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With Tower One of the World Trade Center already in flames after it was hit by a plane, a second plane flies collision course toward Tower Two.

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## What We Know

- Hijacked American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767 from Boston to Los Angeles, crashed into Tower One of the World Trade Center at 8:50 a.m. The airline reports 92 people on board.

- A second plane, United Flight 175, a Boeing 767 from Boston to Los Angeles, crashed into Tower Two of the World Trade Center at 9:05 a.m. There were 56 passengers and nine crew members on board.

- President George W. Bush declared it an "apparent terrorist attack."

- A third plane crashed into the launching pad near the Pentagon.

- United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 757 aircraft, departed from Newark at 8:01 a.m. bound for San Francisco. It had 38 passengers on board, plus two pilots and five flight attendants. It crashed 80 miles north of Somerset County Airport in Pittsburgh.

- There was reportedly a car bomb explosion at the State Department.

- At 12:30 p.m., there were 50 commercial flights in U.S. airspace some 40 miles to 50 miles from their destination "with no known problems on board," an FAA spokesman said. In addition, 22 international flights were being allowed to land in the United States "with certain security precautions," the FAA said.

- The number of injuries is unknown, but officials speculate that there could be thousands.

- Government buildings, including the White House, Pentagon and Capitol, were evacuated across the country.

- United Nations and Sears Tower, in Chicago, were evacuated.

- The Federal Aviation Administration ordered all flights grounded.

- No claim of responsibility was immediately reported. U.S. officials were investigating many possibilities, including a reported warning three weeks ago that Saudi militant Osama bin Laden had promised an "unprecedented" attack on U.S. interests. In the 1995 bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma City, early suggestions of foreign involvement proved wrong.

## Emergency Numbers

Other than 911, emergency numbers were being announced slowly this afternoon. The following were made available as of 1 p.m.:

American Airlines:  
Call 800-245-0999

United Airlines:  
Call 800-932-8555

Red Cross (for donating blood)  
Call 718-558-0053 or call a hospital in your neighborhood.



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# 'Terrorism against our nation will not stand'

— President George W. Bush

One of the towers of the World Trade Center in Manhattan collapses this morning in this image made from television. The second tower collapse



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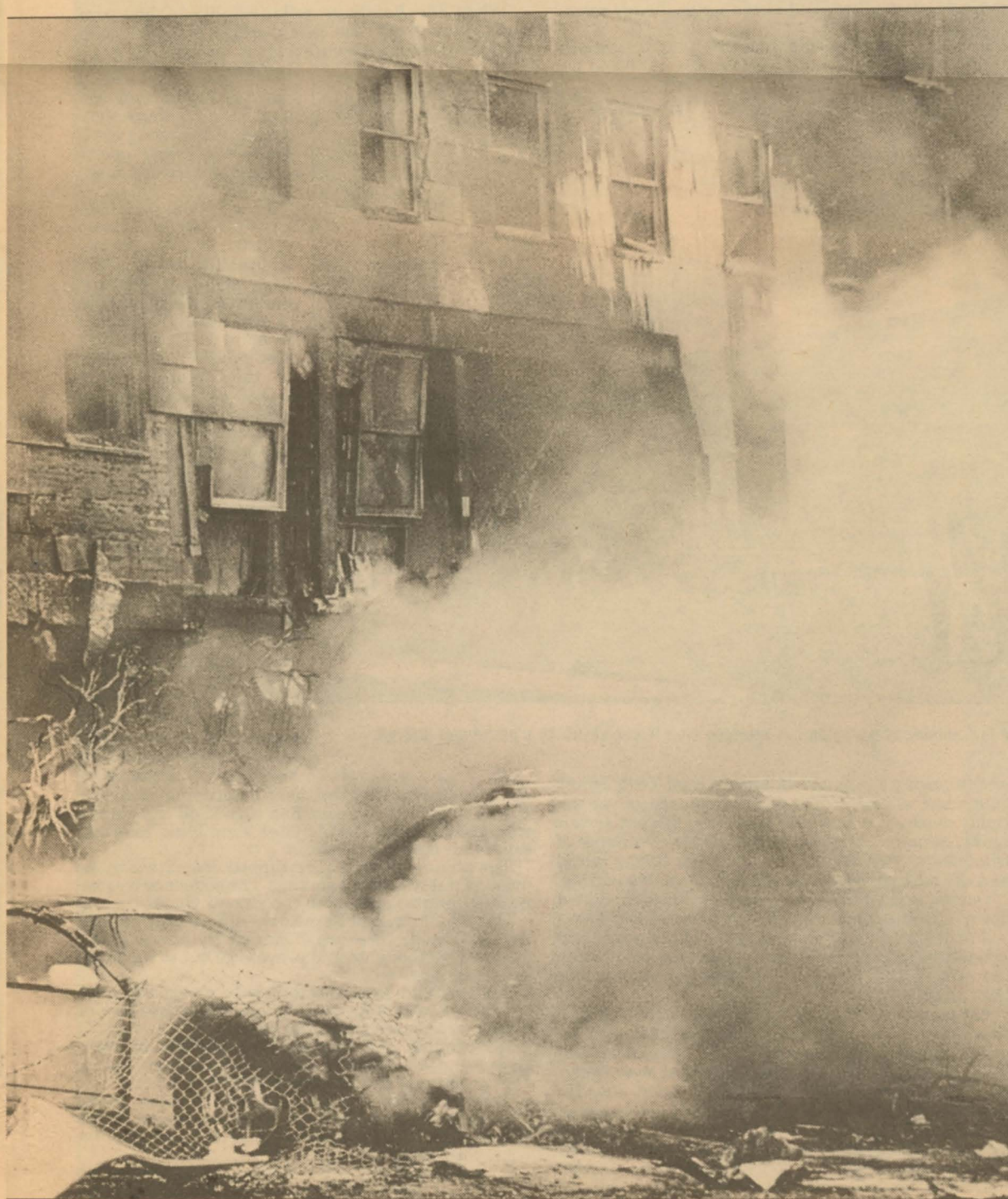


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Smoke pours from the Pentagon just outside Washington after it was struck by a passenger airliner in an apparent terrorist attack this morning.



# Siege



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## Hijacked airplanes hit Trade Center and Pentagon

In bold, well-planned and unprecedented air attacks against the United States of America, terrorists on suicide missions crashed planes into the two World Trade Center buildings and the Pentagon, killing unknown numbers of people as President George W. Bush vowed that this "terrorism against our nation will not stand."

The smell of war was in the nostrils of many stunned New Yorkers, along with the frightening smoke that overtook lower Manhattan after the collapse of the once majestic Twin Towers of the Trade Center complex.

The buildings crumbled about an hour after the back-to-back assaults by two hijacked airliners beginning at 8:50 this morning.

