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# Bloody terror

## Thousands feared dead in worst terrorist attack ever



AP photo/Chao Soi Cheong

Smoke billows from one of the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and flames and debris explode from the second tower Tuesday. In one of the most horrifying attacks ever against the United States, terrorists crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center in a deadly series of blows that brought down the twin 110-story towers.

### Terrorists hit Pentagon, level World Trade Center

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NEW YORK — In the most devastating terrorist onslaught ever waged against the United States, knife-wielding hijackers crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center Tuesday, toppling its twin 110-story towers. The deadly calamity was witnessed on televisions across the world as another plane slammed into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed outside Pittsburgh.

"Today, our nation saw evil," President Bush said in an address to the nation Tuesday night. He said thousands of lives were "suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror."

Said Adm. Robert J. Natter, commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet: "We have been attacked like we haven't since Pearl Harbor."

Establishing the death toll could take weeks. The four airliners alone had 266 people aboard and there were no known survivors.

Officials put the number of dead and wounded at the Pentagon at about 100 or more, with some news reports suggesting it could rise to 800.

In addition, a union official said he feared 300 firefighters who first reached the scene had died in rescue efforts at the trade center — where 50,000 people worked — and dozens of police officers were missing.

"The number of casualties will be more than most of us can bear," a visibly distraught Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

Police sources said some people trapped in the twin towers managed to call authorities or family members and that some trapped police officers made radio contact. In one of the calls, which took place in the afternoon, a businessman phoned his family to say he was trapped with policemen, whom he named, the source said.

Because of fires and unstable debris, no rescue attempts were

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An emergency worker helps a woman after she was injured in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York Tuesday.

### Montanans live horror firsthand in New York

One Montanan was close enough to Tuesday's bombings in New York to feel as though she were smack in the middle of "Armageddon."

Another worked in the World Trade Center; he described his experience as "pandemonium."

Within hours of the attack, a third Montana native had donated blood.

Here are stories of several Montanans who found themselves much closer to the action than they would have liked.

#### Great Falls native faces utter chaos

Great Falls native Erin McManus, an analyst with Goldman Sachs, was in her office a half mile from the World Trade Center when the first explosion occurred. She joined her puzzled colleagues in a conference room. They couldn't see the World Trade Center from their own building. They did see thousands of pieces of paper flying around.

Someone turned on a big-screen

TV. The second blast felt more like an earthquake. Immediately, Goldman Sachs evacuated the building. McManus stepped outside to utter chaos.

"There were thousands and thousands of ambulances, sirens and alarms," she said.

McManus, 24, and her colleagues waited a half hour before deciding they needed to head uptown. They got one block — and were now within sight of the World Trade Center — when the first tower crashed.

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