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By Quatro

Bomb

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Station Police Department said the police have located bombs on occasion — including some pipe bombs — so no threats are taken lightly.

"We perceive the threat is real until we find otherwise," McCollum said. "Our response is nothing unique. We take everything seriously."

He said the Police Department's

duty is to handle the initial response to a bomb threat. If a device is found, explosives technicians from the College Station Fire Department are called to handle the bomb.

McCollum said the police also handle the ongoing investigation after the threat. He said this investigation depends on whether a bomb was actually found.

McCollum said he has not noticed any effects in College Station because of disasters such as the TWA crash or the bomb at the Olympics.

"I haven't noticed any ramifications from current events,"

McCollum said. "There have been no indications of fear. People are probably more aware, but it's not apparent through their actions."

College Station Fire Marshal Jon Mies said although bomb threats have been decreasing in number, fire department officials are always working to promote awareness.

"Bomb-threat activity has decreased since the installation of enhanced 911 and more advanced telephone switching devices which help trace telephone

calls," Mies said. Peggy Marshall, secretary of the crime prevention office of the Bryan Police Department, said bomb threats in Bryan are usually deferred to the College Station Police Department.

"It depends on the circumstances — where, what and if there is a bomb," she said. "They (Bryan police) will go check it out and, if it is a bomb, they call College Station police because they have a bomb squad. We can't do anything because we don't have a bomb squad."

TWA

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and even an unbroken light from the top of the stairs to the 747's upper deck. "The light was intact — the globe as well as the bulb in the light was intact," he said. "You have this mass of wreckage, but in that, things that are relatively the way they were before the accident."

Officials said about a third of the one-ton lump of mangled metal from the cockpit has been unraveled.

FBI agent James Kallstrom said it was too soon to say whether the intact light and instruments, and Sunday's recovery of the pilot still strapped in his seat, were inconsistent with the bomb theory.

Francis said there was no indication of mechanical malfunction from cockpit instruments found so far.

He said 15 to 20 percent of the aircraft has been recovered by the salvage operation. The cockpit's sheared-off windshield and dome were among the items brought up Tuesday. A military source who spoke on condition of anonymity said a piece of the plane's nose cone also was recovered. Two engines and a piece of a third remain underwater; the fourth engine has not been located.

Wearing weighted-down boots, divers are sent down to the debris fields to retrieve what they can,

said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Bobbie Scholley, who took part in a dive from the USS Grapple. She said they have 2 feet to 3 feet of hazy visibility and often get down on their hands and knees to free objects, which are then dragged to a large metal basket to be raised.

"You have to get pretty close to distinguish what is solid and what is fabric or what is a piece of airplane structure," she said. "There's no way of knowing what the pieces are till you get them to the surface."

So far, 195 of the 230 victims have been recovered. No new bodies were announced Tuesday, but another source familiar with the investigation told The Associated Press that several body parts were being brought up. A temporary morgue set up to handle the bodies was closed Tuesday and any more remains will be taken to the Suffolk County Medical Examiner's office.

Everyone aboard was killed when the Paris-bound 747 exploded 10 miles off Long Island, 11 1/2 minutes after takeoff.

Investigators suspect that a bomb destroyed the plane but they have yet to produce conclusive evidence. Tests for chemical residue from explosives have so far come up negative. The possibility of a missile hit or a mechanical malfunction has not been ruled out.

"We know more because we have more of the plane, but we are not any closer to any particular theory," Kallstrom said.

Redistricting

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name identification and political ties in areas new to them. "We're surprised that as many as 13 districts are affected. We are concerned about what will be a lot of duplicated effort and avoidable expense," said Keith Ellison, attorney for Green, Lee and U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen, whose 25th District seat was affected by the ruling.

Ellison said he will ask the Supreme Court to block the judges' order and allow the illegal districts to hold elections as previously planned.

The Tuesday order is the result of a lawsuit challenge by six Republican voters who claimed the boundaries of two districts in Houston and one in Dallas relied too heavily on race.

The Supreme Court agreed, sending back the case to Appeals Court Judge Edith Jones and U.S. District Judges David Hittner and Melinda Harmon, who had to either bring the parties together with a compromise voting plan or impose one of their own.

Because the parties in the suit could not reach a compromise with state officials and the Texas Legislature passed up an opportunity to resolve the redistricting problem during its 1995 session, the court said it had to step in.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock described the judges' decision as fair. "The plan does not smack of politics or needlessly change boundaries that already had been set," Bullock said. "I regret that Texans must give more of their time and money to hold new elections in the districts that have been affected."

Edward Blum, one of six plaintiffs whose legal challenge resulted in Tuesday's reconfiguration, praised the judges' decision.

"No longer will the citizens of our state be forced to endure a system that is racially unjust and immoral," he said. "The Legislature will no longer be allowed to classify and segregate citizens by race to further the electoral ambitions of some self-serving politician."

build name identification and political ties in unfamiliar areas.