Rep. Jim Moran, a Virginia Democrat, emerged from a briefing for members of Congress by the Capitol Police. He said that the police said 10,000 people have died in the aftermath of the dual crash into the World Trade Center towers.

Shortly before 1 p.m., the office of Queensborough President Claire Shulman said that at least 38 people were known dead at Bellevue Hospital Center, including four police officers and three firefighters.

"I saw bodies flying out of the building," said Stan Siegel, who lives on the 48th floor of a Duane Street apartment building and witnessed the horrific attack.

"It was horrendous," he added, wiping a tear from his eyes. "This is world war."

Following the devastating air attack on the once seemingly invincible Pentagon — and subsequent re-

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## Attacks Kill Thousands

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ports of bombs going off on Capitol Hill and at the State Department — U.S. troops, including a regiment of light infantry, were deployed through the nation's capital.

Speaking in Florida, Bush promised tough action and called for a moment of silence and prayer for those who died. And for what might lie ahead.

Some national leaders were brutally blunt in characterizing what had taken place earlier today.

"This is the second Pearl Harbor," said Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.), referring to the attack that caught America off guard two generations ago in 1941 and propelled it into World War II.

In the first four hours after the attacks began, no clear claim of responsibility from any group was reported. U.S. officials were investigating many possibilities, including a reported warning three weeks ago that Saudi militant Osama bin Laden had promised an "unprecedented" attack on U.S. interests.

Abdel-Bari Atwan, editor of a London-based, Arabic-language newspaper, al-Quds al-Arabi, told Reuters news agency that bin Laden had warned three weeks ago that he would strike "American interests in an unprecedented attack, a very big one." Atwan has interviewed Bin Laden and keeps close contacts with the Saudi's supporters.

"We received several warnings like this. We did not take it so seriously, preferring to see what would happen before reporting it," Atwan said.

Abu Dhabi television reported a claim of responsibility by a Palestinian group that was not immediately identified. In the 1995 bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma City, early suggestions of foreign involvement proved wrong.

Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban rulers condemned the devastating terrorist attacks in New York and Washington and rejected suggestions that bin Laden could be behind them.

The Taliban's ambassador to neighboring Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, said bin Laden, the Saudi dissident who has been given asylum in this troubled nation, does not have the facilities needed to carry out such well-orchestrated attacks. "It is premature to level allegations against a person who is not in a position to carry out such attacks," he said.

The first crash came at the World Trade Center came at 8:50 a.m. American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767 that had been hijacked from Boston this morning, hit Tower One, somewhere around the 80th floor. The airline said there were 92 people on board.

A second plane hit Tower Two at about 9:05 a.m., at an elevation lower than the first crash, sending flames and smoke billowing. The second plane has been identified as United Flight 175.

Airline officials reported that a total of 156 people were aboard the two jets that were hijacked yesterday morning and taken on suicide missions to the World Trade Center buildings.

One was a Boeing 767 en route from Boston Logan Airport to Los Angeles and the other was a 757 heading from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles.

Shortly after noon, United Airlines confirmed that two of its aircraft had crashed. United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 757 aircraft, departed from Newark, N.J., at 8:01 a.m. local time, bound for San Francisco, with 38 passengers on board, two pilots and five flight attendants, crashed in Pennsylvania, the company said. And United Flight 175, a Boeing 767 aircraft, departed from Boston at 7:58 a.m. local time, bound for Los Angeles, with 56 passengers on board, two pilots and seven flight attendants. That was the plane that hit the second tower.

American Airlines officials said another plane, Flight 77, a Boeing 757 from Washington-Dulles to Los Angeles and carrying 58 passengers, 4 attendants and two pilots, had blown up in the air somewhere in the Midwest.

In dramatic television moments, local stations

"with certain security precautions," the FAA said. Once those planes land, there will be no commercial aircraft flying in the United States.

In New York City, the primary elections that had been dominating public attention were canceled. Children were kept in schools. Subways were closed. The New York Stock Exchange and other major financial institutions in the downtown district were ordered evacuated. On-duty and off-duty city emergency workers, particularly firefighters, were being mobilized to assist in lower Manhattan.

An estimated 50,000 people work daily at the World Trade Center. Another 20,000 work at the Pentagon in Washington.

One of those who witnessed the attacks this morning in Manhattan was Newsday.com editor Diane Goldie.

"When the buildings collapsed like a house of cards, they shook the neighborhood," Goldie said. "There was soot all over everything — people, cars,

buildings. People looked like ghosts walking down Church Street covered in soot. Many were dazed or screaming as officials urged everyone to get as far north as possible."

Robert James, manager of the Modell's store at 200 Broadway, described the crash of the first plane. "I felt the building shake," he said. "I saw flames. I heard a boom. I looked up and saw people jumping out of the building. They looked like rag dolls. At first I thought it was one or two, but they kept coming. It was seven or eight and then..."

Initially this morning it was assumed that the first plane to hit the World Trade Center was a mere tragedy.

But at the New York Air Route Traffic Control Center in Ronkonkoma, workers had sensed something might be terribly wrong.

Controllers there noted an aircraft that was flying above 23,000 feet as it approached New York City, but that sud-

denly became a flight without identifying numbers. It was clear that someone had turned off the plane's transponder which sends vital identifying information to air traffic controllers.

The plane's altitude then dipped dramatically, almost as if it was dive bombing. The sequence was repeated minutes later with the second plane.

Donald Carty, chief executive officer of American Airlines, said, "We are horrified by these tragic events. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of all involved."

All New York area hospitals were on alert to treat patients. But it was nearly two hours before the injured started arriving at the hospitals.

All tunnels and bridges into Manhattan were closed and all subways were shut down by 9 a.m. Buses were not running south of 14th Street.

Before the towers crumbled from the crash, workers in the financial district were evacuated to the lower levels of their office buildings and were kept indoors for safety.

Phone lines throughout New York City were jammed as family and friends reached out to those who they thought might be in the area. The World Trade Center was the object of a terrorist bombing attack in 1993 in which six people were killed.



Smoke billows from the Pentagon just outside Washington this morning after it was struck by a passenger aircraft.

AP Photo

were showing the smoke billowing from Twin Tower One when a second plane could be seen off to the right, crashing eventually into the adjacent tower. Later, cameras broadcast to the world the collapse of what were once the tallest buildings in the world and the best known symbols of Manhattan's skyline.

Debris, and an unknown number of bodies, rained down onto the streets below, the heart of the financial district. The buildings, symbols of the might and majesty of the city, later in the morning tumbled to the ground and sent panicked crowds running for their lives.

Air traffic was shut down across the country, the first time federal aviation officials had taken such an action. Besides the attacks in lower Manhattan and Washington, another United plane that was apparently part of the coordinated assault went down in Pennsylvania. There was a sense from sea to sea of being under siege.

