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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Extension Service to welcome task force with cards**

Texas Task Force-1, the federal search and rescue team headquartered at Texas A&M, has been in New York for more than one week sifting through the rubble of the World Trade Center.

While the task force's return date is unknown, the Texas Engineering Extension Service is preparing to welcome them home.

The extension is encouraging schools, along with the rest of the community, to make "Thank You" cards and gifts for the group as a sign of appreciation for their efforts in New York.

Items should be dropped off the Bryan-College Station Convention and Visitor's Bureau by Thursday, Sept. 27.

**Texas passes exotic animal law**

The state of Texas has passed a new law making ownership of exotic animals more difficult.

The law, effective Sept. 1, requires owners to obtain a permit for each of their exotic pets.

Among the animals included in the new law are lions, tigers, bears, hyenas, chimpanzees and gorillas.

The law hopes to curb the high number of exotic pets in the state.

Texas currently ranks second only to the entire nation of India in tiger population.

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**A&M-OSU attendance Saturday, fourth largest crowd at Kyle Field**

**82,601**

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**WEATHER**

TODAY	HIGH	80° F
	LOW	63° F
TOMORROW	HIGH	81° F
	LOW	56° F

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## Military may use satellites

*High-tech tools could be used to fight terrorism*

NEW YORK (AP) — The military's campaign against terrorism could include such high-tech tools as spy satellites, drones, motion sensors and smart bombs.

The shadowy National Security Agency is already believed to be directing spy satellites to monitor camps, while the agency's supercomputers search for clues to militants' identities and whereabouts.

The Air Force may send unmanned "drone" aircraft to record images and sounds using sophisticated radar and imaging tools.

U.S. ground troops could scout for hostile forces using hidden sensors buried in the ground or dropped from the air — and airborne reconnaissance vehicles the size of birds.

But even with these high-tech devices, experts say, it will be difficult to root out warrior clans that may not wear uniforms and whose beliefs and actions may be all that distinguish them from civilians.

"We're like the best hardware store in town," said John Hillen, a former defense analyst and Bush campaign adviser. "We have all the latest power tools. They were useful when the problems in the neighborhood required that stuff. Now the neighborhood has an infestation of fruit flies. And all we've got is a store full of power tools."

In recent conflicts, U.S. military technology sometimes fell short. In 1999, U.S. aircraft destroyed just two dozen Serbian tanks in a 78-day air campaign. In 1993, U.S. special forces failed to capture Somali warlord Mohamed Farah Aidid. And, during the Gulf War, Saddam Hussein survived several bombings.

The capture of Osama bin Laden, whom U.S. officials have called the main suspect in the terrorist attacks, is also expected to be difficult. Bin Laden survived a fusillade of U.S. cruise missiles in 1998.

"It's the hardest problem you can imagine," said Glenn Buchan, a Rand Corp. military surveillance expert. "The places he hides — like caves — are hard to attack."

Locating military targets is the first task, analysts say.

The Defense Department plans to ask Congress to fund several weapons and surveillance systems, including sensors that monitor telecommunications while buried in the ground, said Mike Vickers of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, a military think tank in Washington.

U.S. intelligence agencies want to focus all available spy satellite resources on suspected terrorist targets in Afghanistan and elsewhere, Vickers said.

The Defense Department would not publicly discuss what tools it may use.

"It is our longstanding policy at the Department of Defense not to comment on intelligence matters," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Sunday.

Analysts say Washington probably has shifted satellites that intercept radio and mobile phone traffic to focus on Afghanistan.

"That's a classic first step," said William C. Martel, a professor at the U.S. Naval War College. But many terrorists have learned to monitor satellite fly-by schedules so they will know when to duck, Buchan said.

Airplanes are tougher to avoid. The U.S. military has two types of drones, or unmanned aerial vehicles, that could see action: The

## True colors



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Patty Baley of Magnolia and Laura George of Houston show their patriotic spirit in response to the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. Thousands of fans at Kyle Field participated in the Red, White and Blue Out by wearing the colors of the American flag during the game against Oklahoma State Saturday.

## RWB Out a success

By ROLANDO GARCIA  
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Hundreds of Aggie fans were up before the sun Saturday, standing in line at three locations on campus at 7 a.m. to buy a T-shirt. Within four hours, 30,000 red, white and blue T-shirts had been sold.

Red, White and Blue (RWB) Out volunteers are still counting money, but estimate that in five days they sold a total of 70,000 shirts and raised more than \$150,000 to benefit the families of policemen and firefighters killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"It's really a testament to the patriotism and the spirit of this school and proves that Aggies can pull off anything," said Jared Pittman, a RWB Out organizer and junior political science major.

