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NEWS IN BRIEF

Recent developments related to attacks

- President George W. Bush pledged "crusade" to rid the world of evil-doers, rushes off reported Osama bin Laden denial; Vice President Dick Cheney warns at those who harbor terrorists face "the full wrath of the United States."
- Pakistani official said prior delegation sent to Afghanistan to deliver U.S. ultimatum: hand over Osama bin Laden or risk massive assault.
- The New York Stock Exchange and the Mercantile Exchange, as well as City Hall and other government buildings and courthouses, get ready to reopen Monday, even as much of lower Manhattan remains inaccessible. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said, "A great way to help is to come here and spend money."
- Number missing at World Trade Center reaches 4,957; 90 confirmed dead, 115 identified. Pentagon death toll 188; New York Fire Department reports 168 firefighters to fill void left by nearly 300 firefighters still missing.
- Authorities arrested a second man on a material witness warrant. He was arrested in New York, but no other details were released.
- Republicans and Democrats discuss swift operation on budget and domestic issues as attention shifts to terrorist threat.
- Two killed, dozens injured as 50,000 Hindu nationalists march in Muslim area of southern India to protest terrorism, decry Pakistan and Taliban.

Moment of silence



Bryan-College Station residents hold candles and American flags as a sign of remembrance and patriotism during a candlelight vigil at the Palace Theater in Bryan Sunday night. The vigil was organized by the Fiestas

Patrias Planning Committee. Fiestas Patrias, a celebration of Mexican Independence was to be held last weekend but was rescheduled because of Tuesday's attacks New York City, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania.

Back to business in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — The air thick with dust and tinged with bitter smoke, a city still patching together phone lines and electricity battled to get back to business for Monday's reopening of Wall Street.

The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and the Mercantile Exchange, as well as City Hall and other government buildings and courthouses, are to reopen Monday, even as much of lower Manhattan remains inaccessible.

"We think we're ready for it," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Sunday. "Some of it obviously ... is trial and error." Investors anxiously awaited the markets' reopening.

Five days after two hijacked commercial jetliners brought down the World Trade Center, parts of the island's southern tip are still without electricity or telephone service. Streets are crisscrossed with heavy utility cables and portable generators stand on sidewalks.

The Wall Street subway station is closed, and only subways on the east side of downtown Manhattan will run at all. A new ferry service will carry passengers across the East River from Brooklyn. Streets are closed to vehicles and some thoroughfares are blocked altogether.

Even so, Giuliani has made reopening the area — home to the city's financial and government sectors — a priority. The New York Stock Exchange had a successful test Saturday of its computer and communications systems.

The computerized Nasdaq Stock Market, which doesn't have a trading floor as the NYSE does on Wall Street, said it had also conducted a successful test of its systems.

"The life of the city goes on, and I encourage people to go about their lives," Giuliani said. "One of the best things they can do to show how strong they are, and to show how terrorists can't cover us, is to not be covered."

President Bush also weighed in, saying Sunday, "When you get back to work, work hard like you always have. ... People will be amazed at how quickly we will rebuild New York."

The NYSE was not physically damaged in the attack. But a telephone switching operation was knocked out, severing some of the communications systems used in trading. A number of investment firms suffered damage that forced them to relocate some of their operations and re-establish computer links.

A lot is at stake. About \$100 billion worth of trades are conducted daily on the NYSE, Nasdaq Stock Market and American Stock Exchange, according to the Securities Industry Association. Those trades haven't been conducted since the market closed.

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Accident kills 8 Wyoming athletes

Staff & Wire

Eight University of Wyoming track and cross-country runners were killed early Sunday when their sports-utility vehicle collided head-on with a pickup truck that apparently had swerved into their lane.

Wyoming Highway Patrol Sgt. Pete Townsend said the SUV carrying the athletes collided with a one-ton pickup truck at 1:30 a.m. Sunday about 17 miles south of Laramie, near Tie Spring on U.S. 287. All seven passengers of the SUV were ejected, and they and the driver died at the scene.

"The loss of eight students

Track, cross-country runners in head-on collision Sunday morning

and the critical injury of a ninth is a terrible blow to the University of Wyoming community," said UW President Phillip L. Dubois. "Today's tragedy has struck close to home. These were young men who showed great promise for the future."

Jay Fromkin, a University of Wyoming spokesman, said he did not know where the students were going.

