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A note to readers

Some readers who subscribe to weekend editions of the Mercury News are receiving today's newspaper with coverage of the terrorist attacks.

Lotteries

All numbers picked Tuesday unless otherwise indicated

Super Lotto Plus

■ Saturday's jackpot: \$7 million.
Next drawing today

Fantasy Five 1-17-21-31-32

Daily Three 0-9-9

Daily Derby 3-6-8
Time: 1:47:50

Today's coverage



STEFFEN KAPLAN — NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK CITY STUNNED BY BLASTS

In an instant, Lower Manhattan was in chaos as smoke and debris rained down on pedestrians, subways came to a halt, police evacuated buildings and FBI agents emptied streets of panicked people. | **Full story on 5A**

UNDER SIEGE: Tuesday's attacks will change the way Americans live — and the desire to regain security may conflict with the civil liberties the nation holds dear. | **3A**

TWIN TOWERS FALL: Intense heat from burning jet fuel weakened steel supports, causing the World Trade Center towers to collapse. | **8A**

VULNERABLE SECURITY: Experts map out how the terrorists could have pulled off the four airplane hijackings. | **4A**

NATION'S CAPITAL A SYMBOL OF TERROR

An attack on the Pentagon plunges Washington, D.C., into a scene reminiscent of a Hollywood disaster movie — or TV footage of another country — as federal authorities secured the city. | **Full story on 12A**

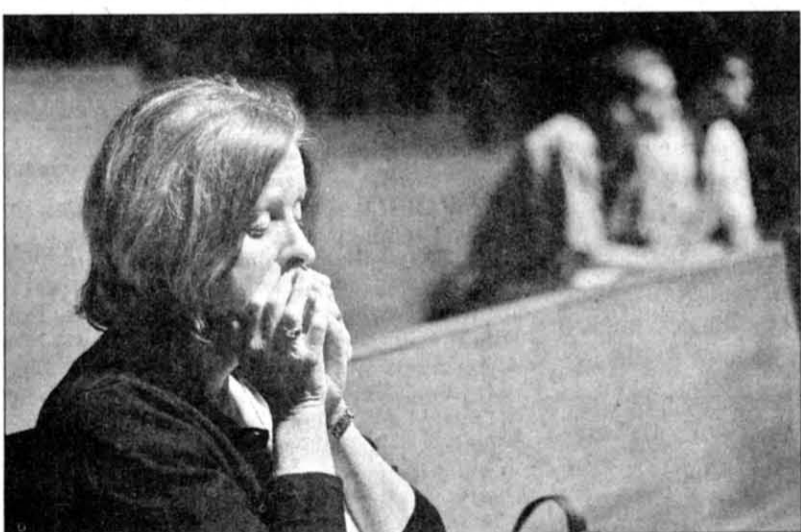
HIGH ALERT U.S. military forces and around the world were put on their highest alert status, and Pentagon leaders deployed a loose air-defense network. | **10A**

DOOMED AIRPLANE: Flight 93, bound for San Francisco, crashed, killing 45 people — but it did not hit a strategic target like three other hijacked planes. | **4A**

EFFECTS ON ECONOMY: U.S. consumer confidence, the travel industry and productivity could all suffer in the wake of Tuesday's attacks. | **7A**



DYLAN MOORE — THE DAILY JOURNAL



MERI SIMON — MERCURY NEWS

SPORTS ON HOLD: Major League Baseball took the lead by postponing all 15 games Tuesday night; other sports followed suit. | **21A**

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS: Cancellations in the Bay Area and the nation ranged from the Emmy awards and the Latin Grammys to "Beauty and the Beast." | **1E**

OPINIONS: Americans will not yield to terror, the Mercury News writes in an editorial. In letters, readers reflect and react. | **8B, 9B**

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Lisa Bloch, spokeswoman for the Irwin Memorial Blood Center in San Francisco, said the outpouring of donors Tuesday was welcome but would still be needed in coming weeks. She urged people to stagger their donations.

BLOOD DONATION HOTLINES

- Blood Centers of the Pacific, (888) 393-GIVE
- Red Cross (800) GIVE-LIFE

CASH DONATIONS

■ Call the American Red Cross at (408) 577-2113 or send checks to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, 2731 N. First St., San Jose, Calif. 95134; Call the United Way at (408) 247-1200. Specify that you would like your donation to go to the victims of the terrorist attack.

■ Bay Area community foundations are asking donors to funnel financial help to a fund created by the United Way of New York City and the New York Community Trust. People giving to the "September 11th Fund" can designate which community they would like their donations to help.

Contributions may be sent in care of United Way of New York City, 2 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016. For information, phone (212) 251-4035.

Some Bay Area community foundations will pass on donations to the "September 11th Fund." Contact Peninsula Community Foundation in San Mateo at (650) 581-4312 (www.pcf.org), or the East Bay Community Foundation in Oakland at (510) 836-3223 (www.eastbaycf.org).

TO LOCATE PEOPLE

■ The University of California-Berkeley has announced the creation of a Web site to help people locate friends and loved ones in New York and Washington, D.C. This site will register people who are safe at <http://do.millennium.berkeley.edu>. Users can check the site at <http://do.millennium.berkeley.edu/find.php>.

REPORT TIPS

The FBI has asked anyone with information on the incidents to call toll-free (866) 483-5137 or (415) 575-5028. A form has also been placed on the Internet at www.ifccfbi.gov.

RESPOND

React to the events, on BayArea.com's online forum at <http://forums.bayarea.com/webx/cgi-bin/WebX?13@@e6f3d9>

BAY AREA SERVICES

AIRPORTS: San Jose, Oakland and San Francisco airports are closed today until at least 9 a.m., but it is not clear whether they will be able to reopen today. If you have airline tickets, contact your carrier for rescheduling or refund information. If you have a relative on one of the crashed flights, call United at (800) 932-8555 or American at (800) 241-6522.

MASS TRANSIT: Buses, light-rail, BART and CalTrain are expected to be on regular schedules.

STOCK MARKETS: Closed today

BANKS: Banks, including Wells Fargo and Bank of America, which had some offices closed Tuesday, are open.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS: Federal, county and city buildings and courthouses will be open.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES: Most public elementary and high schools are expected to be open. The University of California-Berkeley and UC-Santa Cruz campuses are open. San Jose State University had not determined if it would be open today.

MAIL AND SHIPPING: U.S. Postal Service delivery and pickups are scheduled. UPS is making deliveries and pickups except in the New York City and Washington, D.C., areas. FedEx is also making pickups and deliveries. Expect packages to be delayed because of redirected and delayed flights throughout the country.

SHOPPING: Westfield Shoppingtown Valley Fair and Oakridge, as well as the Stanford Shopping Center, Westgate Mall and the Great Mall of the Bay Area will be open regular hours today. Starbucks coffeehouses, which were closed Tuesday, are expected to be open today.

REACTION WASHES OVER BAY AREA

The impact of Tuesday's attacks struck residents throughout the Bay Area. Around the state, doors were shut in malls and museums, shuttering attractions from Pier 39 to Disneyland. | **Full story on 11A**