At 12:30 p.m., there were 50 commercial flights in U.S. airspace about 40 to 50 miles from their destination "with no known problems on board," an FAA spokesman said. They later were reported all on the ground safely. In addition, 22 international flights were being allowed to land in the United States



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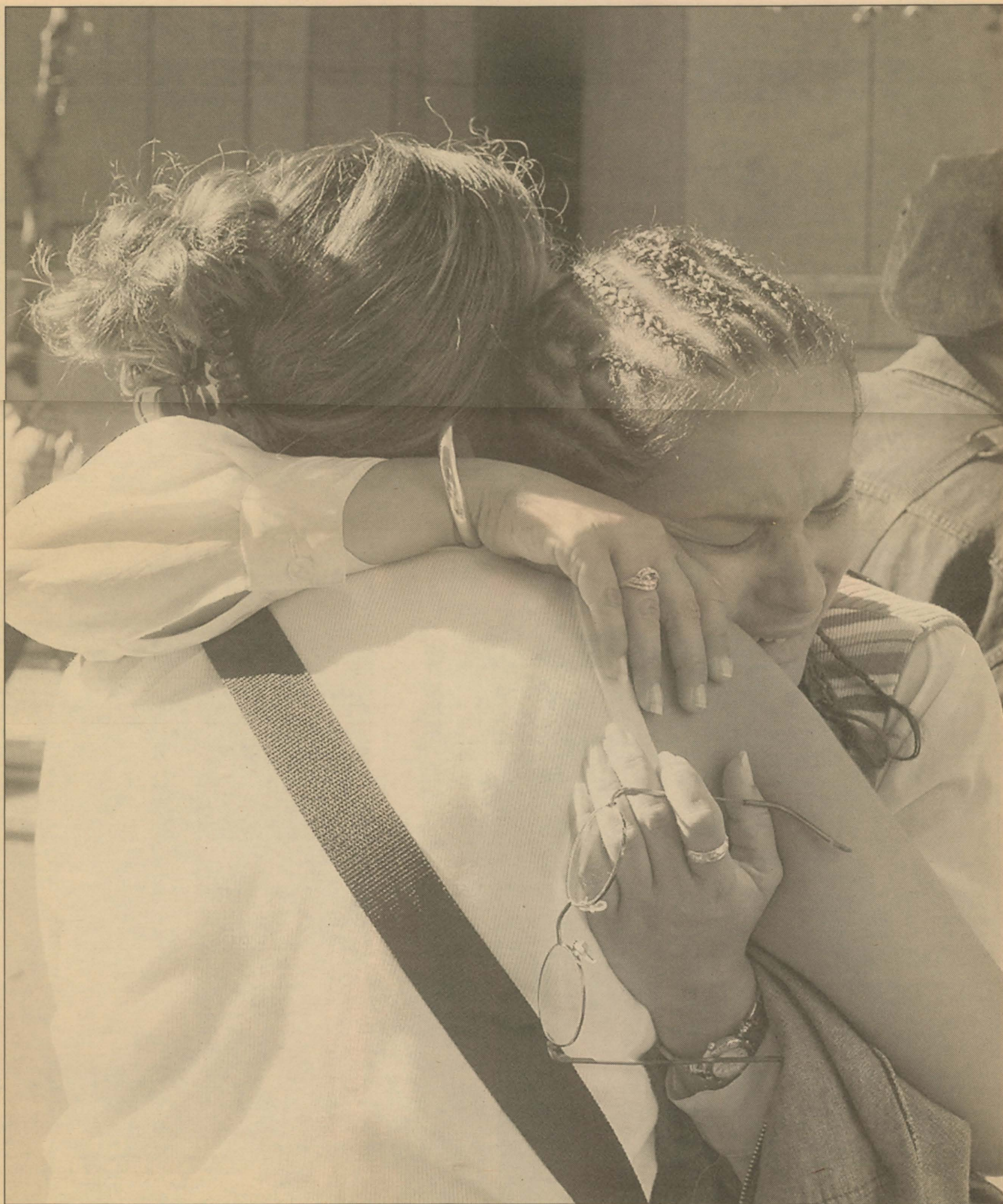
A fireball and debris explode out of Tower Two of the World Trade Center a moment after a hijacked airliner crashed into it around 9:05 a.m.

Photo by Steven Silva

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A woman breaks down in the street after the collapse of Tower Two in lower Manhattan this morning. Both towers were hit by planes crashing into the buildings.



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Reuters Photos

Rescue workers, above, remove a man from one of the World Trade Center towers today. Covered with soot from the debris of the collapsed World Trade Center, a stunned man, left, walks near the towers. Horrified pedestrians at St. Patrick's Cathedral, below, look down Fifth Avenue after the planes hit the World Trade Center towers.



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Heavy smoke and debris fill the air and blanket lower Manhattan as people flee after the first Twin Tower collapse this morning.

# Chaos on City's Streets

Pandemonium raged on the streets of lower Manhattan moments after two planes crashed into the World Trade Center today, forcing people below to scatter for cover into local restaurants, hide under cars and duck into storefronts.

As dazed workers caked in dust, their clothing torn, were led to safety, several eyewitnesses reported seeing people jumping and bodies falling from the upper floors of both burning towers, a horrific scene of smoke and flames shooting from gaping holes.

"I saw a lot of bodies falling out near the hole in the tower," said a shaken Frank Hill of Manhattan. "Then you could hear something bang . . . then the second building fell like a deck of cards."

City worker Tom Walsh of Douglaston said he saw people jumping from the upper floors to avoid the flames.

"They jumped in tandem," Walsh said. "I could see them jumping together. I saw a man and a woman. It was like they drifted down so slowly. You could see the flames around them."

Within minutes lower Manhattan was paralyzed

## Lower Manhattan paralyzed after terrorist attacks

at the peak of the morning rush hour with evacuations from Wall Street to Foley Square under way.

Subway lines closed, cellular phone service was crippled and roads were gridlocked, leaving hundreds of vehicles along with commuters stranded as they tried to make their way into work in the Wall Street area just after the first attack occurred about 9 a.m.

Trading on Wall Street was immediately suspended and much of the downtown district, including the nearby Financial Center and City Hall, was shut down.

Thousands of people crowded onto the Brooklyn Bridge for a closer look of the burning towers.

Authorities also hastily moved an emergency triage center set up at Stuyvesant High School to nearby Charles and West streets moments before the second tower collapsed.

At Foley Square, Alberto Eddie Garcia of the Bronx, was trying to wash away the building dust from his eyes in a fountain with about seven other men.

"I was riding in on the train," Garcia said. "I could see the commotion and people running away; I am thinking it's a shoot-out or something like that."

Senior Court Officer Teddy Leoutsakos said he was called down to the World Trade Center to help evacuate people. "It was just chaos," Leoutsakos said. "We saw it coming down [the first building], we ran to the other building. When we came out you couldn't see. I had to get to the ambulance to get my eyes flushed out and I couldn't breathe."

