



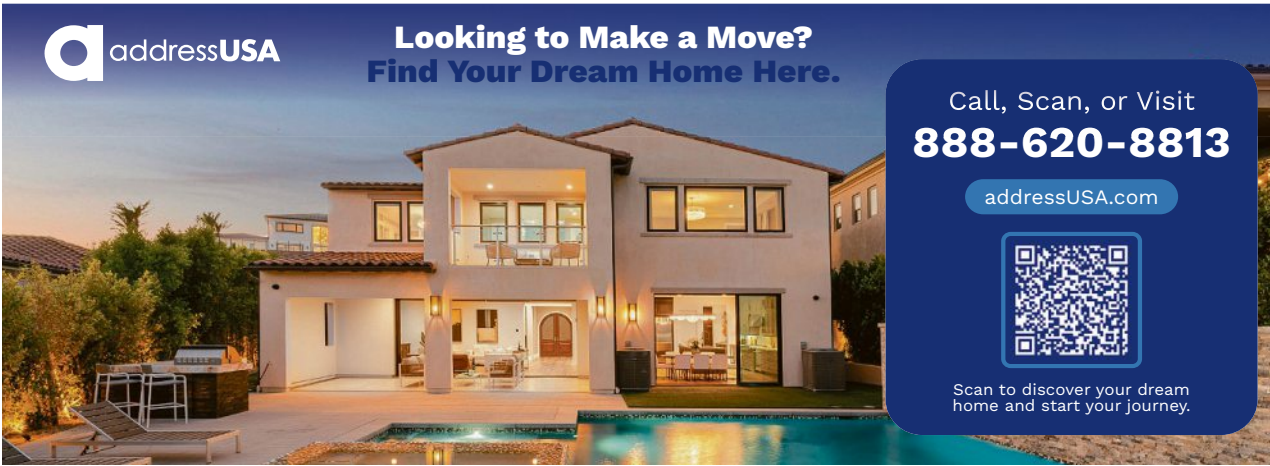
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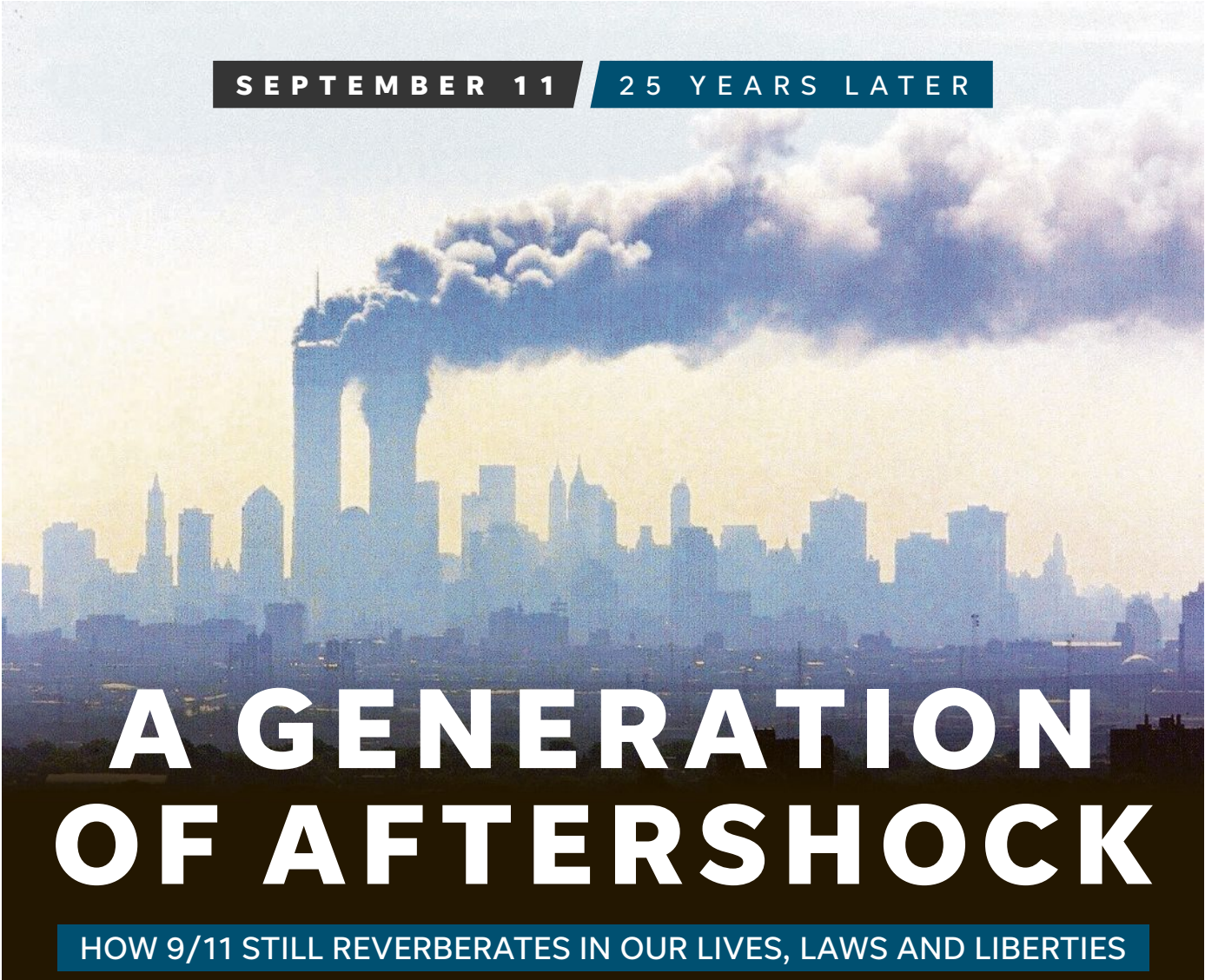
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A GENERATION OF AFTERSHOCK

