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Storey's memory was honored at halftime during the Oklahoma State football game last September at Kyle Field as part of the 125th anniversary of the Corps of Cadets.

Adler was a computer programmer for Cantor Fitzgerald Securities, a market equity-trading firm that had offices on the 101st, 103rd, 104th and 105th floors of the Trade Center. He received his Ph.D from A&M in nuclear chemistry.

"When someone who is 92 years old passes away, there is sense that they've had a full life," Adler's sister, Randi, told the *South*

Florida Sun-Sentinel. "When someone who's 48 passes away, it's hard to understand."

Dickerson, from Durant, Miss., was a member of the United States Army and was working at his desk on the first floor when the crash occurred. He earned his masters in industrial engineering from A&M.

On a memorial Web site in his honor, his sister Jackie Kish said, "As said by a fellow military man, 'if there were a definition of Army values in the dictionary, Jerry D. Dickerson's picture would be by it.' He would be so proud of the patriotism that Americans are showing today."

In addition, the exhibit will feature a piece of the Pentagon's stone facade damaged during the attack and donated by Aggie

and Pentagon employee Alvin Nieder.

"We just want to celebrate the anniversary and remember not only those killed in the World Trade Center attacks, but all Aggies who have lost their lives in the line of duty," said Keith Stephens, director of the Corps of Cadets Center.

Also included will be pictures of Aggies serving in the armed forces as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, a computer system listing the names of the victims of the attack and an American flag flown over Kandahar in an F-16 jet for the Corps of Cadets. The exhibit will be on display the rest of the year, Stephens said.

The ceremony will conclude with buglers of the Aggie Band playing "Echo Taps."

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suspicious activity.

"There's no such thing as a stupid phone call," said Lt. Kelly Willis, spokesman for the Des Moines, Iowa, police department. "We're here to be bothered."

Among 15 or so U.S. diplomatic posts closed overseas, the embassy in Jakarta and a consular office in Surabaya, both in Indonesia, were shut down due to what officials called credible and specific information about security threats.

Despite no evidence of a plot against America, the Sept. 11 anniversary and threats of car bombs or other attacks against U.S. interests abroad made officials nervous enough to seek the higher threat status.

Bush approved raising the level from a "significant risk" of attacks — code yellow — to a high danger of code orange. It is the highest alert level imposed since the system was established in March.

"The United States government has concluded, based on analysis and specific intelligence of possible attacks on U.S. interests overseas, to call for government, law enforcement and citizens — both at home and overseas — to a heightened state of alert," Attorney General John Ashcroft said in announcing the change with Tom Ridge, Bush's

homeland security director.

A grim-faced Ashcroft said U.S. intelligence, based on information from a senior al-Qaida operative in the last day or so, believes terrorists operating in several South Asian countries hope to explode car bombs or launch other attacks on U.S. facilities abroad.

The plans are believed to be linked directly to al-Qaida, rather than one of its affiliates, said a government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The al-Qaida operative who provided some of the information has been in the custody of an unidentified foreign country for several months, but he has not been publicly identified.

Ashcroft said the government also has learned of plans in the Middle East to launch one or more suicide attacks against U.S. interests. "At this time, we have no specific information as to where these attacks might occur," Ashcroft said.

The intelligence community believes the most likely targets at home and abroad are transportation and energy facilities or other symbols of U.S. power, such as military facilities, embassies and national monuments, he said.

"In addition, U.S. intelligence has concluded that lower-level al-Qaida operatives may view the Sept. 11 anniversary as a suitable time to lash out in even small strikes to demon-

Terror alert warning raised to orange

The Bush administration raised the nation's terror alert warning to orange, signaling a "high risk" of attack ahead of the Sept. 11 anniversary.

