, it's Brian. Listen, I'm on an airplane that's been hijacked," his voice cracks. "If things don't go well, it's not looking good, I just want you to know I absolutely love you."

Or Betty Ong, a flight attendant on the second plane that was steered toward New York,

talking about a stabbing in business class, a hijacking and something that had been sprayed around the cabin. "We can't breathe," she says.

An immersion room? Who needs one. Ten years after it happened, Sept. 11 is everywhere. It's difficult to move around the country and not experience a sliver of it — the day — in some way. To some extent, the entire nation remains an immersion room.

Look no farther than your

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ASOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS  
Pedestrians in lower Manhattan watch smoke rise on Sept. 11, 2001 from the World Trade Tower after the early morning terrorist attack in New York.

## 9/11 commemorative quilt makes last stop at Baylor

BY ROBYN SANDERS  
REPORTER

A quilt commemorating soldiers who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, will be on display today in the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Library.

At 3 p.m., the quilt will be displayed in a special event, "A Tribute to Fallen Heroes," on the northwest patio of Moody Memorial Library. Baylor is the quilt's last stop before heading to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C.

According to the artist's website, The Lost Heroes Art Quilt, created by Julie Feingold, depicts one fallen soldier from each of the 50 states, along with other fallen soldiers along the quilt's border.

Nancy Hecker, a Gold Star Mother who lost her son in the line of duty, books the venues for the quilt's display and arranges for its transportation.

Hecker's son, Army Maj. William F. Hecker III, was killed in action in Iraq in January 2006 and represents the state of Missouri on the quilt.

Hecker said the quilt has been

a source of healing for her family and other families of soldiers killed in action.

"The quilt's all about loss and remembrance and honoring those who serve," Hecker said. "And so it gives us an opportunity to stand tall and proud in support of our heroes, in fact all of our military, to bring awareness about the sacrifices that are being made on behalf of the rest of the country."

Hecker said the quilt affects people emotionally because it shows the fallen soldiers as children.



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The Lost Heroes Art Quilt created by artist Julie Feingold will be on display today in the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Library to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Sept. 11.

"So many people that aren't connected to the military at all will see a list of the fallen heroes and they'll think of them as statistics, but when they see the quilt, the artist uses their childhood picture in there, like age eight to 12," Hecker said. "And when they see the pictures of these young men and women who went to

war, you know, made the ultimate sacrifice for us, they see them as a child and it surprises them and kind of grabs on their emotions. It brings a renewed appreciation for those who are willing to volunteer to serve in our military."

The quilt will be put on permanent display at Arlington Na-

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# Our generation must preserve 9/11 memory

It's difficult to find a starting point for this editorial.

That might be because on Sunday, when we look back on the last 10 years, we'll see that Sept. 11, 2001, was as much the same to everyone as it was different to each individual person.

We all remember the World Trade Center attacks. We remember the disbelief, fear, anger, shock and other uncontrollable emotions evoked by what we saw. There is no denying the scale of the attacks in American history.

Yet at the same time, every demographic of readers were affected differently.

For Baylor's class of 2012, history changed right as those students were reaching the age of developing their social and political ideologies. War and national security became a topic those 11- and 12-year-olds would have to grasp just to be considered educated, aware citizens through their junior high and high school years.

Most current freshmen were third-graders, able to understand the images from the attacks but probably years away from comprehending the political implications.

Faculty and staff might remember having to explain the events to their young children, while others were taking their first steps into the real world after graduation.

For some, the attacks hit home more than others. Some readers might have lost family or friends in the attacks. Maybe some were there, in New York City or its surrounding area when the planes struck the towers.

And there are those who were no-

## Editorial

where close to New York City and knew nobody physically hurt in the attacks; they could only watch the tragedy unfold from thousands of miles away.

But regardless of the different ways we woke up and began that day, many of us finished it the same way.

By the end of the day, our schedules and obligations, even if just for that day,

seemed a little less significant. Regardless how it impacted us, all of us, the third graders and young adults alike, knew people were hurting and nothing could repair that.

Now 10 years later, it doesn't matter exactly how we remember Sept. 11 or what specific details we recall. The important

thing is that we do, in fact, remember it.

There are several stories in today's Lariat about how people and groups are memorializing all those involved and all those who suffered on Sept. 11.

All of those gatherings, the Lost Heroes Art Quilt, the Poage Library exhibit and the Islamic Center of Waco's candlelight vigil to name a few, are not just commendable - they are a necessity. Sept. 11 is one of this generation's defining events.

Previous generations dealt with Vietnam, and before that came Pearl Harbor and the subsequent World War II involvement. To this day there are still memorials in America and around the world commemorating those generation-defining times.

What will people say about Sept. 11, 2001, 50 years from now? If we do our job, it won't change much from what

*"What will people say about Sept. 11, 2001 in 50 years? If we do our job, it won't change much from what we've been saying over the last decade."*



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A test of the Tribute in Light rises above One World Trade Center and lower Manhattan on Thursday in New York City. The memorial, sponsored by the Municipal Art Society, will light the sky on the evening of Sept. 11 in honor of those who died ten years ago in the terror attacks on the United States.

we've been saying over the last decade.

It is our job to keep this part of our history alive. It's not to create a national day of sorrow, but to make sure our children, our children's children and so forth know both the triumphs and tribulations our country has experienced.

It's not about politics, either. Whether you support the war on terror or abhor

it, we all look the photos and video from Sept. 11 and reach a consensus. People stumbling away from the World Trade Center or leaping to their deaths from the upper floors suffered terribly. Firefighters and everyday citizens who tried to save those lives were heroes.

We all have things we're looking forward to or need to accomplish this week-

end. That's fine, but for at least a moment, let's reflect on the last 10 years. Let's think about what might have been the worst day in America's history in the new millennium, and let's appreciate people willing to give their lives to something larger than themselves. More than anything else, let's make sure future generations think about that as well.

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tional Cemetery's visitor center following its visit to Baylor. The cemetery will be the quilt's permanent home so that future generations can honor and remember the fallen, which, Hecker said, is the whole mission of the quilt.

"Many people stand in front of

the quilt and wipe away tears and give a hug and say 'thank you for your son's service,' and that means everything," Hecker said.

Dr. Karla Leeper, chief of staff to President Ken Starr, said the quilt being displayed at Baylor is meaningful because of the uni-

versity's close proximity to Fort Hood and because of the connections Baylor has with veterans here in Central Texas.

"Baylor has a very significant representation of veterans among our student population," Leeper said. "Students who serve have

been a big part of Baylor's history."

According to a Baylor press release, "A Tribute to Fallen Heroes" will be an event remembering the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who have died in the line of duty, and honoring those who still serve.

Baylor's Air Force and Army ROTC detachments will also be recognized, as well as Baylor's military veterans. Other special guests will include local elected officials, representatives of local veterans' organizations and the Veterans Administration Waco

Regional Office. Also present will be Gold Star Mothers, moms who have lost a son or daughter in military service, and Blue Star Mothers, moms who have children who serve, or have served in the military.

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smartphone, where StoryCorps promises an oral history for every victim on a 9/11 memorial app. More than half a million text and pager messages sent that day are online, courtesy of Wikileaks. ("DO NOT GET ON THE PATH TRAIN...THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IS ON FIRE," reads one. And there's "President has been rerouted wont be returning to Washington but not sure where he will go.")

The Internet Archive just put 3,000 hours of footage online of a week of Sept. 11, 2001, coverage beginning that Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. You can watch the twin towers vaporize into a dust plume on 20 different U.S. and international networks, and hear television anchors struggle to make sense of that incomprehensible event as it happens.

Television brought the 2001 attacks to the world in real time, and forever linked the thousands who lived through it and the millions who watched. It became a collective experience, and, from

every angle, one of the most digitally documented events ever. And so it remains.

Abraham Zapruder's grainy film of President John F. Kennedy's assassination is invaluable, but it's just one, heavily analyzed angle. There are no emails from Pearl Harbor or D-Day, no text messages from the passengers of the Titanic sent as the great ship went down.

So Sept. 11 will always be different, for the generations that follow. More people will be able to see it and curate their own Sept. 11 story from a wealth of sources. We will never be too far from this past.

For those who lived through it, we can re-experience it on demand, as often as we want, and this anniversary, again, we're doing it.

When it comes to the day, and everyone returns to the day, Sept. 11 is relived more than it is remembered. Why else is it that when the topic comes up in conversation, the first story is one's

own. Were you there? Did you know anyone who was?

In the era of 9/11, Wikileaks and a minute-to-minute news cycle, we crave information, and authentic experience. So our experience, and everyone's experience, is of enormous value. It was a shared one. And maybe we just can't understand it still and need to look again.

This anniversary, everyone's looking for 9/11 stories, authentic, up close and personal stories: the survivors, the families, the transformed, the winners, the losers and the dead.

And we're looking for how it affected everyone.

The AP posted the question on Facebook, asking people around the world to describe their most vivid memory of 9/11. The answers came within minutes, visceral, you-are-there remembrances as if it had just happened yesterday.

Jeremy Suede, now 28, lived in Santa Clara, Calif., at the time. His mother banged on his door to

awaken him and put him in front of the television. "I got to the television just in time to see the second plane hit and then I watched in utter disbelief as they fell," he writes. "I remember feeling so helpless and it was the first time in my life something major had happened."

