Time Line: September 11

Tuesday, September 11: Hijacked plane, American Flight 11, crashes into north tower of World Trade Center at 8:48 a.m. ...Flames engulf top of north tower by 9:00 a.m....United Flight 175 crashes into South Tower at 9:06... Hijacked Boeing 757, American flight 77, strikes west side of Pentagon at 9:43...Capitol and West Wing of White House evacuated at 9:48...South tower begins to crumble at 9:55... Fires spread to adjacent buildings including 47-story 7 World Trade Center by 9:56...One World Trade Center, north tower, explodes as it begins to collapse at 10:29... Both towers topple...One hour after WTC: United Flight 93 from Newark, New Jersey to San Francisco crashes into field about 80 miles southeast of Philadelphia...Passenger Jeremy Glickman uses cell phone to call wife...'Group is going to do something'...US Equity Markets close...5,097 still missing...5,000 tons of rubble to be cleared...

Wednesday,September 12: Attack on America...Thousands feared killed as hijacked jets destroy World Trade Center...Chaos and destruction at Pentagon...U.S. Forces around world put on high alert...Air traffic grounded, gas stations mobbed and Wall street shut down...Long lines at gas pumps...Horror invades two cities...Horrific collapse captured live on TV...Towers succumbed to stress, intense heat...Nations join in supporting U.S.... Uncertainty clouds nation's economy...2,043 perish at Pearl Harbor...1000 degree heat after crash...Heroes rise from calamity...Twin towers turn to rubble...Horror spreads through streets of New York...

Thursday, September 13: New York requests 6,000 body bags...No survivor has been pulled from debris... Gas price gouging is probed by states...Bush prepares U.S. for war as FBI identifies terrorists...Families endure wait for news of loved ones...CNN raises question of biological warfare...

Friday, September 14: Team of 50 infiltrators who had supported or carried out strikes identified...Jetliner that hit Pentagon intended for White House... ...FBI was conducting investigation prior to this week...To make change to Official Order 12333 that forbids anyone to engage in or participate in assassination...25 people detained for immigration violations...Two arrested—had lived here for a long time...Powell calls bin Laden key suspect...Sweeping U.S. Military action looms...Zealot's passion is hating America...Stocks won't trade until Monday... KCI Resumes Limited Service...A hero—Jeremy Glick used a cellular phone to call his wife at home in New Jersey and tell her that he and several other people on board had come up with a plan to resist the terrorists who had hijacked the plane...

Sunday, September 16: To military—Get ready for war...Towers' design couldn't sustain hits...Wider spy powers (greater surveillance) gain new backing in Congress as public demands action...Huge obstacles as Wall Street tries to reopen...Amount of time to hold those (75 people) taken into custody for INS violations extended from 24 to 48 hours...Heroic effort by passengers saves lives...A new kind of war requires a new response...Pentagon grasps for normalcy...U.S. gathers allies around world as Bush declares 'We're at war'...5000 tons of rubble to be cleared....

Monday, September 17: President Bush says he wants Osama bin Ladin dead or alive...U.S. Warns Afghanistan: Give up Bin Laden or face "Full Wrath"...

Tuesday, September 18: 35,000 Reservists called up...200 Violent acts or threats against Muslims since attacks on WTC...190 people identified as possibly affiliated with the terrorist attack...Trade Center conceived as peace symbol...Suspected hijackers studied in Germany...'Added security

poses risk to civil liberties,' some say...Markets absorb blow...Dow suffers largest point slide...Investors lose $513 billion as exchanges reopen...Engineers tackle havoc underground...

Wednesday, September 19: War planes head out for Operation Infinite Justice...US Investigates whether plot goes beyond four hijacked jets...Demand by U.S. weighed in Kabul...U.S. is preparing aid for airlines...No. 1 Anthem: God Bless America...Terror on a new scale shows old enemies the necessity of peace...At the site, little hope of uncovering survivors...Within the rubble, pinging is detected, perhaps from a jet's black box...190 people identified as possibly affiliated with the Terrorist attack...

Thursday, September 20: President Declares War on Afghanistan...Rapid Deployment of 2200 Marines from Camp LeJeune to Mediterranean...Three amphibian ships...Dozens of warplanes deployed.....Fastest growing religion...Islam is misunderstood...

Friday, September 21: Infinite Justice changed to Operation Enduring Freedom...President vows 'justice will be done'...Toll of missing in New York exceeds 6,000...Scores of countries report missing citizens...

