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John Schuster, a psychologist at the Texas Christian University Counseling Center. "They don't want to feel chatty. "I was in the market and the place is usually talkative and

loud," Schuster said. "But there was dead silence."

When people did converse, the topic was almost always Tuesday morning's deadly terrorist attacks on the United States. That was when two hijacked airliners were deliberately crashed

into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York and another plane plowed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

The magnitude of the attacks prompted President Bush to call them an "act of war." Like most Americans, North Texans watched television in shock and disbelief as events unfolded. And when they awoke Wednesday morning after a night of fitful sleep, they realized the attacks weren't just a bad dream.

While life was returning to normal in some respects, there were still many reminders of Tuesday's horrific events.

Schuster said he counseled students who were upset by the disaster, who needed someone to talk to. "The ones who keep it inside are the ones who feel it later," he said.

Television continued its non-stop coverage as rescue workers dug through the rubble in New York and Washington, desperately searching for survivors.

The stock market remained closed, the Federal Aviation Administration grounded flights at all airports, the Fort Worth Federal Building was evacuated after a bomb threat, and TCU's football game against Marshall University on Saturday, the Horned Frogs' home opener, was canceled.

"It is business, but it's not as usual," said Stan Stanislav, vice president and general manager for the Neiman Marcus store at Ridgmar mall in Fort Worth, commenting on shoppers but capturing the mood of the entire region.

Local sports and music radio stations abandoned or modified

programming to talk about the terrorist attacks. Ron Chapman, an icon in Fort Worth-Dallas radio for more than 30 years at KVIL and now at oldies station KLUUV, adapted his morning show to reflect the events of the day.

"I let people react and interact," Chapman said. "We played a lot less music, had longer phone calls. We shared emotions. The show wrote itself."

When he left KLUUV on Tuesday, Chapman said, he had not recorded his standard promo for the next day's show. "I didn't know what to say or do," he said.

But when he arrived home, he saw his wife, Nance, watching TV and listening to the radio with her son and daughter-in-law and his daughter. "She was checking all parts of her family," he said. "She was gathering her nest, her people."

Chapman had his theme for Wednesday's show and returned to the station to tape a promo. "I said that at times like these we like to gather close to friends and family and at KLUUV we represent both to many people," he said. "Let's gather and compare notes, sort it out and see how you feel."

At the high school level, some officials strongly believed that the games must go on. Volleyball matches resumed at area schools and football games were scheduled for today through Saturday.

"We want to show that they [terrorists] are not going to stop us," said Paul Galvan, athletic director for the Fort Worth school district. "In some way, we need to resume these games and also keep in our minds that this is a tragedy."

The show will go on in Dallas, too, where the Dallas Symphony Orchestra will perform this weekend but acknowledge the victims of the attacks by changing the music for the program, substituting a somber string selection by Barber for an upbeat piece by Ravel.

"It would be inappropriate to play the rather joyous Ravel piece," said Music Director Andrew Litton.

A NASCAR truck series race and Indy Racing League's season-ending event will be run as scheduled at Texas Motor Speedway, a decision fully supported by Mike Mohler, a pilot with American Airlines. He sent an e-mail to track Vice President and General Manager Eddie Gossage, saying, "If it's canceled, the lowlifes who pulled this off will know that they got to us."

For most people, though, healing will take time. "Eventually, people will stop talking about this and the conversation will go back to everything," said Schuster of TCU. "We start thinking about ourselves, who cut me off on the freeway. We get a speeding ticket and then speed again the next day."

Chapman, whose tenure has included the Kennedy assassination, Vietnam War and Persian Gulf War, said his audience will let him know when it's over.

"Every morning you feel a little bit better," he said. "At some point they will say, 'It's OK. It's been terrible, but let's move on.'"

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BAYCOL RECALL

On August 8, 2001 the Bayer Corporation withdrew from the market its cholesterol-lowering drug called Baycol. This drug has been linked to more than 50 deaths worldwide.

Baycol is one of a group of drugs known as "statins". Statins are increasingly popular drugs used to lower cholesterol.

