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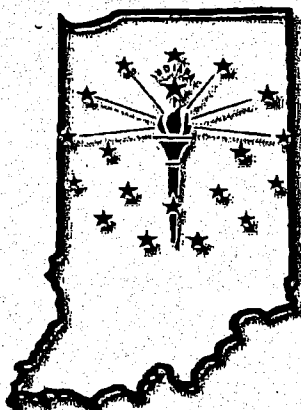
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Senator Evan Bayh
717 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Bayh,

Mr. Sheldon Hine, who turns 95 in January, is a true WW II hero of Fort Wayne. His ingenious insights of light and photography created the most detailed three-dimensional maps and aircraft radar simulations of the day. This new technology provided critical information for combat planners and aircraft bombing missions in all theaters, ultimately shortening the war and saving countless lives.

The attached documents provide a detailed synopsis of Sheldon's still-valuable contributions to our military and national security. Also, we have nearly completed an autobiography about Sheldon, and the Forward by Dr. Tom Robertson is included. Dr. Robertson is the designer of the cruise missile guidance system, and he describes how computers in his and other areas still rely on Sheldon's work.

We need your help as we begin working on a special project with Mr. Tim Goeglein, another Fort Wayne native and Assistant to President Bush. Could you please help us have Sheldon invited to the Capitol Gallery, and be recognized by President Bush during his January State of the Union Address? We are currently working through Mr. Steven R. Shine, the Chairman of the Allen County Republican Party, to coordinate these arrangements with Mr. Goeglein.

As you are well aware, this is a time for honoring our many present-day heroes for their recent deeds. We don't want the nation to miss its opportunity to thank Sheldon in person for his unique and vital contributions.

We hope you can help us honor Sheldon Hine, a real American hero.

Sincerely,



Todd A. Fruehling, Associate Editor
Sheldon Hine's Autobiography

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cc: Senator Richard Lugar
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Sheldon H. Hine

Sophisticated cruise missile guidance systems. Full-motion flight simulators. Texture mapping for dangerous bombing missions. Today's new systems owe their very existence to the insight, creativity, and technical skill of Sheldon Hine, dramatically demonstrated nearly sixty years ago. (See attached documentation by distinguished Purdue alumnus, Dr. Thomas V. Robertson.)

From his job as staff photographer at Lincoln National Life Insurance in Fort Wayne, Sheldon was directly commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Navy Reserves at the start of 1943. Shortly after that, and with merely a high school education and a few thousand dollars, Sheldon Hine did what three million dollars and the world-famous Eastman Kodak Company couldn't do in a year.

In the midst of WW II, Sheldon developed a unique system whereby intelligence photos could be printed directly on three-dimensional terrain models, providing near-perfect surface detail. Sheldon then developed a way that this could be accomplished in the field by regular GIs and airmen, along with their counterparts throughout the Allied forces.

Sheldon then set about developing another unusual and invaluable technique. With his natural intelligence and photographic insight, Sheldon applied his knowledge of the similarity between light waves and radar waves to develop the Radar Planning Device.

A tripod-mounted point-light source, the size of a pencil eraser, illuminated portions of a flight path on a bleach-white three-dimensional terrain model. The image was projected on a radar screen, which Sheldon then photographed. Repeated along an entire bombing flight path, the collected images showed air crews how to navigate and attack their targets. By using radar, they were now able to complete their bombing missions regardless of clouds, fog, or smoke.

Today, after nearly half a century, these techniques created by Sheldon have been automated by digital computers to complete what is now called "texture mapping" and "ray tracing" to visualize three-dimensional terrain and simulate their radar images.

Sheldon Hine's heroic pioneering vision in the dark days of WW II likely shortened its duration significantly, saving untold lives on both sides.

And today's impressive new systems are indebted to Sheldon Hine for creating the foundations of their modern digital implementations, from advanced flight simulation to videogames.

Sheldon Hine is truly a master of both the science of light, and the art of photography. His recognition for these accomplishments is long overdue. In January, Sheldon will celebrate his 95th birthday.

Isn't it time we celebrate Sheldon Hine? If not now, when?

Forward to Sheldon Hine Autobiography

By
Dr. Thomas V. Robertson

In the following pages, a fascinating story unfolds of Sheldon Hine's life and work, especially his important contributions to U. S. military operations during World War II. However, an important aspect of Sheldon's contribution can best be seen from an historical perspective: his impact on today's aerospace technology.

Sheldon developed the Photo Surface Model and Radar Planning Device during World War II to help the U. S. military plan and train for critical missions. In doing so, he tackled two problems that are as critical to aerospace operations today as they were then: (1) how to represent and visualize three-dimensional terrain and surface features, and (2) how to simulate radar returns from terrain. Sheldon used materials and technologies available to him, together with his own insights and creativity, to develop practical solutions that were truly remarkable in their time. And in doing so, he brought to life two ideas that are key components in modern digital aerospace systems for training, mission planning, and navigation: texture mapping, and ray-tracing.

Texture mapping is a modern term for what Sheldon accomplished with his Photo Surface Model -- creation of terrain models with surface features "draped" over three-dimensional surfaces. Today, texture mapped models are used in all flight simulators, from sophisticated, full-motion F-16 trainers to the simpler desktop programs available for personal computers. The realism made possible by the three-dimensional representations pioneered by Sheldon allows simulators to play a crucial role in training pilots to fly increasingly complex aircraft, and to maintain national defense readiness. Three-dimensional terrain representations are also critical elements of modern navigation systems, for manned as well as unmanned vehicles such as cruise missiles. Terrain models in these vehicles provide ground references that are checked using on-board sensors, to update position and to home in on targets. Modern texture mapping is performed mathematically using digital computers and graphic displays. Although Sheldon's methods were different -- direct photographic printing onto physical terrain models -- his conceptual approach to terrain visualization, and the operational success of the products of his work, served as important guideposts in the development of modern training and navigation systems.

Like the Photo Surface Model, Sheldon's Radar Planning Device was a physical, analog precursor to modern digital systems. His illumination of a three-dimensional terrain model by a point light source, followed by photographic imaging of the terrain, is an analog of ray tracing, a fundamental component of modern digital radar simulation. The photographic transparencies Sheldon produced were the stored models of terrain radar returns used by early radar trainers, such as the AN/APS-T1, to train operators in the use of systems, such as the SCR-582 Radar Set. Today's radar simulators use modern digital computers to mathematically follow radar rays from a radar source, to a digitally stored model of the terrain, and back to the radar receiver, applying mathematical functions to estimate the radar return. Although modern digital methods differ from Sheldon's use of light and photography, his Radar Planning Device was an eloquent demonstration of ray tracing, that paved the way for the sophisticated mathematics used today.

Sheldon was a pioneer in the development of photo-realistic three-dimensional terrain visualization and radar simulation. The Photo Surface Model and the Radar Planning Device stand at the beginning of a long line of flight simulators, mission planners, navigation systems and radar simulators, leading to the sophisticated systems of today. These new systems are indebted to Sheldon for having created founding members of their family trees, and for laying important conceptual foundations for modern digital implementations.

Dr. Thomas V. Robertson

Tom Robertson grew up in Fort Wayne, graduating from South Side High School in 1965.

Between 1969 and 1973, he was awarded Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral Degrees in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University.

His Doctoral work was conducted at the Laboratory for Applications of Remote Sensing at Purdue, developing new ways to use computers to automatically interpret digital images sent down by NASA's Earth Resources Technology Satellite, the forerunner of LANDSAT.

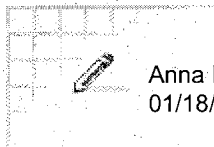
Dr. Robertson joined Bell Telephone Laboratories in 1973, developing software to automatically detect and analyze failure patterns in data collected for telephone billing. The results of his work were used for automated trouble-shooting and performance measuring of telephone switching, billing, and transmission equipment throughout the United States.

In 1978, he became a key player at defense contractor TASC, converting military map-making and terrain database development to digital methodology. He developed new technologies for creating and storing three-dimensional terrain in computers, and he used the most sophisticated supercomputers of that era to simulate what a pilot, radar, or missile guidance system would see while flying over the terrain. These terrain databases and simulations were used in the development of military mission planning systems and terrain-based guidance for the cruise missile and other aircraft.

Dr. Robertson became Director of Engineering and Chief Scientist for Lockheed-Martin's Advanced Simulation Center in 1994. There he developed highly detailed simulations for military training and planning. These simulations allow multi-service teams of military personnel to fly aircraft, drive tanks, launch missiles, and engage enemy forces in shared virtual worlds with highly realistic terrain, weather, and visibility conditions.

Currently, Dr. Robertson is Vice President for Boston Operations of Titan Systems' Aerospace Electronics Division. He is developing advanced surveillance and counter-surveillance technologies for military, intelligence, and commercial applications.

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Steve-

FYI- President Adamkus told me, and his Ambassador confirmed, that the Speaker invited the President to come to the State of the Union and sit in the Speaker's box in the gallery. The President accepted the invitation. Adamkus lived and worked in Chicago which has a large Lithuania-American population, as you know. All politics are local.

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Donald Burnham Ensenat
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Post-State of the Union Reaction
Michele Norris Talks with a Focus Group in Tampa, Florida

MR. JENNINGS: Well, it is quiet in Washington now. The President is on his way back to the White House, undoubtedly with the members of his staff congratulating him on doing a good job. We want to try to take the pulse of the nation in some regard this evening.

In our latest ABC News poll, we found that 54 percent of Americans actually thought the economy was now a more important issue than terrorism for them. This is a turn-around from where they were at least in our poll last September.

But one of the things we did tonight was to ask both a Democrat and a Republican political consultant to put together a group of people for us in Florida. You remember Florida. There was no state in the Union where the presidential election was any closer.

We asked them to put them together and join us this evening, watch the President and the Democratic response and then offer us their opinions. And they have gathered at the University of Tampa, and ABC's Michele Norris has been with them.

Michele?

MS. NORRIS: Yes, we watched the State of the Union tonight with this group here at the University of Tampa. And, as you noted, Florida is noted for having a broad diversity of opinion, and we certainly saw that here.

There were very strong reactions throughout the speech tonight.

I want to go first to Alex here in the back row. As a law enforcement officer, I noticed that he had a very strong reaction when the President was talking about particular targets of terrorism. Some of the materials that they found about nuclear power plants and water treatment facilities, you really seemed to be troubled at that point.

PARTICIPANT: I was extremely concerned. I would even consider it a low-level fear. Because all this information that they have can be extremely detrimental to our country. And it just spoke to me and said, they have so much. But, on the other hand, I feel confident and encouraged that, from the President down to our armed services and Americans in general, now that we know, we can do our part to try to stop this evil that is coming against us, and I'm proud about that.

MS. NORRIS: And, Dale, you looked particularly concerned when the President talked about other countries, how the war on terrorism would not just be focused on Afghanistan, when he focused on -- when he talked about Iran, Iraq.

PARTICIPANT: As he talked about these other countries -- and obviously we know they're threats, they've been there before, talked about Iraq, North Korea and some of the

sophisticated weapons that they're amassing, my concern is, as we begin to move into these areas, no longer will we look to be defending America, but we'll be looked as the aggressors.

If these people -- these areas band together and join a coalition similar to what we have as fighting for freedom, the cost of lives could be quite a bit greater than what we have in Afghanistan, and that does trouble me as we move further into the war.

MS. NORRIS: Almost all of you mentioned a concern about balancing foreign policy with domestic issues, the classic issue of the debate between guns and butter. And, Barbara, you were particularly concerned whether the President was going to be able to make good on his core campaign promise of prescription drug reform.

You told us that you pay more than \$500 a month for prescription drugs.

PARTICIPANT: Yes, I do. And now, beginning last month, the HMOs are dropping their prescription drug coverage, and it's really, really, really tough on people.

MS. NORRIS: Did you hear what you needed to hear tonight? Are you confident that the President is focusing enough energy and effort on his domestic policy, on his domestic agenda?

PARTICIPANT: No. No, I'm not. I think he should probably start to prioritize a little more. And I know the war is very, very important, of course. But so are medications and our senior citizens and the health care of this nation.

MS. NORRIS: Richard, it seemed like you shared that concern. The President at one point said, whatever it costs, we'll pay it in terms of providing security for this country. And at that point, you dropped your head in your hands.

PARTICIPANT: Yes. My concern is I think that the money could be spent in a better way. For instance, shoring up Social Security. We're on the cusp of all these baby boomers retiring. And after paying in for 40, 50 years, they're going to have no money to retire on. So that was a major concern that I had.

MS. NORRIS: And here in the front row, Alfred, you told us that the big -- the big question for you was whether or not the President was going to prove himself on the economy. Based on what you heard tonight, is this the right blueprint for jump starting the economy?

THE PRESIDENT: I think it is, because he made a good impression on most of all of us, and -- oh, and he said that when you start off with the -- oh, he said -- he mentioned Head Start programs and all this stuff dealing with education. He brought the point out that we talked about the -- I'm just trying to -- he said it so fast, I'm trying to get it together here -- about the elderly. I was impressed with him, and I think that he'll do a good job. I hope, if he stands to his word. Education is very important, so I hope he stands to that also.

