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To THE  
EDITOR & YOU

A Nation in Shock (Invisible Borders) Boundaries

Our beloved nation has, from the beginning of its time, been a refuge for the impoverished, the homeless, the orphaned and the destitute. We have opened our borders to the wandering and given them comfort and solitude in their time of need, but now our land has been scarred by some of these back biting infiltrators from foreign lands. The very ones who have attacked her have been educated by some of our best teachers, never thinking that these horrible individuals would one day turn on America and destroy three of the many buildings that she has been so proud of.

We Americans have been bent, but never will we utter the words, "We Have Been Broken". We will come back stronger than ever and bring the many war mongers throughout the world, where ever they may be, to Justice.

There are borders, invisible boundaries, between our 50 states and even between our country and our neighbor to the north, but when catastrophe strikes, when an enemy attacks, the imaginary borders between them are gone, and the distance between the United States and the other truly friendly countries fades away and we

are united as one. This will not bring America down, only cause her to come back stronger than ever and to heck with the parts of the World that are thumbing their noses at her. She has gone to their aid in times of crisis and never complained and even now, she will not bow down to them. I wonder if again (when) these countries need help, (will) they look to America and expect her to pull their fat out of the fire. Will they think she has forgotten and has forgiven them?

I wonder if the families of all those fire fighters and police officers who did not escape the crumbling buildings trying to save lives, but gave theirs trying to do their jobs, will forgive and forget. The ones who were lost in this hell on earth will surely be rewarded in Heaven for their failed attempts and God will say, "Well done, my sons and daughters". I believe that these souls will one day be united with those they have had to leave behind.

Let the rest of the world do what it will, say what they want and, in a few cases, laugh at our misfortune, but in the end we will heal and God help the evil ones who caused this. They will be punished. Perhaps not in the immediate future, but when God calls them and they stand before Him in His kingdom to answer for the wrong they have done, they will have no acceptable excuse for what they have done and their punishment will be severe and eternal. This act they have done, this sin they have committed, will not go unpunished and there will not be room for them in Heaven.

Submitted by Addell Byers  
Eagle Lake

FBI crime report lost in attack

Lost in the billowing black smoke from lower Manhattan that changed America is a document released annually by the FBI—the Uniform Crime Report.

Though New York City recorded some 5,000 homicides inside an hour on Sept. 11, crime in the U.S. and Texas was down slightly in 2000 compared with 1999.

Among Texas' 27 metropolitan areas, fast-growing Laredo saw the greatest increase in crime with a crime rate of 6,800 reported offenses per 100,000 population.

For 2000, FBI statistics showed that crime was down nationally by 0.2%. In Texas, the total number of crimes was up 2.3%, from 1,009,253 in 1999 to 1,032,670 last year.

Though the terrorists attacks will seriously skew the 2001 crime data for the nation, it remains to be seen what happens elsewhere.

Border arrests down

The number of undocumented immigrants arrested along the border since Sept. 1 was down 30% as of last week, the U.S. Border Patrol reported.

In real numbers, that is 37,966 arrests this year compared with 53,855 arrests during the same period last year.

Why? Theories range from the recessionary economy to fears of anthrax.

Another reason fewer aliens are trying to get into Texas is the increased level of security along the border. They may be thinking they have a greater chance of being caught and deported than they did before Sept. 11.

Budget blues

Gov. Rick Perry said last week he does not have any "great concern" about the state's budget.

"I'm still optimistic that the Texas economy and its diverse nature will be strong when we come back here in

State Capitol  
Highlights

By Mike Cox  
Texas Press Association

2003 to deal with our budget."

But Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said that Texas might take a \$90 million hiccup in sales tax revenues in the aftermath of the terrorists attacks.

The comptroller also has said that Texas could face up to a \$5 billion budget shortage by the time the next session of the legislature convenes. The causes are higher than expected expenditures, population growth and an economy that already was feeling puny before Sept. 11.

Rural Affairs office organizes

The executive committee for the new Office of Rural Community Affairs met for the first time last week.

Created by House Bill 7, the office is charged with studying economic

and quality of life issues affecting rural Texas.

The new agency also will administer the federal Community Development Block Grant program, support rural health care and work to develop leadership in Texas' rural areas.

On the agenda for the executive board's first meeting on Oct. 31 was starting the process for selecting an executive director, financial officer and human resources director for the new agency.

Right flag, wrong uniform

Look closely at the four-page advertising layout in the latest *Texas Monthly* and you'll see that the military man in front of the U.S. flag is wearing a German Air Force uniform.

The error in Land Commissioner David Dewhurst's political ad was discovered too late to change.

The boo-boo in the Dewhurst for lieutenant governor's campaign ad did generate a few laughs (depending on one's political perspective) at a time when there has not been all that much in the news to laugh about.