HOW 9/11 STILL REVERBERATES IN OUR LIVES, LAWS AND LIBERTIES

Susan Page | USA TODAY

A

quarter-century later, 9/11 still echoes. ● The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history has been followed by other seismic events, from a once-in-a-century global pandemic to the rise of artificial intelligence that is transforming commerce, education and more. Nearly 100 million Americans – almost one in four – have no personal memory of the Sept. 11 attacks, born since it happened. And yet. ● The attacks continue to resonate in the lives of the families, friends and colleagues of the 2,977 victims who died and for the tens of thousands of survivors and first responders who are dealing with 9/11-related health issues. ● In a spiderweb that has spread through the nation's laws, economy, warfare and culture, its repercussions are also felt by just about every American. Some of the questions it raised remain unsettled.

Consider: Extension of the post-9/11 law that allows warrantless surveillance abroad is stalled in a fierce congressional divide. The mistrust of officialdom about the attack and the war in Iraq that ensued helped lay the groundwork for current-day conspiracy theories about school shootings and election fraud. A new generation of video games inspired by 9/11 is being tapped as a controversial recruiting tool by the military and law enforcement in real life.

In memoriam

See the names of the 2,977 victims of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. **4A**

Daniels, a member of President George W. Bush's Cabinet who was on the White House campus when the planes struck the World Trade Center.

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"We encounter an echo every time we go to an airport, obviously," with creation of the Transportation Security Administration and tighter travel security regimes, said Mitch Daniels, a member of President George W. Bush's Cabinet who was on the White House campus when the planes struck the World Trade Center.

The World Trade Center billows with smoke after hijackers crashed planes into the north and south towers in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001. The towers would later collapse, killing thousands. USA TODAY

State Farm begins sending refunds to customers

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Shreveport Times
USA TODAY NETWORK

Robert Temple has been a State Farm Insurance agent for nearly 50 years, but he's rarely seen the buzz created by the company's \$5 billion customer dividend payout.

"People are asking a lot of questions and many of them are already seeing their checks or payments," Temple, who operates an agency in Ruston, Louisiana, said Sept. 9 in an interview with USA Today Network. "I can tell you this. Folks are happy to get them, especially with the high cost of living people are dealing with right now."

More than 49 million vehicles and their owners nationwide qualify for the payments with \$136 million of the \$5 billion being returned to customers in Louisiana, where State Farm has 30% of the auto insurance market.

Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Tim Temple said he was notified that the first wave of payments has already been returned to customers with payments continuing throughout the fall.

"Anytime ratepayers can have money returned to their pockets is a good thing, but especially as people struggle with high grocery and gas prices," Temple told USA Today Network.

State Farm announced its dividend program this summer after recording strong profits nationwide.

The average payment is \$100 per vehicle, though the Louisiana average is \$138, Temple said.

"Insurance companies base their rates on projections of how much they will collect in premiums and how much they will pay out in claims," Temple said.

"When an insurance company takes in more money than anticipated and pays out less in claims, whether due to national trends, state-level reforms, or both policyholders should benefit directly through lower premiums."

If your policy qualifies, you can expect to receive between 4% and 10% of the premium you paid in 2025.

The percentage also varies based on a state's contribution to State Farm's underwriting performance.

This dividend applies to State Farm personal car insurance policies throughout the U.S. that were active at any time in 2025. Your policy doesn't need to be active today for you to be eligible.

Local activists want to know who oversees board

Melinda Martinez
Alexandria Town Talk
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Activists with CENLA Activism attended the Alexandria and Pineville city

council meetings Tuesday, Sept. 8, to get the England Economic and Industrial Development District (EEIDD) Board of Commissioners to answer questions about the self-deporting migrant family facility being built at England Airpark.

"They promised us a special meeting today at their last board meeting," said CENLA Activism organizer Erin Tracy, referring to the England Board. Commissioners are appointed by the mayors of the cities of Alexandria and Pineville,

the Rapides Parish incorporated municipalities of Woodworth, Glenmora, Ball, Cheneyville, Lecompte, McNary, Boyce, and Forest Hill, the Rapides

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