MS. NORRIS: Those were two big issues here, education and Social Security reform. Overall, the President seemed to get high marks. Most people said that they heard what they needed to hear but, as always, the proof is in not just the talk but, as they say, the walk, what the President actually does and if he's able to actually work with Congress.

MR. JENNINGS: Michele, I wonder if I could impose on you and your cameraman to ask two questions for a show of hands, though I must say I admire your "walk the walk and talk the talk" suggestion there.

Could I ask people to raise their hands with a little wider shot perhaps from the camera -- that's perfect -- and ask how many people thought the President deserves his more than 80 percent approval rating.

MS. NORRIS: Mr. Jennings would like to ask a question. He wants to know by a show of hands how many of you think the President actually deserves his more than 80 percent approval rating.

(All hands are raised.)

MS. NORRIS: Unanimous.

MR. JENNINGS: And the second question. Does anybody there tonight think the President did badly?

MS. NORRIS: And second question from Mr. Jennings. Does anyone here think the President did poorly tonight?

(No response.)

MS. NORRIS: Again.

MR. JENNINGS: Thank you, Michele, very much. The President will be very pleased. And our coverage will continue in a moment.

One of the things we intend to do is to go elsewhere in the country and see if people feel similar or similarly to the way they do in Florida. Hope you'll stay with us.

Thanks, Michele.

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Victory and prosperity

President Bush outlines three goals: to win the war on terror, protect the homeland and revive the U.S. economy.

By SARA FRITZ, Times Washington Bureau Chief

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President Bush outlines three goals: to win the war on terror, protect the homeland and revive the U.S. economy.

WASHINGTON -- With conflict in Afghanistan winding down, President Bush warned Tuesday night that the United States' attention is turning to terrorists elsewhere in the world and governments - including North Korea, Iran and Iraq -- that make up "an axis of evil" threatening world peace.

"Our war on terrorism is only beginning," he declared in his first State of the Union speech. "The United States of America will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons."

Bush appeared to be rejecting the cautious advice that caused his father, President George Bush, to end the Persian Gulf War in 1991 without invading Iraq.

"We cannot stop short," he said. "If we stopped now -- leaving terror camps intact and terror states unchecked -- our sense of security would be false and temporary."

Then, having rallied his audience with martial themes, Bush vowed to revive the American economy with "the same spirit of cooperation we have applied to our war on terrorism." To do this, he pledged to pursue a long list of domestic programs that have been mainstays of his administration, including lower taxes, better schools, reliable energy and quality health care.

In his 48-minute speech, Bush said the focus of his domestic programs is to stimulate employment. "My economic security plan," he said, "can be summed up in one word: jobs."

The only genuinely new element of his domestic agenda was premised on volunteerism: the creation of a civilian defense corps and an appeal to every American to commit two years -- 4,000 hours -- over their lives to community service. The idea is similar to his father's "thousand points of light."

Increased volunteerism, he argued, is the natural result of the struggle that the United States has embarked upon since the Sept. 11 attacks.

"For too long our culture has said, 'If it feels good, do it,' " the president said. "Now America is embracing a new ethic and a new creed: 'Let's roll.' In the sacrifice of soldiers, the fierce brotherhood of firefighters, and the bravery and generosity of ordinary citizens, we have glimpsed what a new culture of responsibility could look like. We want to be a nation that serves goals larger than self."

Without mentioning the name of terrorist leader Osama bin Laden, who has eluded American troops, Bush recounted how American forces -- at an estimated cost of \$1-billion a week -- had joined with allied troops to vanquish the Taliban regime and bin Laden's al-Qaida network in Afghanistan.

Inside the Afghan caves that once served as home to the al-Qaida leadership, Bush said, Americans found evidence of "the depth of the hatred" that the terrorists harbor against the United States. This included diagrams of American nuclear power plants and public water facilities, detailed instructions for making chemical weapons, surveillance maps of American cities and detailed descriptions of landmarks around the world.

Bush said the United States now knows "tens of thousands" of terrorists trained in Afghanistan and spread throughout the world. "A terrorist underworld, including groups like Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and Jaish-i-Mohammed, operates in remote jungles and deserts and hides in the centers of large cities," he said.

The president said the United States and its allies must prevent governments that sponsor terror from spreading their weapons of mass destruction. He listed three countries: North Korea, Iran and Iraq.

North Korea, he said, "is a regime arming with missiles and weapons of mass destruction while starving its citizens." Iran "aggressively pursues these weapons and exports terror, while an unelected few repress the Iranian people's hope for freedom." And he cited Iraq for plotting to develop anthrax, nerve gas and nuclear weapons for more than a decade.

"States like these, and their terrorists allies, constitute an axis of evil, arming to threaten the peace of the world," Bush said. "They could provide these arms to terrorists, giving them the means to match their hatred. They could attack our allies or attempt to blackmail the United States. In any of these cases, the price of indifference would be catastrophic."

To pursue this policy, Bush said he is requesting the largest increase, about \$50-billion, in defense spending since the Reagan administration. As a result, his budget for the 2002 fiscal year will show "the first deficit since 1997."

The world is changing, Bush said, and old rivalries are being replaced by new alliances. He noted that the United States is working with Russia, China and India, and praised the leadership of Pakistan for expelling terrorists.

"We have a great opportunity during this time of war to lead the world toward the values that will bring lasting peace," said Bush, who was interrupted by applause more than 70 times. "All fathers and mothers, in all societies, want their children to be educated and live free from poverty and violence. No people on earth yearn to be oppressed, or aspire to servitude or eagerly await the midnight knock of the secret police."

While the president did not mention the collapse of energy giant Enron Corp., whose executives donated heavily to his presidential campaign, he sought to distance himself from it by urging U.S. corporate executives to be more accountable. He also called on Congress to enact new safeguards for 401(k) and pension plans. Such safeguards might have prevented Enron employees from losing their savings, which were heavily invested in company stock.

Although Bush did not dwell on domestic issues, he emphasized the importance of making last year's tax cuts permanent. Democrats have suggested the continued tax cut would increase the deficit and make it harder to enact expensive changes in social programs, such as Medicare and Social Security.

"Last year, some in this hall thought my tax relief plan was too small and some thought it was too

big," the president recalled. "But when those checks arrived in the mail, most Americans thought tax relief was just about right."

Bush's new volunteer effort, which he called USA Freedom Corps, would expand the government's existing volunteer programs. The administration hopes to increase the Peace Corps from 7,000 to 15,000 volunteers, and recruit more than 200,000 new volunteers to AmeriCorps and Senior Corps. In addition, Bush would create a new civilian defense corps to assist in homeland security and public health.

With a greater than 80 percent approval rating that has flourished on a rush of wartime patriotism, Bush delivered his speech with confidence and determination. And he took time to introduce a number of people, Afghans and Americans, who have played a part in the drama over the past four months.

These included interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai; Shannon Spann, the widow of CIA officer Johnny Micheal Spann; Christina Jones and Hermis Moutardier, flight attendants credited with thwarting the alleged shoe bomber; and Afghan Women's Affairs Minister Sima Samar.

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Bush: Our war is just beginning

By Tamara Lytle
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WASHINGTON -- In an impassioned challenge to Americans and a pointed threat to Iran, Iraq and North Korea, President Bush on Tuesday declared that "our war against terror is only beginning."

Bush, in his first State of the Union message, vowed to fight terrorism at home and abroad while paying special attention to the nation's weakened economy.

Bush's speech to a joint session of Congress came amid extraordinary security at the same Capitol building thought to have been targeted in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

The United States faces a unique moment in history, Bush said in describing the chilling face of terrorism and the outpouring of warmth and civic dedication after the attacks.

While celebrating the victory in Afghanistan, though, Bush also warned against complacency.

Searches of terrorist bases, he said, have turned up surveillance maps of American cities, diagrams of nuclear-power plants and water facilities, and instructions on how to manufacture chemical weapons.

The president drew thunderous applause when he introduced the interim leader of a liberated Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai. But the war that began there in October is hardly over, Bush said in stressing that tens of thousands of terrorists trained by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda group remain scattered throughout the world.

"Thousands of dangerous killers, schooled in the methods of murder, often supported by outlaw regimes, are now spread throughout the world like ticking time bombs set to go off without warning," Bush said.

President names names

The U.S. will continue pursuing terrorists, shutting down their camps and bringing them to justice, he said. And in his strongest language yet, Bush vowed to go after countries that threaten the world with chemical, biological and nuclear weapons -- singling out Iran, Iraq and North Korea.

"States like these, and their terrorist allies, constitute an axis of evil, arming to threaten the peace of the world," Bush said. "By seeking weapons of mass destruction, these regimes pose a grave and growing danger. They could provide these arms to terrorists, giving them the means to match their hatred. They could attack our allies or attempt to blackmail the United States. In any of these cases, the price of indifference would be catastrophic."

"I will not wait on events while dangers gather. I will not stand by as peril draws closer and closer. The United States of America will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons."

To show his resolve, the president urged Congress to approve a \$48 billion defense-spending increase that would include pay raises for military personnel.

Shoring up security at home

The president then turned his attention to homeland security, which he said was as important as battling terrorists and the countries that support them.

He promised to double funding for homeland defense, with the money going to airport and border security, intelligence, emergency response and preparing the country for bioterrorism.

He also praised Americans for their unity and sense of duty since Sept. 11, and then asked them for more.

Capitalizing on this revival in patriotism, Bush announced an unprecedented volunteer effort to protect citizens at home.

This will be done, the president said, with the help of USA Freedom Corps, a massive new program that would coordinate volunteerism nationwide.

AmeriCorps, former President Clinton's domestic volunteer program, as well as the Peace Corps, would fall under this new umbrella. So would a new group of volunteers who would help with the nation's homeland defense.

The White House envisions adding 200,000 new domestic volunteers as well as doubling the size of the 7,000-member Peace Corps -- with a special emphasis on helping Islamic countries. Such an education effort in Islamic nations will not come without controversy, with critics sure to accuse the United States of using the Peace Corps to export American culture and values.

The domestic volunteers would include retired doctors helping with emergency care and others assisting local police and transportation officials during a crisis.

✧The president also challenged each American to volunteer 4,000 hours during his or her lifetime.

Bush feels so strongly about this new pursuit that he will take his message on the road, traveling to Daytona Beach today to single out volunteers -- especially senior citizens.

"America is embracing a new ethic and a new creed: 'Let's roll.' In the sacrifice of soldiers, the fierce brotherhood of firefighters, and the bravery and generosity of ordinary citizens," Bush said, "we have glimpsed what a new culture of responsibility could look like."

Sky-high approval rating

Bush is riding an unprecedented wave of popularity as his administration hunts down terrorists and beefs up security at home. Gallup's latest poll shows an 84 percent job-approval rating -- the highest it has recorded before a State of the Union address.

On Tuesday, as tens of millions of television viewers and all of Congress listened, Bush sought to use that popularity to promote priorities such as an energy plan that allows more drilling in the United States, protections for HMO patients and more free-trade authority.

Economic call to arms

But much of his emphasis on domestic issues focused on the recession. Bush again challenged Congress to pass an economic-stimulus plan -- just one month after Senate Democrats blocked his version of it.

"When America works, America prospers. So my economic-security plan can be summed up in one word: jobs."

Bush called for new protections for American investors to make their retirement savings safe. He did not mention the implosion of Enron Corp., a topic that has dogged his administration because of the bankrupt company's political ties to the White House. But he called on Congress to tighten accounting rules and force corporations to disclose more financial information to employees and shareholders.

Bush asked Democrats to work with him on economic issues in "the same spirit of cooperation we have applied to our war on terrorism."

Democrats treated Bush to a standing ovation for his wartime leadership. House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., who gave his party's response to the speech, cited "two parties tonight in the House chamber, but one resolve."

But Gephardt made it clear the patriotism did not extend to agreeing with Bush on oil drilling, how to provide senior citizens a prescription-drug benefit or how to boost the economy.

Cheney back in chamber

Bush's 48-minute speech was his first State of the Union address. Last year's speech, a month after being sworn in, was technically a budget address.

In a measure of how much the world has changed since that speech, security at the Capitol was extremely tight. Vice President Dick Cheney, who has spent much of the past four months at "undisclosed locations," assumed his seat behind Bush.

The president's official guests, who sat with first lady Laura Bush, also served as a reminder of the country's state of war and grieving. Karzai sat with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a firefighter and two American Airlines flight attendants who thwarted shoe bomber Richard Reid just before Christmas.

Also honored were two war widows -- the wives of CIA agent Johnny "Mike" Spann and Green Beret Nathan Chapman, the first American serviceman killed by enemy fire. Labor leader James Hoffa also was there -- a symbol of Bush's promise to reach beyond traditional Republican constituencies. Bush also invited representatives from volunteer groups such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters to highlight his call for civic involvement.

Bush said the country's reaction to terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon could provide an opportunity to spur volunteerism.

Bush urged Americans to use the renewed sense of citizenship to "lead the world toward the values that will bring lasting peace."

"We have known freedom's price. We have shown freedom's power. And in this great conflict, my fellow Americans, we will see freedom's victory."

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Health care as Bush priority gets Mid-South thumbs-up

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WASHINGTON - Mid-South congressmen were pleased Tuesday to see President Bush put health care back at the top of the policy agenda even though they are likely to disagree on the details.

