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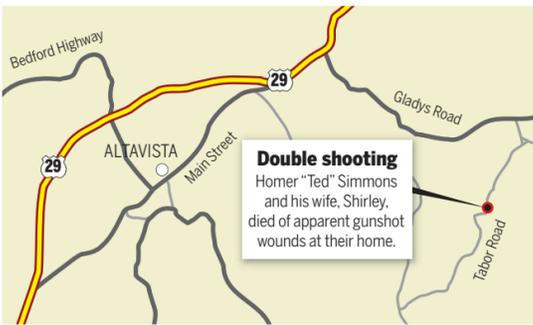


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Couple found dead in home



Authorities suspect Gladys double shooting may be murder, suicide

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GLADYS — A Campbell County couple were discovered dead at their home Friday, and police are investigating the incident as a murder/suicide.

Homer "Ted" Simmons, 71, and his wife, Shirley Simmons, 73, died of apparent gunshot wounds at their home on Tabor Road, said Capt. L.T. Guthrie, with the Campbell County Sheriff's Office.

Guthrie said deputies were called to the house at about 11:30 a.m., after Shirley Simmons did not show

up at her Bedford salon Friday morning. Simmons owned Shirley's Beauty Salon, on East Main Street.

He said the investigation indicates Ted Simmons shot his wife and himself.

No one had made contact with the two since about 7 p.m. Thursday, and Guthrie said some evidence was found suggesting the shooting happened at about 9 p.m. Thursday. Nearby residents

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9/11 10 YEARS LATER

2 terror suspects believed citizens

Cities at heart of 9/11 attacks remain unafraid

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At least two of the three men involved in a possible al-Qaida plot to pull off an attack coinciding with the 10th anniversary of 9/11 are believed to be U.S. citizens or have U.S. traveling documents, government officials said Friday.

Their primary mission is to explode a car bomb in either New York or Washington, but if that proves impossible, they have been ordered to simply cause as much destruction as they can, one U.S. official said.

Word that al-Qaida had dispatched would-be attackers reached U.S. officials midweek. A CIA informant who has proven reliable in the past approached intelligence officials overseas to say that the men had been ordered by newly minted

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Details of the threat

Late Wednesday, U.S. officials received information about a threat that included details they considered specific:

- » Up to 3 people, either in the U.S. or traveling to the country, involved
- » Plan concocted with the help of al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri



- » Car bomb a possible weapon
- » New York or D.C. potential targets

Night on the town



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ABOVE: Jacob Felder performs his balancing act finale Friday for a large crowd on Main Street during the Get!Downtown festival in Lynchburg. The third annual Get!Downtown street festival — a welcome back party for college students — is a collaboration between Lynch's Landing, area colleges and other local groups. The event closed down Main Street for several blocks Friday night, and filled it with music, arts performances and more than 125 vendors, among other attractions. LEFT: Alan York bites into a sauce-covered meatball during Catalano's Meatball Eating Contest. York placed second in the event, downing 11 meatballs in 10 minutes, three behind the winner, Clinton Jones.

Obama touts jobs plan in Richmond

President repeatedly, emphatically calls for passage of \$447B package

BY OLYMPIA MEOLA AND WESLEY P. HESTER
 Media General News Service

President Barack Obama pitched his jobs plan to the first "corner of the country" on Friday: the leafy, mani-

cured campus of the University of Richmond.

Before an enthusiastic crowd of about 8,900, Obama reviewed the plan he unveiled the previous night to Congress — a \$447 billion package of infrastructure

spending and tax cuts that aims to jump-start a sluggish economy and prod a stagnant unemployment rate, two factors weighing on him as he pivots to seek re-election.

Everything in his American Jobs Act, he said, "is the kind of proposal that's been supported in the past by both Democrats and

Republicans." "Nothing radical in this bill," he said. "Everything in it will put more people back to work and more money back in the pockets of those who are working. Everything in it will be paid for."

"But the reason I'm here in Richmond is because, to

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