Red Severe condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assign emergency response personnel and position specially trained teams. Monitor, redirect or constrain transportation systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close public and government facilities. Increase or redirect personnel to address critical emergency needs.
Orange High condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate necessary security efforts with armed forces or law enforcement agencies. Take additional precaution at public events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare to work at an alternate site or with a dispersed work force. Restrict access to essential personnel only.
Yellow Elevated condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase surveillance of critical locations. Coordinate emergency plans with nearby jurisdictions. Assess further refinement of protective measures within the context of the current threat information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement, as appropriate, contingency and emergency response plans.
Blue Guarded condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check communications with designated emergency response or command locations. Review and update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> emergency response procedures. Provide the public with necessary information.
Green Low condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refine and exercise planned protective measures. Ensure emergency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> personnel receive training. Assess facilities for vulnerabilities and take measures to reduce them.

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strate their worldwide presence and resolve," Ashcroft said. "Widely dispersed, sophisticated strikes are possible."

U.S. officials found little solace in the fact that the threats focused on overseas targets.

Anniversary

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"[The attack] was an awakening for Americans, a realization that there is an outside world," Anis said. "It's important to know what other countries think."

In the wake of Sept. 11, America responded with a surge of patriotism and unity across the nation. In a new generation that has never experienced a full-scale war, economic depression or national tragedy, young Americans learned what it meant to come together as a country in a time of tragedy.

Student Body President Zac Coventry remembers the unity involved in "Red, white and blue-out," A&M's display of patriotism at the Oklahoma State game on Sept. 22, when students and fans across Kyle Field wore red, white and blue in a bold statement of support.

"It demonstrated our incredible capacity to stick together and get things done," Coventry said. "We stand behind our fellow Americans."

A&M President and former CIA director Dr. Robert M. Gates, saw a reawakening of American spirit that had once seemed dormant.

"I was not surprised by the reaction of Americans," Gates said. "I was most surprised by the scale of those reactions."

Already one year into the war against terrorism, the United States has already made

considerable progress, Gates said, but admitted that we are still at risk.

"I think another attack is inevitable; I have no doubt that they are trying to hit us here again at home," Gates said. "As long as we are free, there will be people who want to attack us."

Gates called Sept. 11 a new kind of attack that will require a new kind of response.

"The battlefield has changed," said Bush during a press conference with Great Britain Prime Minister Tony Blair. "We are in a new kind of war, and we've got to recognize that."

Several areas of security are still lacking and put the U.S. at risk of another possible attack. Dr. Charles F. Hermann, associate dean in the George Bush school of government and Brent Scowcroft chair in international affairs, said containers entering the country from foreign nations could pose a serious threat to the United States.

Only a small percent of containers entering the country are thoroughly inspected, leaving a window open that could allow materials or bombs constructed by terrorists into the United States, Hermann said.

While the government is concerned about the problem, no short term solutions are yet in sight, he said.

"The volume [of containers entering the country] is simply too vast to permit inspection of every container," Hermann said. "Trade would grind to a halt. That in turn would devastate our economy."

Animal-borne diseases also pose a threat, said Bruce Lawhorn, a professor in the college of veterinary medicine. Once a disease such as foot and mouth disease is diagnosed in the United States, Lawhorn said, we won't be able to export beef which would devastate the economy.

Historian of technology and associate professor of history Jonathan Coopersmith said both social and technological failures contributed to allow terrorists to carry out their plan. There was a failure of social organization in intelligence agencies, a failure of the buildings' structures and failure of FAA policies that allow hijackers to take over plane controls, Coopersmith said.

The government is now working to correct these failures, he said, by paying more attention to airport security, strengthening buildings and allowing more communication between intelligence agencies.

Coopersmith said that focus must also be given to problems that have not yet come up, such as the threat of bioterrorism.

"We need people and institutions in place to deal with these kinds of problems," he said. "We need a robust public health infrastructure."

As the United States continues its war on terrorism and its efforts to ensure national security, Americans remember the victims and the tragedy their country suffered one year ago while continuing their way of life.

"We were in shock," Coventry said, "but we're starting to come to terms, we're adapting our lives."

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