Sen. Bill Frist (R-Tenn.), who consulted with Bush over the weekend and Monday about the plans, said the administration recognizes that as the country emerges from the war and recession that people will see health care as the "unfinished business."

"Americans know economic security can vanish in an instant without health security," Bush said Tuesday night.

The President called for Congress to complete action on a stalled HMO reform bill, extend tax credits to help the uninsured purchase policies, and make a start on providing prescription drug coverage to Medicare recipients.

The Medicare proposal includes a prescription discount card for seniors and a plan to help states pay the prescription drug bills of the elderly poor.

Bush's proposal is "a Band-Aid on an amputation. The problem is we don't have the money." - Rep. Marion Berry (D-Ark.), a onetime pharmacist.

About half the states, including Tennessee, already have prescription drug coverage in their state Medicaid plans. Frist said the administration plan could let TennCare shift some funds to other areas.

Frist and Rep. Harold Ford Jr. (D-Tenn.) said Congress is likely to want to spend more than the \$190 billion increase Bush is proposing for his Medicare plan. Congress last year allocated \$300 billion in its budget estimate.

"Everyone is encouraged that the President recognizes that a prescription drug benefit belongs at the top of the nation's agenda and it should be part of Medicare," said Ford. "Clearly we have a \$110 billion gap between what the two sides are asking for."

Rep. John Tanner (D-Tenn.) said it is "premature" to forecast what new spending Congress might approve in the health care arena until Bush submits his budget next week.

Rep. Marion Berry (D-Ark.), a onetime pharmacist, said Bush's proposal is "a Band-Aid on an amputation. The problem is we don't have the money."

Berry said a comprehensive affordable plan for all seniors would cost at least \$500 billion to \$600 billion.

Sen. Fred Thompson (R-Tenn.) said Bush's proposal "recognizes the reality that it will take time to implement a comprehensive drug benefit."

On HMO reform, Frist said Bush will continue to oppose any bill that encourages "excessive litigation." Ford said the roadblock is not Bush, but the "recalcitrant" House Republican leadership.

For the uninsured, Bush proposed a \$2,000-a-year tax credit to help families with less than \$60,000 a year in income buy an individual or family policy. Ford and Berry said that's still insufficient to help buy a family health care policy, which according to the advocacy group Families USA averages \$7,000 a year. But Frist predicted insurance companies would offer more affordable policies if the tax credit is approved.

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Tennessee lawmakers applaud president's lead in war effort

By LARRY BIVINS
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WASHINGTON — Tennessee lawmakers cheered President Bush's leadership in the war on terrorism last night and applauded his call for a bipartisan effort to prop up a sagging economy.

"In his first year as president, George Bush has been tested and proven himself a strong leader," Sen. Bill Frist said. "His speech tonight highlighted his vision for this country and his commitment to health care, education, the economy and many other critical issues."

Frist, R-Tenn., who co-wrote legislation with Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., to improve the nation's ability to respond to a bioterrorist attack, said he was particularly encouraged by the president's pledge to increase spending to reduce the nation's vulnerability to bioterrorism.

Frist agreed that lawmakers have to set aside partisan squabbling for the good of the country.

"Our national and economic security is too important to be blocked by partisan politics."

But while calling for bipartisanship in one breath, Frist took a partisan shot at the Senate's Democratic leadership in another.

Emphasizing the importance of reversing the economy's decline, Frist blamed Democrats for Congress's inability to agree on an economic stimulus package.

Almost 800,000 people have lost their jobs, Frist said, "since Senator (Tom) Daschle and the Democratic leadership stalled passage of the president's economic stimulus. Partisan politics should not come between Americans and their paychecks."

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Rep. John Tanner, D-Union City, said while Congress is unified on the war effort, it is uncertain on Bush's domestic priorities.

"Some of the domestic economic issues need further explanation," he said. "But those questions will wait until we see the president's budget proposal next month. I am personally anxious to see the administration's business plan to get this nation back to a balanced budget."

Rep. Harold Ford Jr., D-Memphis, said he was encouraged that the president still saw a need for Congress to jumpstart the economy even though signs indicate the recession has flattened out.

"He recognizes that you cannot ignore this economy and the plight of working families across this nation," Ford said. "You cannot not support the president on creating jobs and everything. I hope the rhetoric he put forth tonight will be matched by action."

One way Congress can help generate a robust economy is to give Bush the expanded trade authority he requested, said Rep. Ed. Bryant, R-Henderson.

"There is a large market for Tennessee products, and increased trade will only benefit the economic security of all Tennesseans," he said.

Bryant said Bush has reminded the rest of the world of America's might and earned the support of all Americans in the fight against terrorism.

"Many things changed on September 11, but the American spirit has never wavered, and the president has embodied that spirit and displayed it to the rest of the world," Bryant said.

Rep. Van Hilleary, R-Spring City, agreed, adding Bush showed the same "laser-like focus" last night as he did when he addressed Congress after the Sept. 11 attacks and said he would lead a campaign to stamp out terrorism worldwide.

"President Bush has been extraordinary in the months since September, handling the toughest challenges facing any president in decades with decisive leadership and good judgment," Hilleary said.

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Bush initiative pleases Rockefeller

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WASHINGTON -- President George Bush devoted much of his State of the Union message to the war on terrorism, but his advocacy of a new domestic volunteer campaign caught the ear of a man who came to West Virginia in the spirit of service.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller started in West Virginia as a VISTA volunteer. Now a Democratic senator, he applauded Bush's proposal to create a new USA Freedom Corps, expanding current national service programs and adding a homeland defense component.

"He's basically making a call to service in a very powerful way. I really like that," Rockefeller said. "We need something that bonds us together."

There was also great unity in the House chamber Tuesday night as Bush discussed two of his greatest priorities, prosecuting the war on terrorism and defending the security of Americans at home. Bush devoted more than half his speaking time to those issues, which garnered standing ovation after standing ovation.

Rockefeller said he thought the president needed to talk tough -- and remind Americans of the tough times that still lie ahead.

Rockefeller's West Virginia colleague, Rep. Shelley Moore Capito, agreed.

"People have to hear how pervasive terrorism is in the world. They may forget," the freshman Republican said. "And Americans need to know we're working together to fight terrorism. The president needs to say it. He needs to keep repeating it."

Capito's two challengers in her race for re-election also praised Bush's emphasis on continuing the fight against terrorism. Jim Humphreys said the president "eloquently" laid out a national security agenda, but he wished Bush had spoken more forcefully about other issues that face average Americans, like health care and job creation.

Humphreys' fellow Democrat Margaret Workman said, "It's not unpatriotic to debate economic issues while we're in a war on terrorism."

Bush's quick gloss over domestic issues shouldn't obscure the fact that his proposals will likely be subject to intense congressional debate, Rep. Nick Joe Rahall, D-W.Va., said.

"A president's State of the Union speech offers an avenue of possibilities, not probabilities," Rahall

said.

For the delegation's two Appropriations committee members, there was some frustration over what Bush left out of his speech -- details about how he plans to pay for a war on terrorism, with an estimated cost of \$30 million a day, and new domestic priorities.

Show us the money, said Rep. Alan Mollohan, D-W.Va. "If we let him get away with talking this superficially, then shame on us."

Senate Appropriations Chairman Robert Byrd praised Bush's homeland security proposals, similar to a plan the Senate Democrat had advocated two months ago. While he said he was supportive of the military, Byrd said lawmakers must carefully consider from where the money is coming.

"Before we rush headlong into massive increases in Defense Department spending, we ought to take a long, hard look at the priorities in the budget," Byrd said.

Increases in the defense budget shouldn't cost other important domestic priorities, like education, Social Security and health care, Byrd said.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton had remained in an undisclosed location as part of a presidential tradition that one Cabinet member stay behind in case of disaster. That wouldn't have been necessary. Byrd, the president pro tempore and third in line of succession, watched the speech from his suburban Virginia home.

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Firefighters tune in to hear Bush address

By **MARLENE NAANES**
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Downtown Baton Rouge was quiet for firefighters Tuesday night.

The men at Station 12 on Government Street relaxed on wooden swings on the station's patio and talked about Harley Davidson motorcycles. They also talked about the warm weather.

Some joked about the notoriety they and police officers have gained since the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks in New York, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. President Bush reiterated that in his State of the Union Address.

"You know what the favorite costume of Mardi Gras is?" said Capt. Ronnie Carrier of the rescue crew.

"A policeman," the veteran of 24 years said. "They'll probably make fun of them."

Breaking up the small talk, two trucks pulled in from a small fire on East Street. A child had been playing with matches.

Then talk turned to shop.

"Arson (division) comes out to talk to them," rescue Capt. Michael Lejuene said. "They scare the kids a little."

Sitting on brown vinyl couches in the station's living room, the 11 firefighters watched Bush on a big screen TV. They laughed at uncountable standing ovations, and speculated that (U.S. Sen.) Hillary Clinton always had a scowl when he spoke.

Then, the president's talk turned to war.

As Bush talked of terrorists and fallen firefighters, the room became silent. All the baseball capped heads turned to the TV.

Bush talked of funding for homeland security projects, jobs, education, energy and better training for firefighters.

"We get a lot of that, but we can always use more training," said Fire Equipment Operator Ned Brown.

Many of the firefighters present said they hoped for structural collapse

training the federal money promised, which became painfully obvious on Sept. 11.

Brown and most of his comrades wanted to know what other steps Bush would take in Afghanistan and nations that sponsor terrorists. They heard what they assumed they would hear, recalling newspapers' and television programs' predictions on the speech.

"I figured all it was going to be about was war and where the money is going," Brown said.

Bush called firefighters heroes.

"We pretty much always had people thanking us for things we've done," Brown said of local support for firefighters. "It's just our job anyway."

Then the president said he would prepare the country at any cost.

The good-natured camaraderie that comes with working 24-hour shifts bolstered snickers of needed raises and more tax credits.

"I hope he doesn't want that \$600 back," Brown joked. "Mine's gone."

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Surprise! Georgia delegation reaction split along party linesBy MELANIE EVERSLEY and HERVEY COLETTE
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Washington -- Members of Georgia's congressional delegation Tuesday applauded President Bush's proposed defense budget but had mixed reaction to his prescription for the economy.

After Bush's first State of the Union address, on Tuesday night, Rep. Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.) announced that the president's proposed budget would fund 40 C-130s over the next five years.

"We've been working on this for six years," Chambliss said. The White House confirmed the inclusion in Bush's budget

The congressman also commended Bush's assertiveness about waging war on terrorism.

"He said the right things about the war," Chambliss said. "He gave us reassurances, but at the same time he was cautiously optimistic about the fact that this is going to be a long war."

Bush's plans for stimulating the economy, by making the tax cut permanent and creating jobs, generated the greatest range of reaction from the delegation.

Sen. Max Cleland (D-Ga.) said that calling for jobs is fine but that the economy needs something deeper and more permanent that will affect citizens from the bottom up.

"Georgia lost 90,000 jobs in the last 12 months," Cleland said. "We're going to have to invest in infrastructure expansion and job creation. I want to make sure money flows to the common man."

Sen. Zell Miller (D-Ga.) said will introduce a bill with Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas) next week to make the tax cut permanent. "I was extra-pleased," Miller said about the president's position.

The senator said the key to reviving the economy is helping small businesses and families. He also said he was happy that the president found money in his budget for a

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prescription drug plan for seniors and for a patients' bill of rights.

But Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), House deputy minority whip and a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, said that Bush's plans for reviving the economy are off target and that a permanent tax cut is not the way to go.

"I don't think it's something we need to do right now," Lewis said. "Last year's tax cut is why the surplus is gone now, why we have a deficit."

Lewis, who is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, said, "We don't need to spend millions on missile defense. We need to create more jobs, higher-paying and secure jobs."

Rep. Bob Barr (R-Ga.) thought the president showed "great strength" but that he should have talked more about the illegal drugs.

Rep. John Linder (R-Ga.) called the speech "powerful" and commended Bush's focus for tax cuts.

"His ability to work well with so many different groups of people was one of his greatest strengths during his campaign, and tonight he has shown once again that he sincerely wants to change the tone in Washington and get things done for the American people," Linder said.

"I am confident that with his leadership we will not only overcome our present differences in economic policy," Linder said, "but we will also defeat terrorism and secure the future of America as the beacon of freedom throughout the world."

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The Trombley family includes mom Debbie, left; Pete; Sara; and dad Marty. Daniel is in the Navy and fighting the Afghan war.

Metro Detroit finds hope in Bush agenda

Residents confident he can restore economy, security

By Hawke Fracassa / The Detroit News

ST. CLAIR SHORES --

President Bush shipped Debbie Trombley's son Daniel to the Afghanistan war zone after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

For that, Trombley is grateful because her 19-year-old son on the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt "is where he wants to be and needs to be and is pumped up about it."

"I thank God that (Bush) is our president. I admire his



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Larry Alcantar says Bush has drawn disparate Americans together. "As a

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leadership, his character, his values and his patriotism," said Trombley, 50.

Bush's State of the Union speech Tuesday, she said, "inspired me by really caring about our country."

