## Walmart claims top spot in Fortune 500

## Bankrupt Enron still in top five

NEW YORK (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores in a single day last year. Inc., the discounter that has become the dominant force in American retailing, is now the largest company in the nation and the world, capturing the top spot on the annual Fortune 500 list.

Wal-Mart, No. 2 on the list a year ago, traded places with oil giant Exxon Mobil Corp. in the rankings compiled on the basis of companies' annual revenue figures. The retailer's ascendancy was expected after both companies issued their 2001 results earlier this year.

The list of America's 500 biggest companies, published in the issue of Fortune magazine that reaches newsstands Monday, has some surprises, most notably bankrupt Enron Corp. moving up two notches to No. 5 despite its down-

Fortune itself questioned why Enron stayed on the list, but noted that the company benefited from the fact that, like other energy traders, it was allowed to include trading contracts in its revenues. Other energy trading firms also advanced in the rankings.

Wal-Mart became the first service company to lead the 500, which until 1995 was restricted to manufacturing

Since its founding 40 years ago, the Bentonville, Ark.-based company, which sells everything from fishing tackle to personal computers, has seen its annual revenues and sales surge, going from \$1 billion in sales for all of 1979 to sometimes making that much

NEW YORK (AP) —

hymns early Sunday in

historic St. Paul's Chapel,

workers in boots dusty

from the devastation of the

World Trade Center

trudged in for hot drinks

and then back out to the

"The message of Easter is a message of hope, and

hope is something to

which we cling amid the

devastation of ground

zero," said the Rev.

Lyndon Harris, who deliv-

ered the Easter sermon at

The chapel survived the

235-year-old

job a block away.

Episcopal chapel.

worshippers sang

Wal-Mart had \$219.81 billion in revenues, compared to Exxon Mobil's \$191.58 billion. The only other retailer in the top 20 was Atlanta-based Home Depot Inc., which rose to No. 18 from 23, with revenues of \$53.55 billion.

Wal-Mart remained the company with most employees on the list, with more than 1.2 million worldwide.

The list of the largest publicly held companies has been compiled annually since 1955 by the editors of Fortune.

GM, which had held the top spot for 15 years until 2000, stayed at No. 3 with revenues of \$177.26 billion.

Despite Exxon Mobil's slip to No. 2 energy companies fared well in 2001, with ChevronTexaco at No. 8, rising from No. 20 because of the merger of Chevron Corp. and Texaco Inc.

American Electric Power Co. Inc. shot up to No. 13 from 146 while Duke Energy Corp. rose to No. 14 from 17th place.

Carol Loomis, a member of Fortune's board of editors, said Enron made the list because the magazine used Enron's restated earnings from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, which gave it revenues of \$139 billion. Despite filing for bankruptcy Dec. 2, the company wasn't ineligible for consideration.

"And that figure is what makes it fifth on our list," she said.

The magazine also took into account the fact that energy companies are permitted to list the gross value of energy trading contracts as revenues.

hymns and prayers.

work at 7 a.m.

about everything.

expected to end.

Louis Dini, who oper-

ates heavy equipment for

12-hour shifts at the trade

center site, paused at the

chapel before beginning

"It was good to be

here," said Dini, who said

he stops there every day to

"relax and just forget

The chapel's role as a

relief center was sup-

posed to end on Easter

Sunday, but at the request

of the city, church offi-

cials now plan to keep it

open until June, when the

recovery operation is

## Bush promise to be relentles in Middle Eas

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) - Pre Bush pledged Sunday that two more sui bombings in Israel would not discourage Mideast peacemaking efforts as sen from both parties urged him to get in involved.

"The president condemns these act terrorism," White House spokesman Gor Johndroe said after the second bom "The president will not let these l attacks deter him from the pursuit of pear

Bush called five world leaders Saturday, but none on Sunday. The president spoke with national security adv Condoleezza Rice after the first bomb just before Bush attended Easter service church near his Crawford ranch, John

The administration offered no new in tives and said envoy Anthony Zinni w remain in the region, trying to arrang

The president to reporters a left the chi will not let these but made latest attacks deter him from the tors - a f Republican

- Gordon Johndroe that Bush m

need to move aggressively with the An countries, where we think the financing coming from," said Sen. Arlen Specter, Pa., who just returned from the Middle E where he met with several leaders includi

ment at the end of the security rainbow, try to give some hope to these 18-year-0 who are really just posing a threat which can't be stopped," Specter said or CBS 'Face the Nation.'

ing "much bolder moves" from administration.

Chairman Joseph Biden said the adminis tion should offer a broad peace pact the includes Arab countries.

"I think there needs to be something matic done, and that means the presiden to step up his involvement," Biden, D-De

# pursuit of peace.

White House step up spokesperson efforts to halt

"We need to propose a political settle

Sen. Joe Lieberman said heis well-

"I think it's time, with all respect General Zinni, that the president Secretary (of State Colin) Powell, while such great stature throughout the work go to the Middle East," Lieberman, Conn., said on "Fox News Sunday."

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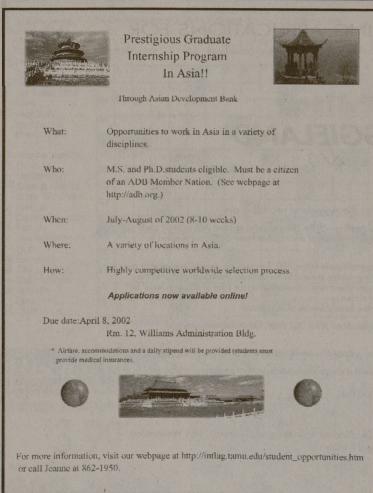
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with only a few broken

windows, and became a

sanctuary for workers toil-

ing around the clock at the

disaster site, offering them

hot meals and a place to

On Sunday, the work

removing debris and

human remains from the

disaster site continued as

parishioners in Easter fin-

ery filled the chapel's

pews. Police officers, fire-

fighters and workers

trickled through the doors

and made their way to a

table where volunteers

poured hot drinks. Some

stood listening to the

rest during long shifts.

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