The Baycol recall came as a result of reports to the Federal Food and Drug Administration of the deaths of patients taking this drug and of reports of patients experiencing severe side effects, including rhabdomyolysis. This is a condition that causes the breakdown of muscle cells, resulting in severe muscle pain. Some patients may develop serious, even fatal, kidney disease. In addition to muscle pain, symptoms of rhabdomyolysis include weakness, tenderness, fever, dark urine and vomiting. According to the FDA Press Office, fatal rhabdomyolysis reports with Baycol have been reported most frequently when used at higher doses, when used in elderly patients, and particularly, when used in combination with another lipid lowering drug.

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looked at him.

"They killed all my friends, guys who I grew up with. We were all kids together," Gillen said.

When Gillen and his fellow firefighters got to the unimaginable scene about 6 p.m. Tuesday — it looked "like an atom bomb had hit," Gillen said — they followed the body-sniffing dogs. And then they spied the yellow stripes of a firefighter's uniform, six to 10 feet down, under rubble.

And then another. "We had to get the guys out," said Sean Ashe, a 20-year veteran. "We could see there were two guys trapped under a steel beam. When you've seen that, you can't leave, even if there's no chance. When you see a guy, you've got to get them out."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Wednesday that more than 259 uniformed personnel were unaccounted for, including possibly more than 200 firefighters. The Fire Department lost three of its highest-ranking officers and a beloved chaplain.

Several people who fled the stricken buildings moments before they collapsed said that as they frantically stumbled and ran down dozens of flights of stairs, they passed firefighters running up, just as frantically, in a desperate rescue attempt. The buildings tumbled upon other police and emergency medical workers who had raced to the scene.

Patrolman Jose Valentin from Queens was on patrol on East 23rd Street when the first plane hit one building. He drove as far as he could toward the scene and then ran from 14th Street. He was less than 60 feet away when the south tower began to crumble.

He and partner James Kelleher ran for safety and, with other officers, ducked under a huge triangular structure, broke through the glass of a building, and ran out the other side, chased by a tidal wave of debris. Valentin made it to a police launch and the Jersey City Medical Center, where he was treated for a broken elbow.

"It's sad losing many of the officers, good guys who go in to answer a call and lose their lives," Valentin said. "They showed up and they got buried underneath. I was a lucky one to get out."

David Sutton, member of the rescue unit Hatzolah Volunteer Ambulance, was at his desk at a Brooklyn office-supply firm when the first plane struck. He raced to his unit blocks away and arrived just as the first building began to fall.

He ran into a liquor store, pulling with him a female emergency medical technician who

was being stampeded. He, too, raced to the river, breaking his ankle as he jumped into a police launch to get across the river. The launch was pulling out, because the second building was collapsing, and he had to jump 25 feet. He told his story from his hospital bed in Jersey City, a yarmulke still on his head, his parents and wife at his side. He was tethered to breathing apparatus because the dust and debris triggered his asthma.

"What I did was nothing compared to the true heroism of the others," he said, trembling.

Ladder 34, Engine 84, from way uptown, got there later, for the rescue effort.

Gillen, caked in dust, eyes red, strangely calm, made himself heard above the clack of the subway's wheels as he and his men went back to their station to rest.

He described a horrific task, numbly following the steps.

"You start in one place with a team. We had dogs with us, ironworkers who were cutting beams. They had bulldozers, cranes that were starting to remove the rubble. But they're buried, layer upon layer upon layer of rubble," he said.

One of the firefighters' bodies they dug out was severely burned. The rescuers went through the pockets and took out their IDs. They were from Brooklyn.

None of the 60 or so men from the subway riders' company, at 161st Street and Amsterdam Avenue, was killed. But some of their friends had just been transferred or promoted to other units that were among the first to the scene.

"We've lost people at every rank today, from the highest chiefs to guys who had just been on the job for a few weeks," Gillen said.

Among those killed were Ray Downey, firefighter, chief of special-operations command; William Feehan, the department's first deputy commissioner; Peter Ganci, Fire Department chief; and the Rev. Mychal Judge, a Franciscan priest and fire chaplain.

Ashe, who lives on Staten Island, said he knew at least 10 colleagues killed.

"We all got into the Fire Department together. We went to the same high school. We played on the same football team. Everyone I know of had three or four kids. And now they're gone," he said.

Gillen is the New York firefighter with the grim task of planning funerals for those killed on duty. He could not comprehend the task ahead.

On the subway, Ashe called over to him: "What are you going to do? You're going to have a division funeral?"

Gillen shook his head. "I don't know now. ... I have no idea."