Trombley is among Metro Detroiters whose lives are directly affected by Bush and the programs and issues he addressed Tuesday in his speech. Those policies include military aid, the planned spending of \$730 billion for domestic and defense programs, efforts to improve the economy and an ongoing campaign to make Americans feel safe after the terrorist attacks.

America's faltering economy troubles Michael Wark, 27, of Harrison Township, a former auto designer. He hopes Bush can stimulate local business by creating programs to jump-start an automotive industry that, in his view, is dead.

"I'm now doing cable (installation) because the auto industry is down," Wark said. "We're all feeling the pinch."

The downturn also has hit waitress Katie Beard.

"Business has gone downhill. No one goes out anymore," said Beard, 21, of Shelby Township.

Bush's foreign policy is a hard sell for Kimberly Patterson, 31, a University of Detroit Mercy student from Rochester Hills who blames Bush for pushing America into war.

"What I want to know about is the military situation. Why is it every time a Republican administration is in office, we end up in a war?" she said.

Wark, unlike most Americans, sees Bush taking a wrong turn with the war. But he still approves of the president's right to make such choices.

"It's a unwinnable war. There always will be a new enemy," he said. "We're the terrorists now. We're bombing them ... But we're not doing it in a cowardly fashion like them."

Detroit lawyer Larry Alcantar, 45, said Bush's speech made him feel he "has everything under control."

"He's trying to build a patriotic spirit," he said. "Our sacrifice will make this effort successful."

Alcantar said Bush is instilling confidence and providing leadership at a time when Americans need it.

leader, what he has to do is instill confidence. ... He's been dealt a tough hand but is doing just that," he says.

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"He's been dealt a tough hand but is doing just that," he said. "When I hear him talk, I think he is sincere. He needs to talk to us now ... so there is a measure of confidence for our life, liberty and pursuit of happiness."

Homemaker Belinda Howard-Baker, 50, of Detroit said Bush didn't convince her that Americans are safe at home.

"I don't feel safe," she said. "We still don't have control and that means we can think it's OK, but it's not. Nobody thought this war would come through our front door. But I know from what he has said that he is as frightened as we are."

The president's words gave comfort to Magdalena Shanmugavelu of Canton Township. The 41-year-old nurse said she remains jittery over terrorism.

"(Bush) gave me confidence they will fight terrorism. I needed the strong words. Bush's speech made me feel better. I always thought this was a safe country, but I don't know anymore."

But Alcantar argued that Bush has sold people on the value of homeland security.

"America derives comfort from leadership, so he has to act in a way that is bold and assertive and with confidence. If he is competent and has a vision he can implement, he -- and we -- will make it."

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Messages about resolve, war strike a chord in Midstate

By BRAD SCHRADE and ROB JOHNSON
Staff Writers

Local political leaders, citizens and academics judged President Bush's first State of the Union speech an effective one, particularly in light of the country's war with shadowy terrorists worldwide.

The speech, according to those *The Tennessean* interviewed immediately afterward, emphasized the tough road ahead for America in its war. For some, Bush's message of resolve struck a chord. Some, though, faulted his lack of specifics when he was discussing plans for his domestic agenda.

View the full text of Bush's address, the Democratic response and the state congressional reaction.

Stan Scott, 72, a retired engineer and Republican activist, thought the speech was "pretty good." The president's warnings to America's enemies abroad hit a grave note about the long, perilous fight ahead for the nation, he said.

"He was strong on his message to rogue nations. It sounded like a clear warning. ... I know it's something we've got to do. But I have grandsons that are military age."

Jim Midgett, an attorney, neighborhood activist and political independent, said Bush explained the war's price tag — and the necessity of reviving the economy. Midgett noted the call for volunteerism and thought it evoked a different era.

"I think it has something that has the possibility to resonate again, particularly with young people," Midgett said. "It did once upon a time with Kennedy's call for what you can do for your county."

A Tennessee Tech professor heard echoes of past Democratic presidents.

"Look at the two main themes of the speech," said Patrick Reagan, an American history scholar. "Defense of the American way of life" and themes usually associated with Democrats: jobs, education, health care, unemployment benefits.

That rhetoric, he said, suggests American politicians are trying to find a new center in the electorate.

Tennessee State University political science professor Daniel Gibran gave good marks overall to the speechwriters and to the delivery, but "in as much as he was able to outline certain things about the economy and what he plans to do, he did not provide a road map."

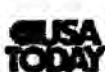
Tim Ayers, a Democrat and a neighborhood association co-president in Bordeaux, thought the president's message on the war and terrorism were strong but said, "The real divisions and differences are with the domestic issues."

State Rep. Beth Halteman Harwell, head of the state Republican Party, said Bush's message was on target and will keep Americans focused on the war.

"His message was we can persevere," she said. "There's a lot of goodness in America. The tragedy brought that out, and we can focus that on domestic issues."

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NH delegation praises President

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CONCORD — New Hampshire's all-GOP congressional delegation heaped unanimous praise last night on President Bush's State of the Union address.

Bush pledged to combat terrorism and recession, declaring, "Our war against terror is only beginning."

Creating jobs will be his top domestic priority, he said.

The Republican President, Rep. Charles Bass said, "has laid out, in plain and persuasive language, a clear vision for a future where Americans are safe from attack at home and abroad and provided with every opportunity for a better and more prosperous life.

"I fully support the President's primary goals of national, homeland and economic security," he said.

Similarly, Sen. Bob Smith said that "winning the war on terrorism; strengthening protections of our homeland; and revitalizing our economy and creating jobs is vital to the prosperity of New Hampshire and the nation."

"I agree that we must keep the tax cuts in place, which will help spur economic growth and provide more jobs," he said.

Rep. John Sununu criticized the Senate for stalling Bush's economic revitalization program.

"American consumers need a comprehensive energy policy," he said.

"Manufacturers need legislation that will expand imports to overseas markets and American workers need access to the unemployment and health care benefits passed by the House last year, Sununu said. "To delay action on these bills as a political tactic is simply wrong."

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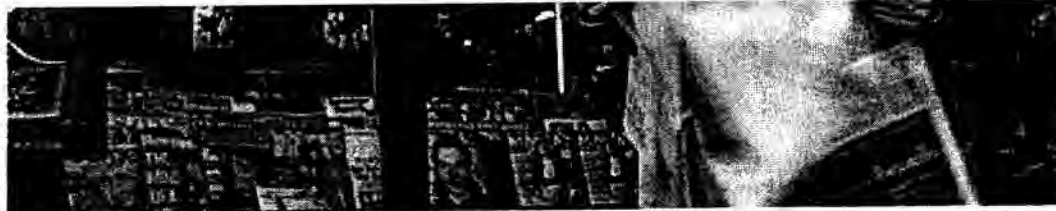
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Lawmakers from area agree with focus of Bush speech

BY DEIRDRE SHESGREEN and STEVE EDER

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WASHINGTON - Lawmakers from Missouri and Illinois lauded President George W. Bush's twin focus in Tuesday's State of the Union address on the war against terrorism and the effort to jump start the sagging economy.

"This was the commander-in-chief in a commanding performance," declared Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill.

Across the political spectrum, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., echoed that assessment.

"It was a positive speech that really pointed out our victories in the war on terrorism but made it clear that there are many more battles to be waged," said Durbin. "The president really focused on the unity of the nation and asked us to stay together."

Rep. Kenny Hulshof, R-Columbia, said he was pleased that the president delved into details about the war on terrorism to reinforce to the American public the need to continue the military campaign.

"The things that the president pointed out - the detailed diagrams about our water supply or landmarks (that were found in Afghanistan) - those are very real examples of why we cannot let our guard down," Hulshof said.

Like other lawmakers, Hulshof said he was pleased that Bush "showed that same passion for remaining vigilant on the domestic front."

Sen. Jean Carnahan, D-Mo., said Bush zoomed in on the most pressing issues facing the country.

"He talked about things that were very important to the American people right now, which is security - homeland security and job security," she said.

Like Hulshof, Carnahan said she was glad to hear Bush's forceful statements about pursuing terrorists even after the U.S. campaign in Afghanistan ends.

"He gave a very strong signal that he was committed to continuing the war as long as it takes," she said.

Rep. William Lacy Clay Jr., D-St. Louis, said the speech demonstrated Bush's desire to extend the bipartisanship Congress has displayed on war-related issues to the domestic front.

"My first impression is that he is a bridge builder," Clay said.

Rep. David Phelps, D-Eldorado, Ill., agreed and said it is now important for the president to translate his leadership on the war in Afghanistan to repair the nation's economy and address other pressing domestic problems.

"I believe he hit the highlights and the things that have been priority to all of us - prescription drugs, jobs and a patients' bill of rights," he said. "We need to put party politics aside and unite for an economic stability plan."

Still, the extraordinary unity that pervaded the president's post-Sept. 11th address to Congress has clearly started to fray, as some Democrats from the region raised questions about whether Bush's call for increased spending on homeland defense and the military could be balanced with other competing priorities.

"He came up with a litany of excellent ideas but then cautioned us to restrain spending, so this may be a real challenge," Durbin said.

Even some Republicans expressed concern about the president's acknowledgment that the government would return to deficit spending.

"I support the necessary funds for defense and for homeland security," said Rep. Todd Akin, R-Town and Country. "But I don't believe from our look at the numbers that it's necessary to go into deficit spending, and I don't support deficit spending. ... It's very important to stay in black ink."

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Help on home front eagerly anticipated

Local health, airport officials hope Bush's request will fund ambitious security, health plans.

By Jefferson Strait
News-Leader

Local airport and health officials are curious about what impact an additional \$38 billion requested by President Bush on Tuesday night would have on homeland security, but they already have a pretty good idea of how the money might be spent.

That's because both the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have recently outlined extensive measures to help combat terrorism at home. Local officials said they don't think Bush's remarks will greatly change the thrust of those plans.

"As of now we're all working on the plan that (Transportation Secretary) Norman Mineta has laid out for our airport and other airports nationwide," said Sherry Wallace, director of marketing and communication at the Springfield-Branson Regional airport.

In addition to ensuring that airports have the resources to screen all checked passenger bags, Mineta on Jan. 16 mandated that all checked bags be screened by an explosive detection system by the end of this year.

It's an ambitious goal, Wallace said.

"He did not say how to make that happen because there's only one company that produces (the detection system) and they can only make so many."

Wallace said funds will also go to the hiring of a federal employee at every airport in the country responsible for all security measures at the airport. The DOT is working on filling the positions at the 81 largest airports in the country.

"We hopefully expect to be in the second batch," Wallace said. With the Springfield airport hovering at

about 135 nationally, that could occur by late summer.

At the state level, Gov. Bob Holden said Tuesday afternoon that he hopes federal homeland security funds will help fill gaps in state budgets.

The governor's homeland security chief, Tim Daniel, "has been very encouraged" during visits to Washington, D.C., Holden said. Holden has put about \$3 million for increased security in the state budget. He said he hopes federal funds will address funding needs he said could be as high as \$300 million a year.

On the health front, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson last week announced plans to release money to help states prepare their public health infrastructures to respond in the event of a bioterrorism attack. The first wave of funds — about \$200 million — comes from the \$2.9 billion supplemental bioterrorism appropriations Bush signed into law Jan. 10.

"We're hoping that not only our laboratory capacity ... but our day-to-day surveillance capabilities will be expanded through some of this funding," said Harold Bengsch, director of the city-county health department.

Workers at the department were nearly overwhelmed with calls to investigate suspicious substances in October after anthrax was found in a number of locations in Florida, New York and Washington, D.C.

Bengsch said he hopes some of the funds requested Tuesday could provide additional staffing for the department.

"We don't need a lot of new people but certainly we need a strengthening of our core capacity and hopefully we will hear something about that."

Taking care of the staff the department already has is another reason Bengsch hopes the funds will help provide some needed lab equipment.

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The Columbus Dispatch

Speech's somber tone reflection of the times

Wednesday, January 30, 2002

Jack Torry

Dispatch Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON -- President Bush last night began with a blunt assessment: America is at war, its economy is staggering and the safety of much of the world is in peril.

It was not the type of declaration normally issued by a president during a State of the Union address. Presidents use those rare appearances before joint sessions of Congress to boast of their achievements and pronounce that the nation is safe and prosperous.

Instead, Bush used his first State of the Union speech to issue both a solemn warning that the nation faces long-term dangers from the "ticking time bombs" of international terrorists, while simultaneously hoisting a challenge that Americans have been summoned to play "a unique role in human events."

Bush not only departed from the customary State of the Union script, he appeared to have captured the mood of Americans by declaring, "Those of us who have lived through these challenging times" since Sept. 11 "have been changed by them."

It was an unexpected performance by a president who entered office a year ago with many Americans doubting his ability to handle weighty international affairs. Perhaps even more remarkable, Bush harked back to an unlikely hero for him -- Woodrow Wilson -- who summoned Americans in World War I to join a crusade that would reshape the world and extend democracy.

"We have a great opportunity during

What they said

"This was a strong visionary speech in regard to foreign policy. This is a wartime leader who was talking to a wartime Congress. I thought he was very blunt with the American people in regard to the length of time this effort will take, that this is not going to be short-term at all."

