

AMERICA UNDER ATTACK: WHAT HAPPENED

A GUIDE TO THE COVERAGE



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Firefighters make their way through rubble after terrorists crashed two airliners into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York on Tuesday.

Below is a brief look at the stories inside today's Post-Dispatch. For more detailed coverage, please see the stories inside.

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New York City remains in a state of shock and disbelief

The chaos began when a Boeing 767 plowed into tower 1 of the World Trade Center. The second blow was 15 minutes later, when the 110-story tower 2 was hit by another plane. In a matter of just a few minutes, the nation's largest city had been plunged into an unimaginable disaster.

Most New Yorkers looked dazed and confused as they rushed onto the sidewalks this morning, filling the streets of Manhattan. Some were teary-eyed. Others wrung their hands.

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St. Louisans seek those who were in and around buildings

Bridge Information Systems Inc. scrambled Thursday to reach the 225 employees working in the World Trade Center.

A Post-Dispatch reporter's brother works at the Trade Center, but chose to work from home Tuesday.

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110-story towers were seen as an icon of New York City

The buildings' grandeur may have led to their destruction, as they were seen as a symbol of Western power.

St. Louis architect examines buildings' collapse.

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Terror was also directed at nation's capital

A hijacked aircraft crashes near the Pentagon causing the partial collapse of the national defense headquarters.

Government employees flee to their homes as federal buildings are closed.

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American reactions are mixed as government keeps order

Shocked U.S. citizens speak of retaliation as visions of Pearl Harbor are revisited.

The president hops across country on Air Force One before returning to Washington.

Federal offices are evacuated as a precaution following additional threats.

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Area airports reel from today's events

Hundreds of travelers are displaced as Lambert suspends flights.

Scott Air Force Base remains on high alert status.

Small airports are eerily quiet after an FAA-ordered shutdown.

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Attack is stiff blow to struggling airline industry

Experts allege that weak security allowed terrorists to pass through airport security and board planes with weapons.

Financial experts forecast additional losses for airlines following today's events.

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Nation's infrastructure remains fully functional

Financial markets remain closed but the attack failed to disrupt the country's banking system.

The Internet provides some relief to clogged telephone systems.

Security agencies are stretched as companies take defensive posture.

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Some nations are somber, others are jubilant

Nations around the world send condolences to the American people.

Iraqi television shows collapse to music.

A leading Historian says this event will impact the world as did Pearl Harbor.

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Nation's security staff is faced with many questions

There was no warning that the attack was taking place.

Officials say that an attack of this magnitude was almost unimaginable.

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Country braces for impact in aftermath of attack

Area fuel prices remained low but speculation of hikes persist.



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With the White House in the background, a Secret Service agent, holding a pump shotgun, searches the sky Tuesday after terrorist attacks in New York and at the Pentagon.

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Some services may be delayed, retail hindered

Suspension of flights may delay domestic parcel service.

Malls in the St. Louis area and across the nation are expected to reopen today, after many closed early Tuesday.

Costs are estimated in the millions.

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Tragic event unfolds on TV

Soap operas, talk shows and music videos gave way to continuous coverage of terrorist attacks in New York and Washington on Tuesday.

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What happens next

While the questions of how we react continue, the severity of the crisis makes fast answers difficult.

Things you need to know this a.m.

How to help.

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Local impact

Companies throughout St. Louis send workers home early, evacuate

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Across the state

Security was increased in Missouri state offices, but Governor Bob Holden did not close them.

Illinois state offices will reopen today. Officials also say that they will keep a very close watch on gasoline prices.

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Churches and schools

St. Louisans sought solace in houses of worship and mourned the tragedy of the attack.

Many school principals in the St. Louis region sent letters home Tuesday reminding parents to give children a chance to discuss their feelings and ask questions about the day's horrors.

Some schools close, others offer counseling in the wake of Tuesday's terrorist attack.

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Responses feared

St. Louis Muslims fear they may suffer needlessly because of these attacks.

After the shock, the United States shuts down

Air Force goes on high alert as FAA

grounds

all commercial aircraft

FROM NEWS SERVICES

The effects of an unimaginable series of terrorist acts quickly spread across the country on Tuesday. Within hours, America was locked down.

Flights throughout the nation were canceled as the Federal Aviation Administration shut down the nation's airports.

In Washington, Congress, the Supreme Court and departments and agencies closed down. Federal courthouses and offices nationwide were closed or put on stricter security.

Air Force bases were on high alert, from Hawaii to Florida. The United Nations shut down.

