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NEWS IN BRIEF

Former A&M System regent Wisenbaker died Wednesday

Royce E. Wisenbaker, Class of 1939 and a former Texas A&M University System regent, died Wednesday in Tyler.

Wisenbaker was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1973 and was the first person to serve as president of both The Association of Former Students and the 12th Man Foundation. He was instrumental in creating The Association's Century Club, the primary source of undesignated funds.

Wisenbaker also established A&M's Presidential Endowed Scholarship Program in 1968, funding the first scholarship in honor of the late University President J. Earl Rudder. Today, there are more than 750 of these scholarships.

He served 18 years on the A&M System Board of Regents, from 1979 to 1997. In the mid-1980s, Wisenbaker endowed a chair and two permanently endowed graduate fellowships in the Look College of Engineering. In 1987, A&M's engineering research building was named in his honor.

Funeral services for Wisenbaker are scheduled for Friday in Tyler.

PUBLIC EYE

Number of people killed in the attack at Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941

2,300 19 ships sank

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WEATHER

TODAY

HIGH 91° F LOW 67° F

TOMORROW

HIGH 92° F LOW 68° F

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"This will be a monumental struggle of good versus evil. Good will prevail."

— President George W. Bush

ANOTHER DAY

Stars and stripes



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Top: An American flag is draped over the Wellborn Road skywalk as Bryan-College Station residents and students make their way to work and school Wednesday morning. One day after the events in New York City and Washington, D.C., signs that the community's thoughts are with the victims of Tuesday's attacks are abundant. Above: Smoke rises from lower Manhattan after the destruction of buildings at the World Trade Center in New York early Wednesday morning. Left: Firefighters raise a flag at the World Trade Center in New York Tuesday as work at the site continues after hijackers crashed two jetliners into the center.

Bush: Terrorist attacks were 'acts of war'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday condemned terrorist attacks in New York and Washington as "acts of war," and said he would ask Congress for money to help in the recovery and protect the nation's security.

"This will be a monumental struggle of good versus evil. But good will prevail," the president said. He said the nation was prepared to spend "whatever it takes."

Bush spoke as administration officials said evidence in Tuesday's fearsome attacks pointed to suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden, harbored in Afghanistan. And while Secretary of State Colin Powell suggested earlier in the day that no military response was imminent, Bush said, "We will rally the world" in the war on terrorism, fought now on American soil.

Congress returned to the Capitol, and federal agencies reopened their doors for the first time since Tuesday's parallel attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon across the Potomac River from the nation's capital.

Bush, in the Oval Office shortly after sunrise, invited senior lawmakers to the White House for a national display of unity.

His spokesman, Ari Fleischer, spoke words meant to soothe. "We believe the perpetrators have executed their plan and therefore the risks are significantly reduced," he said.

A mile or so from where he spoke, search and rescue teams worked in the remains of the portion of the Pentagon that collapsed Tuesday, hit by a hijacked jetliner. Officials said they doubted they would find any additional survivors, and said the number of deaths could reach into the hundreds.

That would pale in comparison to the carnage in New York, where two more hijacked planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center. The buildings collapsed, with thousands feared lost.

In a day-after scare, employees at the Agriculture Department's main building

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International students report fear, assaults

By JUSTIN SMITH THE BATTALION

International students at Texas A&M reported verbal assaults and fear of retaliation from fellow students at a meeting Wednesday night at University apartments. After Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., the students who gathered at the meeting said they feared their nationalities have put them in danger.

The University Police Department (UPD) has increased security around the University apartments.

Several students at the meeting said they had been harassed by other Aggies.

"I was walking on campus today and I could just feel people staring at me," said an unidentified woman. "At one point, a man actually said that 'We will get y'all back,' followed with a racial slur."

Several students said they are afraid because many different countries have been mentioned during television broadcasts as possibly having had something to do with the attacks.

"[The media] brings up countries that have no involvement," said one Iranian student, who chose to not reveal his name.

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Ags organize peace march

By SOMMER BUNCE THE BATTALION

Texas A&M students will gather on the front steps of the Academic Building at 5 p.m. to unite in a peace march led by Student Body President Schuyler Houser and International Student Association President Archana Ramaswamy.

Students will march in honor of the lives lost in Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. and to "denounce terrorism and show we are standing behind America," said Laura Glick, chair of L.T. Jordan, a Memorial Student Center committee that deals with

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White House was targeted for attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House and Air Force One, two potent symbols of the American presidency, were targets of Tuesday's suicide bombers, government officials said.

Sketching a scenario that is normally the stuff of Hollywood thrillers, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer cited "real and credible information" that the hijacked airplane that slammed into the Pentagon was originally intended to hit the White House.

Air Force One, which was with Bush in Florida at the time of the attacks, also was in the terrorists' sights, Fleischer said Wednesday. "That also is one of the reasons why Air Force One did not come back to Andrews (Air Force Base, Md.) where some people may have thought it would."

He refused to say what kind of attack might have been aimed at the presidential jet.

Asked if evidence pointed to an assassination plot that went awry, Fleischer said he would tell reporters only what he knew about the prospective targets, "and I think you can draw your own conclusions."

The astonishing disclosure came seven years to the day after a Maryland man with a history of mental illness crashed a stolen light plane against the south side of the White House, an act that showed

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