"The Day-9/11." That's the title of the memorial museum's day-of section, which won't open for a year. As it's described online, it will present the events as they happened, moment by moment.

"Using artifacts, images, video, first-person testimony, and real-time audio recordings from 9/11, the exhibition will provide insight into the human drama under way within the hijacked airplanes, the twin towers, and the Pentagon."

Families had long asked for an exhibit like this, so people would know and understand what happened. Charles Wolf, who lost his wife at the trade center, says it's going to be rough. But "we don't want this to be forgotten."

The Sept. 11 museum is by no

means the first to recreate or simulate cataclysmic American experiences. It's something Americans love — under the right, and sometimes delicate, circumstances.

Civil War re-enactors gather on battlefields every year to feel what their predecessors felt in the midst of the fight, even though their weapons are filled with blanks.

Videogames like "Call of Duty" simulate what it's like to be an American soldier in the middle of modern warfare, be it Afghanistan or Iraq.

At the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, visitors can peer into the hotel room where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. In Dallas, in the former Texas School Book Depository Building, you can stand steps from where Lee Harvey Oswald did when he aimed at the president.

Back in the 1960s, the Cedar Point amusement park had a San Francisco Earthquake Ride modeled after the 1906 disaster, where

fiery buildings would look like they were falling down as visitors hurtled in a car down a dark track. At Universal Studio theme parks, tourists survive the frighteningly real (tornadoes), the once real (dinosaurs) and the fancifully fictional (the villains of "Shrek").

At Orlando, Fla., visitors can go to "Titanic: The Experience." They board the ill-fated ocean liner, tour staterooms, eat dinner, and touch a frosty stand-in for an iceberg. They are assigned passengers' names and find out at the end if they're among the 700 or so who survived or the 1,500 who drowned on that night in 1912.

How many years away are we from an interactive experience, or an "attraction," in which people go into a reconstructed World Trade Center and try to get out. Fifty years? Twenty? Ten?

It could be called "Escape from the World Trade Center." And everyone who goes could finally know what Sept. 11 really felt like.

## Lives lost and remembered in the decade since Sept. 11

By NICHOLAS SPANGLER  
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

A black Gillette safety razor rests on the bathroom sink at Kenneth Fairben's Floral Park home, its blade long-ago rusted. The razor has been in the same spot since Sept. 11, 2001, the last morning his son, Keith, used it before walking out the front door to his job as a paramedic in Manhattan.

Fairben sees it every morning when he shaves; he sees it every night when he brushes his teeth. He can't bring himself to get rid of the razor.

It evokes memories and voices: "Hey Keith, can you give me a hand?" the father said to the son when there was work to be done in the yard. "Hey, Dad, a bunch of us are going to Great Adventure, what's the best way to go?" the son asked when he was going out with his friends.

The things that the survivors of the 2,753 victims of the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attack keep to remind themselves of who they lost are myriad and varied. There are bills, birthday cards, books, bracelets, coins, driver's licenses, hats, helmets, paperwork, photographs, record covers, skates, wristwatches, an answering machine that still bears messages left a decade ago that day.

In the manner of religious relics, they hold many meanings. They are mundane and disposable but irreplaceable and cherished. They are artifacts of late 20th-century American life and of a historic event that may mark the true end of that time period, but they also bear witness to the minute particulars of their owners' days and daily routines.

They comfort but they also cause pain. The razor that reminds Fairben of his only child's daily routines also reminds him of his murder.

"I curse everybody who was involved," Fairben said. "It's made me a very bitter, angry person. I hate when people say closure. There is no closure. When you've lost your child, there is no closure. ... I hate the people who did this to him."

For Fairben, the razor is a tie — however tenuous — to his son and to better times.

"It was something that was Keith, using it every morning," Fairben says to explain why he will not part with this small reminder of his 23-year-old son. "It's just something very tangible that I can touch in the morning. It's like having a part of him with me."

Together, father and son painted the family house and shoveled the walk in the winters. Together, they volunteered at the Floral Park Fire Department, the father as a chief and the son as an EMT.

Keith joined as soon as he turned 18, and Fairben saw a different side to his son. The son who had skated through most of high school was now a young man who finished at the top of his class in paramedic school, hitting the books with a seriousness that "surprised the heck out of us."

Are the mementos they keep obstacles to moving on with life and letting go of the past? Or do they help in mourning?

"That item brings them back to a time before all this pain came into their lives," said Dr. Thomas Demaria, director of C.W. Post's 9/11 Families Center. But it can

also "take them back to the moment when the tragedy happened and as such it is a painful reminder of that ripping or wrenching of their loved one from them. ... Tragedies keep people fixed in a moment."

So Geraldine Halderman keeps her 40-year-old son David's answering machine in her Bohemia basement, having played its messages just twice in 10 years.

"David, this is Mom. ... Please call me to let me know that you're OK," Halderman says in the first message she left for her son, an FDNY firefighter who lived in Amityville, on the morning of Sept. 11. An operator for the deaf calls from California, relaying two desperate messages from a hearing-impaired friend there.

A man named Jerry leaves a message that starts gruffly — "I know you're probably working your tail off" — but ends tenderly. "Take care," he says, then, so soft that it's hard to hear: "Bye-bye."

Those voices show the mark her son left on the world, Halderman said. "It's all the people who loved him and were concerned about him. ... It's very hard for me to listen to. It's as if the past 10 years never happened." But she will never erase it. "Then it's gone, it's really gone. That's something else that's now gone."

For families like the Anchundias of Syosset, something found and cherished can be especially comforting when there are no remains to bury, no cemetery to visit. That's true of about 40 percent of those who died on Sept. 11.

Christine Anchundia, cleaning out her 26-year-old son Joseph's Manhattan apartment after the attack, found a daily devo-

tional book on the table next to his bed. Titled "Grace for the Moment," the bookmark was on a Sept. 10 reading. "Who Can Faith Eternity?" was the chapter heading, with a quotation from Ecclesiastes.

She and her husband had raised Joseph in the Presbyterian Church, but a year earlier, her son, an investment banker with Sandler O'Neill, had told her he was sleeping late Sundays instead of going to services and had stopped reading the Bible. Anchundia, a religious woman, was shocked when she saw the book, and also elated.

"It was so wonderful, to know that he had that in his heart," she said. "It was a beautiful confirmation for me. God was almost preparing him."

In the first, frantic days after the attack, "We didn't really know if he died," she said. But even as they posted Joseph's picture

around New York City and sought friends and witnesses who might have seen him, the devotional book was a reminder: "I had that sense he would not be found on Earth anymore, that God took him immediately."

Without a body or remains, there was no funeral. There was, instead, a memorial service attended by 700. "We feel the public has to remember," Anchundia said. "For us, we remember every single moment of every day."

Anchundia, whose son Elias died in 2007 when a transformer exploded beneath him in Waterbury, Conn., donated the book to the September 11 Memorial and Museum. She purchased dozens more for her family and friends. She misses her son — the living, breathing boy who played ball and hugged his mother. That book is her proof that he was saved.

"Even though we're separated, as long as I know my son is safe,

that's enough," she said.

JoAnn Cross keeps her husband Dennis' Ford F-150 truck and his wedding ring.

The truck is parked on the street in front of her Islip Terrace house.

When she sees the truck, bought two weeks before he died, she doesn't think of how he died but of their 42 years of marriage.

"We were together since I'm 12 and he's 15," she said. "We had a great life."

She wears around her neck his wedding ring, which was recovered from his body and returned to her. She will never, ever let it go.

"He never took his ring off, and when they found him and brought him home, I got the ring and this has been on my neck for almost 10 years and it will be on my neck forever," she said.



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The shadow of Chris Braman is seen at the entrance of the 911 memorial at the Pentagon, August 22, 2011 which is dedicated to the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

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# Baylor libraries pay tribute to the memory of Sept. 11

By ASHLEY YEAMAN  
REPORTER

A new exhibit at the Poage Legislative Library presents a visual memorial of the Sept. 11 attacks, focusing on the sequence of events, the initial responses and the lasting aftermath.

Marking the 10-year anniversary of the event that transformed America, "Not Forgotten" salutes both those who lost their lives that day and those left behind.

Ben Rogers, director of the library, said the exhibit was designed to focus on Americans rather than their attackers.

"In the last 10 years, we've collected videos and books and magazines and anything related to 9/11 and terrorism," Rogers said. "But for this particular part of the exhibit, we didn't want to go into the terrorism aspect of it."

This is just commemorating the people who died and the event itself."

At the Wall of Remembrance in the exhibit, visitors can write their thoughts and memories of Sept. 11 on comment cards that are then pinned to the wall for visitors to read.

"An integral part of the exhibit is people's response to the event," Rogers said.

To get a head start on the wall before the exhibit opened, the library sent out comment cards to individuals in the Baylor and Waco community.

The returned cards describe a mixture of feelings, from shock and hopelessness to courage and determination.

Pattie Orr, vice president of in-

formation technology and dean of university libraries was in Boston, Mass., working at Wellesley College on the day of the attacks.

"I remember that we all went to give blood, thinking the victims would be sent to Boston hospitals later that day, but they never came. So sad. No victims to help and so many lives lost," Orr wrote.

Sinai Wood, an associate professor and documents librarian at Baylor, said on her comment card that the attacks left a permanent mark on America.