However, the frenzy of T-shirt sales Saturday morning that helped create the sea of red, white and blue at Kyle Field would not have happened without a last-minute influx of helpful volunteers, said Eric Bethea, a RWB Out organizer and junior finance major.

C.C. Creations, the apparel manufacturer that had been working 16-hour shifts all week to meet the burgeoning

T-shirt demand informed RWB Out organizers Thursday that its workers were exhausted and could not print another batch of shirts for Saturday, Bethea said.

"We started calling around and put the word out on (TexAgs.com) and a guy in Dallas contacted us and said they had 10,000 shirts, so we just needed somebody to rent a U-Haul on Friday morning to bring them back," Bethea said.

A supplier in Houston provided another 10,000 shirts, and RWB organizers acquired the use of printing facilities at Collegiate Illustrations and Screened

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## Rescuers find more airplane wreckage

NEW YORK (AP) — The number of people believed missing in the rubble of the World Trade Center increased to 6,453 on Sunday as rescue workers continued sifting through still smoldering debris and uncovered a 10-foot piece of jetliner fuselage.

The flight recorders, or black boxes, of the two hijacked airliners have not been found by the hundreds of firefighters, police and construction workers combing the wreckage. Pictures have been posted throughout the site so rescuers can recognize them.

The piece of fuselage was loaded onto a golf cart Sunday and taken away by federal crime-scene investigators. Hydraulic cranes and other heavy machinery pulled out 50-foot sections of twisted steel beams and loaded them onto flatbed trucks.

Elsewhere, search and rescue teams scaled 20-story-high ruins to search by hand.

Rescue workers have not found a survivor since the day after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani explained the increase in the missing, up from 6,333 on Saturday, as a result of list revisions.

"The number went up a little bit after they went through the lists, removed some of the duplications and then added some names," he said.

In lower Manhattan, more weary residents were allowed to return home Sunday and relief agencies encouraged them to ask for government help. More than 8,000 people have applied for aid, according to Mike Byrne of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"I would encourage anyone who's suffered ... to get registered in the system," Byrne said.

Many of those returning found neighborhoods filled with tourists seeking terrorist attack souvenirs. A parade of sightseers with cameras filled Broadway in lower Manhattan, snapping images of rescue workers, debris and broken lives.

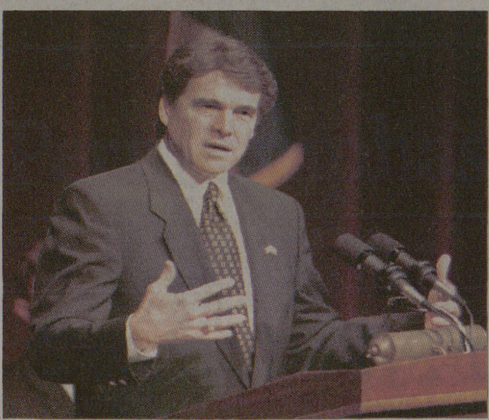
"It's sort of sick seeing these people standing there. I don't think much of them," said Brendan Heneghan, 27, whose apartment escaped damage and who was on the 79th floor of

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## Perry emphasizes importance of education

By ELIZABETH RAINES  
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Friday, Gov. Rick Perry placed emphasis on the important role that Texans have in responding to the Sept. 11 terrorist



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Gov. Rick Perry emphasizes importance of higher education Friday at Rudder Auditorium.

attacks in Washington, D.C., and New York City.

His speech at Rudder Auditorium addressed the importance of higher education.

Citizens in the United States that are currently getting a higher education, said Perry, are just as important as those who are joining the military to help maintain the freedom that the United States currently enjoys.

"What we do in Texas, education-wise, is the equivalent with what the federal government must do with our national defense, in keeping this country free," said Perry.

Currently, Perry said, only one out of five citizens in the State of Texas has a degree past high school.

Perry added that one of the issues that the Texas Legislature is working on now is how to increase the number of students and citizens in the state who have a degree beyond high school.

On average, Perry said, someone who obtains a degree beyond the high school level will make a lifetime earning of \$1.2 million.

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## Governor recounts days in Aggie Corps

By MAUREEN KANE  
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Gov. Rick Perry, former yell leader and Class of 1972, encouraged freshmen in the Corps of Cadets to "stick with the Corps," and told them "the best is yet to come."

Perry was on hand for the celebration of the Corps of Cadets' 125th Anniversary Reunion this weekend and spoke to a crowd at Reed Arena Friday night.

Calling the Corps the "current keepers of the spirit," he said that the Corps teaches the values of leadership, honor and character better than any other institution. He said Texas A&M had created its own legacy through service, duty and honor and would continue to defend that legacy.

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