

UPDATES

Tracking the news

THOMAS AMENT RECALL

LAST WE KNEW: Last week, leading democrats urged County Executive Thomas Ament to step down from office after he was accused of passing a law that gave put \$3 million into his personal pension fund.

LATEST: Public support for Ament continues to wane, and signatures to support his recall look likely to reach the required 100,000 to remove him from office.

NEXT: Ament goes before the county's ethics board today at 2:00 p.m. today.

► Taxpayers eager to sign Ament recall - 3A

PRESIDENT BUSH

LAST WE KNEW: President Bush was in Milwaukee earlier this week for a Republican fundraiser before returning to D.C. for his State of the Union address.

LATEST: With the majority of Americans firmly supporting his War on Terrorism, President Bush is enjoying some of the highest public approval ratings in U.S. history. Yesterday he announced a \$48 billion increase to the defense budget—the largest increase in military spending in two decades.

NEXT: Bush meets today with Afghan leader Hamid Karzai. See tomorrow's Web site for a transcript of Karzai's address to the media.

► Presidential approval rating at 80% - 4A
 ► Bush meets with Afghan leader today to discuss reconstruction - 4A
 ► \$48 billion added to defense budget - 4A

ENRON

LAST WE KNEW: A Milwaukee charity that lost \$700,000 in Enron bonds is now among the dozens of lawsuits filed against the company.

LATEST: Four Enron senior executives refused to testify at Senate hearings yesterday, creating more speculation of the roles they played in the energy company's alarming collapse. A Milwaukee charity that lost \$700,000 in Enron bonds is now among the dozens of lawsuits filed against the company.

NEXT: Ex-Chairman Kenneth Lay is expected to be subpoenaed this week to appear before the Senate.

► Enron and Andersen execs play document blame game - 4A
 ► Milwaukee charity seeks to be key player in lawsuits - 1B

WAR ON TERRORISM

LAST WE KNEW: Intelligence sources claim Osama bin Laden may have escaped into Pakistan as early as December. Minor skirmishes continue in Afghanistan capital Kandahar.

LATEST: U.S. forces attacked a hospital early this morning where several al-Qaeda fighters have been hiding for several months. U.S. pledges \$296 million to help rebuild Afghanistan.

NEXT: International humanitarian groups meet in D.C. this weekend to outline proposals for removing land mines.

► U.S. raid al-Qaeda hospital hideout - 2A
 ► Milwaukee hustles to protect water supplies from bioterrorists - 1B

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LAST WE KNEW: Governor McCallum outlined a plan to cut more than \$50 million from the state budget. Many fear that although public school funding was left intact, cuts could still be made in MPS funding.

LATEST: Despite a \$1.1 billion state budget deficit, MPS teachers are staging some of their most aggressive protests in years, claiming unfair caps on their salaries.

NEXT: See Thursday's metro section for a look at how belt-tightening has affecting East High School students and staff.

► Teachers protest over poor pay - 2B
 ► MPS critic finds schools improving - 2B

STATE BUDGET CRISIS/THE ECONOMY

LAST WE KNEW: Local officials decried Governor McCallum's expected cuts to the state budget as "the most irresponsible political act in the history of Wisconsin."

LATEST: McCallum delivered his budget plan to joint session of state Legislature yesterday. Democrats have not offered their own budget proposal yet.

NEXT: See tomorrow's business section for a report on how homeland security is affecting Milwaukee businesses.

► McCallum's proposal relies on tobacco money, cuts in state aid - 2A

INACTIVE UPDATES

Stories we are tracking which have no new developments today.

- KIDNAPPED WSJ REPORTER
- AFGHANISTAN
- MILLER BREWING
- TEXAS MOM
- MILOSEVIC TRIAL
- ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN CONFLICT
- GUANTANAMO DETAINEES
- JOHN WALKER LINDH
- MAYORAL RACE

FOLLOW UP

GARY CONDIT

When intern Chandra Levy disappeared last summer, U.S. Rep Gary Condit (D) came under heavy media scrutiny for his relationship with her. Since September, Condit has maintained a low public profile. Tomorrow Californians vote in a primary election to determine if he will have the opportunity to continue as U.S. representative.

► Voters to decide Condit's political fate today - 8A

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SNOW FALLING ON CEDARBURG



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Shovels are back in fashion Thursday near Spring St. and Park Circle in Cedarburg after winter's return left up to 8 inches of snow on southeastern Wisconsin. Roads may be slippery again this morning, as a mix of freezing rain and sleet was expected to turn to all snow, with another 1 to 2 inches possible by midmorning. Thursday's snowfall was the northern edge of a storm that created problems from the Texas panhandle to upstate New York. **Story on 7A**

THURSDAY'S SNOW TOTALS AROUND THE AREA

MILWAUKEE	BIG BEND	SALEM	WALKESHA	NORTH PRAIRIE	MEMORONEE FALLS
7.8	6.0	5.1	4.6	4.0	3.5

Fetuses may qualify for federal aid

Bush plan stirs up abortion fight

By **MIKE JOHNSON**
 of the Journal Sentinel staff

A new battle over abortion ignited Thursday after the Bush administration said that developing human fetuses could be classified by states as unborn children so more low-income women would have access to prenatal care paid by the government.