Sen. Mike DeWine

R-Ohio

"This president has more on his plate than any other in the past 60 years with the war on terrorism at home and abroad and the economy, and he's doing exceptionally well. He is a unifying, inspiring force for our nation, and we're all proud of what he has accomplished. Congress needs to give the president the same bipartisan support for the war on the recession that we've given him on the war on terrorism."

Sen. George V. Voinovich

R-Ohio

"The country remains 100 percent in support of the president and this

this time of war to lead the world toward the values that will bring lasting peace," Bush said. "No people on Earth yearn to be oppressed, or aspire to servitude, or eagerly await the midnight knock of the secret police."

It was not necessarily a radical break from past State of the Union speeches, but a break just the same. A typical address is designed not to be inspirational, but to provide a road map, a way for presidents to pacify Americans with a legislative program to address every need.

"It's half pep rally and half laundry list," said John Milton Cooper, a professor of presidential history at the University of Wisconsin.

No one seemed to love these moments more than Bush's predecessor, former President Clinton. He dazzled Americans in his nationally televised addresses with a blizzard of proposals. He spoke with such enthusiasm that he often chattered away for more than an hour, with two lasting more than 80 minutes.

But what should be clear by now is that Bush and his White House aides have adopted a strategy that reduced to its simplest is: Whatever Clinton did, Bush does the opposite.

So instead of presenting Americans with a lengthy laundry list, Bush focused on three major themes: the war against terrorism, the protection of Americans against future attacks, and a plea for congressional action to jolt the sluggish economy.

He did not promise an easy road. While hailing the skill of U.S. troops in destroying the terrorist bases in Afghanistan, Bush warned that Iran, Iraq and North Korea either are developing weapons of mass destruction or supporting terrorists, and declared, "Time is not on our side."

"The price of indifference would be

administration in pursuing the war against terrorism. There are legitimate differences of opinion" on such topics as prescription drug coverage for seniors and "whether or not we are going to strengthen and maintain Medicare and Social Security rather than to dismantle it through unwise privatization."

Rep. Ted Strickland

D-Lucasville

"Tonight, President Bush ably presented his strategy for continuing our fight against terrorism, improving our homeland defenses and strengthening our national economy. I am pleased that the president has used this address to share his personal views on how we must end the threat posed by terrorism, which was much more meaningful than just listing new programs and initiatives."

Rep. David L. Hobson

R-Springfield

"President Bush can depend on widespread support for his efforts against terrorism. We need to work in the same bipartisan fashion on domestic policy issues. Unfortunately, the speech we heard tonight did not include a solution for the most pressing health matter facing older Americans. The president's plan for prescription drugs fails to cover 70 percent of the 10 million American seniors who lack prescription drug coverage

catastrophic," Bush said. "We cannot stop short. If we stopped now -- leaving terror camps intact and terror states unchecked -- our sense of security would be false and temporary."

And rather than unveil a long list of new programs, Bush recycled a handful of well-known proposals. He wants more money for defense, a law to protect the rights of patients against their managed-care providers, an energy bill to increase the production of gasoline and electricity, and a blend of tax cuts and spending increases to spark the economy.

"We will prevail in the war, and we will defeat this recession," Bush said.

and does nothing about the high cost of drugs."

Rep. Sherrod Brown

D-Lorain

"Tonight's speech was a pivotal point in President Bush's presidency. The president used it effectively to talk to the American people about the great progress we have made as a nation in fighting terrorism and he clearly outlined the challenges ahead in winning a long war, keeping the home front safe and boosting our economy."

Rep. Deborah Pryce

R-Perry Township

"He did a great job laying out to the American people that while things are going very well in Afghanistan, it's only the beginning. I certainly wouldn't want to be the leader of Iraq or Iran or North Korea or any other country that harbored terrorists, because he certainly put them on notice tonight."

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Ohio lawmaker says put economy before defense

U.S. Rep. Kucinich calls for higher-paying jobs, extended unemployment

By Malia Rulon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON | Democratic U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Cleveland said Tuesday the Bush administration should put the economy before defense spending.

Kucinich, who is chairman of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, led about a dozen lawmakers in presenting an alternative State of the Union speech that called for more higher-paying jobs, extended unemployment benefits and health care for the uninsured. They say preserving Social Security benefits also should be a priority.

President Bush has said, in previews of Tuesday's State of the Union address, that he will propose adding nearly \$50 billion to the Pentagon budget, the largest increase in military spending in 20 years.

He has said he also wants to double to \$38 billion the money available for homeland security, which includes spending for local "first responders" such as police officers and firefighters.

Republican Sen. Mike DeWine defended Bush's priorities, saying that while the president has an "intense awareness of the economic problems of the country," the nation still faces a long war against terrorism.

"This struggle is not going to be easy and it's not going to be cheap," said DeWine, of Cedarville.

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The Bush administration is also pushing for prescription drug coverage for Medicare patients and tax cuts and unemployment benefits to be included in the stalled economic stimulus plan.

"The administration has shown a preference to serve the powerful," Kucinich charged, criticizing Bush for his round of tax refund checks, inability to solve the California energy crisis and close ties to bankrupt Enron Corp.

"The majority of Americans do not believe that what is good for Enron is good for America," Kucinich said. "Ordinary Americans are worse off today than they were a year ago."

Julie Wagner Feasel of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce said aid to large businesses should not be viewed in a negative light.

"In Ohio, anything that's done positively for business, for big business or small business, it trickles down to me . . . both in terms of job creation and job protection," she said.

Amid a national recession, Ohio has been hit with more than its share of economic bad news: the bankruptcy of Cleveland's LTV Steel, job cuts at Ford Motor Co.'s plant in Brook Park and the possible loss of shipping jobs at Piketon's idled uranium enrichment plant.

In the last several months, Ohio companies such as the paper manufacturing equipment plant ABB Inc. in Columbus, Philips Display Components in Ottawa and industrial manufacturer Eaton Corp. in Cleveland have either shut down or announced job cuts.

Ohio lawmakers in Congress had pushed last year for an economic stimulus plan that would include extended unemployment benefits and provisions to make it easier for LTV to get a \$250 million federal loan guarantee.

The bill was stalled in the Democratic-controlled Senate, despite intense lobbying by hundreds of Ohio steelworkers who camped outside Washington for a week in December.

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State delegation has mostly praise for Bush address

Democrats praise president on terror but not domestic issues

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Washington - President Bush's first State of the Union address drew mostly praise Tuesday from members of Congress from Wisconsin, both Democrats and Republicans.

"The guy did a heck of a job, and his leadership has been superb," said Jerry Kleczka, a House Democrat from Milwaukee. "It was a great speech."

"He has excellent speechwriters, his delivery is very good, he has a lot of confidence now and really shows presidential leadership in these speeches," said Russ Feingold, Democratic senator. "Frankly, I enjoy listening to them."

Democrats, for their part, were careful to stand with the president during his detailed outline of persistent terrorist threats from abroad and his call for more security measures at home.

But they agreed that they are likely to disagree with Bush on domestic issues.

"There will be some real disagreements. That's democracy," Feingold said, chiding Bush and the White House for last year's tax cuts.

Kleczka, who watched the address not from the House but from the comforts of his home in Alexandria, Va., took issue with Bush for "pointing the finger at Congress" over the budget.

"He can propose expensive items. We have constituents to represent, so let's continue as partners and try to take care of both needs," he said.

Ron Kind, a House Democrat from La Crosse, called the address a strong patriotic speech and added: "Obviously, there's not going to be much difference of opinion on how we prosecute this war against terrorists."

But Kind was disturbed about Bush's lack of discussion of campaign finance reform, particularly now that the House is poised to vote on the issue. "It was disturbing," Kind said, especially after the Enron Corp. bankruptcy.

Kind also found fault with Bush's putting the onus on Congress with respect to future deficits. "He's going to be submitting the first budget proposal with a deficit since '97, and he made it sound like it was Congress' fault," he said.

Tom Barrett, House Democrat from Milwaukee, said he too was disappointed that the president ignored campaign finance reform. His impression? "Enron is too close to home," Barrett said.

Barrett, saying the overall speech was strong, said bipartisanship "disappeared when he got to his economic message. Most Democrats, including myself, don't think the way to move the economy forward is through retroactive tax cuts for

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President Bush pledged to combat terrorism and recession in his State of the Union address.

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profitable corporations."

Tammy Baldwin, House Democrat from Madison, was the most critical of Bush.

"He spoke in broad ways about unifying to fight terrorism and continuing to work with the people of other nations to bring terrorists to justice, but he didn't tackle the issues of gravest concern to working families: job security, pension security and the solvency of Social Security and Medicare," she said. "He didn't deal with any of those issues in any depth, other than to mention the programs by name."

Mark Green, a House Republican from Green Bay, said he loves State of the Union speeches in general. What made Bush's debut memorable, he said, was the speech's "broad themes."

He called it a "wartime speech" full of great moments. He liked the way the president described challenges ahead and the country's ability to meet those challenges.

Green also admired the president's recognition of sacrifices by the U.S. military.

Paul Ryan, a House Republican from Janesville, agreed. He said he was impressed with the president's outline of a "hopeful vision of what lies ahead."

He singled out for praise the broad context of the president's message, which told Ryan that unless the country rises to the occasion "we will not strike a blow for democracy."

Ryan, in contrast with Democratic lawmakers, was heartened by Bush's call to make the tax cuts permanent.

F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., House Republican from Menomonee Falls who chairs the Judiciary Committee, said: "This was a forward-looking speech where the president outlined future actions against terrorism and described his action plan for the economic recession. I look forward to prompt Judiciary Committee action on improvements to the homeland security proposal that the president will send to Congress as part of his budget."

Dave Obey, House Democrat from Wausau, said: "I have never yet seen any president give a bad State of the Union speech - and tonight was no exception. It was an effective speech, but the test for the country will be not in what is said but in the concrete choices that will be made about defense, about education, about health care and about homeland security."

Herb Kohl, Democratic senator, found Bush's address "a good speech that was calm, measured and reassuring." He judged that Bush did a "particularly good job" in using the reality of terrorism to rally the Congress and the people in a non-partisan way.

Tom Petri, House Republican from Fond du Lac, said, "Clearly the president is right to focus on fighting terrorism, protecting the homeland and winning the war."

Petri issued his statement hours before Bush uttered a word, releasing what he called his "preaction." Other members spoke in interviews or gave statements after the speech.

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Iowa delegation's review is positive

'I think it was a home run,' Latham says of Bush's address

By JANE NORMAN
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Washington, D.C. - Members of Iowa's congressional delegation praised President Bush's State of the Union speech for its frank assessment of the war on terrorism and acknowledgement of pressing domestic needs.

They noted Bush said little about the pending farm bill, except to call for a "productive" farm policy. Still, that was more than some expected in a talk that emphasized the conflict overseas and budget problems.

Republicans were ecstatic. "I think it was a home run," said Republican Rep. Tom Latham. "His delivery was outstanding. The Congress was with him, particularly when he talked about economic security."

Latham said he was struck by the way Bush worked to build resolve for the war, with the immediacy of the Sept. 11 attacks having faded somewhat.

Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin praised the speech as "powerful and well-delivered," and he said it would help in lessening partisan tensions in Congress, particularly with the president's praise of Democratic Sen. Ted Kennedy's work on education reform. Harkin also said he liked the mention of a "new culture of responsibility."

Harkin, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said he would have liked to hear more

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about rural America, and he worried about the emphasis on increased military spending. "That is a blank check for abuse in the military-industrial complex," he said.

Republican Rep. Greg Ganske said Bush's mention of the need for new safeguards in pension plans - a reference to the Enron bankruptcy - "struck a chord, and it's something you would not have heard 11 months ago." The call for a bigger Peace Corps also gained loud applause, he noted.

"It's not very often the president will even mention a farm bill, and he did," said Ganske, who was pleased to hear Bush repeat his call for trade promotion authority, considered by some to be a key for Iowa farmers.

House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle, a Republican, said he was impressed that roughly half the speech focused on the president's domestic agenda, including acknowledgement of a deficit that Bush said would be short-term.

"The facts are the facts: We are in a deficit," said Nussle, adding that when he discussed the budget with Bush, they talked about ending the deficit no later than 2005.

Republican Sen. Charles Grassley said Bush was "sincere and confident." He said he was sure that the president was willing to spend some political capital in seeking bipartisan agreements.

Republican Rep. Jim Leach called it a "good, big-picture speech" and said Bush's comments about the war were direct.

While Bush's call for bipartisanship was heard, "there are some very serious underlying tensions in that body that relate more to rival ambitions than to stark differences on the issues," Leach said.

Democratic Rep. Leonard Boswell said that Bush was "very positive and strong." He said he was pleased to hear Medicare coverage of prescription drugs mentioned. "It's something I don't want to go away," he said.

"He could probably have said a little bit more about agriculture," Boswell added.

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Forces honored for selfless missions

By LEE HILL KAVANAUGH
The Kansas City Star

Capt. Jason Amerine and the men of his Special Forces unit were honored to be invited to Tuesday night's State of the Union address.

But Amerine can't forget the heroes who weren't there: men who lost their lives in Operation Enduring Freedom and an Air Force pilot who risked his life when he made the quick decision to fly into hostile territory and rescue wounded soldiers.

"Yes, I'll be glad when my 15 minutes of fame are over. We're poster children for the war," said Amerine, from his hotel room in Washington, D.C. "I can't enjoy this because of the cost of the party."

