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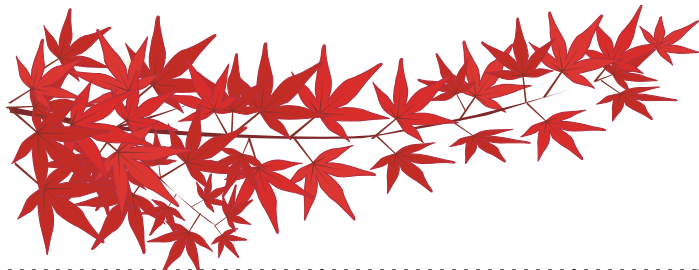
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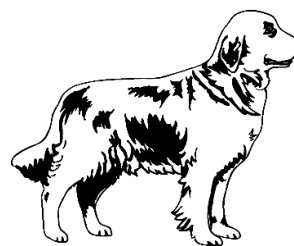


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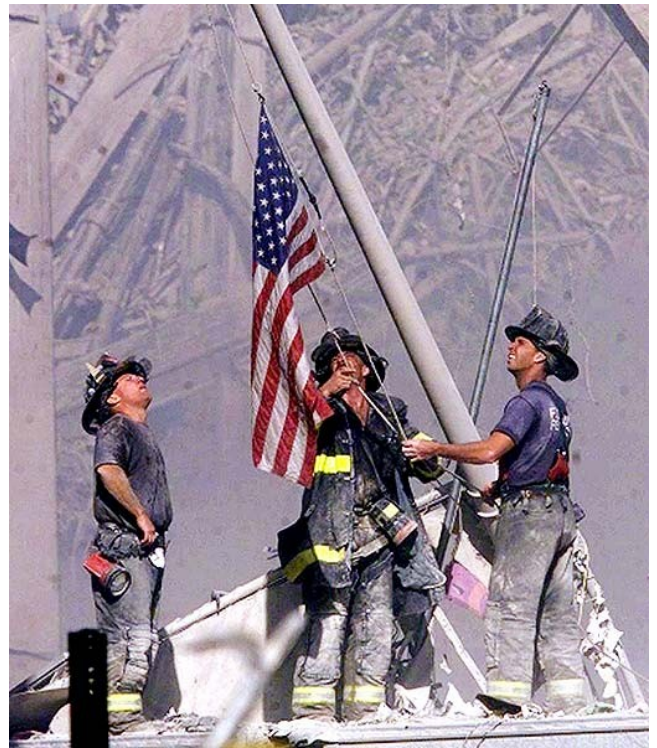
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Remember Remember that day in September (11th, 2001)

This September, the entire nation will be remembering the horrific events on September 11th for its 10 year anniversary. This was a historic event many still cannot grasp or understand. It shook the United States population to its core and changed every single person's life forever. Most of the population remembers the years prior to the attack, but there's also a generation growing up in post 9-11 world. What are those kids learning? What is the Internet teaching them about it.

On this day, everyone should remember how the nation came together, people's relentless desire to help, and pride they felt after the attacks. Although New York City is constantly reborn, it always remembers those brave souls who gave their lives that day. This horrifying event is forever embedded in those who lived through it. However, it reminds us to remain strong, love, and accept change around us. That day the world changed, and brought us insight about ourselves as a nation. This anniversary marks a chapter in every citizen's life, so take some time to reflect and remember those who died, survived, and still living through that day. The buildings and lives are gone, but our spirit was not broken.



From John's Desk: Where Were You on September 11th?

September 11, 2001 was a day that is etched into everyone's mind as long as they live. I was having breakfast at the local luncheonette when I saw on the news that a plane had hit the World Trade Center. From the size of the fire it was obvious that it was not a small engine inexperienced pilot but something much bigger. Back at work, I remember a sense of panic coming over me as the second plane struck the buildings. I spent the day in my office watching the TV screen and the horror unfolding, unable to pull myself away.

Being a tow guy my whole life, I wanted to take my equipment and roll into the city to do whatever I could do to help. However, the confusion and uncertainty prevented me from doing so because all paths in and out of the city were closed up tight. After watching the news all day, my phone rang at about 7pm. It was a fellow towing company that had a contract with a large company that rented portable light towers. He needed trucks to assist him in bringing as many light towers as we could haul into ground zero. Finally I was able to do something to help, delivering the lights after getting escorted by local and state police to the tunnel, and by port authority police, and finally NYPD to the west side of ground zero. It took us hours to find someone to tell us what to do, and we finally cleared from there at 6am the next morning.

After that night I truly knew what a war zone looked like. The sights I saw will be forever in my memory. I was honored to have been able to help in some small way and over the next couple weeks we were involved with staging similar equipment at various locations around the city for recovery personnel to use as needed. That's my story; Where were you on that fateful day? We all need to take a moment to remember all those killed that day and for years after due to the aftermath of this horrific event.

With deepest reflection,

John McElroy

Back To School Statistics

40% Percentage of New Jersey residents who were college freshmen and attended school in-state, the lowest rate in the nation among states (as of fall 2006). Utah, at 90 percent, had the highest rate. (The District of Columbia had a rate of 29 percent.)

98,793 Number of public schools in 2006-07. In 2007-08, there were 28,218 private schools.

4,352 Number of institutions of higher education in 2007.

7.2 million Number of teachers in the United States in 2008. Almost 3 million taught at the elementary and middle school level. The remainder included those teaching at the postsecondary, secondary, preschool and kindergarten levels.

14.2 million Number of computers available for classroom use in the nation's schools as of the 2005-2006 school year. That works out to one computer for every four students.

3.3 million Projected number of high school diplomas that will be awarded in the 2010-11 school year.

\$10,259 The per-pupil expenditure on public elementary and secondary education nationally in 2008. New York (\$17,173) spent the most among states or state equivalents, followed by New Jersey (\$16,491) and Alaska (\$14,630). Utah (\$5,765) spent the least per student, followed by Idaho (\$6,931) and Arizona (\$7,608).

89% Among K-12 students, the percentage with a parent or other household member who attended a general school or PTO/PTA meeting during the 2006-07 school year. Additionally, 65 percent had such a relative who participated in school fundraising and 46 percent who volunteered to serve on a school committee.

10 billion The nation's total apple production, in pounds, in 2009. The chances are good that the apples your children present to their teachers or enjoy for lunch were grown in Washington state, which accounted for more than half of the nation's total production

19.1 million The projected number of students enrolled in the nation's colleges and universities this fall. This is up from 13.8 million 20 years ago.

\$16.56 Average hourly wage for the nation's school bus drivers in 2007-08. Custodians earned \$14.19, while cafeteria workers made \$11.60.

50% Percentage of kindergarten through 12th-grade students in California who had at least one foreign-born parent in 2006. California led the nation, followed by Nevada with 36 percent. New York, Florida, Texas, Arizona, New Jersey and Hawaii were some of the states that also had at least one-quarter of students this age with at least one foreign-born parent.



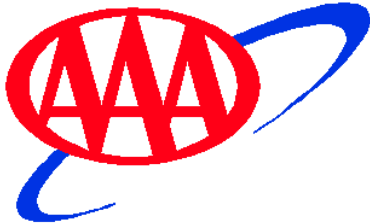
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