Sgt. Peter Brower was in lower Manhattan at the corner of West and Vessey Streets. When the first building collapsed he was next to the north tower.

"I crawled under a truck until the thundering stopped and then I walked out. . . . I thought that was it. I thought it was my time. People were jumping. Body parts were all over the ground."

Mark Flavin, 48, a lawyer, was heading to work on the subway when his train was halted outside of the Fulton Street stop in lower Manhattan. The train then lost power and everyone was let out. As he climbed the stairs to exit, an explosion floored him.

"It was like being engulfed in a tidal wave," Flavin said. He and several of the passengers tried to get out, but they had to crawl on hands and knees through the smoke and white ash. When he finally got out, he said the destruction was unbelievable. "It's devastating."

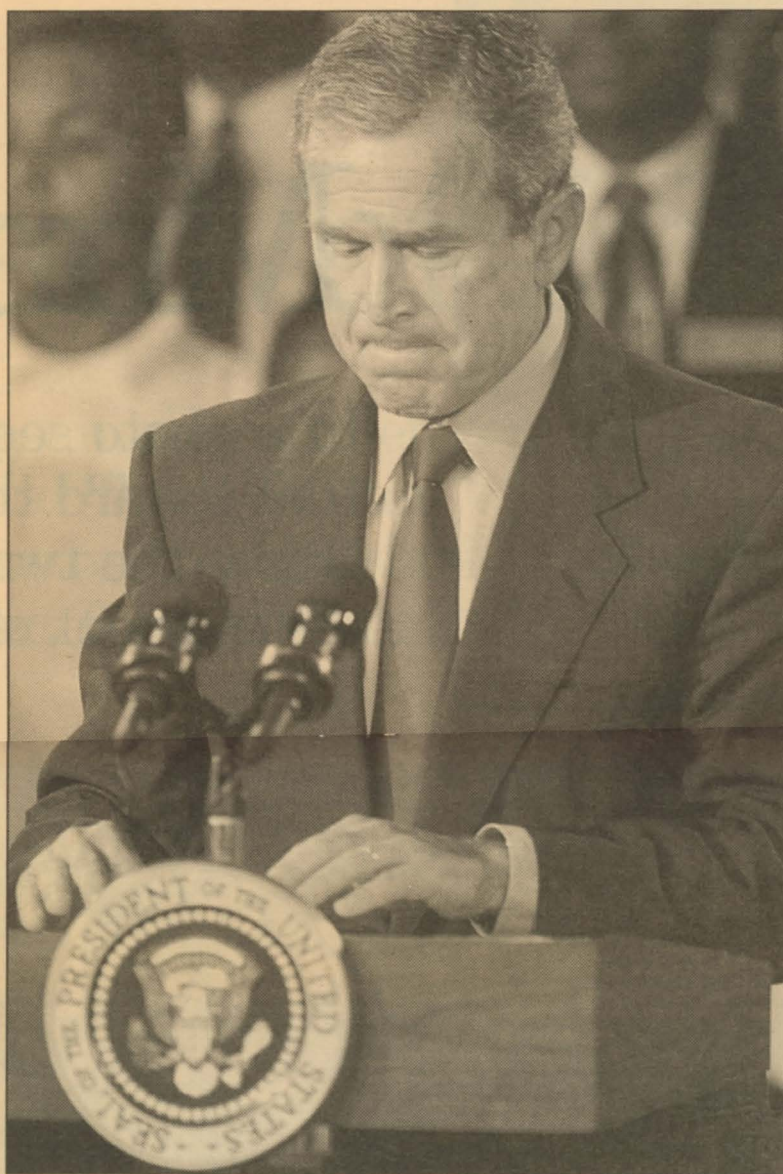
Gene Russianoff of New York Public Interest Research Group was in his downtown offices along with

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See CITY on E15





# Striking At Heart Of the U.S.

## Washington on high alert following attack on Pentagon

By Ken Fireman

WASHINGTON BUREAU

Washington — The terror attacks that hit lower Manhattan this morning spread quickly to the nation's capital, striking at the heart of the U.S. military and plunging the city into stunned chaos.

About an hour after the first of two airplanes crashed into the World Trade Center, a plane slammed into the west side of the Pentagon, triggering a huge explosion and fire. "It was just a tremendous vibration that went through the whole building," said Ulas Branch, 45, a contract computer programmer who was working at the building. "It was like a sonic boom."

As clouds of smoke billowed upward and emergency vehicles rushed to the scene, federal authorities quickly ordered virtually every government installation in the city evacuated, including the Capitol, State Department, Supreme Court and the West Wing of the White House. They also ordered all aircraft throughout the United States to be grounded and diverted all trans-Atlantic flights into the country to Canada.

A long line of fire trucks pulled up and parked along the southwest side of the White House complex. Secret Service and police personnel sealed off the complex and turned away anyone who tried to enter, including high-ranking officials such as Mary Matalin, a senior aide to Vice President Dick Cheney. Matalin later found an official who escorted her inside.

Many private office buildings in downtown Washington were also emptied of workers. Auto traffic came to a virtual standstill and hundreds of people milled about in bewilderment on sidewalks, trying with uncertain success to reach friends or family on cell phones.

President George W. Bush cut short a trip to Florida after first vowing "to hunt down and find those folks who committed this act. Terrorism against our nation will not stand."

The president had originally planned to return to Washington but then went instead to a military installation in Louisiana, The Associated Press reported.

Shortly after arriving at the military installation, Bush went before the cameras to announce that he had placed the U.S. armed forces on high alert. "The United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts," Bush said. "We have taken all appropriate security precautions to protect the American people . . . and we have

taken the necessary security precautions to continue the functions of your government."

Bush made his earlier statement at an elementary school in Sarasota, Fla., where he had gone to promote his education and reading initiatives. He was reading to children in a classroom when his chief of staff, Andrew Card, whispered in his ear around 20 minutes after the first plane hit the World Trade Center.

About half an hour later, a somber-looking president emerged before the cameras to make his statement and then departed.

The explosion at the Pentagon was so powerful it blasted open windows that are painted shut, witnesses said. "It took your breath away," said Jill Dougherty, a data analyst, of the vibration. "It went right through you. I didn't hear anything. I just felt it."

One eyewitness, State Department employee Ken Ford, said he watched from the 15th floor of the State Department Annex, just across the Potomac River from the Pentagon.

"We were watching the airport, through the [binoculars]," Ford said, referring to Reagan National Airport, a short distance away. "The plane was a two-engine turbo prop that flew up the river from National. Then it turned back toward the Pentagon. We thought it had been waved off and then it hit the building."