"The day unfolded and so did the realization that our lives and our country would be changed forever," Sinai wrote. "We have to always remember the bad, but also the very good that makes our country what it is, the 'can do' spirit, the American spirit of never giving up, persevering."

The exhibit at the Poage Library seeks to capture the dual nature of the attacks, illustrating both the tragedy as well as the will of a nation to carry on.

Rogers said immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks, the library began to collect newspapers from 24 different cities, including Dallas, Houston, Waco, Miami, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., to document the events.

These front pages and other articles are on display at the exhibit, along with supplementary exhibits at Moody Memorial Library and Jesse H. Jones Library.

The newspapers have also been scanned and are now available to researchers online through the library's Project 9-11, an attempt to preserve as many of the original publications as possible.

The Poage exhibit also memorializes victims of all three attacks, including the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pa., where United Airlines Flight 93 crashed.

Amid the tragedy there are also stories of survival.

Texas Sen. Brian Birdwell, representing District 22, which includes McLennan County, was in the Pentagon when it was hit.

He survived after receiving third-degree burns on more than 60 percent of his body and has since received more than 39 surgeries to treat his injuries.

Many of Birdwell's personal artifacts are on display at the Poage Library, including military awards and a piece of the Pentagon, along with his book "Refined by Fire."

A short documentary of Birdwell recounting his personal story is being shown as well. The documentary can also be viewed online at [www.iamsecond.com](http://www.iamsecond.com).

Birdwell will be the keynote speaker at "Baylor Remembers: A Service of Remembrance" at 5 p.m., Sunday in Waco Hall.

Humanitarian relief efforts are also documented at the Poage exhibit, which includes a display of commemorative T-shirts designed by Mimi Irvin, co-owner of Village Bakery in West.

The sale of the shirts helped raised money for Los Angeles firemen.

Lasting impact from the attacks is illustrated through displays of changes in airport security, along with pictures of buildings to be placed around the World Trade Center Memorial and Museum.

The exhibit is the result of work



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W.R. Poage Legislative Library's 9/11 exhibit, "Not Forgotten," will be open until Dec. 2. The exhibit is a visual memorial of Sept. 11 and seeks to honor those who lost their lives in the attacks and those who were left behind.

done by Rachel Carson, curator; Emily Carrington, graphic designer; and assistants Mary Goolsby and Edwin Cook.

Carrington hopes the exhibit is a vivid reminder of the events of Sept. 11.

"It is important that events such as 9/11 are remembered so we can better understand the world we live in," Carrington said. "I hope that anyone who sees the exhibit takes some time to remember that day. It is sometimes easy to become distant and numb with events such as this. But 10 years was not that long ago, it is still fresh, and I think we need to remember the impact

this event had on our country."

Likewise, Rogers said he hopes the exhibit educates individuals about the event, as well as the Poage Library.

"It's really an educational exhibit to bring Baylor students up-to-date on what happened," Rogers said. "We see the exhibit as bringing the Baylor community up-to-date, as well as hopefully bringing in the Waco community. We also do the exhibits to let students know that there is a library here that collects political materials."

The exhibit will be on display through Dec. 2.

On the "Wall of Remembrance,"

Neal T. Jones, a former Hill County prosecutor and state representative who currently co-owns a lobby practice in Austin, submitted a comment card about the perseverance of Americans in the face of tragedy. His statement captures the overall theme of the exhibit.

"The immediate response of the American spirit was incredible to witness," Jones wrote. "I was moved by Americans who united to seek God's guidance, his strength and his grace to carry on in the face of terrorism. 9/11 will be forever etched in our beings, but so will the American spirit and will to overcome."

## Vigil to be held at Islamic Center

By JADE MARDIROSIAN  
STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, communities and people of all faiths across the country will gather to remember and reflect on the terrorist attacks that forever shaped history.

Waco will be one of those communities, as the Islamic Center of Waco prepares to hold a candlelight vigil in honor of the memory of the victims of 9/11 for the second consecutive year.

"[The vigil is held] to be a part of the community, bring people together and have an understanding [that] we are all together in this tragedy," said Al Siddiq, president of the Islamic Center of Waco. "A lot of times the presumptions are made that the Muslim community is separated or isolated. I like people to know we are all together."

Siddiq said the vigil on Sunday will include speakers from the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Ba'hai faiths, mirroring last year's event.

The vigil will also include a mo-

ment of silence and a prayer for the victims of 9/11.

Pastor Dorisanne Cooper of Lake Shore Baptist Church will speak Sunday at the vigil. She also spoke last year.

"I was invited as the Christian speaker," Cooper said. "I spoke about the Christian tradition of peace and our calling as followers of Jesus Christ to be peacemakers even and especially in the midst of the difficult and overwhelming times in which we live."

Siddiq said the vigil had a very positive response last year and about 500 people attended.

Siddiq said he hopes that this year's vigil will draw and even larger crowd, as well as promote an increased amount of interfaith dialogue.

Cooper said last year's vigil was a special experience for those in attendance.

"It was a very meaningful time of our faith traditions coming together to share our hopes for peace and community. The Islamic Center is a model of hospitality and warmth," Cooper said.

She also feels it is important for the Waco community and various places of worship to hold services like the vigil.

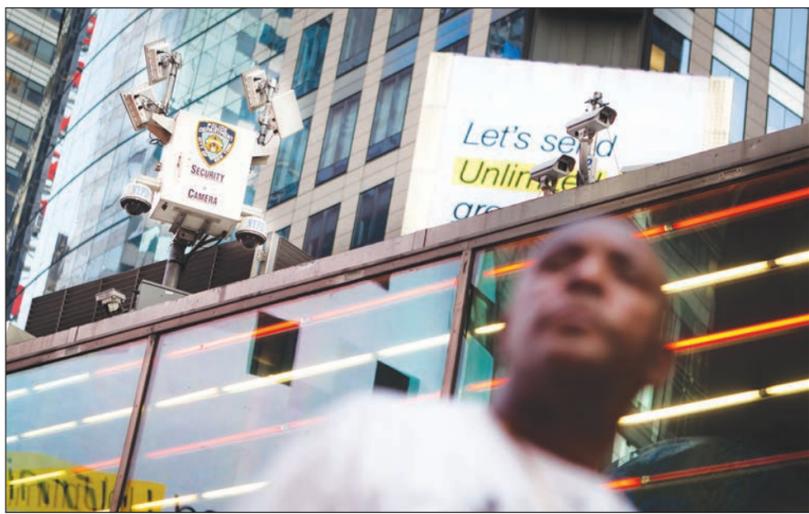
"Of particular significance [to our congregation] is that the service is being held at the Islamic Center," Cooper said. "This speaks to their leadership in the community and the reality that different faiths can find common ground for the good and well-being of all. It also acts as a symbol against the notion that differences in our faith must somehow lead to conflict between us."

Siddiq feels the Waco community is accepting and open to people of faiths other than their own.

"Central Texas has been very kind and compassionate to the Muslim community," Siddiq said. "I have spoken in several churches since 9/11, speaking about Islam, and it has been well-received."

The Islamic Center of Waco welcomes people of all religions and cultures to visit the center.

The vigil will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Islamic Center of Waco, located at 2725 Benton Drive.



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## Constant security in post-9/11 world

A pedestrian passes under the eyes of surveillance cameras in Times Square in New York, Aug. 19. Since Sept. 11, the NYPD has become one of the country's most aggressive domestic intelligence agencies.

## Islamic leaders seek acceptance of local, national communities

By JORDAN HEARN  
REPORTER

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, a stigma has been attached to the religion of Islam in relation to terrorism. Waco has taken the first steps in learning what Muslims stand for by beginning cultural education that many hope will spread across the country.

Islam has been widely accepted and appreciated locally, said Al Siddiq, president of the Islamic Center of Waco.

"The Waco community and the Central Texas area has been very different from other areas," Siddiq said. "They have opened their door to us."

More than 52 different Christian churches in Central Texas, along with local synagogues, have visited the center and allowed Siddiq to speak to their congregations.

Ricky Hsanani, a member of the Islamic Center of Waco's outreach program who strives to share community knowledge, said most of the people in Central Texas were generally curious.

"Many people give in to nature," Hsanani said. "They are fearful of the unknown, and most know nothing about Islam. They are curious to know what it represents."

According to a 2010 Pew Research Center poll, only 30 percent of general Americans view Islam favorably, compared with 41 percent in 2005. In addition, the number of Americans who cited Islam

as unfavorable rose 2 percent.

Siddiq said he believes the negative views toward Islam across the nation can be attributed to people placing judgment based on the actions of a few Muslim radicals.

"Don't blame the religion of Islam or Muslims for any individual person's acts," Siddiq said.

In a 2011 poll, the Pew Research Forum addressed the United States' fear of Islamic extremism - 48 percent of Americans felt that U.S. Muslim leaders have not done as much as they should to speak out against extremists. In relation to these findings, Siddiq said Muslims in areas other than Central Texas tend to isolate themselves from the rest of the world.

"It is up to us as the local Muslim people to extend our hand," Siddiq said.

Another factor that may contribute to the national view of Islam is the lack of knowledge about the difference between the religion's traditions and cultural customs. Hsanani said a large portion of Americans blend Islam with political ideology and cultural norms.

"When people see a woman in a burqa or a hijab, they think 'Islam.' That's wrong," Hsanani said.