Abortion rights proponents immediately labeled the move a blatant attempt to establish a fetus as a living person. They believe it lays the foundation for the Bush administration to make abortion a crime.

At the same time, anti-abortion proponents hailed the move as good news.

"If the administration really cared about women, then they

would be extending health benefits to the woman," said Vicki Saporita, executive director of the National Abortion Federation in Washington, D.C. "By ignoring the woman and extending health benefits to the fetus, they are trying to set a legal precedent that they can use to overturn Roe (vs. Wade) and eliminate a woman's right to choose."

But Wisconsin Right to Life endorsed the move and called abortion opponents' arguments "absurd."

"For those who are concerned about prenatal care — we have two individuals who need care, the mother and the baby — this

Please see **U.S. FUNDING, 12A**

Lower blood-alcohol standard still resisted

Nearby states say move saves lives

By **LAWRENCE SUSSMAN**
 and **AMY RINARD**
 of the Journal Sentinel staff

When the man accused of causing the crash that killed two South Milwaukee children last week gave a breath test that showed a preliminary blood-alcohol content of 0.08, he would have been considered intoxicated in 29 states.

But not in Wisconsin. And despite the impending loss of millions of dollars in federal highway dollars if the state does not act to lower its legal standard of drunkenness from 0.10 to 0.08, no efforts are under way to change Wisconsin law.

"The sense of the Legislature was and is that the problem is not caused by the higher limit," Rep. Frank Urban (R-Brookfield) said. "They think that the problem is the repeat offender who is causing the horrendous accidents."

"But there is no question in my mind that lowering the limit would save lives."

Officials in neighboring states that have lowered

Please see **ALCOHOL, 4A**

GETTING TO 0.08

How many 12-ounce beers might it take to raise your blood-alcohol level to 0.08?

A 170-pound man: 5

A 120-pound woman: 3

AND 0.10

The man: One more beer
The woman: A half glass

Source: National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, based on beer with 4.5% alcohol by volume

► Legislators petition for safer I-43 after fatal crash. 1B

Air security system would rate threat

Plan calls for a computer network designed to collect extensive data on travelers

By **ROBERT O'HARROW JR.**
 Washington Post

Federal aviation authorities and technology companies will soon begin testing a vast air security screening system designed to instantly pull together every passenger's travel history, living arrangements and a wealth of other personal and demographic information.

The government's plan is to establish a computer network linking every reservation system in the United States to private and government databases. The network would use data-mining and predictive software to profile passenger

activity and intuit obscure clues about potential threats, even before the scheduled day of the flight.

It might find, for instance, that one man used a debit card to buy tickets for four other men who sit in separate parts of the same plane — four men who have shared addresses in the past. Or it might discern an array of unusual links and travel habits among passengers on different flights.

Those sorts of details — along with many other far more subtle patterns identified by computer programs — would contribute to a threat index or score for every passenger. Passengers with higher scores would be singled out for additional screening by authorities.

As described by developers, the system will be an unobtrusive network enabling

Please see **SECURITY, 5A**

Rumsfeld predicts U.S. will suffer deadlier terrorist attacks

By **MICHAEL HEDGES**
 Houston Chronicle

Washington — Pushing for billions of dollars in extra defense spending, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on Thursday forecast attacks on America even more deadly than those of Sept. 11 as the war on terror continues.

"Let there be no doubt, in the years ahead it is likely that we will be surprised again by new adversaries who may also strike us in unexpected ways," Rumsfeld said in a speech to officers and civilian defense officials at

the National Defense University.

"As (terrorists) gain access to weapons of increasing power... these attacks will grow vastly more deadly than those we suffered several months ago."

Rumsfeld's speech was designed to make the case for an expected \$48 billion defense spending increase in the Bush administration's budget request, set for release Monday.

The extra billions of dollars will help "transform" a military still extricating itself from its

Please see **DEFENSE, 11A**

Volunteer groups welcome call to action

Bush's plea comes as post-attack interest in helping others has waned, they say

By **ANNYSA JOHNSON**
 and **BETH KORMANIK**
 of the Journal Sentinel staff

Volunteers aren't beating down the doors of local social service organizations in response to President Bush's renewed call to volunteerism this week.

But that doesn't worry Dan Condon. He knows the power of a presidential plea.

"I clearly remember President Clinton's speech about AmeriCorps. I was 21 years old, and I felt like someone was finally speaking to me," said Condon, now 30, who oversees education and training for

Please see **VOLUNTEERS, 12A**



Dan Condon, of Public Allies, an Americorps program in Milwaukee works at the group's offices at 1737 N. Palmer St.

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 MAP, FORECASTS ON BACK OF SPORTS

TODAY: 29 / 26
 Light snow ending early.

TOMORROW: 32 / 12
 Increasing afternoon clouds.

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