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The twin towers of the World Trade Center burn behind the Empire State Building in New York on Sept. 11, 2001. In a horrific sequence of destruction, terrorists crashed two planes into the World Trade Center and the twin 110-story towers collapsed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tenth anniversary hard for Visalia family of 9/11 victim

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Tim Ward

The houseboat that father and son used for fishing sits untouched at the dock.

The house that was to be a memorial has twice been destroyed by fire.

The past decade has been a long journey for Ray and Norma Ward since their son Tim died Sept. 11, 2001, in the terrorist attacks on New York. But despite their trials and tribulations, they remain undaunted.

"Ray has a lot more acceptance of everyday life and what happens. There's a lot of just being grateful for each day," Norma reflected.

Her feelings? "Of course, there's the hope of peace and that these terrorists' acts and beliefs

would go away and the country can get back on its feet. I know it will. Everything goes in cycles."

But despite her brave words, Norma admits this anniversary is the hardest yet. The grief has been with them every day since terrorists flew Flight 175 into the second tower, carrying Tim and 64 other Americans to their deaths.

See WARD, 3A

A look back at 9/11 locally

What happened on Sept. 11, 2001 and the following few days in Tulare County: The Tulare County Fair closed, the first time in its 50-year history; Visalians were stranded around the country trying to get home; flags were flying everywhere, on lapels, on homes and on cars, lines to donate blood didn't wane for weeks, businesses and stores closed, especially those with ties to New York, sporting competitions and fundraising events were canceled. These are the events as reported on the following day.

9/11

» The Tulare County Fair will not open today, but is expected to reopen Wednesday and continue through the weekend as planned.

» Gov. Gray Davis ordered all non-essential state offices to



Flags were placed along the streets in downtown Tulare. FILE

be closed, which include the fairgrounds.

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» Travelers from Tulare County scrambled to get home.

» Normalcy was the aim Tuesday at the Visalia Unified School District.

"To the extent possible, we tried to have the day go on as usual and maintain

See LOOK, 3A

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9/11: Ten years later

MORE COVERAGE COMING UP

Monday: Local events honoring 9/11

MORE ONLINE

The 9/11 10-year anniversary web portal is available for you to use at www.VisaliaTimesDelta.com. It provides the best Sept. 11 coverage Gannett has to offer. A key feature is USA TODAY's Video Voices, where officials and average Americans tell about

the effect of the terrorist attacks. Web users can share their own stories. You can find the portal page on the website's home-page under the "Don't Miss" module on the right column.

210 CONNECT

The 210 Connect forum, "9/11 Plus 10: What Next? What Now?" will be 7 p.m. Monday at 210 W. Center Ave., Visalia, and will focus on returning veterans.

High: 94° Low: 63°

Pollen forecast today: 8.0



Sunday: 7.0
Monday: 6.8

Predominant pollen:

Ragweed, elm and chenopods.
Source: Dr. A.M. Aminian

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Springville soldier killed

Staff reports

A Springville man is one of two U.S. soldiers from California killed Thursday during an attack in Afghanistan.

The Department of Defense reports that Pfc. Douglas J. Jeffries Jr., 20, of Springville and Specialist Koran P. Contreras, 21, of

Lawndale, died of wounds suffered from an attack involving an improvised explosive device.

Jeffries is a 2009 graduate of Porterville High School.

The attack by "enemy forces" occurred in Kandahar, in southern Afghanistan, but the DOD news report didn't offer details of

the attack or what Jeffries and Contreras were doing when it occurred.

Both men were members of the Army's 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division based at Fort Drum, N.Y.

Further information wasn't immediately available.

Officials work to thwart possible terror attacks

Government officials are investigating terror threats — including possible attacks in New York and Washington. The information is said to come from a reliable source and to be fairly specific: the would-be attackers are said to be U.S. citizens and may use or try to use a car bomb.

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