Saturday, September 22: Afghanistan won't yield bin Laden...FBI's tally of 21 "subjects" lists former Kansas Citian...

Sunday, September 23: 6,333 missing...252 recovered...'You keep picking up pieces and hoping you'll find a whole body instead of parts' says ironworker...A city transformed: Designing...'Defensible Space'...Terror attacks go far beyond Pearl Harbor, historian says...The hunt gears up on a trail gone cold...Official mourning period over...

Monday, September 24: bin Laden is 'missing,' Taliban say...

Tuesday, September 25: Take down 10 story chunk of south tower...talk of preserving it...Drums of war are getting louder...6,453 missing...276 confirmed dead...Airline Pilots' Association is urging Congress to pass legislation to allow pilots to carry firearms in cockpits....Poll finds support for war...Plans for 4. 5 million-dollar disaster-theme restaurant with faux airliner wreckage and video clips of train wrecks has been stopped...Crash café was to be near Baltimore inner harbor...

Thursday, September 27: KC Chamber predicts loss of many jobs...NKC man arrested in FBI sweep...

Friday, September 28: National Guard to patrol airports...Taliban finds bin Laden...Deliver plea to leave...Observation deck of Empire State to reopen Saturday...Missing down from 6,347 to 5,960...Confirmed dead rises to 305...

Saturday, Sept. 29: U.S. squads sneak into Afghanistan...US thinks terrorists spent about $500,000...$40 billion will be needed for rebuilding including the subways...7 billion for clean up...Will take at least one year...8000 Residents still displaced from apartments near World Trade Center...Mayor Guiliani of New York has plans to stay on for three months...Pressure builds to reopen Washington DC's Reagan National Airport...FBI says men held for seeking hazardous cargo permits not tied to hijackers...Antidotes for some biological weapons may be years away...Pakistanis fail to sway Taliban...

Sunday, Sept. 30: Anthony Vidler calls WTC space a void of air...Identifying the Dead, 2000 miles away...A War without D-Days or 4-F's or Riveters...Who will fight this war?...

Monday, Oct 1: U.S. Rejects Taliban offer to negotiate...Inappropriate toys removed from shelves...Children will still play out power and conflict roles...Heroes will take the place of Action Rangers and other diabolical, cutting edge toys...Funds for victim's families Already proves sore

point...Bush approves covert aid for Taliban Foes...An avalanche of donations has created a cash mountain of $600 million...Missing down to 5,219 as cross checking eliminates duplications...

Tuesday, October 2: Golden Gate Bridge walk and bikeways reopened for first time since September. 11...Hot spots at Ground Zero are higher by 60 degrees or more...

Wednesday, October 3: Guiliani announces all bodies will not be found...Americans rush to fill jobs to root out terrorists...Pentagon tries to avoid using Pakistan bases...NATO says US has proof against bin Laden group...Plan to expand U.S. powers alarming to some in Colorado...Coloradans object to national ID card on “loss of freedoms” basis, “I dare them.”....

Thursday, October 4: In little time, pop culture is almost back to normal...4,986 dead or missing...

Friday, October 5: British detail bin Laden’s link to US attacks...China presses Muslim group...Workers find it difficult time to strike...City says attack could cost $105 billion...Most Afghanistan opium grown in rebel-controlled areas...Trying to help people while undermining rulers is difficult...Larry Silverstein signed lease one month before attack...obligated to rebuild...Cheaper to rebuild four towers...

Saturday, October 6: Guardsmen take positions at terminals...Calculating the toll proves to be fraught with complications...EPA says air is safe, but public is doubtful...Still hoping for a miracle...FBI curbed scrutiny of man now a suspect in attacks...4,986 missing or undocumented...380 dead...

Sunday, October 7: US and Britain strike Afghanistan...Bush warns Taliban will pay a price...Illegal immigrants are deeper in their shadowy world after the terrorist attacks...New slogan in Washington: start watching what you say...Homefront, edgy...Uncertainty about consequences...Emmy awards postponed...

Monday, October 8: Hit Afghanistan military bases and training camps...30 targets hit in offensive...bin Laden taunts US and praises hijackers...bin Laden issues threat...Entire nation on high alert as security is stepped up...