Two other witnesses, Daniel McAdams and his wife, Cynthia, said they were sitting in their kitchen drinking coffee in their third-floor condominium in Arlington just two miles from the Pentagon when they heard a plane fly directly overhead around 9:45 a.m. It was unusually loud and unusually low.

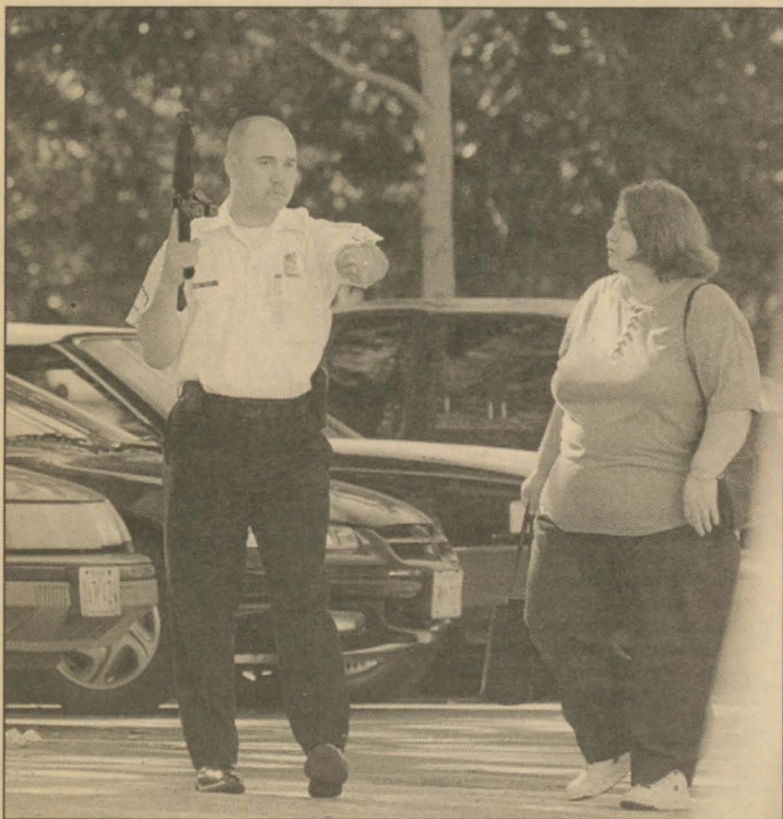
Seconds later, they heard a big boom and felt the doors and windows of their three-story building shake. From their window, they could see a plume of black smoke coming from the Pentagon.

"I said, 'Oh my God,' . . . I can't even come to grips. It's just a shock," said Daniel McAdams, a freelance journalist. "It's scary to just be so close . . . Who knows if there's another one being hijacked that could miss the target? I feel like a target here."

Soon after, military planes including F-15s could be seen circling the Pentagon. Traffic clogged McAdams' unusually quiet street as workers fled.

Craig Gordon, James Toedtman, Deborah Barfield and Elaine S. Povich contributed to this story.

In Florida, President Bush vows to "hunt down" those responsible for the attacks.



A Secret Service agent with an automatic weapon directs an evacuee near the White House today. Governments buildings throughout Washington were emptied.



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angles. The two photos on the right, also  
from different angles, show a fireball  
resulting from the impact of the jet with  
World Trade Center Tower Two.



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# City Comes To A Halt

## Feeling in NY of being 'under siege'

At the point where the Whitestone Expressway meets the Van Wyck, cars screeched to a halt yesterday and grown men sitting at their steering wheels cried as they stared in horror across the shimmering blue expanse of Flushing Bay.

The first of two burning World Trade Center towers had crumbled into oblivion, as Manhattan was enveloped in a foreboding cloud of black smoke. Car radios blared news reports, drivers scrambled to dial on cell phones and everywhere you glanced you saw the look of horror spread across New York City faces. The impact was felt on every corner.

While drivers pulled over to watch as the towers collapsed, workers turned away from a Jackson Heights subway stop gathered around delivery trucks to listen to the radio. Children at a Brooklyn school watched the fires from their classroom, and customers inside a Muslim halal meat store in Jackson Heights worried about their loved ones and warned against immediately blaming the Muslim community.

This story was reported by **Katia Hetter, Kathy Kerr, S. Mitra Kalita, and Joshua Robin.** It was written by Hetter.

One man standing on the side of the Whitestone Expressway, who wouldn't give his name, said he had just driven across the Whitestone Bridge that connects Queens to the Bronx. He "trembled" across the entire expanse, he said,

fearing that the attackers who had rocked lower Manhattan would next target it. Alan Roshan, a Great Neck clothing salesman, said he left Iran 20 years ago "so I wouldn't have to see acts like these. I'm devastated."

A man who had just jumped out of his car — and apparently hadn't been listening to the radio — asked what was happening. "That's my firehouse," he gasped when he was told, explaining he worked at a firehouse in downtown Manhattan. He then raced off.

In Jackson Heights, people clustered on corners by the dozens asking police near the subway station at Roosevelt Avenue and 74th Street how to get to work or how to get home. When truck drivers received orders to stay out of Manhattan, they pulled to the side and turned their radios to news stations as residents clustered around them.

Pay phones along Roosevelt Avenue had people lined up six deep as people trying to call family members learned that their cell phones weren't working. Walking with her son along Roosevelt Avenue, Brazilian immigrant Lea Perrera, 31, said she had never seen such chaos.

"My son kept saying, 'Mama, what's all the fog? Is it a fire?'" said Perrera in Spanish.



Reuters Photo

Covering their faces to avoid breathing dust from the collapse, people make their way from the WTC today.

Jerry Rice of Sunnyside was on his way to Brooklyn when he discovered the subway was shut down. "I'm somewhat apprehensive about being out here anyway," said Rice, 44. "There's panic in the air. People don't know where they're going or how they're getting there. The routine is broken."

In Windsor Terrace, Arlene Catapano, a crossing guard, bounded up the 10 steps of PS-154 to pick up her son after stopping earlier at MS-51 in Park Slope to pick up an older daughter, 12-year-old Denise.

"You feel as if the whole city is under siege," Catapano said. "Anybody who doesn't pick up their kids is crazy. You don't know what is going to happen."

Denise, a seventh-grader, said she was in Spanish class when a classmate pointed out the window at

the flames coming out of the World Trade Center.

"All of a sudden the city was gone," Denise said, as the acrid smell of smoke lingered by the entrance to PS-154. "It was like a movie. And then it hits you because it's reality. It's not a movie any more."

Meanwhile, Muslims shopping in Jackson Heights halal store, where meat is prepared according to Muslim religious requirements, worried about the people blaming Muslims before anything is proven.

"Those so-called American people are saying Muslim people did it," said Brooklyn resident Hamal Nasser, 39, a native of Bangladesh. "They said the same thing with the Oklahoma City bombing. Arabs worked at the World Trade Center, too. We should be thinking what happened to them. Who did it comes second."