ICA to honor Cook

The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA) state office in conjunction with its Colorado County chapter will host an appreciation luncheon for State Rep. Robby Cook (D-Eagle Lake) Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Columbus VFW Hall.

A social will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by a hamburger lunch, sponsored by Merial Ltd; then Cook will be recognized in a short program.

ICA is a grassroots agriculture organization that represents the interests of beef cattle producers and landowners across Texas. The group was established in 1974 to serve as the "voice" of the average working ranch-

er. The bipartisan state organization periodically honors officials for their work on behalf of Texas cattlemen and women.

ICE Executive Director, Shane R. Sklar said of Cook, "As our industry continues our move into an urban state it is great to know we have friends like Robby Cook who will stand up and fight for rural Texas. District 28 is fortunate to have a legislator that still knows the definition of leadership."

Please make plans to join ICA in congratulating Cook on a job well done in the 77th Legislative Session. The event is open to the public and there will be no fee required.

Sorority learns from Sept. 11

Dear Editor,

In response to the horrific events of Sept. 11, Alpha Delta Phi decided that as a community service sorority, we needed and wanted to offer some leadership to our community by way of what we have learned in the past two months, and then what we can do and lead others in doing.

Hopefully, by turning these tragic events into an opportunity to be better people and a better community, we can offer a loving, positive example in the face of hatred and evil.

Each week, we thought we would contribute some thoughts and some ideas for action.

Week 1:  
What we have learned since Sept. 11...

We have learned that many have rediscovered their faith—all over again or at a deeper, more significant level.

We have learned that many are kinder in their everyday dealings and activities.

We have learned that many are more accepting of others and their differences.

We have all learned to be grateful. What we can do to be worthy of the freedom we are fortunate enough to enjoy...

Get involved in our church, synagogue, mosque, temple in a deeper, more meaningful way.

Make sure we make a point to encourage someone (at least one) each and every day.

Display our American symbols as a way of demonstrating pride, inspiring others and showing courage in the face of terror.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Reed  
on behalf of Alpha Delta Phi

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Let's Look Back...

Nov. 10, 1977

Fellow employees of Southwest Bell Telephone Company gathered at The Farris 1912 in Eagle Lake on Oct. 29 to honor William "Bill" Farris on his retirement from the

company...

Mrs. E. R. Mooney had as guests recently relatives who gathered for the purpose of attending the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mrs. Mooney's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. E.R. Dancer in Markham...

Jesse F. Vawter celebrated his 91st birthday Oct. 3 at the Sheridan Community Center with a covered dish dinner...

Friends in the community regret to learn of the death of Lee Tise, 70, of Dayton. He was the brother of Roy Tise of Eagle Lake...

The Tiggett families honored their

mother and grandmother, Mrs. F.T. (Alma) Kollman, on the occasion of her 90th birthday Oct. 30 at Dider Hall...

Jerry Fajkus Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Fajkus of this city, was the proud winner of a 10-speed bicycle in the "Stick Up For Breakfast" contest...

These Rice High School students will serve as cheerleaders for the annual Powder Puff girls football game: Scott Holden, Russell Johnson, Greg Ellis, Robby Cook, Keith Sommerlatte, Jeff Wied, Mike Gertson, James Moore and John Grammer...

Powder Puff King candidates are James Moore, Jack Mann, Anthony Prihoda, Kenneth Danklefs and Jeff Wied.

The children of Mrs. Emil Leopold of Nada honored her on her 85th birthday with a turkey and dressing dinner.

Nov. 5, 1953

Angela Gonzales of Glidden was named County Gold Star Girl and Donald Waligara of Weimar was selected Gold Star Boy...

A sleeping mother and daughter were killed when an automobile crashed into their home in Weimar. Floyd Wilson, a Weimar man, was charged with murder without malice after his car crashed into the house, killing a mother and her three-year-old daughter who were also asleep in their bed. Also injured were Mary White, elderly woman, and Theresa White, two years old. Killed were Maude White, 23, and daughter, Dorothy, two...

Local hunters brought back big game from Colorado. Among them were T.W. Scott, George Cason, Peter Gertson, Nick Marsalia and (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

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Fall Fund  
Drive Is  
Underway!



On hand to kick off the 2001 United Way Fall Fund Drive Halloween Walk-a-thon were: Candace Stovall, Brittany Parker, Ashley Parker, Irma McGrew, Sophie Salazar, Katherine Salazar, Ashley Carroll, Ryan Castillo, Sara Reed, John Reed, Angie Castillo, Mark Salazar, Billy Salazar, Deborah Reed, Claudine Shorter, Tom Reed, Irving Williams and Lucy, "The Wonder Dog".

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Friends of Dr. Ray and those who recognize this scholarship fund as a worthy cause may send gifts payable to the Raymond R. Thomas, M.D. Scholarship Fund to 403 N. Walnut, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

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