Tuesday, October 9: Jets pound Taliban sites a second night...FBI agents shift anti-terror tactics...Pakistani calling on US to end air strikes quickly...City battens down as US renews bombardment...More limits imposed on carry-on bags...Europeans pledge troops if necessary...bin Laden’s media savvy...Expert timing of threats...

Wednesday, October 10: Britain says bombs destroy 7 terror camps**...**US said to plan counter raids in Afghanistan...US raids kill 4 UN aides outside Kabul...City and state ask US for $54 billion for recovery...

Thursday, October 11: Air passengers vow to resist hijackers...US bombs ground forces of Taliban...NY: Test of its grit has just begun, “Yes Aiden, Daddy is dead”...In one month, a presidency is made...Blackouts in Kabul and the money trail...$850 million for charity, not centrally monitored.. Networks agree to edit bin Laden tapes...Washington rethinks how best to fight terrorism...22 men listed as most wanted terrorists...rewards of up to five million...US lacking in experts on Afghanistan...

Friday, October 12: FBI issues alert on signs of new terror...

Saturday, October 13: Anthrax found in NBC aide...

Monday, October 15: TV ads resume for United Airlines...Attacks expose telephone’s soft underbelly...

Wednesday, October 17: Anthrax sign of escalating threat...US gunships bear down on Taliban positions...Anthrax mailed to Congress was potent

form...Tough treatment awaits hoaxers...House of Representatives shuts down for first time for public health reasons...

Thursday, October 18: Senate stays in session...Taliban fighters slow rebel advance...Who gets how much is $1 billion question...

Saturday, October 23: Is this the beginning of the Ground War?... How the media abandoned the world...They gave us OJ, Gary Condit, Diana, John Kennedy, Monica...

Sunday, October 24: Anthrax threat points to limits in health system...Failure to heed signs of change in terror goals...Hiroshima against America boasted in October...Outside NY charities feel the pinch...Offers of psychic relief are raising questions of taste...When times get tough, some go for plastic surgery...Turning a safety requirement into the seasons newest accessories...Bioterror drills warn of gaps in preparedness...Hit and run strategy in a new kind of war...Strike by army rangers masked raid by elite unit...Eavesdropping, US Allies see new terror attacks...The economic fallout from downtown has reached uptown...FBI will shift focus on terrorism, not crime...Andy Roonie, ‘ Folks, I won’t be opening my mail any more’...

Monday, October 25: Ground Zero work to stop for prayer...1.2 million tons of debris has been removed since the collapse of the twin towers...Missing 4,470; 460 bodies recovered; 410 of which have been identified...

Saturday, October 29: CIA, Supreme Court tested for anthrax...Rival Afghan leader executed by Taliban...Bush signs terror bill; agencies’ powers grow...

Sunday, October 28: Taliban digs in...Early warning of toxic strike not so easy...Allies preparing for long fight...Sept 11 phone calls lead to FBI arrests...Red tape at Red Cross...

Friday, November 1: $200 million in gold and silver recovered from vaults underneath World Trade Center...Suspension bridges in California targeted for terrorism...

Monday, November 12: Taliban foes claim gains in the north...Opposition says it controls four provinces...

Tuesday, Nov. 13: At least 260 killed as jet crashes in N.Y...Saturday, Nov. 17: Terror Aide reported dead...Mohammed Atef said to have been hit by laser-guided U.S. bombs...Taliban prepare to hand over city of Kandahar...Anthrax suspected in letter to Sen. Patrick Leahy...Hartsfield Airport closes for four hours to find bolting passenger...

Wednesday, Nov. 21: Toll from attack down sharply...Duplications are found...official tally now under 3,900...

Friday, Nov. 24: Toll at 3,646— will continue to drop...

Saturday, Dec. 8: Taliban flee city as Kandahar falls...Regime leaders, bin Laden at large...

Thursday, Jan. 3: Top Taliban Leader, Qari Amadullah, highest ranking official, is dead...

Tuesday, March 5: Seven Americas are Killed in fighting in Afghanistan...

Monday, July 1: bin Laden no longer US target...

Sunday, July 14: Ceaselessly sifting 9/11 Traces—16 refrigerated trailers; 1.6 million tons of debris; 20,000 body parts; 2,823 victims...

Other notes:

200,000 entered WTC each weekday.

1941 Dec. 7. Bombing of Pearl Harbor.

1981 Skyway collapses at Crown Center, Kansas City

1993 First effort to damage WTC.

1995 April 19. Oklahoma City bombing of Murrah Federal Building.