## Running for Our Lives

By Susan Harrigan

STAFF WRITER

At the corner of Rector and Trinity streets, not far from the World Trade Center, I saw a whitish gray cloud mushrooming up from the streets. It was several stories high.

It was rolling up from the sidewalks. I was interviewing people who had been near the trade center when the Tower One was struck by a plane.

Now I was a part of the unfolding disaster.

Suddenly, someone screamed, "The building is going to fall!"

I knew we weren't going to be able to outrun it. I was looking for a place to take shelter.

I started to run. I was running south, away from the building. Other people were running beside me. We were pushing one another, but nobody was pushing anybody down.

We were running for our lives.

I tried to run into a building, but the revolving doors were locked. I found another building a short distance away. I jammed myself into that building with a whole bunch of other people.

Everything turned black outside. The air was

thick with debris and ash.

I was frightened. I thought I was going to die. I started to think of my family and say a prayer. I managed to think about both. But you've only got three seconds. I formed the first words of a prayer.

I got out of the building and it was how you would imagine a moonscape to be. Everything was colored with white ash. Firefighters materialized and helped us get off the street and told us to head toward the water. I headed east toward the Brooklyn Bridge.

When we got out of that building, I had to do some more interviews. I've never done interviews before while patting people on the back. It's awe-inspiring talking to people about what they've seen, and you find the talking is somehow positive and calming.

The morning started with me walking my Yorkshire terrier on Seventh Avenue, not far from Greenwich Village. I heard a low-flying plane. It caught my attention. My husband had heard a low-flying plane last week. It's unusual for Manhattan.

My doorman told me a plane had hit the World Trade Center. I knew I had to go.

Susan Harrigan is Newsday's Wall Street reporter.



Newsday's Susan Harrigan





AP Photo

Women wearing dust masks flee across the Brooklyn Bridge from Manhattan to Brooklyn following the collapse of both World Trade Center towers earlier today.

# Chaos as People Flee Attack

CITY from E10

about 25 phone bank workers taking calls on election complaints. After the second plane hit, they were stuck in the office on Murray Street between Church and Broadway, about three blocks away, afraid to leave because of falling debris.

"There's dense thick smoke. You can't see. It was like you were downwind from Mount St. Helens," Russianoff said. "Some emergency workers came in really shook up, got some rags, and went back out again. . . . We've stayed here because of falling debris, because of the collapse of the building, and the smoke. We all feel it's best.

"Like all the rest of New York, everyone is on the phone, trying to locate their families," he said.

Hundreds stood in the area of City Hall Park watching both buildings burn, when the first building collapsed sending a dust ball of blinding white ash through the streets. The crowd scattered in horror.

"It just caved in like a cake when it's not cooked all the way," said Cynthia

Arno, 41. "It just went down. It happened so fast. . . . I think it's the craziest thing. My God, that's all I can say."

"It's kind of surreal, like watching television — only it's real," said Guy Dale of Forrest Hills as he and his wife and daughter sat in the shady cool of Our Lady Queen of Martyr's archway.

"Just when you think Oklahoma was the worst, this happens," said Bennet Dale.

Elsewhere, concerned parents flocked to the school to pick up their children in the wake of today's apparent terrorist attacks. Many parents said they were unsure of how to explain today's events to their children.

"This is the moment where you want to be near your loved ones," said Lillian Monterroso, of Forest Hills. "All the innocent people who lost their lives."

With tears in his eyes, Arthur Ellis, 72, a construction manager on Broadway at Courtland street, told a tale of the ground rocking.

"I heard an explosion and people yelling and screaming," said Ellis, his black suit covered in dust. "I keep running but people were coming from everywhere."

## Throughout the State, Elections Called Off

By Stephanie Saul

STAFF WRITER

Elections were called off in New York City, on Long Island and throughout the state today after the devastating attacks on the World Trade Center, the first time in memory that a state election was postponed, officials said.

Elections officials said they had no idea when voting would be rescheduled.

The New York City Board of Elections sought a court order delaying the primary about 11 a.m., approximately two hours after the attacks, and Queens Court Justice Steven Fisher issued the ruling to close polls in the hotly contested races for mayor, public advocate and City Council, as well as other city voting.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani told CNN that he and

Gov. George Pataki had jointly made a decision to call off elections. Police personnel used in the election were diverted to dealing with the emergency.

The Board of Elections' lawyer Steve Richman, holed up along with other agency officials in their offices on lower Broadway, said the decision was made because of the "paramount need to protect the health and safety" of voters. Richman said word was sent to polling sites that elections workers were to lock all voting materials in the machines and close the machine faces to protect the secrecy of the voting that already occurred.

Given the chaos in lower Manhattan, some poll inspectors might have just fled polling places, Richman said, particularly the six located at the World Financial Center, near the World Trade Center, and

others in lower Manhattan.

"In our memory, this is the first time on a statewide basis" that an election has been canceled, said Lee Daghlion, a spokesman for the state Board of Elections. Danny DeFrancesco, New York City Board of Elections executive director, said he was unaware of a citywide election ever having been canceled. DeFrancesco has worked for the board since the 1960s.

On Long Island, officials in Nassau and Suffolk Counties decided to postpone the election at about 10 a.m., an hour after the World Trade Center attacks.

Polls elsewhere in the state were scheduled to open at noon, and Pataki issued the order cancelling the election just as they were opening.

Rick Brand contributed to this story.



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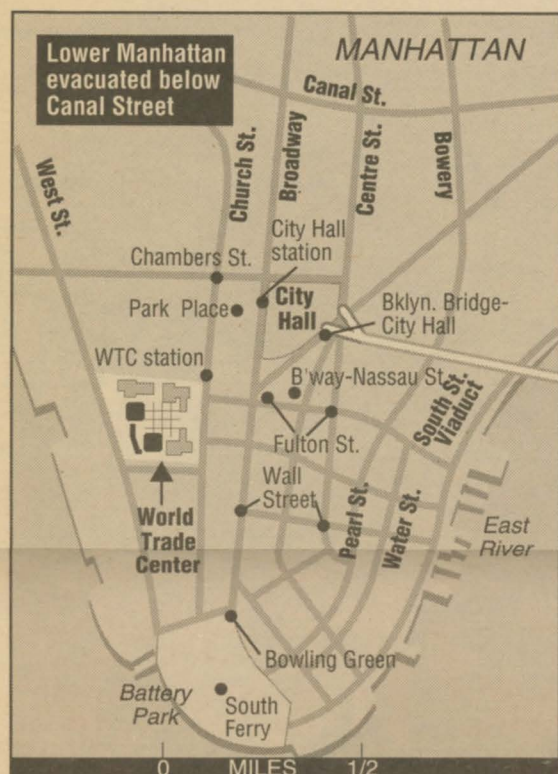
Reuters Photo

World Trade Center Tower Two, left, was the first to collapse after being hit by aircraft early this morning. Tower One collapsed shortly after, leaving only a cloud of smoke where the Twin Towers once stood so visibly.