He believes in educating those who are not Muslims about the religion to reduce prejudice and negative assumptions.

According to the Associated Press, Americans who have converted to Islam after 9/11 have experienced mixed feelings of ac-

ceptance, rejection and suspicion about their new faith. Caleb Carter of Dearborn, Mich., a convert after the Sept. 11 attacks, was inspired to study Islam after his high school teacher claimed Muslims made the attack because of their religion. Even though they were supportive, Carter's Christian parents approached his conversion with caution, wondering if it was sincere and "what kind of Muslim he would be."

Davi Barker of Fremont, Calif., converted after looking for a faith that blended his "hodgepodge" of beliefs. While he has not faced hostility directly, Barker told the Associated Press he believes much of the blame for 9/11 placed on Muslims is a propaganda campaign through "anti-Muslim rhetoric."

Hsanani viewed Sept. 11 as an attack on humanity in general, as is consistent with the Islamic belief that an attack on one person is an attack on all of humanity.

"This was not an Islamic act. I do not consider the perpetrators of 9/11 to be followers of Islam," Hsanani said.

With the 10th anniversary of 9/11 approaching, Siddiq had an idea about how to strengthen unity of the community.

"There is a candlelight vigil at the mosque to honor all of the victims," he said. "Come join me."

The vigil will begin Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Islamic Center of Waco. People from all faiths are welcome to attend.

## New 'Veterans of Baylor' student organization to launch this fall

By ANNA FLAGG  
REPORTER

A new student organization, Veterans of Baylor, is coming to campus this fall with the help of retired Lt. Col. Matt Pirko.

Pirko served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force before retiring in April 2009 and is now at Baylor working to earn a doctorate in management information systems.

Pirko resides in Waco with his wife, and has two children, one of which is in the Marine Corps serving in Afghanistan.

"Veterans are a unique kind of people with an experience level and sense of family that a lot of other students may not have," Pirko said.

He hopes that by creating a veterans club, students can have a place to vent and share war stories.

Pirko wants the group to be a community where people can feel comfortable and find unity through shared experiences.

"This group is not about me, but instead it is about creating a place for people like myself who have been taken out of a familiar environment and placed in a new one," Pirko said. "The change can

be a difficult one, and I want this group to help meet some of their needs."

When Pirko came to Baylor, he was interested in finding out if veterans operate on campus, but found there was no local veterans' club.

Dr. Janet Bagby, a senior lecturer in educational psychology and the faculty advisor for the veteran group, was able to assist him in forming the organization.

Though there has not been a previous veterans' club on campus, there is a national organization, Student Veterans of America, that provides services to these campus clubs.

Bagby is looking forward to working with the students and providing support for the organization.

"I am thrilled the club will finally be chartered early this fall," Bagby said. "Matt [Pirko] will provide excellent leadership as club president."

Pirko hopes to connect with the ROTC on campus. He sees opportunities in the future to mentor the cadets in both the Army and Air Force programs.

There are a number of veteran

groups within McLennan County, and Pirko hopes to seek opportunities for the club to participate in military-related volunteer efforts.

He wants Veterans of Baylor to be a place to come together, but also a group that can reach out to the community.

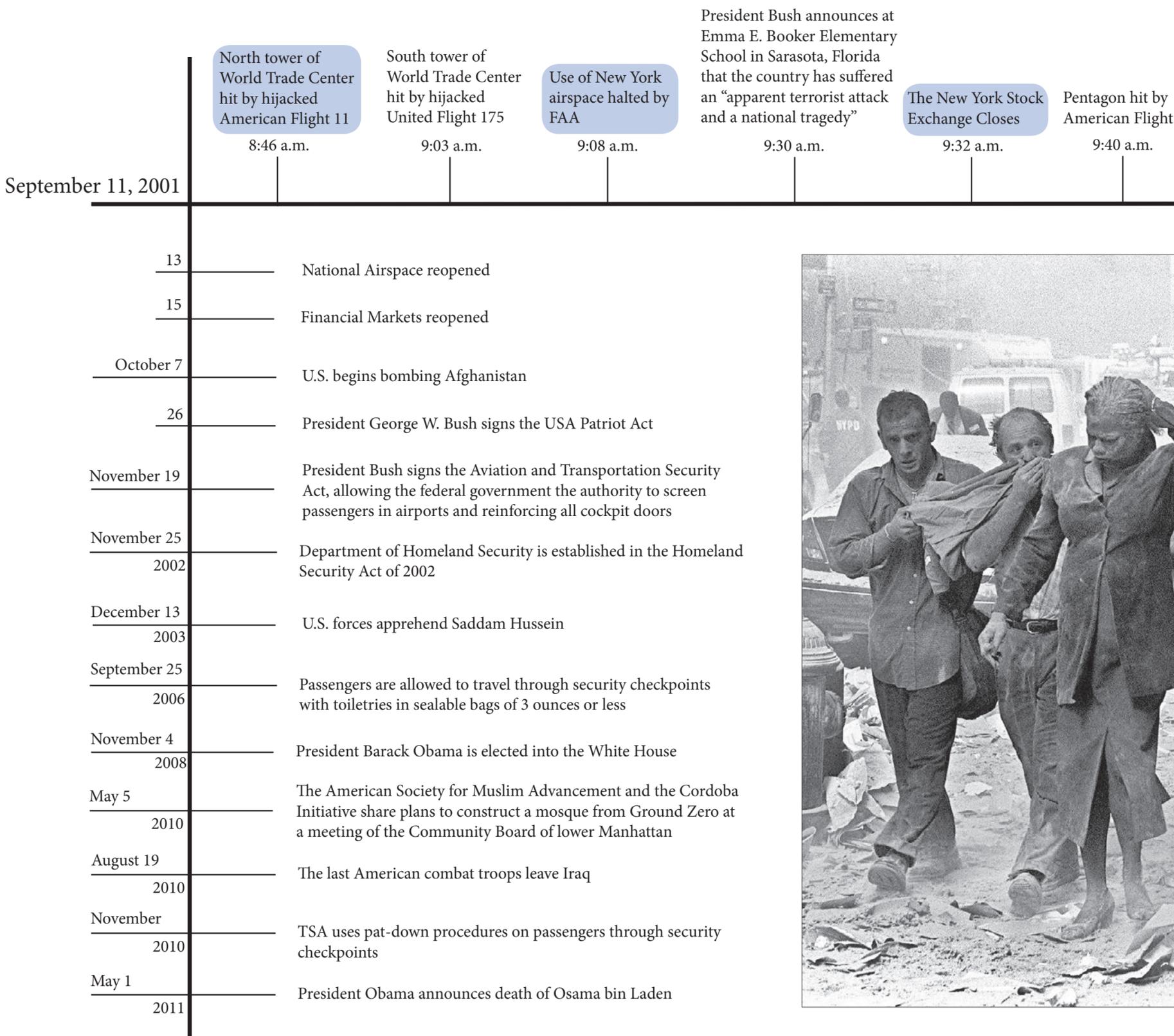
One group Pirko hopes to work with is the Veterans' Coalition in McLennan County, which was started by Maggie McCarthy in order to provide services to veterans under one umbrella.

In a recent Waco Tribune-Herald article, McCarthy discussed the coalition and said she wants feedback from Waco veterans in order to sufficiently serve them.

With the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 approaching, Pirko is hoping to raise even more awareness for the military and the work they have accomplished.

"Baylor has a lot of strong ties to the military, and a lot of notable past presidents were in the military," Pirko said. "I am pleased with the focus Baylor places on veterans and the way Baylor is addressing Sept. 11."

For more information on Veterans of Baylor, contact Pirko at [Matt\\_Pirko@baylor.edu](mailto:Matt_Pirko@baylor.edu).



In this Sept. 11, 2001, file photo, people covered in dust walk over debris near the World Trade Center site.



This Sept. 15, 2001, file picture shows the Statue of Liberty from a vantage point in Jersey City, N.J., as the lower Manhattan skyline is shrouded in smoke following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

Today's college population was between 8 and 11 years old when terrorists attacked on American soil.

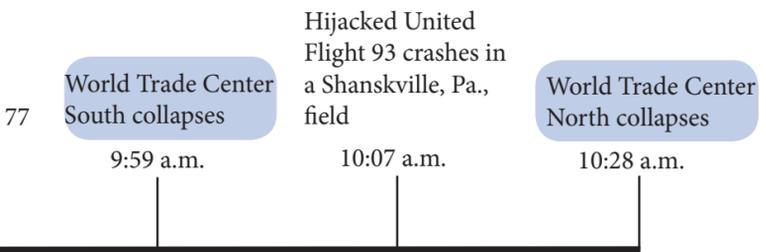
Most middle schoolers can't remember the events.

Children in elementary school weren't even born.

**It's up to us to remember**



In this Sept. 14, 2001, file photo, President George W. Bush embraces firefighter Bob Beckwith while standing in front of the collapsed World Trade Center buildings in New York as rescue efforts continue.



