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THE DAY THAT CHANGED A NATION



BY JOHN WILKENS, STAFF WRITER

What would you tell them? If you had relatives who had been out of touch for the past five days — camping at Anza-Borrego, maybe, or fishing off the coast of Baja — how would you describe what happened Tuesday, when the world changed?

You could do it by the numbers. Statistics keep their distance, and this tragedy overwhelmed us in so many ways that we can't yet get our arms around it.

So you might start with this: Four airliners, 266 passengers and crew, 19 hijackers. Two planes steered into the twin towers of the World Trade Center (110 stories each, 184 confirmed dead, at least 4,900 missing), one plane into the Pentagon (188 confirmed dead, \$100 million in damage) and one plane into the woods of rural Pennsylvania.

You could start instead with superlatives. The most devastating terrorist attack on American soil. The deadliest single day in U.S. history, worse than Antietam in the Civil War, worse than Pearl Harbor and the Titanic combined.

Or you could put a face on the enormity of the loss and bring out the obituaries, one after the other. Fathers and mothers, daughters and sons, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives.

Death notices for the famous: Barbara Olson, lawyer, author and commentator. David Angell, creator of the TV show "Frasier." Death

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ATTACK ON AMERICA

'WE'RE AT WAR'

Bush urges country, military to 'get ready' for long conflict

Powell: Pakistan agrees to cooperate if U.S. strikes against Afghanistan

Investigation: FBI obtains second arrest warrant for material witness

By John Marelus, STAFF WRITER

President Bush told the nation, "We're at war," yesterday as he told Americans to prepare for a prolonged and arduous battle against the forces of terror responsible for Tuesday's attacks on New York City and Washington.

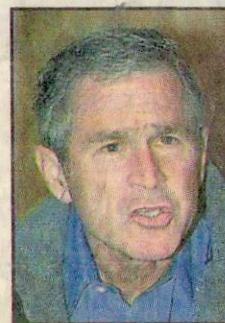
But while he sought to diminish any expectations of the kind of quick-strike conflict his father presided over in the Persian Gulf a decade ago, Bush echoed his father's rhetoric to underscore his resolve.

"This act will not stand," the president said. "We will find those who did it. We will smoke them out of their holes. We will get them running and we'll bring them to justice. We will not only deal with those who dare attack America, we will deal with those who harbor them and feed them and house them."

Secretary of State Colin Powell announced progress in assembling an international coalition to avenge the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, which are believed to have killed more than 5,000 people.

Powell said he had secured the cooperation of Pakistan, a critical step if the United States strikes against neighboring Afghanistan, whose radical Islamic Taliban government has been harboring terrorist kingpin Osama bin Laden. Bush identified bin Laden as the "prime suspect" in the attacks.

San Diego's connection to the attacks widened yesterday with news reports that the FBI since August had been looking for two of the men believed to have hijacked the plane that crashed into the Pentagon on Tuesday. Both men, Khalid al-Midhar and Nawaf Alhazmi, lived in San Diego County



"The United States will do what it takes to win this war," President Bush said yesterday.

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ESSAY

Amid sacrifice, a way of life is put to the test

By Richard Louv

We saw the jet approach the tower. We saw it then and will see it always. In the stop-time, frozen-scream moments that followed, we watched all our illusions of security crumble into a cloud of dust that seemed to roll across the country and never stop, not ever.

The cloud rolled clear to San Diego, and it touched us. People were talking about the probability of war. They worried about the erosion of precious rights. They asked whether core questions will ever be addressed, and why so many people hate our country. They talked about revenge and justice, about the certainty of action and the uncertainty of where action leads. But Americans also talked about how the tragedy had transformed their personal priorities.

Virginia Lewis, a professor of political science at the University of San Diego, now feels a... what can we call it?... a new solemnity? "It feels like leaving young adulthood and the exuberance of adolescence, and reaching adulthood finally, and confronting death," she said. Strangely, the properties of that rolling cloud did not obscure her vision, but clarified it. "It put my life in perspective. It made me recognize not only how vulnerable I am, but that this incredible life that I'm privileged to live — that we're all living — is an accident of birth, and that most people around the world live with this fear all the time." Today, she understands more profoundly what they feel every day.

Gary Shiebler, an author and songwriter in Fallbrook, spoke about how the events of Sept. 11 had wrenched him out of his self-absorption. "Anyone who is creative can be a pain to live with," he said, "because we're essentially narcissistic. A couple

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