

155,000
Confirmed dead in 11 countries hit by tsunami

\$43.64
Per barrel of oil after attacks in Saudi Arabia

3 Dead bodies found in a burned car on an Oregon reservation

129
Votes deem Christine Gregoire as Washington's next governor

32 Items per second sold on Amazon.com in record day of sales

regional **Winter break update** global

December 27

SEATTLE — Shares in Amazon.com Inc. rose nearly 9 percent after the online retailer said it had recorded its best holiday season ever.

Spokesman Craig Berman said Dec. 27 sales for its 10th holiday season were better than any previous year, but he declined to give specific figures.

Retail analysts have been optimistic about online holiday sales, even as some traditional retailers have struggled during the all-important season. Internet research firm comScore Networks Inc. said online holiday sales are now likely to increase 28 percent, beating its original projections of

23 percent to 26 percent.

Over Thanksgiving weekend, Amazon had said its consumer electronics sales surpassed sales of books for the first time - also in keeping with a holiday trend that favored electronic gift items this year.

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Throughout the holiday, Amazon said popular items included Apple Computer Inc.'s iPod music

players, as well as DVD players and digital cameras.

Shares in Amazon rose \$3.32 or 8.5 percent to \$42.25 in trading Monday on the Nasdaq Stock Market. However, the company's stock still remains far off its 52-week high of \$57.82.

December 30

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — As the world scrambled to the rescue, survivors fought over packs of noodles in quake-stricken Indonesian streets Dec. 29 while relief supplies piled up at the airport for lack of cars, gas or passable roads to move them. The official death toll across 11 countries soared past 77,000 and the Red Cross predicted it could exceed 100,000.

Bodies were piled into mass graves in the belief that burial would ward off disease.

Survivors fought over packs of noodles

Paramedics in southern India began vaccinating thousands of survivors against cholera, typhoid, hepatitis A and dysentery, and authorities sprayed bleaching powder on beaches where bodies have been recovered. In Sri Lanka, reports of waterborne disease such as diarrhea caused fears of an epidemic.

President Bush announced the United States, India, Australia and Japan have formed an international coalition to coordinate relief and reconstruction of the 3,000 miles of Indian Ocean rim walloped by Sunday's earthquake and tsunami.

December 29

TULKAREM, West Bank — Interim Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas condemned Israel's West Bank separation barrier during campaign stops Dec.

29 at towns fenced in by the concrete slabs, urging Israel to remove the massive structure.

Abbas, the front-runner in next month's Palestinian presidential election, has hit the campaign trail this week, addressing large audiences in the West Bank towns of Jericho and Tulkarem.

Several thousand people in Tulkarem greeted Abbas. Many held pictures of Abbas and

"I say to our neighbors ... no fence will bring peace or bring you security."

Arafat and chanted slogans for the two men.

Tulkarem, located along the line between Israel and the West Bank, is surrounded on two sides by the 25-foot slabs of the Israeli barrier, and Abbas spoke at a stadium just 500 yards from the wall.

"I say to our neighbors ... no fence will bring peace or bring you security," Abbas told the rally.

Israel says the structure is needed to block suicide bombers from entering the country. But Palestinians say the barrier is a land grab that will prevent them from establishing an independent state.

— The Associated Press

Turning Southern California freeways into a virtual demolition derby

December 29

SEDONA, Ariz. — A powerful storm battered the West last week, forcing dozens of people from their homes, sending recreational vehicles floating down a flooded creek in Arizona and turning Southern California freeways into a virtual demolition derby. The storm spawned a tornado in Southern California and left 140,000 customers without power in the area while making for treacherous driving conditions. The California Highway Patrol logged 220 crashes between Tuesday night and Wednesday morning — more than three times the normal amount.

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