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HEADLINE	THE LATEST	DETAILS	SAY WHAT?	NUMBERS
Edwards bows out of presidential campaign	 Democrat John Edwards bowed out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination Wednesday, saying it was time to step aside "so that history can blaze its path" in a campaign now left to Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama.	Edwards said Clinton and Obama had both pledged that "they will make ending poverty central to their campaign for the presidency." He was joined by his wife, Elizabeth, and his three children, Cate, Emma Claire and Jack.	"With our convictions and a little backbone we will take back the White House in November. ... (Ending poverty) is the cause of my life and I now have their commitment to engage in this cause." — JOHN EDWARDS	40% Of Edwards supporters said their second choice in the race is Clinton, while a quarter prefer Obama. 56 Delegates for Edwards.
Fed cuts a key interest rate for second time in eight days	 The Federal Reserve on Wednesday cut a key interest rate for the second time in just over a week, reducing the federal funds rate by a half-point. It signaled that further rate cuts were possible. The Fed action pushed the funds rate to 3 percent.	It followed a three-fourths of a percentage point cut Jan. 22, a day after financial markets around the world had plummeted on fears that the U.S. economy was heading into a recession. That decrease had been the biggest one-day move in more than two decades.	In its statement, the Fed said that "downside risks to growth remain" and pledged to "act in a timely manner as needed to address those risks." That was seen as a pledge to cut rates further if the economy continues to weaken.	9 to 1 Fed vote approved the hike. The rate cut was the fifth from the Fed since it started with a half-point reduction Sept. 18 in response to the severe credit crisis that hit global markets in August.
Super Bowl could be heart attack	 Heart attacks and other cardiac emergencies doubled in Munich, Germany, when that nation's soccer team played in the World Cup.	The study blamed emotional stress for the heart problems, but they note that lack of sleep, overeating, wolfing	"I know a little bit about the Super Bowl," "It's reasonable to think that something quite similar might happen."	4,279 Patients were included in the study. Analysis showed that on...

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U.S. Navy Announces Alternative Arrangements for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Requests Public Input



On January 15, 2008, the Department of the Navy accepted alternative arrangements, approved by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These alternative arrangements specifically address the use of mid-frequency active (MFA) sonar and its effects on marine mammals during Navy exercises in the Southern California (SOCAL) Operating Area. These exercises include Composite Training Unit Exercises (COMPTUEX) and Joint Task Force Exercises (JTJFEX) scheduled to occur between January 15, 2008 and January 23, 2008. A Decision Memorandum documenting the Navy's acceptance of these alternative arrangements was published in the Federal Register on January 24, 2008.

Information on the Navy's proposals for the SOCAL Operating Area including the full text of the Decision Memorandum is available at www.SOCALRangeComplexEIS.com.

The Navy will prepare a post-exercise assessment after each exercise. By this Notice, the Navy requests input from the public on the process for reviewing the post-exercise assessments. The Navy is also offering the public the opportunity to discuss the implementation of these alternative arrangements. Input on reviewing the post-exercise assessments and any requests to meet with Navy and CEQ representatives about the alternative arrangements may be submitted by contacting Mr. Alex Stone at (619) 545-8126 or in writing to:

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