—Some outcomes might not be known until Dec. 10 — well after the rest of the country's elections are decided.

Democrats, who have resisted having elections under new lines this year, complained that the December runoff will confuse voters and dampen turnout.

"Runoff elections two weeks before the holiday season would disenfranchise many Texans and could lead to members of Congress being selected by an extremely small number of voters," said Texas Democratic Party Chairman Bill White.

Gramm

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in deciding where the money will be spent.

Gramm said many legal and illegal immigrants crowd the welfare rolls.

"That is not going to happen again," Gramm said. "Someone who is an illegal alien is not going to get into the system."

Gramm said immigrants must be willing to work once in America, but he said he is not anti-immigrant.

"I want people to come to America because new Americans are the best Americans," Gramm

said. "When you immigrate to America, you've got to come here with your sleeves rolled up, ready to go to work. You cannot come here with your hand held out ready to go on welfare."

When asked whether he would run again for president, Gramm said he has not made any plans.

"I'm a firm believer that when you lose, you sit down," Gramm said. "I want to be supportive of Sen. Dole."

Gramm completed his stay in College Station with a visit to Aggie football practice at Simpson Drill Field.

"I think [the practice is] incredibly organized," Gramm said. "We have a great coaching staff."

Fortunes

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The judges' action injects into the election mix a series of variables, including the possibility that:

—Incumbents who weren't challenged in the March primaries now could find themselves drawing opposition. Democratic Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston and Republican Reps. Bill Archer of Houston and Sam Johnson of Dallas had no primary or major-party general election opposition.

—Under redrawn lines, some candidates will have to run in communities where they haven't campaigned before, rushing to



Brinkley working for model marriage

NEW YORK (AP) — Christie Brinkley is going for an architect this time around.

The supermodel said yes when Peter Cook popped the question over the weekend, her assistant Mimi Jennings said Tuesday.

The marriage will be the fourth for Brinkley, 42, who last year divorced developer Richard Taubman after less than a year of marriage. Brinkley ended her nine-year marriage to singer Billy Joel in 1994.



BRINKLEY

The never-married Cook, 37, works in the fashionable Hamptons, on Long Island. The two have been dating several months.

De Niro's top sushi chef shot at work

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert De Niro could have used a few goodfellas at his trendy sushi restaurant.

Two gunmen barged into Nobu, the restaurant De Niro co-owns in hip Tribeca, and shot three workers as they were closing up Monday night.

Among the victims was Nobu's renowned sushi chef, whose skills fetch up to \$80 for a sampling of raw fish. None of the victims were seriously wounded.

The gunmen stole \$1,000. Police found one suspect hiding near a trash bin shortly after the crime.

The *Goodfellas* actor was not at the restaurant at the time.

Gore vacation not all it's cracked up to be

TRURO, Mass. (AP) — Al Gore and family are vacationing in what he probably thought would be friendly territory.

The vice president, wife Tipper and their four children are staying in this Cape Cod town that voted overwhelmingly for the Clinton-Gore ticket in 1992.

The Gores arrived Monday for a one-week stay at the home of their friend Martin Peretz, publisher of *The New Republic*.

There will be some inconveniences, though. Part of the beach



GORE

and road in front of the house been closed, and environmentalists planned to protest Gore's inaction on the poisoning of gulls that prey on endangered species.

"I'm a lifelong Democrat, but I don't want this to get in the way of my time off," said Evelyn Bettauer, a Connecticut psychologist who is staying nearby. "I'd be really upset if it were Dole or Gingrich there."

"I came here for some peace and quiet, and now I end up next to the vice president," said Woody Kaplan, Boston, who is renting nearby. "I'd better not interrupt my vacation."

Kennedy wins again on the auction block

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — John F. Kennedy Jr. has proved to be worth on the auction block.

A charity auction on Martha's Vineyard reaped \$12,500 for an eight-mile bicycle ride around the island's Gay Head community with JFK Jr.

"My wife, Carolyn, and I have always admired the Kennedys, and she really wanted the bike ride," said the winning bidder, John Connors. "We came to buy it. I was prepared to get it at any price."

Proceeds of the annual celebrity auction went to Martha's Vineyard Community Services.

Guest auctioneer Carly Simon sang "Nobody Does It Better" to encourage higher bids for the bike ride.

"I don't know if you get to ride on the same bike, in tandem or behind John, which is what I would want to do, especially on curves," Simon said.



KENNEDY

Princess Diana nice guest at lover's home

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana was a perfect house guest while carrying on an affair with James Hewitt, his mom says.

Shirley Hewitt told the British magazine *Hello!* that Diana never minded doing the dishes and loved chocolate cake, but that she was very unhappy.

Former Army Maj. Hewitt, 38, had a five-year affair with Diana, 35, while teaching riding to her sons. He sold his story when the relationship became public.

Hewitt said her son regularly brought Diana home and after the first few times she realized they were lovers.

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