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by R. DeLuna GIULIANI

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guide the city through the crisis. His aides are said to be exploring a way to extend term or lift the two-term limit altogether.

In an interview set for broadcast Wednesday night, Giuliani said that if New Yorkers want him to stay past the end of his term, he is available.

"I am open to the idea of doing it," Giuliani said in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes II." "I don't know the right way or the right time to do and I have to really consult and talk to the governor and other people that really have to have a voice and are in figuring out how to do it."

Asked if he was available for the job, Giuliani said: "I couldn't walk away from my obligations if I did."

Various ideas were floated about a Giuliani term extension. They included such things as a three-month extension of term, overturning term limits to allow him to seek a full term, or some kind of a limited position that would allow him to be in charge of recovery work if someone else was mayor.

Only the state Legislature could overturn term limits. The Council can overturn term limits. While there has been support in the Republican-led Senate, the Democratic-controlled Assembly, led by Sheldon Silver, has been opposed to the idea.

"While the speaker is a supporter of term limits, he is uncomfortable changing the rules," Silver said.

She said Silver told her he would bring it up with Assembly members. No date was set for such a discussion.

Republican Gov. George Pataki is among those who suggested voters should vote on Giuliani's name in Tuesday's primaries.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Thursday

The Texas A&M Roadrunners will meet at the 12th Man Statue in front of The Zone at Kyle Field. They will have runs Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m. and Friday at 5 p.m. every week, and all skill levels are welcome. For more information, call Chad Henderson at 764-8637.

MSC Town Hall will have free food, local music and entertainment at Rumors Deli tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information, contact Joel Darnell at 695-8374.

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The Departments of English and Performance Studies will have an evening of Reader's Theatre with original work from TAMU students at Rudder Fountain at 10:30 pm. For more info call Matt Parker at 845-2621.

GRAMM

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thought and prayer and he'll not reverse it. He believes, however, that we can deal in a meaningful way with the aftermath of these attacks on New York and the Pentagon in the 15 months that he has remaining," Neal said.

Immediately after the attacks, people began expressing the opinion that Gramm should run again, Neal said. Some even approached Gramm while he was shopping to ask him to reconsider.

"The fact is this decision is going to stand," Neal said.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, a Republican, already has announced he is seeking Gramm's seat in 2002.

Pauken, a Dallas lawyer, lost to Cornyn in a 1998 primary race for attorney general. Pauken said his urging Gramm to run again is not meant to diminish the candidacies of Cornyn or others seeking Gramm's seat.

U.S. Reps. Henry Bonilla of San Antonio and Joe Barton of Ennis also are considering entering the GOP race for the post.

On the Democratic side, lawyer Ed Cunningham has entered the race. Former Attorney General Dan Morales said he plans to run. Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk is considering a run as is U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen of Houston.

Pauken noted that Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson announced Monday he will seek re-election even though he had been leaning toward not running before the terrorist attacks.

"Seeing all that happen and all those people looking for ways to contribute when I had one right here before me, in my lap, so to speak, it became obvious," Thompson said. "Now is clearly not the time to leave."

Other Republicans in Texas also are interested in seeing Gramm run again, making for a "groundswell" of support, Pauken said.

Pauken, a former official in President Ronald Reagan's administration, has been making his views about Gramm known to reporters statewide and has expressed them to a Gramm aide.

JULIETTE

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barometric readings, one measure of a storm's strength, were the second-lowest ever recorded in a Pacific hurricane in the Western hemisphere after Hurricane Ava in 1973. Hurricanes feed off low-pressure cells over warm ocean waters.

Heavy rain brought by Juliette flooded more than 200 homes in the southwestern state of Michoacan, and the Mexican army sent transport and rescue aircraft, medical teams and emergency supplies.

Rain-swollen rivers knocked out two bridges in Oaxaca state, farther down the coast.

The Elation, a cruise ship operated by Miami-based Carnival Cruise Lines, was docked at Cabo San Lucas to avoid the storm, company spokeswoman Irene Lui said Wednesday. The ship, which left Los Angeles on Sunday, had been scheduled to visit Puerto Vallarta and Mazatlan before stopping at Cabo San Lucas on its return voyage.

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