

COLORADO KIDS: WORDBANK

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Teen wins as town mayor by two votes

sworn in – took an oath (promise) to do your best when starting a new job

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press – news reporters

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political science – the study of how the government works

Space experiments returned to Earth two years late

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ultraviolet light – invisible rays of sunlight that can be dangerous

meteorite – a piece of rock from outerspace

Letters from Tonga

Tonga – a country made up of many islands in the South Pacific

U.S. Peace Corps – a group of people dedicated to improving life for less-fortunate people overseas

volunteer – someone who gives their time without expecting anything back

No quick exit out of Iraq

debate – a discussion of two opposite sides of a question

al-Qaeda - the radical Muslim group that caused the 911 attacks in America in 2001

Pat Tillman: an NFL hero

NFL – National Football League – a group of professional football teams

contract renewal – when a player agrees to keep playing for the same team

elite – special, the best or most powerful

Army Rangers – a special group within the U.S. Army that trains specifically for the toughest jobs

enlist – to sign up for

tragic – terribly sad

friendly fire – when fellow soldiers accidentally shoot their own

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Hundreds of cats come to honor one dog

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