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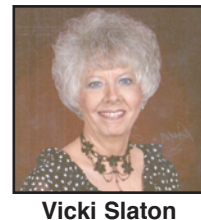
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Nation marks 7th anniversary of 9-11

By AMY WESTFELDT

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NEW YORK (AP) — The nation paused Thursday to mark the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks with a heartfelt ceremony at ground zero and other solemn remembrances around the country.

Relatives of victims killed at the World Trade Center gathered at ground zero in lower Manhattan for readings from dignitaries and a recitation of the names of the dead. Later

"Today marks the seventh anniversary of the day our world was broken. It lives forever in our hearts and our history, a tragedy that unites us in a common memory and a common story ... the day that began like any other and ended as none ever has."

NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg

Thursday, presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain were due at ground zero to pay silent respects.

"Today marks the seventh an-

iversary of the day our world was broken," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "It lives forever in our hearts and our history, a tragedy that unites us in

a common memory and a common story ... the day that began like any other and ended as none ever has."

The ceremony at ground zero included moments of silence at 8:46 a.m. and 9:03 a.m. — the times that two hijacked jets slammed into the twin towers. Two more moments of silence were to be held at the times the towers fell. Services were also being held in Pennsylvania and

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AP Photo/Patti Sapone

Dorotea Angilletta holds a photo of her late daughter Laura Angilletta, who died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Hunt for Settles artifacts yields some treasures

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Since announcing plans to renovate the historic structure, the Settles Hotel Development Company has been on something of a scavenger hunt for key "artifacts" from the downtown fixture's past, a search that already landed the company a few key items.

According to SHDC officials, the original number three telephone booth — a fixture of the hotel lobby for many years — has been donated by the family of local resident and Big Spring City Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr.

"We are excited to receive such an impressive gift from Mr. Ramirez and would like to express our appreciation to those individuals responsible for the preservation of these his-



Ryan

toric pieces," said G. Brint Ryan, SHDC manager and Big Spring native. "Without these efforts the complete restoration of the Settles Hotel would not be possible."

The company has also managed to acquire one of the hotel's original lobby desks, a contribution from the family of Martin County's Grover and Irene Springer, as well as a framed photo of the hotel from the 1930s and four of the building's original exterior doors, donated local residents Jerry Worthy and Bob Noyes.

Ryan said negotiations with the Heritage Museum board of directors

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

A Big Spring firefighter uses the Jaws of Life to extract the driver of this pickup after it was involved in a three-vehicle accident at the intersection of Goliad Street and FM 700 Wednesday afternoon. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.

Homecomings to grace area stadiums Friday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Homecoming activities are in full bloom this week in the Crossroads area.

Big Spring, Forsan and Stanton

high schools all hold homecoming festivities this weekend, and a full range of activities are scheduled at each site.

Big Spring High School activities literally heat up tonight

with the lighting of the bonfire at the city compost facility. BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey said the lighting will occur after sunset, weather permitting.

The Homecoming Pep Rally

will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in Steer Gym, then action will shift to the downtown area for the annual parade, which kicks off at 10th and Main streets at 4:30 p.m., Ritchey said.

Big Spring's Steers will face the Pampa Harvesters in the BSHS Homecoming Game at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.

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Dine Out Day

Dell's Cafe at 1608 E. Fourth St. is this week's Dine Out Restaurant assisting the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.

Proceeds from Friday's sales at Dell's will benefit United Way. Future participating restaurants will include Papa Georgio's Pizza, Cowboy's Steakhouse, Greg's Grill and others.



United Way

9-11 ceremony today

Hangar 25 Air Museum is joining forces with local residents for a special ceremony commemorating the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, and the many heroes that rose from the wreckage.

The ceremony will be held at the Big Spring Mall, near the entrance to Sears, at 6 p.m. today and is expected to last about 45 minutes.

