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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SCORES

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 - Waco Univ. 19, Shoemaker 7
 - Copperas Cove 59, Nuevo Leon 9
 - Belton 38, Waco Midway 21
 - Gatesville 35, Salado 34 (OT)
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Frustration grows for wildfire evacuees

By Christopher Sherman
 The Associated Press

BASTROP — Residents left homeless by a massive Central Texas wildfire turned their attention Friday to what they need to move forward, with some voicing frustration over a perceived delay

in federal response even as early signs of recovery appeared in reopened neighborhoods.

Firefighters focused on extinguishing hotspots and had isolated remaining flames from the blaze that has burned for almost a week in and around the city of Bastrop, destroying nearly 1,400

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homes and sweeping across about 45 square miles of rain-starved landscape.

“We believe the forward progress (of the fire) has been stopped, thank God for that,” Lt. Gov. Da-

vid Dewhurst told evacuated residents gathered at the fire command center.

Still, thousands of evacuees were prevented from returning to their homes for a sixth day because trees continued to burn

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Obama seeks balance in 9/11 speech

By Christi Parsons and Kathleen Hennessey
 Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — White House officials were planning to commemorate the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks with a carefully calibrated message about the global threat of terrorism when reports of a possible plot aimed at New York and Washington turned the focus squarely back to the home front.

The development spotlights the challenge President Barack Obama faces as he leads the nation in a series of emotional ceremonies Sunday.

Obama not only seeks to honor those killed 10 years ago, but to also point out his national security accomplishments to assure Americans that he is doing everything possible to keep them safe — a delicate mission that can't appear to exploit a national tragedy.

He'll remind Americans that extremists continue to seek ways to attack, a few days after U.S. authorities said they received “credible” information about an al-Qaida plot to use car bombs to blow up tunnels and bridges this weekend.

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U.S. officials search for 3 suspects in terror threat

By Brian Bennett
 Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — U.S. intelligence and law enforcement officials scrambled Friday to identify and find three men who supposedly planned to travel to the United States from Afghanistan to detonate car bombs in bridges or tunnels this weekend in New York and Washington, D.C.

Officials said they obtained specific but uncorroborated intelligence earlier this week that two or three individuals with close ties to al-Qaida leaders in Pakistan had entered the United States in a plot to disrupt events planned to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Vice President Joe Biden told morning TV shows that the intelligence came from a

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Fort Hood marks 9/11 anniversary

By Colleen Flaherty
 Killeen Daily Herald

FORT HOOD — The 4th Sustainment Brigade, 13th Sustainment Command hosted a Patriot Day ceremony at Palmer Theater Friday, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Among patriotic performances were the 1st Cavalry Division band, the Copperas Cove High School choir and a bell ceremony for fallen first responders. The event included a rousing speech by Col. Knowles Atchison, brigade commander.

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“This was a criminal act, not an act of war,” Atchison said of the 9/11 attacks. “We will not forget, and we’ll go anywhere in the world to make that point.”

He said more than 6,000 U.S. service members already have “added their blood to the tree of freedom.”

Ceremony organizer Maj. Ernest Ibanga, 13th Sustainment Command family life chaplain, offered a “chronology of terror,” detailing the events of the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

“There isn’t a hell hot enough for these cowards,” he concluded, referring to hijackers of the planes that hit the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in rural Pennsylvania.

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36TH INFANTRY DIVISION COMES HOME FROM IRAQ



Herald/CATRINA RAWSON

Soldiers from the 36th Infantry Division Texas National Guard exit a plane Friday at Robert Gray Army Airfield at Fort Hood as the Guardsmen return from a yearlong deployment to Iraq.

Guardsmen return

By Colleen Flaherty
 Killeen Daily Herald

WEST FORT HOOD — Texas National Guardsmen with 36th Infantry Division Headquarters returned to Central Texas Friday, fresh from their command in southern Iraq.

The Austin-based unit is only the third National Guard division headquarters to command reserve and active-duty troops in Iraq, including Fort Hood’s 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.

Its diverse professional makeup made it right for the job, said Lt. Col. Darrell Dement, a full-time Guardsman who arrived on an earlier flight. He greeted 200 incoming soldiers at Robert Gray Army Airfield.

“We have law enforcement professionals and

a multitude of talents that really facilitated (the mission),” he said, which involved handing off elements of the command to Iraqi security forces, including police, and the U.S. State Department.

Based at Austin’s Camp Mabry, the 36th Infantry Headquarters’ 700 soldiers trained at North Fort Hood’s First Army Division West before deploying to Iraq in September 2010. They took command of the country’s U.S. Division-South in January.

The Guardsmen began returning last month, after relinquishing their command to the 25th Infantry Division of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. They will complete soldier redeployment training at North Fort Hood.

Returning soldier and retired police investigator Sgt. 1st Class Roy Reid called the deployment

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Col. Knowles Atchison, commander of the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 13th Sustainment Command, speaks to a crowd during the Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony Friday at Fort Hood’s Palmer Theater.

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