In Kansas City, Bill McElhiney was proud that his son, Sgt. 1st Class Michael McElhiney, was among those singled out by the president. But he's quick to say that his son is alive because of the helicopter commander who didn't hesitate to answer a call for help.

"As far as I'm concerned, that pilot should get a medal for saving my son," said Bill McElhiney, whose son needed 17 units of blood. "People need to know what this guy did. His quick actions saved my son, and I'll be forever grateful."

Until now, the pilot's actions have gone unreported, one of the many untold stories of this clandestine war.

Pulling together

It was early December and almost balmy on that hilltop overlooking Kandahar. The Army's 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, also known as the Green Berets, had operated a successful two-month mission.

With just 11 Special Forces men and dozens of newly trained Afghanistan anti-Taliban soldiers, the team had saved an entire town from being slaughtered by the Taliban. They had fought hand-to-hand in another area of Afghanistan.

On Dec. 5, with a surrender from Kandahar imminent, the American soldiers were upbeat. Although they had missed Thanksgiving, birthdays and anniversaries, their mission was almost over. They were so close to being done. So close to going home.

No one expected death to enter so swiftly.

Even before the echo of the bomb disappeared, Amerine knew his best friend was dead.

Sgt. 1st Class Dan Petithory's body was still. His injury had been violent. His desert camouflage

uniform was now splattered red.

Tears began to sting Amerine's 30-year-old face, but his training calmed him. What mattered now was to save those that could be saved.

Must have been a friendly, he thought of the errant bomb. Amerine would learn later that an American soldier on the ground had made a deadly error: instead of giving the B-52s the enemy's coordinates, he had accidentally given their own. The bomb dropped directly on their own position.

Amerine looked again at his friend's body even as he called for help. It was 9:30 a.m. local time. He estimated that even though the 1,300-Marine Camp Rhino base, a remote desert airstrip commanded by Brig. Gen. James Mattis, was a one-hour helicopter ride away, it would take at least two hours for them to arrive.

And flying in daylight is a risky mission for a pilot in Afghanistan. MH-53 Pave Low helicopters make for easy targets to any Taliban member with a gun. Even one who's a bad shot.

The scene before Amerine was surreal. Wounded bodies. Dead bodies. Demolished vehicles.

Amerine blinked back tears. He wouldn't allow himself the luxury to grieve yet. Now, he needed to check on his men.

He prayed that the leader of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, who was traveling with them, was all right now. Karzai had been a member of their team, negotiating with the Taliban for surrender and inviting other Afghans to fight with the Americans. Karzai was a friend to the Americans. They ate together. They drank green tea together. Now, they had bled together.

At the point of the bomb's impact were 10 Afghani soldiers, killed instantly. Two other Americans were dead or dying: Master Sgt. Jefferson Donald Davis, 39, of Tennessee, and Staff Sgt. Brian Cody Prosser, 28, of California.

Dozens of others were injured. But Karzai, with just a small wound on his forehead, was already moving among the soldiers, trying his best to comfort those he could.

Of all the wounded, one soldier seemed to be the most severely injured: McElhiney, a 1989 Hickman Mills High School graduate. His right hand was mangled. He was bleeding heavily on his left side. He struggled to breathe. His lower torso was hot, burned by the blast.

"Man, you look like hell," Amerine said to him. McElhiney mumbled something about looking pretty. Idle chitchat. Gallows humor. But it keeps panic away. And McElhiney, laying in a pool of his own blood, even managed to grin.

After satisfying himself with the condition of his men, Amerine returned to Petithory's body. Carefully, gently, he placed the body inside his own sleeping bag and zipped it up.

A poem called "Futility," by Wilfred Owen, floated out from some long-ago memorization. Amerine would have laughed except for its absolute perfect eloquence in this moment: *Move him into the sun ... Gently its touch awoke him once ... At home, whispering of fields unsown ...*

He looked again at the body. The tears came. And he let himself cry. He tried to purge his grief on Afghan soil.

Soon, another soldier came over and joined him. Without saying a word, he too sat by the body.

A saving grace

Amerine spotted a small concrete outbuilding. Those who could helped transport the wounded to one side of the building. Amerine ordered that the dead be on the other side, out of sight of the wounded.

Hours came and went. Three and a half hours passed. Finally, a wondrous sound from the sky grew louder. Flying low and slow, circling over the horizon, were two lumbering black helicopters.

"They were beautiful, ponderous birds," recalled Amerine, his voice almost a whisper. "They were so big. To see them fly is to see man defying gravity."

The helicopters were from an Air Force Special Operations Wing base in Pakistan.

The Air Force helicopters left within 20 minutes after Amerine's calls for help more than three hours earlier. Lt. Col. Steve Hadley, a medical doctor in the 16th Special Operations Wing, made the decision to go. In order to make the long flight without running out of fuel and to make room for the wounded, he removed equipment to lighten the helicopters' weight.

Hadley was able to make the decision to leave so quickly because he had the authority and didn't have to check with superiors. He tried not to think about how dangerous it was to fly in daylight over Afghanistan.

The helicopters landed a safe distance from the wounded. Hadley, in a flight suit and a helmet, jumped out of the chopper before the blades had stopped whirling. He gave Amerine a hug.

"Sorry to see you under these circumstances," Amerine remembers his friend saying. The two were friends from previous missions. "I thought we'd be assisting in a transport. Where are the Marines?"

Amerine couldn't answer. His other men wondered too, as they loaded the wounded into the helicopters.

In the days immediately following the rescue, Marine officers told reporters about their response to those injured by the friendly fire. It was a daytime mission, they said, flown during a period when all other flights in and out of the base were conducted only under the cover of night.

Marines said their helicopters left Rhino to ferry out the wounded about two hours after receiving a call for help. Seven wounded Afghan soldiers were rescued by a Marine helicopter, accompanied by Cobra gunship helicopters.

The Marines said in December that their slower response was because of time spent organizing the rescue teams and planning a safe route through what was considered hostile territory. At the time, nearby Kandahar had not yet fallen.

Still, despite having to travel a much greater distance, Hadley's crew arrived an hour before the Marines.

"If the Air Force responded more quickly, I'm not going to dispute that," said Capt. Stewart Upton, a Marine spokesman who was at Rhino at the time. "The bottom line is that everyone was doing the best that they could."

On Tuesday, U.S. Central Command in Florida, which oversees all the operations in the war in Afghanistan, would not release the times of the rescue flights.

"The whole thing is still involved in an investigation into all the events surrounding the incident," Navy Cmdr. Dan Keese said.

Looking back on Dec. 5, Amerine's voice grows flat.

"A trust was violated that day," he said. "They didn't come because they thought we had been overrun, and they were attempting to dissect the situation. Meanwhile, the Air Force launched to help us -- immediately."

Hadley could not be reached for comment because he is in training. But Lt. Rosemary Heiss of the 16th Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field, Fla., said no stories have ever been told publicly about the wing for a reason.

"Their missions are secret to protect lives," she said.

Hadley was at the ceremony at Fort Campbell, Ky., a few weeks ago when the Green Berets received Purple Hearts and Bronze Stars for their service. A grateful Kansas City family shook his hand.

"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Lt. Col. Hadley," said Michael McElhiney, who is undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Hospital in the Washington area. "What can I do for him? If he hadn't arrived when he did, I would have bled to death."

On Tuesday, as the nation watched its president thank three Special Forces soldiers, perhaps Hadley was watching, too.

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Four local leaders agree with Bush's goals for the country

Democrats say they would have welcomed more specifics

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Gov. Kenny Guinn and Clark County Republican Chairman Steve Wark watched President Bush's State of the Union speech Tuesday and saw a bold man who continues to progress as a leader.

Senate Democratic Leader Dina Titus and Assembly Speaker Richard Perkins saw a man tossing out popular ideas with few specifics of how to pay for them.

All four Nevadans said they embrace Bush's three budgetary goals -- fighting terrorism, protecting America and reviving the economy.

"But the generalities concern me. He threw a lot of things on the table without saying how he'd accomplish them," said Perkins, D-Henderson. "I don't think there were two or three things in the whole speech I didn't agree with. But while we can all embrace the principles and concepts Bush offered, there may be disagreement about how to accomplish them."

Republicans Guinn and Wark were more upbeat about Bush's speech than Perkins and Titus, although all four said he's improved as a speaker, showing more confidence and skill while keeping a folksy approach to connect with the American public.

"I think he hit the ball right out of the park, he was very sincere on what he was presenting. On terrorism, he hit the right areas," said Guinn, who watched the speech at a fund-raiser for Brian Sandoval, a Republican running for attorney general.

Wark, who watched the speech at his media production company, said, "We witnessed a man who leads with his chin as well as his heart and it makes for a powerful and formidable presentation of his ideas and his policies."

Titus said it was "a good speech, good delivery and good theater." The emphasis on the war against terrorism, said the political science professor and Nevada's Democratic committeewoman, was "intended to keep the public afraid, so you can keep the public support for this protracted war."

The applause for Bush was more extensive than normal, she said, "because it's a show of unity over the war."

Guinn was particularly pleased by two aspects of Bush's speech -- money promised to the states for homeland security and prescription drug coverage as part of Medicare.

He said Nevada will get a portion of the \$39 billion that will help states train fire, police and medical personnel. Each state soon will get \$5 million to start improving homeland security.

And depending on how much money is budgeted for prescription drug coverage for seniors on Medicare, Guinn said his Senior Rx program may be expanded. He said the program could even double from the 6,000 low-income seniors it now benefits to as many as 10,000 or 12,000 people.

Perkins, Henderson's deputy chief of police, said he wished he had Guinn's confidence that prescription drugs for seniors on Medicare will become more than just an applause line in a speech. "We've been waiting for four years for that. You're going to have to show me some progress."

Titus and Perkins, who watched the speeches from their homes, said several topics were missing.

"There was no direct mention of Enron or campaign finance reform," Titus said.

Perkins said Bush talked about making America less dependent on foreign oil without mentioning his support of drilling in the Arctic Circle. "One failure in homeland security is not addressing the Yucca Mountain issue. It's a lot safer to guard it (nuclear waste) in place than to move it, and he completely ignored that."

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Speech satisfies Nevada lawmakers

By **TONY BATT**STEPHENS WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Sen. Harry Reid wanted President Bush to talk more about the fall of Enron Corp. in his State of the Union address because Nevada public employees lost \$22 million when the energy trader collapsed.

"This is a big deal in Nevada," said Reid, D-Nev. "There was some code talk about how accountants should be honest and the need to protect employees' financial security and pensions, but I wish he would have been more specific."

"A lot of people have been touched by this (Enron bankruptcy). Florida lost \$400 million," Reid said.

But overall, Reid praised the president's speech. "He did a good job of hitting all the high points. Now we'll have to wait and see what's in his budget next week," Reid said.

Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., said Bush's speech showed the president is learning how to connect with the American people and go over the heads of Congress.

"People continue to underestimate the president and say he can't do the things he wants to do in an election year, like Medicare reform," Ensign said.

Ensign, who met Monday with Bush about prescription drug benefits, said the president's reference to Medicare on Tuesday night proves he is committed to the reform of the health insurance program that serves 40 million Americans.

Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., said she was particularly pleased by Bush's call for continuing the war on terrorism and beefing up homeland security.

On the domestic front, Berkley said it is critical for Congress and the president to work together to pass an economic stimulus bill that could help thousands of laid off workers in Southern Nevada.

"I'm hoping we can come together on how to extend unemployment benefits and health care for my displaced workers," Berkley said.

Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., watched the president's speech on television because snowy weather in Northern Nevada prevented him from flying back to Washington.

He applauded Bush's call for fiscal restraint by Congress.

"This is one of the most difficult challenges to Congress as we attempt to address long-standing budget priorities and the new, short-term needs put on us by homeland security needs," Gibbons said.

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TOP NEWS

Listeners moved by message

Differences arise on issues of taxes and spending to achieve Bush's goals for domestic agenda.

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By JEFF COLLINS
The Orange County Register

Orange County -- Democrats and Republicans alike praised the State of the Union for its speechcraft and delivery.

But partisan differences emerged predictably about its content.

Eating dinners of pizzas, pork chops and potato pancakes, civilian residents watched President George W. Bush in living rooms while weekend warriors called to duty watched at military compounds.

Supporters praised Bush's resolve. Critics called it a formula for "deficits and inflation."

"It was great," said Keith Short, 48, of Irvine, who watched the speech at March Air Force Base, where he's on active duty for the Air National Guard. "He did a good job outlining the three most important issues in America right now: the war on terrorism, homeland defense and strengthening the economy."

"What he spelled out was utopia," countered Lynne Ianniello, who viewed the speech with a friend in her Laguna Woods home while munching cold chicken and potato pancakes. "He didn't say how you could do all these things."

Hasan Nouri, 59, of Laguna Niguel took pride seeing the leader of his homeland at the first lady's side.

"It was the best (speech) after Ronald Reagan I've ever heard," said Nouri, chairman of an organizing committee seeking to elect a board to represent Southern California Afghans in Washington. "He put Afghanistan in the forefront. ... As an Afghan, I deeply appreciate that."

