

MID-CITIES PC USERS' GROUP

October 2001 Newsletter



Subject: Attack on America

by Bernard Gwertzman, Editor, NYTimes.com

As I was preparing to go to my office in New York at about 8:45 a.m. last Tuesday, my son Michael, who lives about a mile from the World Trade Center, called to alert me to the first of the suicide attacks. From that moment, none of us at NYTimes.com has had time to think about much else than this story. We have republished all the reportage produced by The New York Times newspaper, and kept our readers up to date on breaking developments the rest of the time. We have benefited from a special Continuous News Desk at the newspaper, which gets us stories as they happen.

In addition, we have provided readers with information about where to go for help and assistance, and put some truly outstanding video and photo slideshows on our Website. Included in the videos is an exclusive look at the crash of the second jet into the second tower. Our continuous coverage is available at: <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/national/dayofterror/>

But of most interest to me is the extraordinary outpouring of messages from around the world expressing indignation, sympathy and offers of help. Included in this grouping of messages are some very telling descriptions from people who were in and around the Trade Center when the disasters struck. To read a selection, visit: <http://www.nytimes.com/2001/09/17/national/>

If you would like to communicate your thoughts on this week's episode write to the following: shareyourthoughts@nytimes.com Some comments will be posted on the Website.

The resource navigator, cited above, is a comprehensive guide to essential information and services. It includes emergency and victim information, relief efforts, transportation updates, closings and cancellations, affected businesses and a host of other resources. For this guide, visit: [Http://www.nytimes.com/resources](http://www.nytimes.com/resources)

Additionally, the site now features "Remains of the Day," a special issue of the New York Times Magazine, made up of words written and images captured in the immediate aftermath of the terrorist attack. This collective group of essays grapples with the question of what will be the effect on America. The printed counterpart is available, visit:

[Http://www.nytimes.com/library/magazine/home/index.html](http://www.nytimes.com/library/magazine/home/index.html)

The New York Times Company has begun a special campaign to raise money for the victims of the attack on the World Trade Center, The New York Times 9/11 Neediest Fund. Money raised by the campaign will go to the seven New York charities supported each year by the Neediest Cases Fund to help those injured in the attack or the families of those who died. The campaign will also support three foundations that aid New York City firefighters, police officers and sanitation workers: the New York City Fire Safety Foundation, the New York City Police Foundation and the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Foundation. To make a donation please visit: <http://www.charitywave.com>

MEETING NOTICE

by: George Miner

When: Tuesday, October 9th, at 7:15 PM

Where: Old Bedford School (in 1800 block of Bedford Road)

Program: Our guest speaker for this month is **Shirley Apley**, who spoke to our group at the August meeting regarding genealogy and the Internet. This talk will be about Personal Ancestral File Software. Bring a friend and learn something new and old.

Subject: A story
Date: Thu, 04 Oct 2001 07:38:08 -0500
From: lyssid@airmail.net

Why I Forward Jokes

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother of pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"

"This is Heaven, sir," the man answered. "Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" The man asked.

"Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up." The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

"Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveler asked. "I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets."

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going. After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road that led through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book. "Excuse me!" he called to the reader. "Do you have any Water?"

"Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there." The man pointed to a place that couldn't be seen from outside the gate.

"Come on in."

"How about my friend here?" the traveler gestured to the dog.

"There should be a bowl by the pump."

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the bowl and took a long drink himself, and then he gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree waiting for them.

"What do you call this place?" the traveler asked. "This is Heaven," was the answer. "Well, that's confusing," the traveler said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's Hell."

"Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"

"No. I can see how you might think so, but we're just happy that they screen out the folks who'll leave their best friends behind."

Sometimes, we wonder why friends keep forwarding jokes to us without writing a word. Maybe the explanation is: When you are very busy, but still want to keep in touch, guess what you do -- you forward jokes. When you have nothing to say, but still want to keep contact, you forward jokes. When you have something to say, but don't know what, and don't know how, you forward jokes.

And to let you know that you are still remembered, you are still important, you are still loved, you are still cared for, guess what you get? A forwarded joke from me.

So my friend, next time you get a joke, don't think that I have sent you just a joke, but that I have thought of you today and wanted to send you a smile. :-)

***Articles are needed for our newsletter!
We all have something to share. Please
make the effort and don't be shy.***

Useful Information from APCUG Region 8

Terrorism. Some web sites that may help.

Our thoughts and hearts go out to everyone affected by the tragic events of the middle of September. Here are just some of the many helpful web sites that Steve Bass, president of the Pasadena PC User Group and a columnist for PC World, suggests in one of his recent Home Office Newsletters:

Getting the News. Google's "News links and support information regarding attacks" caches the links onto its servers. You get current access to sites without the wait.
<http://www.google.com/news/>

"Coping with Terrorism." The American Psychological Association provides solid, helpful advice at
<http://helping.apa.org/daily/terrorism.html>.

"Coping With the Aftermath of a terrible Disaster" (also APA) at <http://www.helping.apa.org/daily/tassey.html>
"Coping With Children's Reaction to Disaster"
http://www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/oem/html/disasters_and_children.html

"Tech Companies Share Resources After Attack." PC World has a good article to help companies get assistance keeping their business up and running:

[Http://www.pcworld.com/news/article/0,aid,61704,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/news/article/0,aid,61704,00.asp)

THE MID-CITIES PC USERS' GROUP

The Mid-Cities PC Users' Group is a not for-profit organization whose objectives are:

- * to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and experience,
- * education in the form of seminars and programs, and
- * community as pertains to the computer industry.

Annual membership is \$24.00 per family with one vote per membership. Members are encouraged to notify the Membership Chairperson of any change of address as soon as possible to continue receiving their monthly newsletter. Please address any notifications to: Mid-Cities PC Users' Group: Attn. Membership Chair, P.O. Box 54141, Hurst, TX 76054

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