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# Ground Zero

Workers comb Trade Center debris for signs — not of life, but of lives lost

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**N**EW YORK — Midnight in the belly of the rubble is as bright as day. There is no sleep for the city at the center of a nation's grief.

So, here near the tip of Manhattan, where terrorists erased the signature of the New York skyline, lights burn all night long and illuminate a smoking vision of hell.

Walk down West Street, toward the 10-block center of destruction.

Even a quarter-mile away, the street is coated with a soft carpet of soot. The air hangs heavy with smoke and ash. Papers still float from the jagged skeletons of wounded buildings. And the street still holds the remnants of a stampede of terror: a Port Authority officer's ticket book abandoned on the sidewalk, a child's car seat, a man's size 11 black shoe.

This is the old part of Manhattan, the section not defined by the broad north-south avenues and numbered east-west streets that divide the rest of the island into orderly blocks.

The streets here are narrow and angled, and the buildings stand close.

Or they did.

Here, along Vesey Street, in the center of the smoking cloud that hangs over the island, the remaining walls of the two World Trade Center towers are truncated lattices of ragged steel. Like oversized Legos, they are dwarfed by the cranes that are here now to make quicker work of putting these grim reminders into a city landfill.

Piles of rubble that men can scale in a few quick steps are all that is left of two of the world's most impressive skyscrapers.

New York City firefighters move like somber armies in black coats with their names across the back: Callahan, Pugliese, Guinn — the working-class backbone of New York. They wear masks to keep the dust and asbestos at bay, but they are caked with dirt and their coughs show the effects of days on end spent in this grit.

They are joined by thousands of firefighters from departments all over the New York area — and by police officers, Teamsters, demolition contractors and search-and-rescue volunteers from all across the country.

## Step by step

Mike Holley, a Bernalillo County firefighter, spent a week crawling through the rubble of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995, picking through a similar kind of horror.

Now he stands at the corner of Park and Greenwich streets here. He is looking at a building torn in half and another reduced from 42 floors to about eight, the victim of

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PRE-DAWN LIGHT: An emergency medical technician's bag supports an American flag as firefighters, police and volunteers work through another night in lower Manhattan, searching for survivors of Tuesday's terrorist attack in the grim rubble of the World Trade Center.

# America's 'At War,' Bush Says

Nation Told Fight Against Terrorists Won't Be Easy

BY **RON FOURNIER**  
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WASHINGTON — President Bush ordered U.S. troops to get ready for war and braced Americans for a long, difficult assault against terrorists to avenge the deadliest attack on the nation. "Those who make war against the United States have chosen their own destruction," he declared Saturday.

"We will smoke them out of their holes," Bush said. "We'll get them running and we'll bring them to justice."

But first the nation had to mourn its dead. "This is indeed a sad occasion, one to be repeated thousands of times by our fellow citizens across the country," Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas said at the memorial service for Barbara Olson, wife of U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson.

She was among the 64 passengers and crew members on American Airlines Flight 77 that crashed into the Pentagon. Rescue workers searched with diminishing hopes in the rubble of the World Trade Center in New York and the crash-scarred Pentagon for any survivors.

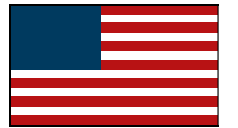
Four days after hijackers seized commercial airliners and slammed them into the symbols of American military and economic might, Bush said prime suspect Osama bin Laden's days are numbered. "If he thinks he can hide and run from the United States and our allies, he will be sorely mistaken."

"This act will not stand," he said. The vow recalled the words of his father, former President Bush who put Iraq on notice in 1990 that the United States would not tolerate the invasion of Kuwait. Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice — who played key roles in the Persian Gulf War — huddled with Bush under extraordinary security Saturday at Camp David in western Maryland.

"We're at war," the commander in chief said. "Everybody who wears the uniform: Get ready." Bush instructed. The White House would not rule out the use of ground troops; Bush himself said "the conflict will not be easy."

The president urged Americans to go about their lives but cautioned the threat might not be over. He said there should be "a heightened sense of awareness that a group of barbarians have declared war on the American people."

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## Old Glory

Tape it in a window or save it to remember fellow citizens lost to terrorism. A reproduction of the American flag is included in today's paper.

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Second arrest warrant for a material witness in the hijackings inquiry was issued in New York, Justice Department said Saturday.

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Governor on Saturday says new House, Senate district boundaries "an obvious partisan gerrymander." **Story, B1**

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# Chávez Back on the Political Track

BY **COLLEEN HEILD**  
Journal Investigative Reporter

Martin Chávez left office four years ago as one of Albuquerque's most popular mayors, choosing to step down despite local popularity and national acclaim.

Now, he says he's back to "Restore the Vision." Critics say he's back to restore his political viability.

Chávez opted to run for governor in 1998 instead of seeking a second term as mayor. He said he had accomplished most of what he wanted to achieve as mayor.

"I would have spent the next four years twiddling my thumbs," he was quoted as saying.

The loss to Gov. Gary Johnson was a disappointing stumbling block in what had been a soaring political career.

The youthful mayor had put the "R" back into "Albuquerque," picked up the trash, painted out graffiti and fought to keep Kirtland Air Force Base from being closed.

He sold us a city slogan, "Good For You, Albuquerque," a new logo, a new kind of policing and a new way to think about water use.

He renovated Civic Plaza, pushed through the Montañito Bridge and built an

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DOOR-TO-DOOR: Former Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chávez, right, works with volunteer Javier Benavidez to coordinate a door-to-door campaign effort in a neighborhood near Louisiana and Montgomery.