For Chuck DeVore, 39, a major in the Army National Guard, the speech's strongest point was stressing security not just through military force, but also through the Peace Corps and humanitarian

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missions abroad.

"You have to attack the (terrorism) problem not just with guns and rockets," DeVore said. "You have to attack it with ideas."

As one who's devoted nearly two decades as a volunteer soldier, DeVore loved Bush's challenge to Americans to devote two years to helping their communities. He equally liked Bush's decision to name North Korea, Iran and Iraq as a threat to our security.

Even Democrat Floyd O'Neil, 47, owner of the Food For Thought gallery in San Juan Capistrano, could find no fault in Bush's State of the Union message, calling it "focused on the issues."

"He's shown a tremendous amount of leadership qualities," O'Neil said.

Ianniello agreed that few fault Bush's leadership in the war on terrorism. But, she asked, where will he get the money to implement the health, educational and social initiatives he proposed?

"The true measure of this speech ... will be what is done in the coming weeks," she said.

Anna T. Boyce, 73, of Mission Viejo questioned Bush's ability to accomplish his domestic agenda.

"It sounded like every political speech I've heard," Boyce said.

Peter Navarro, 52, a business professor at the University of California, Irvine, argued that Bush is making the same mistakes as Lyndon Johnson: Fighting a war, cutting taxes and funding social programs.

"It was a patriotic and inspiring but fiscally irresponsible speech," Navarro said. "Wall Street is going to look at this speech and see budget deficits (and) inflation."

For all the criticism, Navarro believes the first line of the speech will be remembered best.

"Our nation is at war, our economy is in recession, and the civilized world faces unprecedented dangers," Bush said.

Said Navarro, "It was a good start."

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FAMILY MATINEES

'We will prevail in this war' **STATE OF THE UNION** **Twin goals -- defeat terror,** **halt recession**

Carolyn Lochhead, Chronicle Washington Bureau



Washington -- After a year in office that began with his legitimacy in doubt and ended with his popularity soaring, President Bush sought last night to flex his newfound political muscle, vowing to revive the economy, spend what it takes to defend the nation and maintain the momentum of a war that is already fading from the headlines.

"Far from ending, our war against terror is only beginning," Bush declared in his first State of the Union address and his first speech to a congressional joint session since his rousing call to arms on Sept. 20 after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Bush reminded the nation of its victories while urging that it maintain the "new culture of responsibility" that blossomed in the wake of the attacks.

"Terrorists who once occupied Afghanistan now occupy cells at Guantanamo Bay," he said. "And terrorist leaders who urged followers to sacrifice their lives are running for their own."

But he warned of continuing dangers on a much broader front, saying discoveries in Afghanistan "confirmed our worst fears" of plots against U.S. cities and other targets. He noted that while al Qaeda's training camps in Afghanistan had been destroyed, thousands of terrorists "are ticking time bombs" still operating in at least a dozen other countries.

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Bush specifically named Iran, Iraq and North Korea as an "axis of evil" that threatens other nations with biological, chemical or nuclear weapons. And he warned, "I will not wait on events while dangers gather."

Yet, with the nation not only at war but also in recession, Bush turned to his "economic security" plan to boost growth by accelerating tax-rate cuts, expanding trade and passing legislation to increase energy supplies.

"When America works, America prospers, so my economic security plan can be summed up in one word: jobs," Bush said.

While supporting the expanded unemployment benefits that Democrats want, Bush insisted: "American workers want more than unemployment checks; they want a steady paycheck."

He stood fast behind his tax cuts, urging more of the same while also pushing the biggest increase in defense spending in two decades. "Whatever it costs to defend our country, we will pay it," he promised.

Bush acknowledged that his budget would return the nation to deficit spending, but insisted the deficits would be "small and short-term, so long as Congress restrains spending and acts in a fiscally responsible manner."

Bush outlined a broad, if vague, domestic agenda that includes a new prescription drug benefit for Medicare -- far less than what Democrats want -- and efforts to increase home ownership among minorities and encourage faith-based charities.

SOCIAL SECURITY ISSUE REVIVED

He also urged Congress to establish private accounts in Social Security, a major campaign theme that has all but disappeared, along with projected budget surpluses.

Bush faced a Congress where Democrats dare not question his conduct of the war but are eagerly scouting his weaknesses at home, seeking to lay the blame for the re-emergence of deficits on his signature \$1.35 trillion tax-cut package enacted last spring.

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Bush did not specifically name the one issue that poses his biggest threat: Enron, whose bankruptcy is about to pitch the White House into a legal fight with Congress over disclosing documents from Vice President Dick Cheney's energy policy task force.

THREAT FROM ENRON COLLAPSE

Although there is no evidence so far of White House wrongdoing in Enron's collapse, the scandal threatens to make Bush appear too closely allied with big business. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., has dubbed Bush's economic policy "Enronomics" in an effort to paint the administration as helping corporations at the expense of workers.

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., brought up Enron in his televised response to Bush's State of the Union speech.

"If the nation's largest bankruptcy coupled with a clear example of paid political influence isn't a prime case for reform, I don't know what is," Gephardt said, referring to the large donations Enron executives made to the Bush campaign.

Bush's defense last night was to insist that corporations be "held to the highest standards of conduct" and to call for reforms in 401(k) retirement fund laws to protect workers from losing their life savings when big businesses go under.

Bush faces a pivotal point in his young presidency, still but a year old. His conduct of the war in Afghanistan has cemented his credibility and leadership, but with control of the House and Senate up for grabs in elections this year, he is encountering increasing political resistance at home amid a flagging economy.

The historic difficulty of turning wartime popularity to domestic ends is hardly lost on Bush, who watched his father's presidency founder on an ailing economy despite success in the Persian Gulf War.

Last night, Bush urged the nation to heed the call that has become the purpose of his own presidency, speaking in broad moral terms of America's role in the world.

"In a single instant, we realized that this will be a decisive decade in the history of liberty -- that

we have been called to a unique role in human events," Bush said. "This time of adversity offers a unique moment of opportunity -- a moment we must seize to change our culture. . . . For too long our culture has said, 'If it feels good, do it.' Now, America is embracing a new ethic and a new creed: 'Let's roll.' "

'USA FREEDOM CORPS'

Bush urged citizens to volunteer for a new "USA Freedom Corps" and an expansion of Peace Corps efforts in the Islamic world, declaring, "Through the gathering momentum of millions of acts of service and decency and kindness, I know: We can overcome evil with greater good."

The president gave a ringing defense of American values he said were exemplified by the war on terrorism.

"America will lead by defending liberty and justice because they are right and true and unchanging for all people everywhere," Bush said. "We have no intention of imposing our culture -- but America will always stand firm for the nonnegotiable demands of human dignity: the rule of law, limits on the power of the state, respect for women, private property, free speech, equal justice and religious tolerance."

The Capitol was wrapped in extraordinary security for the president's speech. Bomb-sniffing dogs and National Guard troops patrolled the grounds, all traffic was stopped within three blocks of the Capitol, and flights to nearby Reagan National Airport were restricted.

WAR ON TERROR

"What we have found in Afghanistan confirms that -- far from ending there --

our war against terror is only beginning. . . . Our nation will continue to be steadfast, and patient, and persistent."

HOMELAND SECURITY

"My budget nearly doubles funding for a sustained strategy of homeland security, focused on four key areas: bioterrorism, emergency response, airport and border security and

improved intelligence."

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Last year, some in this hall thought my tax relief plan was too small, and some thought it was too big. But when the checks arrived in the mail most Americans thought tax relief was just about right."

VOLUNTEERISM

"This time of adversity offers a unique moment of opportunity . . . Through the gathering momentum of millions of acts of service and decency and kindness,

I know: We can overcome evil with greater good."

FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

"America will always stand firm for the nonnegotiable demands of human dignity. . . . We have known freedom's price; we have shown freedom's power, and in this great conflict, my fellow Americans, we will see freedom's victory. "

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ANALYSIS

Bush focuses more on unity than agenda

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Washington -- No one expected President Bush to mention Enron last night, and he did not disappoint.

His brief call for "new safeguards" for investors and "stricter accounting standards" for corporate America -- 33 minutes into his State of the Union address -- was as close as he got to confronting the scandal swirling around his administration.

What was more surprising was Bush's decision not to dwell on matters dear to his heart: tax cuts, energy production, Social Security reform and a missile defense. Each was mentioned only in passing during a nearly hourlong speech largely dedicated to more unifying matters such as public service and fighting terrorism.

Bush's first State of the Union address was far more a war-time rallying cry from a commander-in-chief than the outline of a national agenda by a chief executive -- let alone the leader of a party in an election year.

The speech had its partisan moments: Republicans rose to their feet and roared when Bush talked about permanent tax cuts and expanded trade authority, while Democrats remained quietly in their chairs.

Yet Bush's passion was directed toward matters of war -- stern warnings to Iran, Iraq and North Korea, somber tributes to the fallen Americans and sober predictions of the battles to come. The recitation of his domestic agenda -- except for a determined vow to "defeat this recession" -- was listless by comparison.

BUSH'S CHALLENGE

Bush is mindful of the daunting challenge ahead as he tries to spread his success at war to domestic priorities, something few presidents have done before. After watching his father's high war-time popularity dissolve into an election-year defeat, Bush has repeatedly pledged to spend his political capital, using his popularity to accomplish the goals that brought him to the White House.

Even as polls show Americans expressing faith in his leadership, Bush's domestic agenda needs a push. It will take some selling to move his economic stimulus plan and energy proposal beyond the Democratic-controlled Senate as well as win congressional approval for privatizing Social Security or building a missile shield.

But last night was not the forum, as Bush chose to stick to unifying themes, saving the more divisive battles for the future.

"I am a proud member of my party -- yet as we act to win the war, protect our people, and create jobs in America, we must act first and foremost not as Republicans, not as Democrats, but as Americans," Bush said.

Bush spent as much time talking about energy conservation, reading programs for the poor, expanded health insurance and prescription drug benefits -- all ideas associated with Democrats -- as he did about the proposals popular with his Republican base.

As part of the bipartisan push, Bush singled out Democratic Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts and Rep. George Miller of Martinez -- allies on the recently passed education bill -- as among those who help prove "what is possible if we set aside posturing and focus on results."

NO HUGS FOR DASCHLE

There was no repetition of the hugs for Sen. Tom Daschle and Rep. Dick Gephardt that came after his last address to Congress nine days after the Sept.

11 attack. But the sense of partisan timidity was also reflected by Gephardt, who delivered the official Democratic Party response.

"Now is not a time for finger-pointing or politics as usual," said Gephardt,

who just a week earlier had delivered a far more combative attack on Bush's economic plans. "The men and women who are defending our freedom are not fighting for the Democratic Party or the Republican Party."

The fact that Bush did not mention Enron provided Democrats an opening to complain that the president -- just like his father -- had lost touch with the economic troubles facing Americans.

"You can't talk about the economy without talking about the failure of Enron," said Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Walnut Creek, who called Enron the "800- pound gorilla in the room."

"There are many things that are hurting American families right now," Tauscher said. "One is terrorism and another is Enron. In order to talk about one with any credibility, you have to talk about both."

ENRON AN EXAMPLE

Rep. Nancy Pelosi called Enron a perfect example of the need to reform the nation's campaign finance laws -- another topic not addressed by Bush -- and she was hardly surprised by Bush's omission of the failed energy conglomerate.

"The Enron situation is an embarrassment to the Republican Party," said Pelosi, of San Francisco, who sat next to Gephardt during the address in her new role as House Democratic whip. "We can't expect the president to mention the word which is the

biggest embarrassment to his administration since he took office."

Bush now takes his agenda on a three-state tour, starting this morning in North Carolina.

"The last time I spoke here, I expressed the hope that life would return to normal," Bush said near the conclusion of last night's address. "In some ways, it has. In others, it never will be."

Bush's omission of Enron was well within political norms. His hesitancy to use the State of the Union to promote his party's election-year priorities suggests that four months after the nation was attacked, not everything has returned to normal.

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Bucking the system earns pilot a prime seat at State of Union

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WASHINGTON — To Lt. Col. Martha McSally, the Warwick native who was the first U.S. woman to fly in combat, her ringside seat for President Bush's State of the Union address is a major thrill.

But McSally would not be applauding her commander in chief from the U.S. House gallery tonight if she were not the plaintiff in a lawsuit that names his defense secretary, Donald H. Rumsfeld, as defendant and challenges a set of military orders as unlawful.

The irony is not lost on McSally, a top performer in her class at the Air Force Academy, one of the cadre of women who first cracked the elite male preserve of fighter pilots and an officer with a straight-arrow reputation who has twice won promotions ahead of her peers.

But as McSally sees it, it was her duty as an officer and a citizen to challenge regulations requiring U.S. military women to obey Islamic strictures in Saudi Arabia.

Last week, the military set aside the best-known rule — the mandatory wearing of a head-to-toe robe known as an abaya. News of that seeming victory for McSally prompted Rep. James R. Langevin to invite her to attend the State of the Union address as his guest.

"I love the military. I love the Air Force. But as an officer, I don't get paid just to follow orders blindly. If an order is unlawful, our job as officers is not to follow that order," McSally said from her home in Tucson. She recently returned there for an administrative assignment after three years at Prince Sultan Air Base, where she commanded a search-and-rescue mission over Iraq.

