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Bush Museum unveils September 11 exhibit

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A new exhibit at the George Bush Presidential Library Complex details the devastation and cleanup at Ground Zero and the international support following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "After 9/11: Images from Ground Zero" features hundreds of sympathy cards and letters received by U.S. consulates and embassies and photographs of Ground Zero taken by photographer Joel Meyerowitz. Meyerowitz spent eight months at Ground Zero taking more than 7,000 photographs. Twenty-eight of Meyerowitz's photographs are currently on display in the Bush Library's exhibit.

The images bring visitors from Sept. 23, 2001, shortly after the attacks, to May 31, 2002, the day the clean up officially ended. The photos range from images of the skeletal remains of the north tower to rescue workers recovering bodies of victims. Library Curator Patricia Burchfield said visitors are having very emotional reactions to the images. "The photographs really show the true destruction in New York," museum volunteer Dick Birdwell said. Brian Blake, library public relations director, said he also was touched by the images. "It's a very powerful exhibit. When you see it on TV you don't really get the scale of the destruc-

tion, Blake said. "In the photographs you see these huge cranes that are tiny compared to the huge craters." Also on display are condolence mementos, including notes and cards, from people from Germany, Japan, New Zealand and many other countries. Burchfield said the cards show the magnitude of international support for the United States. "They show how tremendous and immediate the outpouring of grief and support were," she said. The exhibit ends with a large paper panel on which visitors can write their own messages. Burchfield said visitors are having trouble signing

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9/11 Exhibit at the Bush Museum
November 9, 2002–April 13, 2003

Fidelity Gallery features:

- Photos of Ground Zero
- International news articles
- Personalized messages
- Drawings

Monday–Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Round we go



At the carnival in the parking lot of Post Oak Mall off Highway 6, the kamakaze ride spins around Tuesday evening. The carnival, put on by Wrights Amusements, travels to Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. It will finish Sunday night and pack up on Monday.

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U.N. urges end to embargo for 11th year

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — For the 11th straight year, the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday overwhelmingly adopted a resolution urging the United States to end its four-decade trade embargo against Cuba. The resolution, which is not binding, was approved by a vote of 173-3 with four abstentions — a larger majority than last year when 167 nations voted to lift the embargo. Only the United States, Israel and the Marshall Islands voted in favor of keeping the embargo, as they did last year. Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba's National Assembly, in a speech before the vote, accused powerful Americans of Cuban descent of acting against what he called the "true interests" of the United States by insisting on the embargo. Cuba has been under a U.S. trade embargo since Fidel Castro defeated the CIA-backed assault at the Bay of Pigs in 1961. Americans are barred from traveling to the Caribbean island nation except with special approval. Creating a small opening in the trade embargo, Congress two years ago legalized sales of food to the communist island for the first time since 1961. Cuba started buying U.S. food this year and Alarcon said sales could reach \$200 million. Ambassador Sichan Siv, the U.S. representative to the U.N. Economic and Social Council, told the General Assembly that President Bush has made clear he would only work to ease the embargo if Cuba takes "concrete" steps toward political and economic reforms.

Deadly weather saves worst blow for Alabama

CARBON HILL, Ala. (AP) — Fate was trying to kill this old coal mining town decades before a tornado roared through. The mines began closing in the 1950s, and the three sewing plants followed, along with the mobile home factory. The car dealers are gone and so is the high school, which burned down over the summer. And now a wave of violent weather that claimed 35 lives in five states saved its deadliest

blow for Carbon Hill, killing seven people and severely damaging scores of homes and the remaining elementary school. The cleanup was well under way Tuesday, but nobody expects Carbon Hill to come back stronger. Just surviving will be enough. "We need to draw from each other," said Leah Bray, a City Council member whose home was destroyed. "If we don't stay together, we'll die."

Nearly a third of the town of 2,070 about 70 miles northwest of Birmingham was damaged or destroyed by a twister that struck Sunday as many residents were returning from church. The narrow streets were littered with the splinters of once-towering oaks and bits of pink and yellow insulation. School officials surveyed the roofless elementary school and its crumbling walls, and declared it a total loss.

Speaking over the hum of a gas-powered generator on his front porch, Johnny Eads pondered life in Carbon Hill after the storm. He concluded times are only going to get worse. "I've got a grandson in the second grade," he said. "I don't know what he'll do."

More than 70 tornadoes and thunderstorms during the weekend and into Monday killed 16 people in Tennessee, 12 in Alabama, five in Ohio, and one each in Mississippi and Pennsylvania.

The weather system responsible for the violent weather showed it still had power left Tuesday. It spawned a tornado near Mora, Georgia.