Dr. Darryl Powell, retired brigadier general, will be the keynote speaker, and there will also be presentations from the Big Spring Police Department and the Big Spring Fire Department.

Poll workers sought

The Howard County Elections Office is in need of poll workers for several precincts to help out in the Nov. 4 general election.

Workers are needed for Precinct 304, the Elbow polling location, and for Precincts 404, 405 and 406 at the Jonesboro Fire Station.

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PAYING THEIR RESPECTS

City of Big Spring vehicles line the route of the funeral procession for Aiden Mathews Wednesday afternoon. Aiden, the 3-year-old son of Big Spring city employee, Kevin Mathews and his wife Jessica, died Saturday night as the result of an accidental shooting.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

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Before the game, the Coming Home Queen — selected from among former BSHS students — will be crowned, while the Homecoming King and Queen — selected from among current students — will be named at halftime.

Voting was held earlier this week for the homecoming queen and king finalists. The following senior girls were elected as the 2008 Homecoming Queen finalists: Baylea Fox, Chelsea

Franco, Channing Martin, Crystal Torres and Troasha Walker.

Seniors Chris Brooks, Cameron Hughey, Sidney Parker, Sammy Segundo and Josh Wilson were elected finalists for Homecoming King.

Several classes will hold reunions this weekend at various sites across town, Ritchey added.

The final activity planned for BSHS homecoming will be the Hall of Fame induction of the 2006 Steer Band at 2 p.m. Saturday at the high school. The band, under the direction of Rocky Harris, was the first local

group to have the honor of performing in Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Few formal activities are planned for Forsan homecoming, Principal Keith Stone said, but Buffalo Stadium will be the center of attention Friday night when the homecoming queen is crowned at halftime of Forsan's game with Irion County.

FHS Homecoming Queen nominees (all seniors) are:

- Faith Belew, daughter of Bill and Sherrie Wiggington and Ron Belew.
- Melanie McDonald, daughter of Natalie McDonald.
- Monica Garza, daughter of

Cindy and Junior Tercero.

• Charlene Stanley, daughter of A.J. and Sherrie Stanley.

The nominees will be escorted by the Duchesses Court, consisting of junior Shelby Jones, sophomore Erica Garrett and freshman Ambra Hill.

Stanton High School had several planned activities throughout the week, starting with Tuesday evening's community pep rally at the Martin County Courthouse.

Prior to the annual homecoming game Friday, the Stanton High School exes will hold a barbecue supper at 5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Cost is \$9

per plate.

On Friday, the Coming Home Queen will be crowned prior to the Buffalos' game with Colorado City. Nominees are Pamela Allred Smith, Kristi Fryar Peterson and Dana Fryar Galaviz.

The homecoming queen will be crowned at halftime. Those nominees are Amber Beasley, Naomi Delao, Josie Fernandez and Rachel Simpson.

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at the Pentagon, where a new memorial will be dedicated.

Relatives of victims began arriving at dawn at ground zero, now a huge construction site. American flags were draped over silent cranes.

Maureen Hunt, wearing a T-shirt with a picture of her sister, Kathleen, a 9/11 victim, said that it was comforting to be at the ceremony with so many who have lost loved ones.

"This is a place for us to meet," said Hunt, who has come each year to pay her respects. "It is not getting

easier to attend these ceremonies."

Family members and students representing more than 90 countries that lost victims on Sept. 11 read the names of 2,751 people killed in New York, one more than last year. The city restored Sneha Philip, a woman who mysteriously vanished on Sept. 10, 2001, to its official death toll this year after a court ruled that she was likely killed at the trade center.

Among the readers was Laraine Angeline, who lost brother-in-law, Steve Pollicino. "Steve, your smiles live on with us," she said. "Our separation is temporary. Our love for you is forever."

McCain and Obama

planned to visit the site after the ceremony concluded Thursday afternoon. The candidates agreed weeks ago to pull their campaign ads for the day and were appearing together Thursday night at a forum on volunteerism and service.

Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani was to speak at the ceremony, as he has every year in New York, along with officials including Bloomberg and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

Last year's reading by Giuliani, then a Republican presidential candidate, drew protests from family members who said the city was ill-prepared for the terrorist attacks

under his leadership and questioned whether he should be there while running for the White House. They had no opposition to McCain and Obama' visit this year.

In Arlington, Va., Defense Secretary Robert Gates was scheduled to speak at a ceremony dedicating the memorial at the Pentagon, the first of three major Sept. 11 memorials to be completed.

The 2-acre park, located at the spot where American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon's west wall, consists primarily of 184 cantilevered benches, each bearing a victim's name.

President Bush and first lady Laura Bush marked

the anniversary during a moment of silence on the South Lawn of the White House. The president was then to head to the Pentagon memorial.

In Pennsylvania, at least 200 people gathered Thursday morning at an observance in a reclaimed minefield in Shanksville where Flight 93 came down after passengers reportedly stormed the cockpit to thwart terrorists' plans to use that plane as a weapon like the others. Bells were to toll and victims' names would be read as part of the service.

McCain was also attending the memorial service in Shanksville for the 40 people killed aboard the hijacked flight.

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for return of the hotel's original lobby chandelier have been finalized, with efforts to attain the number one telephone booth and switchboard — which are currently on display at the museum — are in the

works.

And while several key items have been recovered by the company, Ryan said SHDC is still on the lookout for pieces of the downtown giant's 78-year history.

"SHDC is interested in original building pieces, such as marble flooring, wrought iron railings and doors, as well as furnishings, dinnerware or other

original items marked with the Settles Hotel logo," said Ryan.

Ryan and SHDC announced plans for a multi-million dollar renovation project in December 2006. According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and

second floors.

The project's budget has ballooned from \$12 million to \$20 million since its inception, with abatement of the structure — including removal of asbestos materials — currently under way.

Contact SHDC General Manager Kristopher Ryan at 264-0317 with any questions regarding the search.

For more information on the project, visit www.settleshotel.com on the Internet.

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Stolen guns used in fatal Wash. shooting rampage

SEATTLE (AP) — Authorities said the man accused of a shooting rampage that left six people dead in northwest Washington stole the guns used in the attacks as well as a pickup truck involved in a high-speed chase.

According to court documents unsealed Wednesday in Skagit County District Court,

Isaac Zamora stole a rifle, a handgun and ammunition from a residence near his mother's home in the small town of Alger, about 70 miles north of Seattle.

The Sept. 2 shootings that claimed the life of a Skagit County sheriff's deputy, two Alger area residents and two construction workers, continued as the shooter fled south on

Interstate 5, firing at two cars and a Washington State Patrol trooper on the freeway, fatally injuring one driver.

After a high-speed police pursuit, Zamora, 28, surrendered at a sheriff's office in Mount Vernon, about 20 miles south of Alger.

Zamora has been charged with six counts of murder

and four counts of assault. He is being held on \$5 million bail with his next court appearance set for Oct. 3.

According to court documents, in a police interview after his arrest Zamora refused to discuss his specific actions but said God told him what to do and told him to "kill evil."

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Carmen Osborne, 4 months, died Saturday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Jose Ybarra, 70, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Charles Lee Matthews, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

School is back in session. Family routines and schedules seem back in place. Evenings include homework and discussions about school. Morning prayers are offered in behalf of attitudes and examples in the classroom.

This seems a very appropriate time to consider participation in Bible classes. Sunday school affords an opportunity to learn about the God, who created family and time. While learning science is helpful, learning about the God, who created science and scientists is helpful and hopeful.

Discipline administered by school principals is necessary. Sunday school equips students with self-discipline, instruction about ways to minister and principles for life. School offers a chance to meet friends. Sunday school is a time to meet Jesus and learn to walk by faith instead of chance.

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