

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 WE REMEMBER

'HALFWAY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC'



'Other people's stories'

The Daily Press has gathered recollections from people who witnessed, or were affected by, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Their stories will be published this week and in a special section in Sunday's newspaper.



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Anne-Lise Gere's flight from Paris to Charlotte, N.C., was diverted to Canada when the U.S. was attacked by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001.

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Anne-Lise Gere was flying from Paris to Charlotte, N.C., when the pilot's voice came over the intercom. The flight was being diverted to St. John's, Newfoundland. There was nothing wrong with the plane, the pilot said, but they were acting on the direction of air traffic controllers in Canada.

Why Canada?
"He wouldn't say any more," she said.

When the plane landed, the tiny airport was already packed with other passenger jets. Gere sat there, six months pregnant with her first child, and listened to other passengers making calls on cell phones. The first snippet she overheard went something like this.

How to watch

See videos of the interviews at dailypress.com/sept-11. Tune in to **WHRO-TV** at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday to see a 30-minute video based on this series.

Inside

More 9/11 coverage, including local and national updates on the latest terror threat, **Pages 5 and 15 of News.**

Go to school. Get the kids. Go home.

Other conversations filtered through the cabin. Gere didn't have a cell phone, but she began to process other stories from people who

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Smarter snacks

If nutritionists could stock the office vending machine, what would they pick? Find out in **Health**



Twitter pours fresh fuel on driver feuds and gives fans a new way to get close to their NASCAR heroes

TWEETS AT THE TRACK

"To win 85, you know, is unbelievable. And to do it here @AMSupdates ... Man, this is cool." Post-Race Transcript - <http://ow.ly/6nUh0>
Jeff Gordon

Hey @JeffGordonWeb (Jeff Gordon), I was watching @SportsCenter and saw your cool 1990's stache ... I vote for bringing it back! #bringbackthestache
Jimmie Johnson



just came out of the media center in richmond. pretty excited about the @Target car this weekend.
Juan Pablo Montoya

With 9/11 Paint Scheme, Newman, Army Team To Compete With Heavy Heart in Richmond <http://fb.me/17APnrEk7>
Ryan Newman

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After stock-car racers Regan Smith and Mark Martin collided at NASCAR's AdvoCare 500 at Atlanta earlier this week, Smith got angry enough to hit Martin where it hurts.

Online. A few hours after the race, Smith went on his Twitter account (@Regan_Smith) and fired off this missive: "Wow I just now saw the

Tweets from the race

Follow staff writer Marty O'Brien's Twitter feed from Richmond on Saturday night at twitter.com/martyOBrienDP.

replay, I was wondering if it was intentional at the time... Now there's no doubt in my mind." Followed, moments later, by: "A driver as talented as mark doesn't just take a right turn going in a straight line."

In this instance, Smith was picking a fight with an unarmed man. Martin is one of the few prominent drivers who does not use Twitter, a web-based communication tool that allows users to interact in 140 characters or less.

But as NASCAR's Sprint Cup Series rolls into Richmond International Raceway this weekend, there is no denying the impact that Twitter has had on the sport,

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Get ready for racing in Richmond

Columnist Dave Fairbank sizes up the field ahead of Saturday night's race, the last before NASCAR's Chase begins. **In Sports**



Obama brings jobs message to Richmond

At his own jobs event, Cantor says there may be room for compromise

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RICHMOND - When President Barack Obama presented his \$477 billion jobs package Thursday night, he told Congress he intended to take his message "to every corner of this country."

First stop: The Richmond Congressional district of his main foil in the House of Representatives, Republican Majority Leader Eric Cantor.

In what at times felt like a campaign event, Obama told the crowd of 8,900 packing the Robins Center at the University of Richmond Friday that he understood they were making sacrifices in this tough economy.

"You make sacrifices to meet your responsibilities," Obama told the cheering crowd. "And you expect the people in Washington to meet their responsibilities. In other words, you expect action

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House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia has emerged as President Barack Obama's chief foil on budget issues.

SPORTS

A big weekend for football

Get all the Friday night high school results, read about Saturday's college games, and start preparing for the NFL's big Sunday of season openers. You'll find a full dose of football coverage today in **Sports**.

NEWS LOCAL

What's that mysterious blob?

You may have seen them floating in the water. Researchers at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science say the grey blobs are potato sponges that have surfaced after Hurricane Irene. More on **Page 8 of News**.

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