# 9/11

## September 11, 2001

An attack that should never be forgotten



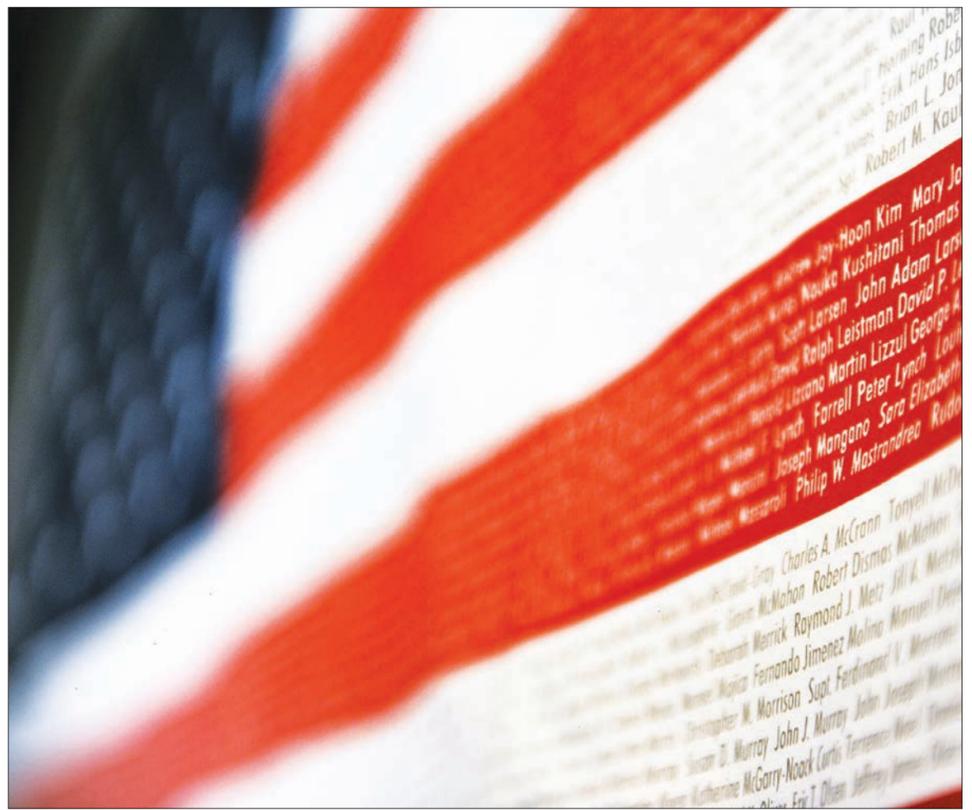
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near the World Trade Center in New York.



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Former New York fireman Bill Spade holds up a picture from Sept. 11, 2001, as he tells his story overlooking the World Trade Center site in lower Manhattan on July 8, 2011. Spade is telling how he survived the World Trade Center attacks to a group of tourists on the WTC Tribute Center tour. Spade has been volunteering and giving tours since Aug. 2007.



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A flag containing the names of those killed in the terrorist attack is on display July 26 inside the 9/11 chapel at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va.



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In a Sept. 13, 2001, file photo, a New York City firefighter looks up at what remains of the World Trade Center after its collapse following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.



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In this Sept. 13, 2001, file photo, an American flag flies over the rubble of the collapsed World Trade Center buildings in New York City.

# Bloomberg's decision to exclude prayer, clergy sparks controversy

By GRACE GADDY  
REPORTER

After New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg decided to ban formal prayer and clergy participation from the 10th anniversary commemoration ceremony of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, controversy erupted—and is growing each day. The event will mark the dedication of the long-awaited 9/11 Memorial, comprising two 30-foot waterfalls and acre-size reflecting pools which are set within the footprints of the twin towers' locations. Victims' families will be able to see the names of their loved ones—nearly 3,000 men, women and children—inscribed in bronze parapets surrounding the pools, and hear them read aloud during the ceremony.

But one thing that won't be heard from the podium is any formal prayer or religious representation.

The announcement ignited a storm of nationwide protest, primarily from conservative religious leaders, groups and citizens, according to the Associated Press. Others have stood with Bloomberg's choice, fueling the debate.

Evelyn Erskine, a spokeswoman for Mayor Bloomberg, affirmed the mayor's stance in an email to CNN. The ceremony was planned to honor 9/11 families with a "mixture of readings that are spiritual, historical and personal in nature,"

she wrote.

Previous commemoration ceremonies have not included clergy participation either, she added.

"It has been widely supported for the past 10 years. And rather than have disagreements over which religious leaders participate, we would like to keep the focus of our commemoration ceremony on the family members of those who died," she wrote. But the conversation has not stopped.

"There's actually nothing unconstitutional about him doing this," said Dr. Francis Beckwith, professor of philosophy and church-state studies at Baylor. Beckwith said he believes it within a mayor's rights to exercise that kind of discretion.

"But to me, it seems that issues of life and death are issues on which people think about their eternal fate. If you're going to have a memorial to honor people that have died, to sort of exclude the religious element on purpose is to deny that that's important in people's lives," he said.

University Chaplain Dr. Burt Burleson echoed Beckwith's thoughts.

"When you're talking about dealing with things that are ultimately life and death, the meaning of our world, challenges to human survival and to society and civilization, I think you are dealing with inherently religious issues," Burleson said. He believes in that scenario, religion will inevitably be a factor.

"It's not like you can go, 'Excuse me, leave your religion at the door,'" Burleson said. "You're always bringing your values and your core beliefs and things into any kind of moment."

Perhaps event planners could have created a program in which attendants would experience hope for moving forward while celebrating their loved ones without giving a "stiff arm to faith," he added.

Dr. Thomas Kidd, assistant professor of history, felt strongly enough to dedicate a post on his personal blog to the issue.

"Tragedies such as 9/11 beg for reference to God's transcendent purposes and ultimate sovereignty," he wrote in the post. "Refusing to address these themes deprives the grieving of their most important frame of reference. A commemoration without prayer—or at least without recourse to theistic principles—can't say much that is meaningful about 9/11, other than, 'We're sorry this happened. We'll try to make sure it doesn't happen again.'"

Kidd also wrote in the post that he believes that the evil shadowing that dark day in American history requires more than nice sentiments in order for us to heal, but requires reassurance that God "has plans and purposes beyond what we can

know in this life."

Student opinion on the issue is divided. Alvin freshman Rebecca McSwain believes the mayor made a tough call.

"He's in a really hard position, and either way, what he chose, there are going to be people who are opposing him," she said.

And the mayor's decision will not stop people from celebrating faith in their own personal way during the ceremony, McSwain said—a point that Joshua freshman Anahi Solis also underscored.

"I think it's better," Solis said of the mayor's decision. "He did the right thing."

Other students felt that faith should be represented. San Antonio freshman Cullen Hardin called the mayor's decision a "slap in the face" due to the fact religion is a cornerstone in so many Americans' lives.

McAllen senior Alex Prez believes the situation is a catch-22 with consequences for any choice.

"I see why you wouldn't want to put faith into it, because there's no way to please everybody, but at the same time—I really don't know," she said.

While prearranged prayer or religious leaders may not appear in the program, the ceremony will provide six separate moments of silence for personal prayer or reflection, according to the Associated Press.



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A construction worker sets up a U.S. flag Thursday at ground zero in New York. The National September 11 Memorial will be dedicated Sunday, the 10th anniversary of the attacks and will be open to the public the following day.

## Local events to honor 9/11

Wacoans from all walks of life will be setting aside time this Sunday to remember the tragic events of Sept. 11, which marks the 10th anniversary of the attacks. Both

the university and the larger Waco community will hold memorial services, vigils, presentations and lectures. The Lariat will provide in-depth coverage.

### Baylor

#### >> Tribute presentation

Today at 3 p.m. on the steps of Moody Memorial Library, Baylor will hold "A Tribute to Fallen Heroes." Brigadier General Joseph DiSalvo, the III corps deputy commanding general at Fort Hood, State Sen. Brian Birdwell, a retired Army officer who survived the attack on the Pentagon, and Waco Mayor Jim Bush will be sharing remarks. There will be a reception held in the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Library following the program.

#### >> Flags on the Mall

From 9 a.m. today through 11:30 p.m. Sunday, the Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas is honoring each victim lost in the attacks on the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon with 3,000 American flags placed on Fountain Mall.

#### >> Naming the fallen

At 2 p.m. Sunday, a memorial recital will be presented by the Baylor University Carillonneur Lynnette Geary. It will be held at the McLane Carillon in Pat Neff Hall Tower.

#### >> Sunday evening

Sunday evening begins with "Baylor Remembers: A Service of Remembrance" at Waco Hall, starting at 5 p.m. Texas Senator Brian Birdwell will be the featured speaker. Birdwell will be relating his experience at the Pentagon sharing how he was affected and changed by Sept. 11, 2001. There will also be two opportunities for reflection during the presentation. One will highlight a Baylor Law School alumnus that was on the 50th floor of one of the towers. Dr. Mark Long, director of Middle East studies, will be providing perspective for the events.

"The 10-year anniversary is important for the entire country and especially for students on campus who were between the ages of 8 and 12," Jana Hixson, director of community relations said. "Now they're adults, while when it happened they were children."

#### >> Continuing coverage

The Lariat will continue to provide coverage of these events as the weekend unfolds. A multimedia presentation will be available on the Lariat website Sunday, including text and a video featuring interviews. Write in via facebook or Twitter and be sure to follow the Lariat's Twitter feed to stay up-to-date!

