

A tribute to King



Gospel singer **Tammy Thomas** of Bryan leads the Endtime Evangelistic Pentecostal Church Gospel Choir during a musical tribute to the life and works of Martin Luther King Jr. at the Lincoln Recreation Center

Saturday night. Members of the Bryan-College Station community were on hand to commemorate the achievements of the slain civil rights leader by listening to speakers and area gospel choirs.

STUART VILLANUEVA • THE BATTALION

Fleeing terrorists leave information

WASHINGTON (AP) — From Afghanistan to Europe to the U.S. Midwest, suspected terrorists, often beating a hasty retreat from their homes, camps and caves, have left behind a mountain of suspicious items that U.S. investigators are combing for clues. Information in some discovered documents led to arrests, thwarted attacks and a "peeling back of the onion of al-Qaida," says one intelligence expert. At a makeshift laboratory in Kabul, there were smelly liquids and charred papers covered with chemical formulas; in Minnesota, a computer disk about crop dusting. In caves outside Kandahar, Arabic-language exams were found that quiz terrorists-training on the best way to shoot down a plane or kill a man. The paper trail alone is like a confetti trail over in a Manhattan parade. But there have also been videos, artifacts and digital records most foul. What they all amount to is still being sorted out. Some may not qualify as much more in terrorist curios. But officials believe documents and a videotape found in Afghanistan and passed to authorities in Singapore foiled a planned terrorist attack and resulted in the breakup of an al-Qaida cell there. Such discoveries have exposed similar cells

in other countries, officials said, without giving details. Altogether, there is a lot to sort through. An English-language book with instructions on how to survive a nuclear explosion was found at a compound in eastern Afghanistan where one of Osama bin Laden's wives lived. An issue of Chemical Weekly addressed to a public library in Kansas City, Mo., was discovered at an al-Qaida camp. During raids and arrests around the world, U.S.-led forces and law enforcement officers have collected gas masks, homemade videos — some famously starring Osama bin Laden — and American military reports on immunizing soldiers against anthrax. On a board inside a house in Kabul, someone sketched a plane with the caption: "Your days are limited. Bang." The materials have been shipped back to the Washington area for translation and sharing among the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the FBI, said Vince Cannistraro, a former CIA counterterrorism chief. "They've found evidence in documents of culpability for specific terrorist operations that have taken place in the past," he said, declining to be more specific. "They have found names of people in terrorist cells abroad who are in place to conduct another operation."

All this has caused a "peeling back of the onion of al-Qaida" in some parts of the world, he said. Some of the items at al-Qaida safe houses in Afghanistan were taken by journalists or thrown out by northern alliance troops before U.S. officials arrived. But the materials found have revealed new details about bin Laden's terrorist network — clues that could help prosecutors build cases against suspected terrorists, or help investigators interrogating Taliban and al-Qaida members held captive by the United States. An interrogation of a detainee might stall, said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, but information in a laptop or an address book in a house in Kabul might advance the case. "You might arrest somebody with pocket litter that connects that person to one of the people you're interrogating," he said. Bruce Yannette, who formerly directed the terrorism unit of the U.S. attorney's office in Washington, said the "scope of this operation is absolutely remarkable" considering what has been found so far. "Hopefully, what these documents and these materials will do is help convince world opinion that what we're doing is appropriate and that this really was a murderous and criminal organization."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gas prices increasing across the nation

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — Gas prices went up 3 cents in the past three weeks, ending a 15-week price crash that began with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, according to a newly released industry analysis. Gas prices Friday at about 8,000 gas stations nationwide averaged \$1.12 a gallon for self-serve regular, analyst Tril-

by Lundberg said Sunday. The weighted price per gallon for all grades and taxes was \$1.15, up 3.27 cents from Dec. 21, the date of the last Lundberg Survey. The weeks to come could see additional moderate, but not extreme, price increases, Lundberg said. "The turnaround had to happen sometime after a glut of gasoline relative to demand developed due to post-nine-

eleven weak demand, and from seasonal and economic conditions," she said. "A slight increase in crude oil prices in the past three weeks supported the gasoline price turnaround." Prices dropped nearly 45 cents a gallon from Sept. 7 — the last Lundberg Survey before the attacks — to Dec. 21. Just over a year ago, on Jan. 5, 2001, a gallon of gas cost about 34 cents more than it does now.

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