# Unspeakable Horror

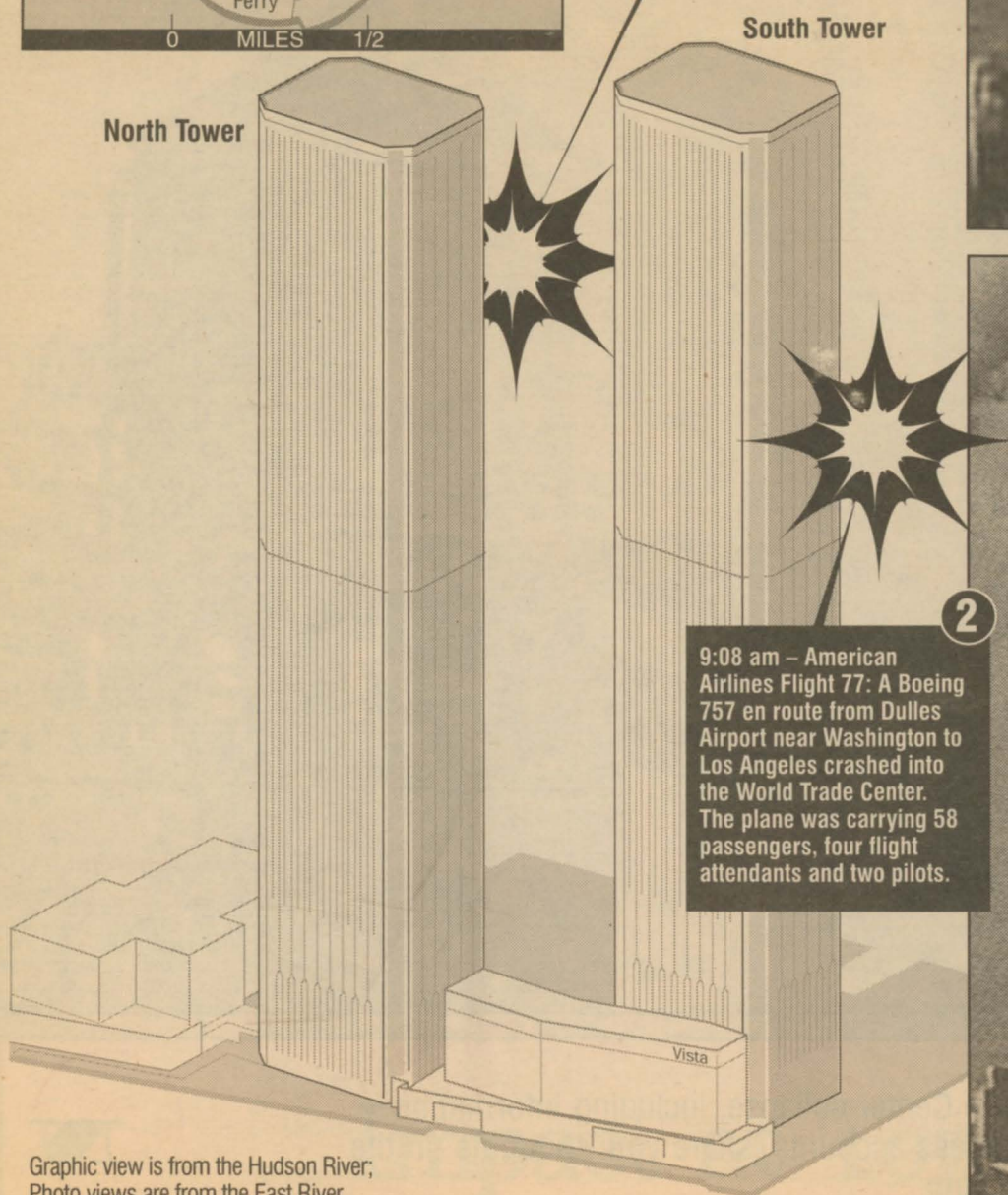
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**1**  
8:50 a.m. – American Airlines Flight 11: A Boeing 767 en route from Boston to Los Angeles crashed into the World Trade Center. The plane was carrying 81 passengers, nine flight attendants and two pilots.



AP Photo / NBC



**2**  
9:08 a.m. – American Airlines Flight 77: A Boeing 757 en route from Dulles Airport near Washington to Los Angeles crashed into the World Trade Center. The plane was carrying 58 passengers, four flight attendants and two pilots.



Photo Courtesy NBC

Graphic view is from the Hudson River;  
Photo views are from the East River.

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To read the latest updates on the World Trade Center collapse, including information on transportation and schools, record eyewitness accounts, share your thoughts on the tragedy and more, log on to [www.newsday.com](http://www.newsday.com)





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Photo by Steven Silva

## Impact at Tower Two

A fireball and debris explode out of the south Tower Two of the World Trade Center after a second hijacked airliner crashed into the towers.

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Reuters Photo

Rescue workers evacuate a firefighter from the World Trade Center today. Victims began arriving at area hospitals about an hour after two planes slammed into the Twin Towers.



# Atrocity

*Out of the pain and grief, America must emerge ready to find and punish the terrorists.*

Sept. 11, 2001 — a day which will live in infamy. As they did 60 years ago after the assault on Pearl Harbor, Americans woke up today to the reality that our nation is exquisitely vulnerable to attack.

Out of a sky of crystal blue flew large commercial airliners, full of terrified passengers, under the control of hijackers. At about 9 a.m., one plane flew directly into one of the World Trade Center's twin towers. Minutes later, another

plane flew into the other tower — a purposeful crash witnessed by millions of TV viewers who were watching live news coverage of the first crash. Within the hour, another hijacked plane had smacked into the Pentagon in Washington, starting a furious fire.

Our nation is under attack — but unlike at Pearl Harbor, we do not yet know our enemy.

What we do know is that some twisted conspirator decided it would be a good idea to fly

planes full of innocent Americans into buildings full of innocent Americans.

We know that it took money, planning, talent and evil of the utmost depth to conceive of such acts and to pull them off with such deadly efficiency.

And we suspect that as TV beamed pictures around the world of the explosions at the Twin Towers, the architects of the terror were safe in a room somewhere cheering with glee. As these villains realized that Americans by the thousands were dying, there must have been joyful hugs all around. As they saw the flames and the debris, as bodies fell from upper stories of the flaming 110-story towers, they probably gave one another high-fives.

These coordinated attacks are unforgivable. America will fight back, as Pearl Harbor proved. We will respond with muscle and intelligence, and we will find and punish the evildoers.