#### >> Firefighter memorial

The City of Waco Fire Station #1 is hosting a ceremony to honor the 343 New York firefighters who died in the attack on the World Trade Center. The ceremony will start at 8:30 a.m. Sunday at the fire station located at 100 Peach St. and will consist of a ceremonial lowering of the flag to half-staff by the Young Marines. "The Waco Fire Department Honor Guard and a bagpiper will post the colors and a memorial flag followed by honored speakers and a reading of the names of the 343 New York firefighters," the City of Waco website said.

#### >> Memorial Services

At 2 p.m. Sunday, both the Waco Habitat for Humanity and the Heart of Texas (HOT) Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold separate services. Habitat for Humanity will have a memorial service to begin its Interfaith Build at 1914 McKenzie Ave. The HOT Chapter's service, at the Waco Lions' Den, 1716 N. 42 St., will feature Clifton Robinson, chairman of Robinson Media.

#### >> Benefit concert

Two churches will be combining their choirs under David Fleuriet, music minister at Central Presbyterian Church, for a fifth annual concert Sunday at 4 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church, 5740 Bagby Ave. Donations received will benefit the Waco Fire Department and the Woodway Public Safety Department.

"This is the fifth year that the two choirs have combined," Fleuriet said. "In years past we had various local humanitarian organizations and we'd just got to thinking about firefighters that had lost their lives." Central United Methodist and Central Presbyterian church choirs carefully selected songs in special tribute to the tragic day.

#### >> Church services

A number of Waco churches will also be commemorating 9/11 during their services Sunday including Antioch Community Church, Lake Shore Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Woodway and St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption.

#### >> Candlelight vigil

The Islamic Center of Waco will be holding a candlelight vigil starting at 7 p.m. Sunday in memory of the victims of the attacks 10 years ago.



AP

The new Flight 93 National Memorial undergoes final preparations on Thursday for Saturday's dedication ceremony in Shanksville, Pa.. Sunday will mark the tenth anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

# In the wake of Sept. 11:

## Ten years after the attacks, America encounters new threat, reflects on changes in policy and regulations

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON  
STAFF WRITER

U.S. officials said Thursday they were investigating a detailed and credible al-Qaida threat to bomb bridges or tunnels in New York City or Washington on the 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The threat has yet to be confirmed, but officials were considering updating the nation's terror alert level Thursday night.

The officials, who spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said this is the first credible threat the intelligence community has received about an "active plot" targeting the anniversary.

"No need to panic," Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., told the AP. "[Law enforcement officials] have not been able to confirm it yet."

The United States government has greatly expanded its efforts to combat al-Qaida in the 10 years since the morning of the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy, adopting new foreign and domestic policies intended to prevent future attacks.

Despite widespread dread in the following days and months that another attack could be imminent, no attempt at a second large-scale terrorist attack on American soil has been successful. But Baylor professor of political science Dr. Bradley Thayer said Americans should anticipate terrorist attempts on the scale of the 9/11 attacks to continue, despite the measures the U.S. is taking to prevent them. Thayer made his comments before

word of the anniversary threat had gone public.

"There's not going to be a solution to it," Thayer said. "We should expect, again, that Islamic fundamentalist terrorism is going to remain with us and they will conduct successful attacks against the U.S. homeland in the future, against U.S. allies and against the U.S. military and American interests abroad in other countries."

The 2001 attacks prompted a widespread recognition of the nation's serious vulnerability to the possibility of another terrorist attack, Thayer said. The public's perception of this vulnerability was used to justify heightened levels of domestic surveillance, bolstered security measures in public places like airports and engagement in foreign conflicts that would not likely have been politically viable in a pre-9/11 world.

A Thursday tally compiled by the New York Times estimates the total cost of the 9/11 attacks in the past decade including initial damages, economic impact and funding for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to be around \$3.3 trillion. Thayer said this level of investment has succeeded in weakening al-Qaida and preventing another large-scale attack, but also said the U.S. does not have the capacity to completely secure itself.

"If you look at American society, there's a large universe of potential targets," Thayer said, "and to protect all of them would mean the United States would have to be radically different in its domestic politics. The trade-off between se-

curity and liberty is one that the American people, to my knowledge, are not willing to accept that gross imbalance toward security."

In response to the 2001 attacks, the U.S. Congress approved the creation of the Department of Homeland Security to better coordinate the state's intelligence-gathering efforts, as well as the Transportation Security Administration, which is mostly responsible for enforcing security standards at airports.

The Waco Regional Airport was not immune to changes in security procedures mandated by the TSA after 9/11, according to Joel Martinez, city of Waco director of aviation. While Martinez said enforcing the additional requirements the TSA placed on the airport proved to be a "very difficult transition," he believes the changes were necessary for the safety of the passengers.

"I think the regulations the TSA has created do make our passengers safer," Martinez said. "I don't think an airport can self-regulate itself into compliance. I don't think any airport can adequately regulate themselves."

While the Waco airport does not use the full-body scanners that have caused controversy across the country, it does utilize metal walk-through detectors and X-ray machines that check passengers' baggage for explosives. It has also increased the size of its perimeter fences, and has implemented a security plan that includes routine perimeter checks.

Martinez said there has never

been a security incident in which passengers would have actually been put in harm's way.

"We've had incidents that I don't think are intentional," Martinez said. "To my knowledge, we here at the Waco Regional Airport have not had somebody intentionally try to gain access to an airplane with contraband."

Although he believes another terrorist attack in America is all but inevitable, Thayer, who co-authored the prescient 1998 book "America's Achilles Heel" warning about the capability of terrorist groups like al-Qaida to extend their reach into the U.S., does not expect al-Qaida or associated groups to try to hijack another plane. He said even if terrorists were able to bypass the improved security screening procedures, the U.S. would not allow a hijacked plane to make it all the way to a highly populated urban area again.

But the threat of terrorism will remain potent, he said; the question is how a generation that hardly remembers what life was like before 9/11 will react to the threat.

"It's often said that the government has to be right 100 percent of the time and the terrorist only has to be right once," Thayer said, "so that gives you kind of a sense of the imbalance... And that's an impossible standard, so you should expect that al-Qaida attacks are going to continue. Again, terrorism has been woven into your life now."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

# Hop this Way: 'Frogger' found place as classic video game

By MOLLY DUNN  
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



So there's this video game where you hop a frog across the street in an attempt to round up all the baby frogs. It's a simple concept. It's an addicting game. It's "Frogger."

Throughout the 1990s, I spent most of my time playing "Frogger." While all my other friends played "Super Mario Brothers" or "Sonic the Hedgehog" (both great games), I enjoyed hopping my green frog across the streets and rivers. I enjoyed floating across sinking turtles and lily pads. I enjoyed everything about "Frogger."

I can still imagine strategically working my way across the street as speeding blue and red cars drove by, trying to maneuver through floating logs and avoiding landing on a crocodile's head. Each level brought new excitement and all-ways guaranteed a rush of adrenaline.

Although it's been a couple of years, I could probably pick up my PlayStation controller and remember all the secrets and tricks it took to finish the game.

"Frogger" was originally released as an arcade game in 1981 and has since seen various incarnations developed for nearly every notable video game console, including "Frogger 3D" and "Frogger 2: Swampy's Revenge" for the Sony PlayStation. In 2006, "Frogger" was

ported to the Xbox 360 as a game on the Xbox Live Arcade.

It's a shame games like "Frogger" have seemed to disappear among all the new "hip" games of this generation. Whatever happened to racing your brother across the streets and laughing hysterically when an 18-wheeler smashes him? Some of my greatest memories as a child involved this little green frog.

As pathetic as it sounds, I miss "Frogger." If my dusty PlayStation still had life in it, I would definitely play "Frogger" any chance I could get. Now, I guess the only place to play this classic game is in movie theater arcades or on a low-quality website, but it's just not the same.

For those of you who miss that little green frog and wish you could hop through "Frogger" world one last time, I feel for you. Maybe one day we will all realize how amazing "Frogger" was and still is and we can bring it back for one last hoorah or rabbit.

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**"FROGGER" TRIVIA:**

According to a twoop.com timeline of "Frogger" events, during the 2003 MTV VMAs, Will Ferrell parodied the "Matrix" series by portraying "The Architect" and claiming that he had designed several arcade

games but had only come up with the name for "Frogger."

The interesting part of the joke is that Ferrell says the name of "Frogger" was originally going to be "Highway Crossing Frog." Interestingly enough, that's actually true.

# 'The Debt' features excellent acting from Worthington, Chastain, Hinds

By JOSHUA MADDEN  
A&E EDITOR

MOVIE REVIEW



A great number of films have attempted to document Israel's struggle for recognition and statehood, but "The Debt" goes about this in an interesting way: by focusing not on Israel's efforts to eliminate its current enemies, but its effort to bring Holocaust architects to justice.

The story follows Rachel (who is portrayed by Jessica Chastain as a younger woman and Helen Mirren as an older one) who is assigned to help capture Dr. Vogel (Jesper Christensen, who is best known for portraying Mr. White in the recent "James Bond" films) and bring him to trial in Israel.

Working alongside Rachel is David (who is portrayed as a young man by Sam Worthington and as an older man by Cirran Hinds) and Stefan (who is portrayed as a young man by Marton Csokas and by Tom Wilkinson as an older man).

If you're a little confused, that's understandable. The story jumps back and forth between 1966 and 1997, so we see all of the main characters as both young agents in the field and older citizens trying to justify their actions. It's not actually as hard to follow as it might seem — the transitions between the two decades are well done and easy to keep up with.

