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I long for the brief, beautiful moment of unity after 9/11

On Sept. 11, 2001, the slant of light had begun to change. • Shadows grew longer and wider. Most notably, cleaner, drier air revealed hard blue skies, a familiar precursor to fall. It was a perfect day in Shreveport and in much of the United States that day. Until it wasn't. • I was the editorial page editor of The Times in Shreveport, working not far from where I grew up. • And like Americans everywhere, I watched the unimaginable unfold. Two planes struck the World Trade Center in Manhattan. Another hit the Pentagon. Passengers fought back aboard Flight 93 before it crashed into a Pennsylvania field. • By day's end, 2,977 people would die in those planes and those buildings.

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Fire at restaurant was ‘near miss’ in Howell

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A commercial kitchen fire has temporarily closed Cello Italian Restaurant at 209 E. Grand River Ave. in Howell.

According to a social media post, the Howell Area Fire Department and the City of Howell Police Department responded around 4 p.m. Sept. 9 to a reported smoke investigation and possible structure fire.

HAFD noticed light smoke conditions from inside the restaurant and the roof area before determining a commercial kitchen fire had occurred but didn't extend into the structure.

The fire was extinguished by employees, according to HAFD. Smoke and fire extinguisher agent were found throughout the restaurant. Fire Chief Andy Box said there were no injuries or "structural damage to the building." He estimates clean up will cost between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

"The recovery is more about cleaning the kitchen area due to the ... (fire extinguisher) agent that was used," Box told The Daily.

HAFD determined employees were preparing food for the evening when a fire occurred on the stovetop. According to the release, the kitchen's fire suppression and hood system were tagged out of service for "equipment deficiencies" in June.

Box said the systems help in these situations by releasing an agent designed to extinguish cooking fires, suck out air and smoke, and also shut

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