

from our viewpoint...

Today truly marks a day to remember

Some of the dates burned into our memory: Nov. 22, 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was killed in Dallas; Jan. 28, 1986, when the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded on takeoff; and April 19, 1995, when the Alfred P. Murrah federal building was bombed by an American-bred terrorist killing 168.

Special ceremonies and lots of television shows today will recall the terrible scenes in New York, Washington and a Somerset County, Pa., field to commemorate the loss of nearly 3,000 lives in the largest terrorist attacks in American history on Sept. 11, 2001.

That morning, the clock seemed to move slowly as the horror of the attacks on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center began to unfold. It became unbelievable when the two towers collapsed, blanketing downtown Manhattan in a huge cloud of smoke and dust.

The attacks became the focus of every front page of every newspaper across the county and around the world. People were glued to television sets and computers searching for the latest information and watching in fascination as cameras caught the second airplane as it hit the second tower, and then the disintegration of the two tallest buildings in the city full of skyscrapers.

Six years later, a lot of questions remain unanswered about the attacks, but the heroic actions of the New York fire fighters and police has been documented, as well as the heroic actions of the passengers on the American Airlines Flight 93 who gave their lives to keep the fourth hijacked plane from completing its mission.

Osama bin Laden, who planned the attack and financed the 19 Saudi Arabian hijackers who flew the four planes, reared his head again over the weekend. Experts appear to believe the tape is real, and that the Al-Qaeda leader, with a \$25 million dollar price on his head, continues to evade capture and recruit people to be his human instruments of death.

The tape, and its timing, is thought to be a warning to the world and especially Americans that he and his army of zealots will continue to plan large-scale suicide attacks with America as the main target.

Experts are unable to say whether the videotape, the first of bin Laden in three years, gives enough clues about what kind of attacks to expect or when they might happen.

In the rambling message, bin Laden mocks the United States for its troubles in Iraq and the effect of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"Despite America being the greatest economic power and possessing the most powerful and up-to-date military arsenal as well ... 19 young men were able — by the grace of Allah, the most high — to change the direction of its compass," he said.

The message is clear that terrorism continues to stalk the world, and as Americans we have to be ever vigilant to combat the insidious fear those who would destroy our democratic way of life seek to use against us.

As you pause today to remember those who died six years ago, remember those who survived and the 302 million who live in the greatest nation on Earth. May we pray that before the seventh anniversary, bin Laden has been brought to justice in a manner similar to how we dealt with Saddam Hussein.

We will never give in to terrorists! — Tom Betz

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Denver Post cartoon made me angry

To the Editor:

Having just returned from a 12-day stay at a Denver hospital, I was catching up on my mail. The Tuesday, Aug. 28, issue of *The Goodland Star-News* carried a political cartoon on Page 4. A note indicated it was also carried in *The Denver Post*.

It depicts our president and some of his "chicken-heart friends" with the president standing on top of the Vietnam Veterans Wall. The president is saying, "my chicken-heart friends and I think you guys shouldn't have cut and run!"

The use of this cartoon makes me very angry. I have had the privilege of serving with World War II veterans, Korean War vet and Vietnam vets. I was in the Army Reserve during the years 1956-1964 and 1978-1980. I was fortunate and did not get called up.

I know much about the courage and fear that drove these brave men and women. It is a



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desecration of the memory of these men and women to depict the President standing on the Wall with the names of those who gave their lives in courage and in fear. They gave their lives in the extreme majority honorably. Obviously a few gave their lives in moments of avorice and stupidity. But the majority do not deserve the profane and insulting cartoon.

Who does deserve the insult cut and run — politicians, the liberal press? When the going gets tough, the meek get going!

If the Iraq War and Afghanistan War turn out badly, then it is the fault of the politicians, press and the war planners, not those that put

their lives on the line. And this will be the same result as the Korean War, Vietnam War and the Gulf War — no completion and many civilians slaughtered. Again, no fault to the warriors.

Let us not insult those who gave their lives for they gave their all.

Arlo Hansen
Goodland

To the Editor:

I agree totally with Tom Betz's editorial regarding military veterans saluting the flag when "out of uniform" in the Sept. 4 issue.

As an old Army veteran, I have wanted to salute "Old Glory" but felt somewhat uncomfortable about it when out of uniform. The legislation before Congress will help veterans feel at ease when this opportunity arises.

Duane Coash
Goodland

Just go home and take your kid with you

You would have thought the United States had committed some unforgivable crime against humanity if you listened to the howls of rage emitting from a horde of liberals whining over the fate of an illegal alien who played them for suckers.

Her name is Elvira Arellano and whatever else she may be, she's a master propagandist who knows full well just which buttons to push to unleash a flood of liberal do-gooder tears from those who don't recognize a con man (or woman) even when the con is so obvious a ten-year-old could see it.

In case you haven't been paying attention, for the past year Sra. Arellano has been playing the part of a victim of heartless U.S. immigration laws that demand she be deported just because as a serial illegal alien she just plain doesn't belong north of the U.S.-Mexican border, which she has long used as her own personal revolving door.

As part of her con game she managed to find a clergyman who was willing to offer her sanctuary in his church, which she used as a pulpit to preach about the injustice of being persecuted by a brutal government that wanted to ship her south of the border. She wailed it would separate her from her 8-year-old son, the by-product of some furtive sexual encounter with a man she either refuses to identify or whose identity has somehow slipped her mind (if she ever knew in the first place).

Elvira has made herself into the poster girl for amnesty for all illegal aliens, and it's been a spectacle to watch how she's done it. Especially since neither she nor her son can speak a word of English.

Safe from the grasping hands of the immigration cops who risked being boiled in media oil had they violated the alleged sanctuary, she created a flood of stories depicting her plight at the hands of the heartless Feds.

Needless to say, the woolly-headed liberals who dominate the media managed to avoid writing about or broadcasting the sordid tale



michael reagan

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of the real Elvira Arellano. As a result, when justice finally prevailed and she was sent packing by the immigration authorities, a great cry of agony arose from the left and from the illegal immigration community, which cannot understand why most Americans labor under the false belief that people here in the U.S. should obey the law, especially when the law says those wishing to reside within our borders should abide by the laws that restrict immigration to those willing to obey the immigration laws.

Elvira was not among their number. She had one rallying cry — she would not leave the U.S. because to do so would separate her from her beloved love-child, who is legally an American citizen since he was born here.

Who is this woman who has tugged so successfully at the heartstrings of the nation's liberals?

She snuck into the U.S. years ago, was

caught and sent southward in the late '90s.

That was just a minor setback in her career — in a matter of a few days she was back in the U.S. where she got pregnant and got a job as a cleaning woman at an airport thanks to a phony Social Security card — a rather serious offense for which would be a sure ticket to the slammer for most people. But not for Elvira. It took 9/11 to get her charged with the crime and ordered out of the U.S. — again.

She didn't go. Instead she conned a church into giving her sanctuary where she stayed until she rashly ventured forth to promote the virtues of illegal immigration. The Feds nabbed her and promptly deported her, offering to let her take her son — you know, the one she insisted she could not be separated from.

She said no. After all, the kid is a better propaganda tool here in the U.S., allowing her to bewail her "enforced" separation from him.

Liberal tears flowed, all of which proves that there's more than one sucker born every minute here in the U.S.

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