The only real problem is that many people have argued that the casting decisions make for some awkward links between characters, saying that perhaps the older ver-

sions of David and Stefan should have been cast differently.

I think there is some validity to this claim, but overall, it didn't prevent me from enjoying the film, partially because the performances from the younger actors are simply so good.

Sam Worthington is perhaps best known for his work in the smash hit "Avatar," although that's too bad because he is a much more talented actor than he revealed in that film.

His previous film "Terminator: Salvation," oddly enough, might have actually been Worthington's best performance up until "The Debt" was released, but in "The Debt" he is able to create a character that is, in many ways, the emotional center of the film. As an audience member, I was able to empathize with his struggles in a way I wouldn't have expected.

Chastain is arguably the surprise star of the film and, in my opinion, outshined Helen Mirren while sharing the same role. That's not to say that Mirren did a bad job — quite the contrary, her performance was also excellent — but Chastain simply created a character that worked for the film.

After having seen "The Debt," I will be shocked if Chastain does not turn out to be a major star in her own right. This film gave her the opportunity to shine and she did.

I felt that Cirran Hinds gave the strongest performance out of the older trio in the cast, but that's partially because his character is arguably given more to do in this plot line than Wilkinson's. Hinds, however, rises to the occasion and

provides the best link between the two decades of any of the actors.

The major issue this film never seems to overcome is the older version of the characters always feel a little less relevant to the overall plot than the makers of the film probably intended. The structure allows for a connection between the two plotlines that I didn't see coming, but it struggles to find a balance when figuring out how to conclude the two storylines in a satisfying way.

It's a small issue for a film that does such a good job of remaining tense, but it is something that prevents "The Debt" from being comparable to "Munich" in quality.

Film buffs will inevitably compare "The Debt" to "Munich" because of the similarities in subject matter, but the two films are so different — and "Munich" is such a masterpiece — that it's difficult to compare the two in any meaningful way.

The only thing worth saying about the inevitable comparisons that will be made is "The Debt" is a worthy entry to the genre encompassing "Munich." It is a terrific exploration of Israeli identity and revenge, but it does have its shortcomings.

If "The Debt" had been able to more aptly balance the various aspects of its own plot, it would have been a masterpiece. As it stands, it's still a very good film, just not perfect, which is why I'm awarding it four stars out of five.

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Aaron Jones

Kicker Aaron Jones also earned Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week

# Big 12 Weekly Review

## Lariat sports writer takes a look at the teams of the conference

By KRISTA PIRTLE  
SPORTS WRITER

### 1 Oklahoma

It shocked no one that the Sooners broke open the 2011 season with a 47-14 win over Tulsa. Heisman candidate junior quarterback Landry Jones threw for 375 yards and one touchdown. His favorite target, senior wide receiver Ryan Broyles, caught 14 passes for 158 yards and one touchdown.

The big surprise for Oklahoma was the offensive presence found in junior running back Dominique Whaley, who rushed for 131 yards and 4 touchdowns. Cumulatively, the Sooners had 663 total offensive yards.

The one snag for the No. 1 team in the nation was their allowance of 400 offensive yards by Tulsa. Oklahoma has this weekend off to prepare to defend its top ranking.

### 7 Texas A&M

Despite all the drama with the Aggies, the fact that they have a strong football program cannot be overlooked. Texas A&M defeated the SMU Mustangs 46-14.

Senior quarterback Ryan Tannehill threw for 246 yards and two touchdowns to junior wide receiver Ryan Swope, who led in receiving with 109 yards for one touchdown.

Senior running back Cyrus Gray lived up to his face on the cover of Texas Football Magazine with 132 rushing yards for two touchdowns.

The Aggies have a bye this weekend, which allows them time to sort through the complications of the realignment. They also could use a little strengthening for their defense as they allowed SMU to gain 347 offensive yards. If they continue to play their games with no turnovers, they could surprise some big-name organizations.

### 9 Oklahoma State

Even though Heisman candidate receiver Justin Blackmon didn't

find himself in the end zone against University of Louisiana at Lafayette, his 144 reception yards assisted the Cowboys to a 61-34 win.

Senior quarterback Brandon Weeden threw for 388 yards; however, his three interceptions that he still has room for improvement. Sophomore running back Joseph Randle led the way rushing for 129 yards and two touchdowns. As a whole offensively, OSU gained 666 yards. Thursday the Cowboys hosted Arizona. The battle between Wildcats quarterback senior Nick Foles and Weeden will decide the winner of this game.

### 20 Baylor

The Bears opened up their 2011 season with a nationally televised win over the No. 14 TCU Horned Frogs. Junior quarterback and Heisman candidate Robert Griffin III threw for 359 yards and five touchdowns.

Senior running back Terrance Ganaway led the rush with 120 yards and one touchdown

and senior inside receiver Kendall Wright led with 189 yards and two touchdowns.

The defense looks to have improved since 2010; however, the unit is still not up to par with defensive coordinator Phil Bennett's expectations. Defensive stands were made when they were needed, but the 25 points scored by TCU in the fourth quarter leaves room for improvement.

Baylor also lost 116 yards due to 11 penalties. The Bears have this weekend off before they host SFA Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.

### 21 Missouri

The Tigers also had a weak offensive effort; however, they were able to claim the victory over Miami of Ohio, 17-6.

Sophomore quarterback James Franklin threw for 129 yards and rushed for 72, scored 2 touchdowns but threw one interception. Franklin is a young gun in the pocket, and looks like he is still trying to find his way around. He leads his team to face Arizona State on the road Friday.

Arizona State comes off an easy victory against UC Davis. Arizona State accumulated 517 total offensive yards. Because the Tigers are on the road, Arizona State has the prime opportunity to come out on top.

### 24 Texas

It's interesting how beating Rice 34-9 can earn a team the No. 24 spot in the country. Junior quarterback Garrett Gilbert looked to have improved some over the offseason as he threw for 239 yards and a touchdown.

Sophomore wide receiver Mike Davis was Gilbert's target of the night with 115 receiving yards. This weekend, the Longhorns host BYU, who narrowly defeated Ole Miss 14-13. Offensively, BYU only totaled 208 yards, not even reaching 100 yards rushing. This

matchup depends on Gilbert and both teams' defenses. If Gilbert cannot effectively command his troops, the Longhorns will fall down to a resilient BYU. These two will face 6 p.m. Saturday.

### Texas Tech

Texas Tech entered the 2011 season with a 50-10 dominant performance over Texas State. Junior quarterback Seth Doege threw for 326 yards and three touchdowns, proving his talent in the pocket. Tech's offense consisted of 348 passing yards and 157 rushing yards.

Junior wide receiver Darrin Moore caught 12 passes for 221 yards and one touchdown while junior running back Eric Stephens rushed for 118 yards and two touchdowns. Whether this reveals the talent of the Red Raiders' receivers or the weakness of Texas State's secondary is debatable.

Tech, as well, is off for the weekend. This will allow the Red Raiders time to spread their offense. As they expand their targets offensively, they will threaten at more than one angle and can become more intimidating.

### Kansas State

Despite five turnovers, the Wildcats managed to pull out a victory over Eastern Kentucky, 10-7, last weekend. Four fumbles and an interception showed a less than impressive offensive performance by Kansas State. It is not clear whether this performance was a one-time fluke or a preview of what the season will look like.

Iowa State won a close one with Northern Iowa, 20-19. The Cyclones accumulated 328 offensive yards on the night but gave up 385.

Junior quarterback Steele Jantz led the team in passing and rushing yards with 187 and 80, respectively, scoring three touchdowns but throwing three interceptions.

Receiving yards were slim as junior wide receiver Aaron Horne led the receivers with 69 yards. Iowa State will need to expand its offensive threats. Jantz appears to be their lone weapon, and one-dimensional teams can be easily stopped.

Defensively, the team needs to get stronger and faster.

This defense will not be able to contain in-state rival Iowa, who defeated Tennessee Tech 34-7. That matchup will be 11 a.m. Saturday. Only half the Big 12 is in action this weekend.



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# Dallas battles injuries

By JAIME ARON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cowboys cornerback Mike Jenkins returned to practice Thursday, a day after limping off with a knee injury, and appears likely to play in the opener Sunday night against the New York Jets.

As for right tackle Tyron Smith, who also hurt a knee Wednesday, the outlook is less clear.

Smith suited up, but only watched as Jermei Parnell and several other linemen auditioned for his job in case he doesn't heal quickly enough to start.

"I think he's doing better," coach Jason Garrett said. "He responded well to the treatment. We'll just evaluate him as the week goes forward. Jenks was a little more active, but, again, it's a day-to-day situation."

The offensive line already is breaking in a seventh-round pick at left guard and a second-year center who's only played the line in two NFL games, and is coming off a knee injury that knocked him out of the last two preseason games. Even if Smith had been healthy, there was no telling what to expect from a 20-year-old rookie, except that hopes were high for someone who was the ninth overall pick in the draft.

But now Smith either will be hobbling or missing. His replacement would be Parnell, a football novice, or an interior lineman asked to play outside. Garrett said right guard Kyle Kosier and backup guards Derrick Dockery and David Arkin all got work at right tackle Thursday "in some way, shape or form," either with the starters, the backups or the scout team.

Parnell is a former college basketball player who spent only one season playing football, and spent it on defense. He was switched to offense while with the Saints' practice squad in 2009. He's yet to play in an NFL game.