The student-athletes were traveling in a private vehicle and not as part of a team activity.

"We believe they just got together," he said. "All the athletic meets were canceled over the weekend. They may have been just out for the day."

The driver of the pickup truck, Clinton Haskins, 21, of Maybel, Colo., was in serious condition, Townsend said.

Townsend said only Haskins was wearing a seat belt. The accident remains under investigation.

"These young men were such great ambassadors for our athletic department and our universi-

ty," said UW Athletics director Lee Moon. "It is so hard to realize that they are gone."

The university will make known plans for a memorial service as soon as they are developed.

Those killed were driver Nicholas J. Schabron, 20, of Laramie; Justin Lambert-Belanger, 20, of Timmins, Ontario, Canada; Kyle N. Johnson, 20, of Riverton; Kevin L. Salverson, 19, of Cheyenne; Shane E. Shatto, 19, of Douglas; Joshua D. Jones, 22, of Laramie; Morgan McLeland, 21, of Gillette; and Cody B. Brown, 21, of Hudson, Colo.

Aggie Marine honored

Daerr receives Silver Star Medal

By DANIEL BAGWELL
THE BATTALION

Retired Marine 1st Lt. Richard L. Daerr Jr., Class of 1966, received the Silver Star Medal, the United States' third-highest award for valor, at a ceremony Friday in Rudder Auditorium.

Daerr served in Vietnam as a platoon commander in the Marines from 1966 to 1968. On May 20 and 21, 1967, during Operation HICKORY, Daerr's platoon was surrounded by North Vietnamese troops.

"When we left the trail, all hell broke loose," Daerr said.

Daerr rallied his men, and after evacuating the wounded, led successful counter attacks against the enemy. For his leadership during this attack, Daerr was recommended for the Silver Star Medal.

Later, a fire in Daerr's battalion destroyed the records of his recommendation. The Marine

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Journalism department increases entry standards

By ELIZABETH RAINES
THE BATTALION

Journalism students at Texas A&M University already are applying for their spring classes.

Because of recent increases in journalism students and decreases in journalism faculty, the journalism department is distributing force-request applications to all journalism majors who need to take certain journalism classes.

With almost 900 students and only 13 full-time faculty, there are not enough professors to teach the required classes, said Dr. Edward Walraven, coordinator of undergraduate advising and student services for the Department of Journalism.

"Unlike some departments, we don't have a big graduate department," Walraven said. "We don't

have those graduate students to help teach our [introductory class] or the labs."

Walraven said enrollment for students in the journalism program this semester is about 300-350 too many. He said enrollment in the undergraduate program has risen by 300 students in the past three years.

"This is a nationwide phenomenon," Walraven said. "Most enrollment at journalism schools is up — way up."

Seven journalism courses, three of which are required for all journalism majors, are on the force-request application. The department is hoping to fill all seven classes, with priority given to those with the most hours and length of time in the degree program, before telephone registration begins in November.

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Engineers wanted: SEC hosts career fair

By NONI SRIDHARA
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Tours of the wind tunnel, the George Bush Presidential Library and Conference Center and crash-test demonstrations are some of the newest additions to the Student Engineers Council (SEC) Career Fair, which begins today and ends Wednesday.

More than 200 companies will be at Reed Arena Tuesday and Wednesday to recruit engineering students for co-ops, internships and full-time positions.

Ryan Price, a career fair co-chair and junior petroleum engineering major, said

although the economy has been facing a slowdown, there are still plenty of opportunities for students.

"The numbers are down slightly from

"The career fair is a great way to directly meet the recruiters and get interviews."

— Andrew Theriot
marketing director for the career fair and a senior industrial engineering major

last year, but we still have a large number of companies coming," Price said.

Some of the companies attending the fair include Compaq, DuPont, General Electric and Motorola.

"The career fair is a great way to directly meet the recruiters and get interviews," Andrea Theriot, marketing director for the career fair and a senior industrial engineering major, said the career fair boosts chances for placement.

Today from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., students can play in a golf tournament with recruiters and attend a welcome dinner at the Brazos Center from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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PUBLIC EYE

Texas A&M Fall 2001 enrollment

(as of 12th day of classes)

23,578

21,123

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Closed book of educational opportunity

WEATHER

TODAY

HIGH 93° F

LOW 71° F

TOMORROW

HIGH 93° F

LOW 72° F

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