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PRESIDENT BUSH:

# 'MASS MURDER'

## Towers crumble, Pentagon burns, hunt begins; police report cell phone calls from rubble

### News service reports

In the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history, hijackers fly two airliners into the World Trade Center, collapsing both towers into flaming rubble, and crash another aircraft at the Pentagon, shutting down the government and financial markets and spreading fear throughout America; the toll of dead or injured is expected to climb into the thousands.

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

The four airliners had 266 people aboard. The dead and the doomed plummeted from the skyscrapers. A man and woman held hands as they fell.

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

Police sources said some people trapped in the twin towers

managed to call authorities or family members. Some trapped police officers made radio contact. A businessman phoned his family to say he was trapped with policemen.

Mike Carter, vice president of the New York City firefighters union, estimated that half of the 400 firefighters who first reached the scene may be dead.

"We have entire companies that are just missing. . . . We lost chiefs. . . . We're going to have

SON'S CALL, PAGE A-2



The Associated Press

AN EMERGENCY worker helps a woman after she was injured in the attack on the World Trade Center Tuesday in Manhattan. President Bush told the nation to pray for the grieving and to know that the U.S. will seek out the terrorists.

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### WORLD TRADE CENTER

#### Chittenango native escapes before second tower falls

Kevin Kopp had just finished his morning coffee on the 49th floor of the World Trade Center's Tower 2 when he felt the blast on the other tower. He managed to get out. "It was mass hysteria walking up the streets," he said.

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#### Our complete report

Inside you will find more than 30 pages on the attacks and how they affected Central New York, New York, the Nation and the World. For an index to our coverage, turn to **Page A-2**. To keep up on the news all day, check out [www.Syracuse.com](http://www.Syracuse.com).

### WASHINGTON

#### Bush: Our country is strong; we will defend

President Bush addressed the nation from the Oval Office Tuesday: "None of us will ever forget this day, yet we go forward to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world."

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### CENTRAL NEW YORK

#### Students, teachers struggle to understand the tragedy

Teachers and students throughout the region watched the terrorist attacks unfold on television.

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#### 'When there's a tragedy, people turn to God'

Like many people across the nation, Central New Yorkers turned to faith in the wake of Tuesday's attacks.

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The Associated Press

AMERICAN AIRLINES Flight 11 (top left), from Boston to Los Angeles, heads toward the World Trade Center. A fireball erupts (top right) as the Boeing 767 crashes into the building. In the background, the second World Trade Center is burning. Smoke, fire and debris (bottom photo) fall after the second plane crashed into the towers. Two other planes crashed elsewhere, one into the Pentagon, the other near Pittsburgh. Thousands of casualties were expected; as many as 200 firefighters may have died.



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