McSally's reluctant clash with her chain of command has been seven years in the making — she was assigned to Kuwait and her first combat sorties, in an A-10 "Warthog" attack plane over Iraq. The confrontation, McSally said, has involved "the most difficult decisions of my life."

She first became aware of the special rules for U.S. military women in Saudi Arabia while on base in Kuwait, leafing through a magazine for personnel in the Middle East. There, laid out in picture and text, was a description of how to wear the *abaya*.

"I was completely blown away," McSally recalled. At that point, however, she had a more immediate concern — a rule requiring female joggers in Kuwait to cover themselves from head to toe. "We had to wear long, baggy sweats, even on base, even in 102 degrees," she said.

Fighting that rule was tricky. "Women were brand-new in the fighter community," she explained, so it was not an opportune moment to become embroiled in any dispute that might isolate women pilots or let them be seen as complainers. "I really did not want to be associated in any way with a gender issue," she said.

But McSally — a competitive swimmer and runner since her days at St. Mary's Academy-Bayview — successfully challenged that rule through her commanders. The experience helped to form her attitude that "once the commanders were given all the facts, they would come around" and change the regulations.

McSally's situation became more difficult as she approached her next overseas assignment — to Saudi Arabia — in 1999. The *abaya* rule remained in place, as did the requirements that military women travel off base only with a male escort and that they sit in the back seat of any vehicle.



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INVITED GUEST: Martha McSally will be in the House gallery for tonight's speech.

McSally said the rules -- particularly the Islamic dress code for women -- had a personal dimension beyond the issue of discrimination.

"It went against my Christian faith," said McSally, who was raised Roman Catholic but now worships in nondenominational Christian services.

She was prepared to disobey the order and take the consequences. "I knew I was basically tubing my career over this conviction," she said. But on the eve of her departure for Riyadh, a trusted commander counseled her to wear the *abaya*, at least long enough to begin her new assignment and challenge the rule from inside the system.

The grim ride to her base in Saudi Arabia was enough to underline all her questions about a rule that some justified as a security precaution and others as a nod to the sensitivities of the Saudi hosts of the U.S. force.

McSally wondered how necessary it was to shield sensitive eyes from a view of her while "never getting out of the car -- a big Suburban with tinted windows -- driving in the middle of the night."

McSally said her study of the issue also uncovered what she called "the myth" that the *abaya* protected female personnel from being targeted by Saudi religious authorities who are permitted to punish women who violate the Muslim dress codes.

The fact is, she said, that a U.S. military woman in an *abaya* is easily picked out by her company: U.S. military men in T-shirts and jeans. Moreover, as she argues in her lawsuit, U.S. State Department women are under explicit directions not to observe the Muslim dress code in Saudi Arabia.

But McSally said she realized that her internal challenge would go nowhere. Last year, when a USA Today reporter got wind of McSally's concerns, she agreed to speak out in an interview.

Again, McSally said she knew she was putting her career in jeopardy and has indeed received strong signals of disapproval from superiors. (Defense Department spokespeople have said, however, that her challenge to the rules has led to no action against her.)

Her decision late last summer to file suit, while it flowed logically from her public criticism of the policy, was equally difficult, she said.

Last week's news of the rule change, while welcome, left enough unanswered questions for McSally to opt against withdrawing her lawsuit. For one thing, females are still urged, though not required, to wear the *abaya* - a suggestion that she said most young enlisted women will interpret as practically a direct order.

Furthermore, the rules about male escorts and sitting in the back seat remain in place.

The Defense Department has indicated, however, that a review of those policies is under way.

McSally said that's enough hope to keep her going. "I still think that, given all the right information, the commanders will come around," she said.

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Jim Shea Jr. represents Olympic team

Olympian, whose grandfather was killed last week, invited to attend Bush speech

By **DAN HOWLEY**, Staff writer
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The emotions of U.S. Winter Olympian Jim Shea Jr. have taken more turns than a bobsled run lately.

Eight days ago, Shea learned that his 91-year-old grandfather, Jack Shea -- winner of two speedskating gold medals in the 1932 Lake Placid Olympics -- had been killed in a car accident.

On Tuesday night, Jim Shea Jr. sat in the VIP box near First Lady Laura Bush as the only Olympian invited to the State of the Union address.

When the White House contacted the U.S. Olympic Committee two weeks ago seeking an athlete to come to Washington to represent the Winter Olympic team, Shea was an immediate contender because he was a third-generation Winter Olympian.

Shea, 33, is on the U.S. Olympic skeleton team; his father, Jim Sr., competed in the Nordic combined and two cross-country ski races in the 1964 Innsbruck Games. All three were from Lake Placid.

"We felt Jim would be a terrific choice," USOC spokesman Mike Moran said Tuesday. "He was among several athletes we considered immediately. Ultimately, in the time we had to deliberate, Jack Shea passed away. Jimmy will be an excellent representative."

In a statement Tuesday, Jim Jr. said: "I'm extremely honored to represent my hometown, my country and all the other Olympic athletes."

Shea could not be reached for further comment, but Julie Urbansky, spokesperson from the bobsled and skeleton facility in Lake Placid, said she spoke with him at the airport in Salt Lake City on Tuesday morning.



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"He expressed his excitement and how privileged he felt," Urbansky said. "He said he was just really happy and honored."

Shea's agent, Keith Kreiter, said the invitation was in honor of the Shea family's contribution to the Winter Olympics.

"Based on the tragedy and what the Shea family has meant to the Olympic movement -- that is really the story going into the Games," Kreiter said. "I think the White House and our country have become enamored by the legacy of the Shea family. They feel they want to pay tribute and honor them."

Jim Sr. said this will be a big night.

"How would you feel if your son was going to be sitting with the First Lady?" he said Tuesday, adding that his son found out Monday about 4:30 p.m. that he was going to Washington. "I've talked to him about four times today. This is an important night in history, and Jimmy will be right there with the First Lady."

Jim Sr. said that Tuesday night wasn't the first time his son had been at the White House. He said the three Shea Olympians were invited by former President Clinton after Jim Jr. won the world skeleton championships in 1999.

"I can give you the exact date," Jim Sr. said. "It was September 18th, 1999, and the three of us were in the Oval Office with the President. He was taken by us being three generations of Olympians."

Jim Sr. said it's been an emotional time, but he will be at his son's side at the Games.

"I'm doing better, and I'm going to make it to the Olympics, and my dad is going to be with Jimmy pushing him right at the start," Jim Sr. said.

Jim Jr. is considered a favorite in the skeleton, which is in the Olympics for the first time since 1948. In the event, competitors will lie face down on fiberglass sleds -- their chins just inches above the ice -- as they roar down the 15-curve hill at Utah's Olympic Park.

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a friendMaine Democrats question cost of
war on terror

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All four members of Maine's congressional delegation had kind comments about President Bush's leadership in the war on terrorism, but after the president's State of the Union address Tuesday night, the two Democrats questioned how Bush intends to pay for domestic priorities while spending so much on the war effort.

"He didn't answer the question of how do we pay for all of this without simply pushing the cost off to our children and grandchildren," said Rep. Tom Allen, a Democrat who represents Maine's 1st Congressional District.

"A year ago he came to the Congress and asked for the largest tax cut in a generation," Allen said. "Now this budget is the largest spending increase in I don't know how many years. How do we do this?"

Allen's Democratic colleague from the 2nd District, Rep. John Baldacci, said he was impressed for the most part. But he also wanted to hear more details about the budget and said he was disappointed by the president's ideas about energy.

"I wish we had a more innovative energy proposal,"

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he said. "I just get tired of the same old proposals in terms of drilling, strip mining, the same old fossil-fuel issues."

He said, however, that he liked "the focus on unemployment and health benefits, focusing on protecting workers and the retirement security issues," and that he was encouraged by the president's words about communities helping one another.

"It's not that sort of 'pull yourself up by the bootstraps and not worry about anybody else,' " Baldacci said.

Sen. Susan Collins, a Republican, also was struck by the talk of community.

"I was impressed with the president's call to service," she said. "Tapping into that American spirit, that compassion and the sense of helping one another is part of what I found to be uplifting about the speech."

Collins, who was one of 14 senators who led the president into the House chamber, said, "I was really pleased to see the president try to capture the spirit of generosity and volunteerism and compassion that was so evident immediately following the (Sept. 11) attacks."

Sen. Olympia Snowe, a Republican who is a member of the Senate's Finance and Budget committees, acknowledged that the president's budget will be expensive, but she said Congress will find ways to pay for new initiatives.

"That's what the budget process is all about," she said. "There are going to be competing issues and, as the president mentioned . . . we're going to be facing deficits as a result of the recession and Sept. 11 for this year and the next year."

But, she said, "the sooner we can turn this economy around and maximize economic growth, the better position we will be in reversing these deficits."



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Proposed expanding the national service program founded by former President Clinton to enlist Americans in community service, homeland defense and other community activities.

Conceded the federal budget will run a deficit for the first time in four years, but said it will be "small and short term" if Congress holds down spending.

Asked lawmakers to back his education, trade and tax policies to promote jobs, and embrace his welfare, health care, farm and environmental initiatives. He offered no details on the policies.

Said he would reshape foreign policy to emphasize "non-negotiable demands of human dignity."

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She said she was particularly impressed "by the tone of the speech. . . He is reaching out. It was clearly a major effort toward inclusion."

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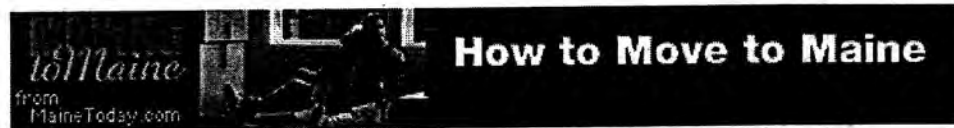
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أشكروفت يكشف النقاب عن اسم الشخص الخامس المشتبه في عضونه في "القاعدة" (المشتبه مولود في تونس ويحمل الجنسية الكندية)

أشكروفت حول التناشيرات الخاصة بضحايا الإتجار بالبشر (بيان أدلى به وزير العدل في مؤتمر صحفي خاص بالإتجار بالبشر)

خطاب حال الاتحاد، تقليد متبع منذ عام 1790 (تقويم أوضاع الاتحاد الأمريكي متطلب دستوري) - من ديفد بيتس، المحرر في بنشرة واشنطن

أجرى مركز تلفزيون الشرق الأوسط (إم بي سي) يوم الأربعاء 9 يناير الجاري مقابلة مع وزير الخارجية الأميركية كولن باول تناولت قضايا الساعة في الشرق الأوسط وأفغانستان على وجه الخصوص، بما في ذلك مكافحة الإرهاب والنزاع الفلسطيني الاسرائيلي ومشكلة العراق وعلاقات واشنطن بالدول العربية الصديقة، مثل مصر والمملكة العربية السعودية، وغير ذلك.

تقرير منظمة العفو الدولية عن سجل التعذيب في العراق (التقرير يتحدث بإسهاب عن التعذيب "المنهجي" للسجناء السياسيين)

نص القرار 1360 (2001) الذي اتخذته مجلس الأمن في جلسته 4344 المعقودة في 3 تموز/يوليه 2001 (كما صدر عن الأمم المتحدة باللغة العربية)

المناجحة بالبشر: تقرير وزارة الخارجية في 12 تموز/يوليو، 2001 عقد وزير الخارجية الأميركي كولن باول ووكيلة الوزارة للشؤون العالمية بولا دوبرانسكي مؤتمراً صحفياً في الوزارة أعلن فيه عن صدور تقرير الوزارة الخاص بتجارة البشر في العالم. والتقرير ممارسة سنوية أمر بها الكونغرس الأميركي لتسليط الضوء على هذه العمليات المشينة ومكافحتها، في الولايات المتحدة وخارجها.

نص قرار مجلس الأمن رقم 1352 حول العراق (صدر القرار بإجماع الأصوات، يوم الأول من حزيران/يونيو)

لجنة شرم الشيخ لتقصي الحقائق تصدر تقريرها الرسمي، 21 أيار/مايو - نص التقرير الذي أصدرته لجنة شرم الشيخ لتقصي الحقائق التي شكلت في مؤتمر سلام الشرق الأوسط بشرم الشيخ المصرية في تشرين الأول/أكتوبر من العام الماضي ليبحث أسباب أحداث العنف التي اندلعت بين إسرائيل والفلسطينيين في أواخر شهر أيلول/سبتمبر من العام الماضي، وتوصيات بشأن سبل منع تكرار وقوع هذه الأحداث

إنباط الإرهاب العالمي: 2000 (مقتطفات من تقرير وزارة الخارجية عن الشرق الأوسط وجنوب آسيا، 30 نيسان/إبريل، 2001)

وزارة الخارجية تنشر الى استمرار التقدم في أوضاع حقوق الإنسان في العالم (نص مقدمة التقرير السنوي الخامس والعشرين لحقوق الإنسان، 26 شباط/فبراير)

صدام حسين يهدد موارد العراق وأمواله (رسالة للأمم المتحدة تبين سوء إدارة العراق لموارد برنامج النفط مقابل الغذاء، 26 كانون الثاني/يناير، 2001) - (رسم بياني)

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