*But first we must grieve.*

We must grieve for the thousands of workers in the World Trade Center who had just arrived for the day's work and were innocently at their desks when a huge airliner turned their workstations into an inferno.

We must grieve for the hundreds of fire fighters and other rescue workers who risked their lives to rescue trade center employees and then fell victims themselves as the towers melted like lava and collapsed in heaps of gray ash.

We must grieve for the hundreds of passengers in the airliners hijacked by the terrorists. Travelers in the two commercial airliners that plowed into the World Trade Center shared the twin horrors of being hijacked and then of being the agents of the deaths of so many others.

And we must grieve for our nation, which has truly lost its innocence.

## Walt Handelsman's View



# New York City Will Never Be the Same

FOR MANY of us, it was to be a day of civic pride.

My wife left our midtown apartment early and headed for the polls. She is one of those ardent people who regards her exercise of the franchise the way some folks regard Holy Communion.

She cast her vote in the New York City primary — and then took a subway to her office in the Wall Street area.

I had meant to leave the apartment just after her. It was best to vote before going to work, I'd reasoned, because we would likely be facing a grueling night of election returns in the five boroughs.

The television was on in the other room as I tied my tie. Huh? Why are they talking about the bombing of the World Trade Center? I wondered. That was in 1993. Must be some new wrinkle. I wasn't all that interested.

Then I saw the pictures.

I don't think any American will ever be the same after the chain of events that began shortly before 9 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001. Certainly, no resident of



Joseph Dolman

New York City will ever be the same.

Even now, the toll from this disaster has not sunk in. The realization unfolded slowly throughout the day. The subways were shut down. Streets and tunnels were closed off. The long-distance phone lines were jammed.

I began a sweaty trudge to work — and the scene that spread out before me was surreal.

The huge international hotels, stock brokerages and office towers around Times Square were locked down tighter than Attica — with security guards at every entrance and heavy wire gates pulled down to block the delivery entrances.

Broadway was almost devoid of traffic — except for the emergency convoys of police cars, armored vehicles and ambulances that screamed by. On the radio, the news people were wondering why Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Gov. George Pataki had yet to tell New Yorkers anything.

Good question, I thought.

At 48th Street and Sixth Avenue, it resembled a scene from a World War II-era movie, as crowds of people lined up four and five deep to read the Fox News zipper. Everywhere you looked, people had cell phones pressed to their ears — desperate for news of family and friends. As I looked south down Sixth Avenue, I could see thick white clouds of smoke billowing beyond the buildings in the foreground. Then I reached Fifth Avenue.

Oh, my God.

The smoke was black, and it was everywhere. We simply could not see downtown.

Meanwhile, the emergency traffic intensified. A Salvation Army canteen truck came blasting down the virtually empty street headed south.

The avenue was cordoned off at the Empire State Building, of course. A police officer was speaking into a bullhorn — telling the thousands of people who had gathered around to start walking. The 59th Street Bridge was open to pedestrian traffic, he suggested, and so was the Brooklyn Bridge.

When I finally reached the office in midtown, my wife was on the phone. She first had left a voice mail message — describing what we now know was the collapse of the first World Trade Tower. Then we were finally able to talk. People had just been milling about in Lower Manhattan, she said. Many were going home, but it wasn't clear how easy this might be.

As the World Trade Center continued to crumble, "the whole sky was black," she said, and nobody could see anything from the windows. Those who stayed had a gritty taste in their mouths from the dust and the soot and the devastation.

Well, look, let me tell you something. Regardless of what any politician may say, New York is one city. You can tell it on the streets on a good day. But on what may turn out to be the very worst day in our history, you can absolutely feel it.

No horns honked. No one shouted or shoved in the crowds. No one screamed curses. Most people were just worried sick. It seems the city got another kind of civic communion this morning.

I didn't spot any nonbelievers.

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# Horrors of the Past

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Some recent terrorist attacks on U.S. targets:

**Oct. 12, 2000:** Terrorist bombing kills 17 U.S. sailors aboard the USS Cole as it refueled in Yemen's port of Aden. The United States says Saudi exile Osama bin Laden is the prime suspect.

**Aug. 7, 1998:** Car bombs explode outside U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, within minutes of each other, killing 224 people and wounding thousands. Bin Laden is again blamed.

**June 25, 1996:** Truck bomb explodes outside the Khobar Towers in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killing 19 American servicemen and wounding hundreds of other people. Members of Saudi militant group, Hezbollah, were indicted for the attack.

**Nov. 13, 1995:** Car bomb detonates at a U.S. military headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, killing five American service personnel.

**April 19, 1995:** Bomb rips through the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 and wounding more than 500. Former U.S. soldier Timothy McVeigh is convicted of carrying out the attack; he was executed earlier this year.

**Feb. 26, 1993:** A bomb explodes in a parking garage below the World Trade Center in New York, killing six people and wounding more than 1,000. Six Islamic militants were convicted in the bombing and sentenced to life in prison.

**Dec. 21, 1988:** Pan Am Boeing 747 explodes over Lockerbie, Scotland, on a flight from London to New York, killing 270 people, including residents of the town.

**Sept. 5, 1986:** Hijackers seize a Pan Am jumbo jet carrying 358 people at Karachi airport. Twenty people killed when security forces storm the plane.

**Oct. 8, 1985:** Disabled American Jew Leon Klinghoffer is killed by Palestinian militants who had seized the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro.

**June 14, 1985:** Shiite Muslim gunmen seize a TWA Boeing 727, forcing it to Beirut, Lebanon. They demand the release of 700 Arabs held by Israel. A U.S. Navy diver is killed and 39 Americans are held until they are released on July 1 that year after Syrian mediation.

**Sept. 20, 1984:** Car bomb at U.S. Embassy annex in east Beirut kills 16 and injures the ambassador.

**Dec. 12, 1983:** Shiite extremists set off car bombs in front of the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait City, killing five people and wounding 86.

**Oct. 23, 1983:** Shiite suicide bombers blow up the French military headquarters and a U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, killing 241 Marines and 58 French paratroopers.

**April 18, 1983:** Suicide car-bomber blows up U.S. Embassy in Beirut, killing 17 Americans.

**Nov. 4, 1979:** Islamic students storm U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran, holding 52 Americans hostage for 444 days.



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Left, Oklahoma City firefighter Chris Fields carries 1-year-old Baylee Almon after the April 19, 1995 bombing of Alfred P. Murrah Building. Baylee died from her injuries along with 167 other people. Above, what remained of the federal building immediately after the bombing where hundreds were injured. Right, an arial view of the building which was eventually torn down. Now, a memorial for the victims stands there.



AP Photo, 1995

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## Newsday

**'Everyone was screaming,  
crying, running – cops,  
people, firefighters, everyone.  
It's like a war zone.'**

**MIKE SMITH,  
A CITY FIRE MARSHAL**