"You certainly see the athletic ability, the arm length, the foot quickness," Garrett said. "It's pretty obvious to see his physical traits, and that's one of the reasons we were attracted to him. But what you need to see is some football instinct, some football savvy and some understanding about offensive and defensive schemes ... It's a process for a guy like that. It's really a process for every young player."

Garrett said he has "no hard and fast rules" about whether Smith has to practice again before he can play.

"We just want to make sure he's making progress," Garrett said.

Newly signed receiver Laurent Robinson did not practice because of a hamstring injury. Tight end Martellus Bennett also did not return to practice because of a high ankle sprain.

Receiver Miles Austin (hamstring) and center Phil Costa (knee) also were listed as limited participants.



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## Terrible tragedy touches sports world

In this Monday, Sept. 17, 2001 file picture, members of the Colorado Rockies and Arizona Diamondbacks meet in the center of the infield to hold the American flag during the singing of "God Bless America" and the national anthem. It marked the first baseball game in Denver's Coors Field since the terrorist attacks on the United States. Six days after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Major League Baseball returned to the field with a new ritual with playing of "God Bless America" in the seventh-inning stretch, along with the classic "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

## Lariat sports desk makes week 1 NFL picks

Week 1	 Tyler Alley Sports Editor	 Krista Pirtle Sports Writer	 Daniel Wallace Sports Writer
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Cincinnati at Cleveland	Browns	Browns	Browns
Buffalo at Kansas City	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs
Philadelphia at St. Louis	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
Detroit at Tampa Bay	Lions	Lions	Buccaneers
Tennessee at Jacksonville	Titans	Jaguars	Titans
Pittsburgh at Baltimore	Ravens	Steelers	Ravens
Indianapolis at Houston	Texans	Texans	Texans
New York Giants at Washington	Giants	Giants	Giants
Seattle at San Francisco	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks
Minnesota at San Diego	Chargers	Vikings	Vikings
Carolina at Arizona	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals
Dallas at New York Jets	Jets	Jets	Cowboys
New England at Miami (Monday Night)	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Oakland at Denver (Monday Night)	Raiders	Broncos	Raiders

## Ondrasik to perform 9/11 song at Jets game

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Ondrasik, the singer-songwriter who goes by the stage name Five For Fighting, is returning to the New York area to perform his hit song, "Superman (It's Not Easy)," which became an anthem for many after the terrorist attacks 10 years ago.

Ondrasik will perform at a few events this weekend, including playing "Superman" at halftime of the Dallas Cowboys-New York Jets game Sunday at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Ondrasik tells The Associated Press he has been careful since 9/11 when he plays the song, especially in New York, "because you want to be very respectful and you never want a tinge of exploitation." He accepted the Jets' invitation to be part of their commemorative events because "they're doing a very respectful job."

The Cowboys and Jets play at 8:20 p.m. on NBC Sunday Night Football.

## OSU tallies 594 yards, dominates Arizona

By JEFF LATZKE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STILLWATER, Okla. — Brandon Weeden connected with Justin Blackmon on two short touchdown tosses, Joseph Randle ran for two scores and No. 9 Oklahoma State used an early burst of offense to beat Arizona 37-14 on Thursday night in a rematch of last year's Alamo Bowl.

The Cowboys (2-0) scored on their first three drives to open a 21-0 lead in the first 16½ minutes, then put it away with two scores midway through the second half.

Randle had 121 yards rushing and nine catches for 99 yards, and Blackmon had 128 yards on 12 receptions to extend his NCAA record streak to 14 straight games with at least 100 yards receiving.

Weeden finished with 397 yards passing, one less than Arizona's Nick Foles, in a duel between the nation's top two passers from the first week of the season. Weeden's first 13 passes were completed before he overshot Tracy Moore on a deep ball.

The Wildcats (1-1) played without Juron Criner, who was the Pac-10's top receiver last season and tied the school record with 11 touchdown catches. He had an appendectomy on Monday, and it's unclear whether he'll be able to return in time for Arizona's home games the next two weeks against No. 6 Stanford and No. 12 Oregon.

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# Job fair coming to Baylor, bringing opportunities

By **BRITNEY COULTER**  
REPORTER

Students in the market for an internship or post-graduation job can potentially find employment at Baylor Career Services' STEM Job Fair, Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center. This is the first successful year to hold the fair in the last two years due to the previous state of the economy.

Short for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, the STEM Job Fair, will give students and alumni a chance to meet with company recruiters offering jobs from these respective areas.

"It's a great opportunity to network with a room full of recruiters," said Carolyn Mushka, associate director of career services. "You may not have the opportunity to do that somewhere else."

According to the career services website, job fairs provide students with the opportunity to "learn about their opportunities, gather information you can use when applying for jobs and find out about

next steps in the process."

Mushka said the job fair can benefit students from all academic backgrounds, not just those from the areas represented at the fair.

"Even if you see that maybe they're not looking for your major, you can still talk with them about different opportunities," Mushka said.

So far, 30 companies have committed to attend the fair. Recruiters will be in attendance from companies such as Anadarko, AT&T, the FBI, SpaceX and National Instruments.

Donna Sparks, assistant director of career services, said job fairs can open the door to opportunities that may have previously not been considered.

"Campus Crusade for Christ is going to be at the STEM fair looking for computer programmers," Sparks said. "Most people think of Campus Crusade for Christ as a more missions-based kind of thing, but they need people to program their website and things like that too."

Sparks also said job fairs give

students the opportunity to represent themselves face-to-face aside from simply submitting a resume.

"Any time you feel like you would do a much better job representing yourself in person rather than on paper, it's absolutely a good idea to go to a job fair," Sparks said.

Mushka and Sparks said that preparation is essential for success at the fair. Among the things students should do to prepare is research the companies listed to attend.

"There is a list of them that [students] can find by going to our website: HireABear.com," Mushka said. "Pick out the top three to five that you're interested in, look at their website and learn about what they're doing and what they might be here recruiting for."

Students should also plan out their visit in advance to make efficient use of their time at the fair.

"Map out a plan for who you want to see because a lot of times you don't have enough time to talk to everybody," Sparks said. "You really want to be intentional so that you make it to your key prospects."

Mushka also recommends that students bring multiple copies of resumes printed on high quality bond paper and be prepared to present themselves efficiently using what she refers to as a "one minute commercial" that gives recruiters pertinent information such as majors, areas of interest and career goals.

Students are highly encouraged to attend the fair regardless of where they are in their college careers.

"Don't miss the opportunity to attend," Mushka said. "Too many times we hear from students that are graduating or from alumni that they wish they would have taken advantage of this."

The STEM Job Fair is just one of many job fairs offered throughout the year. Students can visit Career Services in the Paul L. Foster Success Center in the Sid Richardson Building for more information on upcoming fairs as well as more information on how to prepare for them.

Professional dress and a student ID are required to enter the fair.



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Mannequins on display in the Paul L. Foster Student Success Center teach students to dress appropriately for a business setting in order to land jobs.

# IBM's Smarter Planet Comes to You tour comes to you

By **JENNIFER KANG**  
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Baylor will be the first of nine schools to kick off IBM's Smarter Planet Comes to You University Tour on Tuesday at the Cashion Academic Center.

The tour aims to help students understand there is a growing demand for highly-skilled workers due to current workforce conditions: the best jobs are toughening their requirements. IBM is also integrating the idea that students need to build a smarter planet by creative thinking and applying technology in new ways in order to solve business problems.

The tour will host a Smarter Planet Scavenger Hunt, in which

students will have the opportunity to win up to \$200 for each member of a two-person team. In order to compete, students must register online.

According to Tim Willeford, global communications leader at IBM, the universities that were chosen to participate are already engaged and have dialogues about sustainability and solving complex problems with logical analysis.

"In all cases, we are excited to share IBM's Smarter Planet strategy with future leaders of the technology and business world through technology demonstrations and discussions and other real-world examples and case studies of how IBM is helping to build a smarter planet," said Willeford in an email

to The Lariat.

Dr. Andrea Dixon, the executive director of the Keller Center for Research and the Center for Professional Selling, said this is a great way for all students on campus to learn more about the different ways they can develop the right skills to enter the workforce and set themselves apart from the competition.

"IBM is sponsoring this university tour and they handpicked a set of schools this year to help students understand what it means to compete and differentiate themselves," Dixon said. "But at the same time, this helps students work for a more sustainable planet, while working in the context of technology changes and environmental chang-

es and so forth."

Daniele O. Coper, marketing program execution manager at IBM, thinks this is an excellent way for all students of any major, undergraduate or graduate, to come together and learn more about creating a smarter planet.

"The scavenger hunt will have about 30 questions where students get clues on their cell phones that deal with how to make a smarter planet," Coper said in a conference call on Sept. 7. "At the end of all of this, we will have a discussion for students on what employers are looking for when they hire students and what skills they should have to differentiate themselves from others."

By the end of this event IBM

hopes to show that students need to take an initiative to develop skills further because companies today are demanding more from employees.

"Part of the objective of this event is to show students examples of the current marketplace and make it real for students to realize that they live in a smarter planet," Coper said.

The tour will feature four IBM skill zones that students can choose to attend: the job zone, the skills zone, the gaming zone and the expert zone. Students will also be able to meet with representatives and discuss job opportunities and find out more about other resources that IBM has to offer during the tour.

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