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A Decade Of Remembrance

Special Commentary

By Tripp Liles

September 11, 2001.

That is one of the most significant dates in U.S. history. While the attacks of that day specifically hit targets in New York City, Washington D.C. and rural Pennsylvania, the effects were felt worldwide. We, as Americans, were specifically and deeply affected.

As we reflect on that day, it's important to remember how we felt. On that day we were not defined by political affiliation, the color of our skin, or by social status – we were simply Americans. United.

In the last decade, that sense of unity has been seemingly lost. Our political leaders and national media, representing both sides of the political aisle, have chosen to forget the true

enemies who pose a real threat to our security, and have instead focused on demonizing fellow citizens.

In all, 2,977 people from more than 90 nations perished during the 9/11 terrorist attacks. In the Global war on Terror, allied forces have suffered more than 362,611 casualties. Among those include more than 11,000 U.S. troops killed worldwide, and more than 49,000 Coalition and National (Iraqi and Afghan) soldiers have been killed. Additionally more than 2 million civilians have been killed or wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Given these facts, perhaps we need to reflect on who our real enemies are. It's important to remember, and return, to how we all felt on

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The Month in Preview

>> **Music**

9/24

Balalaika Anniversary

The Atlanta Balalaika Society will present a Gala 30th Anniversary Concert of Russian folk music, song and dance on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest St., Roswell, GA 30075.

The concert will feature the internationally acclaimed Russian ensemble, Barynya, performing Russian, Cossack, Gypsy and Jewish folk dances, songs and music, with special performances by balalaika virtuoso Elina Karokhina and Gypsy singer Sasha Men-shikov.

The Atlanta Balalaika Society Orchestra will feature domra virtuoso Angelina Galashenkova-Reed and bayan soloist Alla Melnik. The evening's concert will be conducted by David C. Cooper.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling (404) 325-2449 or in the lobby one hour prior to the performance. Adult tickets are \$20, students and seniors \$18, payable by check or cash.

>> **Family**

9/4

End Of Summer Fun

The Roswell Recreation, Parks, Historic and Cultural Affairs Department will hold the 10th Annual End of Summer Celebration on Sunday, September 4 at Centennial High School.

Carnival games and activities begin at 6 p.m. This annual celebration features bands 3-Way Street at 6:30 p.m. and BackTracks at 7:30 p.m. The fireworks display will begin at dark.

During the carnival concessions will be on sale, including: Atlanta Miller's Ale House and Restaurant, cotton candy, ice cream and more.

Power of Pink Luncheon

On Friday, September 23, at 11:00am at the Country Club of Roswell, North Fulton Hospital presents Power of Pink to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Greater Atlanta Affiliate. This unique breast cancer awareness and fundraising event includes a luncheon, silent auction, and survivors fashion show.

Help bring the fight against breast cancer to North Fulton by joining us at the Power of Pink.

Individual tickets are \$75, a table of 10 is \$700. Call 770-751-2660 to purchase tickets. www.PowerofPink.com

**Nooh Music Releases Reign Supreme**

The band is called Nooh and their new CD is called 'Midway to Now'. It is a mix of folk - rock, with a twist of the unknown. It is available for download on Amazon and iTunes.

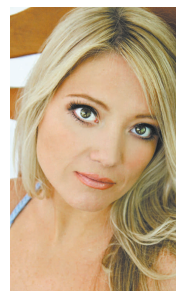
You can follow the band on twitter at @nooh_music or take a listen to four of the bands other songs at www.myspace.com/noohmusic.



Roswell resident Angela Reign has recently released all original album. The third single off the album debuted on radio station 94.9 The Bull.

On Sept. 24 she will hold a release party at the Red Light Café in Atlanta.

For more info visit her website www.anglareign.com.

>> **Gardening**

9/27

DIY Landscaping

On September 27, 2011, the Roswell Garden Club will present Daryl Pulis, who will speak on affordable, low maintenance, environmentally-friendly landscape advice for the do-it-yourself homeowner. Ms. Pulis has hosted The Garden Show on radio, provided Green Thumb Garden Tips on television, and occasionally substitutes for Walter Reeves on his Lawn & Garden Show on Saturday mornings. She has also been a guest designer on HGTV. The event begins at 10 a.m. and will be held at the Roswell Area Park Community Activity Building, 10495 Woodstock Road in Roswell. It's free and guests are welcome.

>> **Festivals & Films**

9/17

Cars And Chili

Flowery Branch Car Show and Chili Cook-Off Fun for the whole family. Classic car and VW show. 2 Chili Competitions, Open Festival atmosphere with music, games, food and craft vendors. Call for fees and info. Phone: 678-362-7328 - Address: 5517 Main Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

>> **Culture**

9/15

Sherman's Steps

Alpharetta Historical Society presents Retracing the Route of Sherman's Atlanta Campaign Thursday September 15, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM at the Mansell House.

Robert Jones will retrace the route of Sherman's Atlanta Campaign. He is the President of the Kennesaw Historical Society. He has written several books on Civil War and railroad themes. For more info visit www.alpharettahistoricalsociety.org

>> **Concert**

9/23

Platinum Blonde

Blondie at Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre They wrote great rock hooks and brilliant, ironic lyrics. They had the hippest clothes and the coolest hair. Debbie Harry went from the pages of Punk magazine to being on the cover of just about every mainstream publication on the newsstands.

**Street Fest**

20th Annual Marietta Street Fest Antiques, Autos and More. Location: Marietta Square. Phone: (770) 794-5710. Admission: FREE. www.mariettastreetfest.com

9/16

Family Movie Night

Outdoor Family Movie Series at Riverside Park - Tangles, rated PG. Bring a picnic & lawn chairs and/or blankets. Enjoy music, play on the playground and then settle in for movie fun. Movie begins at dark. 770-594-6134.

For more must-do events and local info see our expanded online listings at www.thecurrentplus.com Here are just a few highlights

**Sept. 10, 17 & 24**

Riverside Farmers Market 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Roswell City Hall

**Sept. 15**

Alive After Five in Roswell's Historic District. Metro Atlanta's best street party!

**Sept. 28- Oct. 1**

Historic Roswell Paint Out 3 Days of painting at selected sites in the Historic District.