Even the national pastime stopped as Major League Baseball canceled all games.

The Securities and Exchange Commission halted trading in U.S. financial markets Tuesday and today.

But to calm world markets, the Federal Reserve issued a two-sentence statement saying that it is "open and operating" and prepared to provide money to the banking system if needed.

Gasoline prices were on the rise. Paul Torstick of the Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association said the wholesale price was up about 30 cents a gallon within hours of the attacks. There were reports of much larger increases at some gas stations.

Tourists were turned away at popular spots, from Philadelphia's Liberty Bell to Disneyland.

Secret Service agents at the White House yelled at tourists to get away. Inside the Capitol, guards ran through the hallways shouting at people to leave.

The Jefferson Memorial was ringed by yellow police tape, with officers standing by with bullet-proof vests handy.

The tunnel between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, was closed to cars. At Newark International Airport in New Jersey, officers with shotguns blocked the road to the air traffic control tower.

Security increased at Las Vegas casinos, and no visitors were allowed at St. Louis' 630-foot-tall Gateway Arch.

The Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles was closed, as was the city's 74-story Library Tower, at 1,700 feet the tallest building west of the Mississippi. "I was like, 'Get me out of here,'" said Angela Nalu, on her first day on the job in the tower.

Companies around the country sent workers home. Lehman Brothers closed its trading operations across from the trade center and moved executives to midtown offices. In Charlotte, N.C., Bank of America Corp. sent its 12,000 workers home. In Germany, the Deutsche Boerse halted stock trading early.

Starbucks, the world's largest specialty coffee retailer, closed

its 3,700 stores in North America. The company said it will resume business at the stores today, "pending assurance by local and federal officials that it is absolutely safe to reopen."

The Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., was shuttered.

Operators of hydroelectric dams across the West closed visitor centers and limited access.

Louisiana's Offshore Oil Port suspended tanker operations and the state's 19 oil refineries were on alert.

Security was tighter at San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. And while the U.S.-Mexico border crossing between San Diego and Tijuana remained open, federal agents were on security alert for terrorism.

Nuclear and weapons installations batted down, including the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons and research complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn., the Hanford nuclear reservation in Washington and the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama, site of the Army missile command.

The 192nd Virginia Air National Guard squadron of F-16 fighter jets was on alert to shoot down unauthorized aircraft.

Scott Coogler, a supervisor at a car rental company, was being questioned for jury service in a Miami courtroom when a marshal told prospective jurors to go home.

"The federal building, you just don't know," Coogler said. "I'm on the 11th floor. Something happens, I'm toast."

A sense of vulnerability led Oklahoma City police to create a one-block perimeter around the jail where bombing conspirator Terry Nichols is housed. Nichols was convicted in the 1995 bombing that destroyed a federal building in Oklahoma City.

Space shuttle operations halted and 12,000 employees of Kennedy Space Center were sent home while surveillance was stepped up, with helicopter patrols and extra gate checks in place.

The precautions also were taken in less-obvious places.

City Hall in El Paso, Texas, closed and Denver City Hall opened an emergency preparedness office in its basement.

Greensboro College in North Carolina canceled classes and closed offices so staff and students could follow the news.

"This is history and we want them to follow it," spokesman Mike Clark said. "We can't expect them to sit in class and think about differential equations while this is happening."

Lotteries

MULTISTATE GAMES

THE BIG GAME

Tuesday's winning numbers..... N/A
Big Money Ball N/A

■ The Powerball jackpot is estimated at \$27 million.
■ Tuesday's Big Game jackpot was estimated at \$10 million.

MISSOURI

Daily Pick-3 game
Tuesday's winning number 663

Daily Pick-4 game
Tuesday's winning number 3258

Tuesday's Show Me 5 game
Winning numbers 03-12-15-30-37

ILLINOIS

Tuesday's Pick-3 game
Midday drawing 914
Evening drawing N/A

Tuesday's Pick-4 game
Midday drawing 6056
Evening drawing N/A

Tuesday's Little Lotto game
Winning numbers N/A

Monday's Little Lotto game
Winning numbers 02-21-23-28-29

Monday's Little Lotto winners:
■ Players matching five numbers 0

Second Prize winners:
■ Four numbers matched 228
(Each will get \$503.)

Third Prize winners:
■ Three numbers matched 6,503
(Each will get \$5.)

■ The Missouri Lotto jackpot is estimated at \$1 million.

■ The Illinois Lotto jackpot is estimated at \$4.5 million.

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