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25th anniversary of 9/11 commemorated



First responders salute during an observance ceremony in Washington, DC, marking the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon. JONATHAN ERNST/REUTERS

Memorials across U.S. begin with reading of names, prayer

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NEW YORK – As the United States marked 25 years since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Americans across the country gathered to honor the nearly 3,000 people who perished and reflect on the day that forever changed the nation.

A quarter-century has passed since terrorists hijacked four commercial air-

liners in the deadliest attack on American soil. Today, almost one in four Americans have no personal memory of that day.

Yet, for many others, the tragedy remains etched in their memory. So do its lasting impacts: the global war on terror, backlash against Arab Americans, long-term health issues, and a rise in government surveillance.

Loved ones of those killed, survivors, first responders and politicians attended ceremonies in New York City, at the Pentagon in Virginia, outside Shanks-

ville, Pennsylvania, and in Boston, the city from which two of the hijacked planes originated.

With the sun rising over New York City and bagpipes playing in the background, the first family members of 9/11 victims arrived at Ground Zero in lower Manhattan.

Organizers laid wreaths at various spots throughout the memorial and small American flags adorned many of the inscribed names of victims.

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‘These predators prey on our kids’

Missing SC girl found safe in Arkansas

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A missing Woodruff girl was found safe Wednesday, Aug. 9, in Arkansas at the home of a man authorities said she met online, ending a 24-hour search that relied heavily on surveillance footage and Flock license-plate cameras.

According to a press conference held by the Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Office, authorities recovered a missing 12-year-old Spartanburg County girl in Arkansas at the home of a man she met online. Spartanburg County Sheriff Bill Rhyne said Brandon Britten of Arkansas abducted Riley Berryhill from Woodruff.

Rhyne said surveillance footage and Flock cameras helped investigators identify a Chevrolet Malibu believed to be involved.

“It’s been a long 24 hours for our office,” Rhyne said.

Deputies and investigators began searching the area where Berryhill was last seen. Initial efforts to locate her were unsuccessful, but investigators obtained surveillance video showing Berryhill walking along Highway 101.

On Wednesday morning, investigators obtained additional surveillance footage showing Berryhill getting into a dark-colored Chevrolet Malibu shortly before 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to the Sheriff’s Office.

At about 3:20 p.m. Wednesday, investigators located a vehicle matching the one seen in the surveillance footage using Flock.

The Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Office contacted the Independence County Sheriff’s Office in Arkansas and requested a welfare check at the

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Scott calls Democrats ‘dangerous’ in convention speech

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South Carolina U.S. Sen. Tim Scott pushed for a “united” Republican Party to stand by President Donald J. Trump ahead of the midterm elections.

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, Scott addressed the people at the Republican National Convention’s midterm event in Dallas, Texas. He spoke of uniting the party to keep the “weird” out of the United States Senate ahead of the November election.

“The only way to keep dangerous, radical, weird out of the Senate is the United Republican Party,” Scott said amid some cheers from the audience at the event.

Scott also spoke about “dangerous” Democrats and how they “hate what it

means to be America.” He also took special aim at Texas Democratic U.S. Senate candidate James Talerico in a speech calling him “terrible,” all while channeling his inner faith and talking about God.

Tim Scott declares Texas ‘Trump country’ and praises president’s work

A staunch Trump supporter, Scott’s highly animated speech praised the president for his work over the last two years, stating his efforts dwarfed anything that other presidents had done.

“We celebrate the most transformational two years of any presidency in our lifetime,” the 60-year-old stated. “Our president secured our borders and

passed the largest tax cut in American history.”

He went on to praise the no tax on tips, no tax on overtime and no tax on Social Security sections in the Big, Beautiful Bill that was signed into law.

The no tax on tips and overtime are tax credits that temporarily allow workers to deduct up to \$25,000 in tips and up to \$25,000 in overtime. The tax law change is temporary and ends Dec. 31, 2028, before Trump leaves office.

As for no tax on Social Security, it is also a temporary tax law change that provides a \$6,000 deduction for seniors over the age of 65 and eliminates Social Security tax liability for seniors with adjusted gross incomes of \$75,000 or less, \$150,000 if filing as a married couple. It is set to expire in 2029.

Did Tim Scott mention the Iran war in his RNC speech?

No.

He and many of his fellow speakers at the convention glossed over the Iran war while focusing on taking jabs at Democrats running for congressional seats in the midterms.

Tim Scott calls Democratic midterm candidates ‘dangerous, radical and weird’

Scott, and many others, called Democrats and Democratic candidates some of the most dangerous and radical in “American history.”

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