

### Extra Mad-Cow Test Refused

(AP) - A third and more sophisticated test on the beef cow suspected of having mad cow disease would have helped resolve conflicting results from two initial screenings, but the U.S. refused to perform it in November.

That additional test, ordered up by the Agriculture Department's internal watchdog, ended up detecting mad cow - a finding that was confirmed Friday by the world's pre-eminent lab, in England.

The department is pledging that, from now on, it will conduct such testing on suspicious animals.

The cow with the disease from Texas, which did not enter the human food chain, was confirmed Friday and became the second American case of the brain-wasting illness in cows, officials said.

### Family's Claim Rejected

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out, so he shot. He also pointed out that James had a record for fleeing police with two dozen previous arrests and didn't want to be taken into custody again.

All experts testifying in the case agreed that McCollister's gun was at least 30 inches from James when

it was fired.

If McCollister had been inside the car, the only way he could've shot James from that position would be if his arm was tweaked all the way back, the lawyer for the James family, Milton Grimes said.

The James family said Tuesday they don't know what steps to take next in the case.

# NAACP Selects New President

## Businessman named leader for civil rights

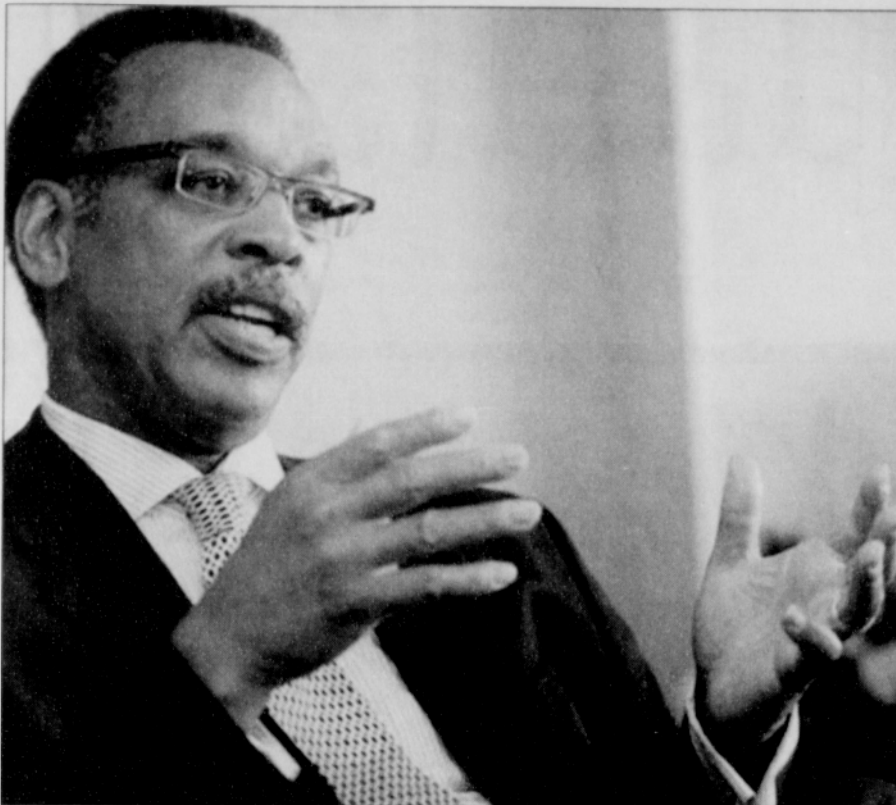
(AP) - Turning to a businessman to lead one of the nation's seminal civil rights groups, the NAACP's board of directors announced Saturday that Bruce S. Gordon, a retired Verizon executive, will be its next president.

"Civil rights leaders throughout this country did what they did and died, so my generation has full responsibility to walk in the doors those brave people opened," Gordon said after the board voted. "It's fabulous, exciting, humbling."

Gordon was selected by a large majority of the board to succeed Kweisi Mfume, former U.S. representative and a candidate for Senate in Maryland who resigned abruptly in December.

Described as a top-notch leader and consensus-builder, Gordon, 59, began his career in 1968 as a management trainee at Bell of Pennsylvania. For 35 years, amid massive upheaval in the telecommunications industry, he helped the company navigate the string of mergers that led it to become Verizon Communications Inc. When he retired in December 2003, he was chief of Verizon's biggest division - retail markets.

Gordon's corporate background "means that he is accus-



Bruce Gordon was named the next president and chief executive officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Saturday. (AP photo)

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tomed to working within a system in which merit and achievement count the most," Julian Bond,

chairman of the group's board of directors, said. "That was attractive to us. Not to say that the

NAACP didn't have that. But with every step we've taken ... we wanted to move up. And we think he's going to bring us a quantitative move up."

Gordon said his first priorities will be to improve the organization's finances - its expenses have exceeded its income for the last two years, tax documents show - by working to build an endowment, increasing membership and pushing for more efficiency in operations.

His civil rights goals include working toward greater economic equality, he said.