Sorority helps fight breast cancer

By Esther Robards-Forbes
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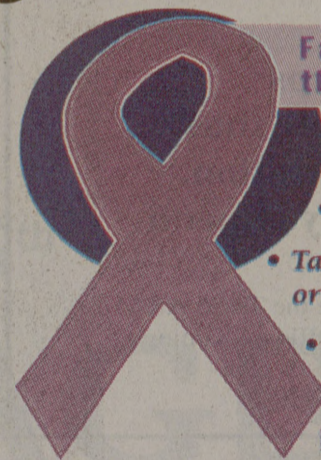
When Kelli Walker's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer more than 14 years ago, she was only 6 years old. "Even though I was so little, I still remember being scared because I didn't know exactly what was going on," said Walker, a junior exercise and physiology major.

The Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) sorority member said this year is her mother's 14th anniversary of being cancer-free.

"I have seen the way it has changed (my mom's) life and that is motivation enough for me to do everything I can to stop this horrible disease," Walker said.

ZTA is a supporter of breast cancer awareness and research funding.

"It makes us so proud to be members of a sorority that has such an active role in our philanthropy," Walker said. ZTA was able to give a large amount of money to help fund breast cancer research last week. During a fund-raiser held on Oct. 27, the Texas A&M chapter of ZTA raised \$13,500 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which funds breast cancer research. Sorority President Lisa Parrish said the Strike-A-Thon bowling tournament, held at Wolf Pen Creek Bowling Center, brought in a record amount of participants and money this year. The annual fund-raiser has been going on for four years. The first tournament, held in 1998, had 25 teams. This year's event had 100 teams and the tournament had to be split into two sessions



Factors that may increase the risk of breast cancer:

- Having more than one drink of alcohol per day
- Being overweight as an adult
- Taking birth control pills for 5 years or longer
- Being exposed to large amounts of radiation

source: breastcancerinfo.com
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to accommodate the large number of players. "It's been a really neat experience," Parrish said. "I never thought that young people could come together and raise this kind of money."

The local chapter, as well as the national ZTA organization, have been long-time supporters of the Komen Foundation. Many A&M ZTA sisters participate in the event.

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Bin Laden's voice praises terrorism via radio

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — In an audiotaped message aired across the Arab world Tuesday, a voice purported to be that of Osama bin Laden praised terrorist strikes in Bali and Moscow in a message that clearly warned U.S. allies against following the United States in the war on terror.

In Washington, a U.S. official said the voice sounds like Osama bin Laden, as the Bush administration tried to authenticate what would be the first hard evidence in a year that the al-Qaida leader was still alive.

In a rambling statement, the speaker on the tape broadcast on Al-Jazeera television referred to recent attacks, including the Oct. 12 Bali bombings "that killed the British and Australians," the killing last month of a Marine in Kuwait, the bombing of a French oil tanker last month off Yemen and "Moscow's latest operation," — a hostage-taking by Chechen rebels.

Speaking in a literary style of Arabic favored by bin Laden, he said the attacks were "undertaken by sons who are zealous in the defense of their religion," and that they were "only a reaction in response to what (President) Bush, the pharaoh of the age, is doing by killing our sons in Iraq and what America's ally Israel is doing, bombarding houses with women and old people and children inside with American planes." "Our people in Palestine are being killed, are being subjected to the worst kind of suffering for almost a century now," the speaker said. "If we defend our people in Palestine the world is disturbed and allied against Muslims under the banner of combating terrorism." Al-Jazeera identified the speaker as Osama bin Laden and said they received the tape on Tuesday. The audiotape was aired alongside an old photograph of the al-Qaida

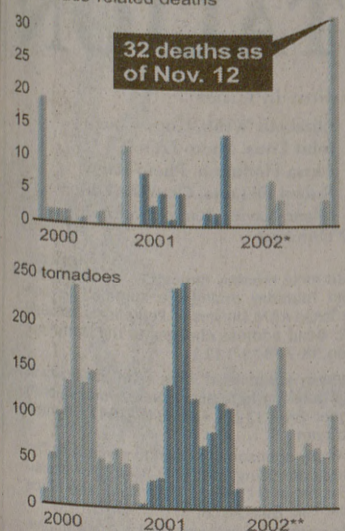
leader but there was no new video of him. The speaker then castigated U.S. allies that have joined the war against terrorism, specifically Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Germany and Australia. After listing those countries, he warned: "If you don't like looking at your dead...so remember our dead, including the children in Iraq." "What business do your governments have to ally themselves with the gang of criminality in the White House against Muslims? Don't your governments know that the White House gang is the biggest serial killers in this age?" In Washington, intelligence officials were evaluating the tape. "It does sound like bin Laden's voice," said a U.S. official, speaking on condition

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Deadly twisters

Tornadoes during the weekend and into Monday destroyed homes and businesses and caused a spike in the number of tornado-related deaths.

Tornado statistics as of Nov. 12



*Preliminary numbers
**Preliminary numbers for April through Nov.
SOURCE: NOAA