

'EVIL ACTS'

Bush vows revenge for attacks

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With one of the World Trade Center towers already on fire after being struck by a plane, a second plane heads toward the other tower. It, too, burst into flames. Both towers later collapsed. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands killed as hijacked jets hit World Trade Center

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Addressing the nation after one of the most horrific days in history, President Bush vowed revenge Tuesday night for the full-scale terrorist assault that destroyed both towers of the World Trade Center, crushed a wing of the Pentagon, pulverized four hijacked jetliners and slaughtered thousands of Americans.

"The search is underway for those who are behind these evil acts . . ." Bush said on national television after spending several hours sheltered in an underground bunker in Nebraska. He returned to Washington in a plane escorted by military fighters.

"We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them."

Federal investigators served search warrants Tuesday night at the homes of four Broward residents who were aboard the planes. No details were immediately available.

Bush said "thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil," and there was no doubt that the ghastly blitz of terror inflicted massive devastation and monstrous carnage.

It utterly destroyed two 110-story symbols of the nation's financial power, and it wrecked part of a huge, five-sided building known worldwide as the seat of American military might.

More than 50,000 people might have been in the World Trade Center and no one knew how many people were buried under mountains of rubble that still smoldered in New York City — and at the Pen-

'It was grim. It was unspeakable. You cannot imagine.'

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NEW YORK — Millions of pieces of paper — letters, business cards, confidential files, uncashed personal checks, invoices — fluttered in clouds of dust and ash blocks from Ground Zero. Each was attached to a life that will never be the same.

But by 5 p.m., there were neither signs of life nor death. A few shoes lay about, owners apparently entombed by debris. Abandoned push carts remained filled with fresh flowers and doughnuts.

Oddly, flagpoles still stood outside World Trade Center Plaza. Banners flapped in acrid swirls of dust that turned the setting sun blood red. A huge American flag had wrapped around a traffic signal pole, flapping upside down in front of two charred stumps that had once been the twin towers.

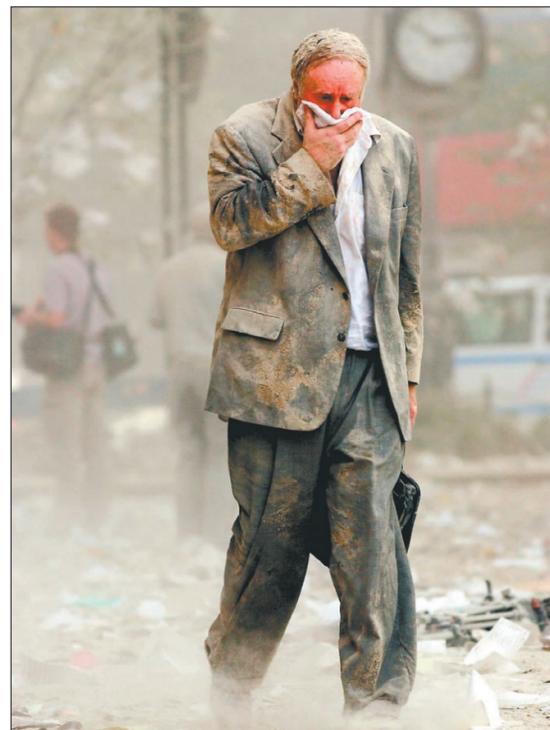
Scores of bombed-out trucks, vans and police cars, tires melted, sat on charred rims, the fates of drivers and passengers unknown.

Even the living had the pallor of death. Tan and gray ash, stirred by a stiff breeze, coated shoe-tops, clothes and the faces of anyone near Ground Zero.

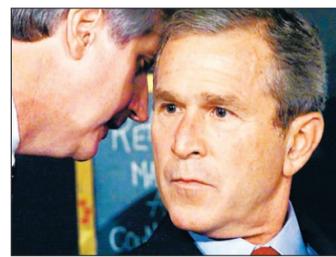
One was Dr. Gerald Ginsberg, a plastic surgeon at New York University Medical Center, who had told his staff in the morning: "Forget the face-lifts today." Hours later, he was downtown, treating a woman with burns over 90 percent of her body.

His colleague, Dr. Steven Brandeis, performed a colostomy on a woman whose entire pelvic area had been sliced off "as if she were guillotined," Ginsberg said.

Gusts of wind like desert dust devils picked up columns of debris and swirled them down the



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HORRIFIC DAY: A survivor covers his mouth as he walks through debris from the World Trade Center. At left, President Bush's visit to a Sarasota school is interrupted by an urgent message from Chief of Staff Andrew Card.

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