He also said he was looking forward to building a stronger relationship with the Bush administration.

Gordon was born in Camden, N.J., and raised with four siblings by parents who were both educators and civil right activists.

He serves on boards of Southern Co. and Tyco International Ltd. and is a trustee of Gettysburg College and the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation. He was named one of Fortune magazine's 50 most powerful black executives in 2002 and executive of the year by Black Enterprise magazine in 1998.

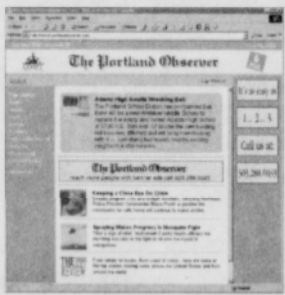
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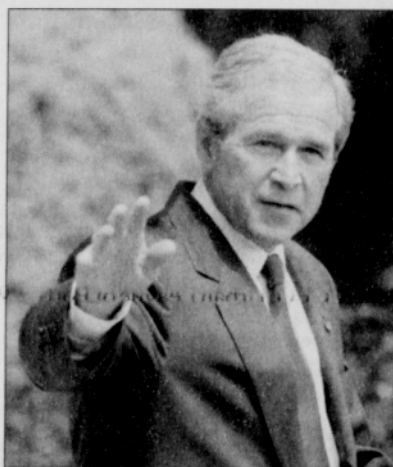
# Bush: Iraq Bloodshed Worth It

(AP) — President Bush on Tuesday appealed for the nation's patience for "difficult and dangerous" work ahead in Iraq, hoping a backdrop of U.S. troops and a reminder of Iraq's revived sovereignty would help him reclaim control of an issue

that has eroded his popularity. In an evening address at an Army base that has 9,300 troops in Iraq, Bush was acknowledging the toll of the 27-month-old war. At the same time, he aimed to persuade skeptical Americans that his strategy for victory needed only time - not any changes - to be successful.

"Like most Americans, I see the images of violence and bloodshed. Every picture is horrifying and the suffering is real," Bush said, according to excerpts released ahead of time by the White House. "It is worth it."

It was a tricky balancing act, believed necessary by White House advisers who have seen persistent insurgent attacks eat into Americans' support for the war - and for the president - and



President Bush leaves the White House Tuesday to give a prime-time address from Fort Bragg, N.C., home of the Army's elite 82nd Airborne Division.

increase discomfort among even Republicans on Capitol Hill. Bush marked the first anniversary of the transfer of power from the U.S.-led coalition to Iraq's interim government by focusing on progress in the past year and promising success against the still-potent insurgency.

"The terrorists can kill the innocent, but they cannot stop the advance of freedom," he said in a speech that was to be attended by 750 soldiers and airmen. "They will fail."

He was rejecting calls to set a timetable for withdrawing 135,000 American troops. Instead, he argued for maintaining the present two-pronged strategy: equipping Iraqi security forces to take over the anti-insurgency fight and helping Iraqi political leaders in the transition to a permanent democratic government.

# Troop Withdrawal Plans Urged

## Community lawmakers ask Congress to act

State Rep. Chip Shields, a freshman Democrat representing north and northeast Portland, was joined by members of the Oregon Senate and House Monday as he introduced a memorial urging Congress to create a plan for withdrawing American troops from Iraq.

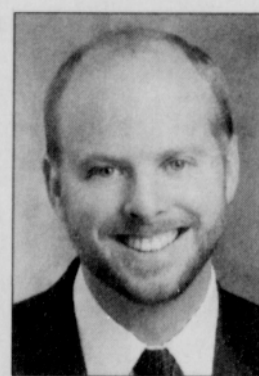
"The Oregon Homeward Bound Act," calls for Congress to pass a resolution that declares that it is the policy of the United States to announce a plan for withdrawal from

Iraq that would begin by Oct. 1, 2006.

The memorial introduced by Shields mirrors a bi-partisan resolution that has been introduced in Congress by Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, Walter Jones, R-N.C. and Ron Paul, R-Texas.

Shields said he hopes to send a message to Washington with the legislation.

"We need a sea-change in strategy and a way to get our troops home," Shields said. "We cannot



State Rep. Chip Shields

ask Oregon's sons and daughters, husbands and wives, to spill their blood for Iraq's security forever."

Shields was joined by chief co-sponsors of the memorial, Rep. Paul Holvey D-Eugene, whose son Justin is a member of the U.S. Army and has served in Iraq, and Sen. Avel Gordly, an African-American lawmaker representing northeast and southeast Portland, whose legislative aide has a son serving with the military in the Middle-East.

# Americans Oppose Military Draft

## Families discourage children from enlisting

(AP) - Americans overwhelmingly oppose reinstatement of the military draft and most say they wouldn't encourage their children to enlist in the service either, an AP-Ipsos poll found.

The Army is falling behind its recruiting goals at a time the country is fighting extended wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Army has repeatedly missed its monthly recruiting goals this year, falling short by 42 percent in April.

And all four branches of military service are having trouble attracting recruits to their reserve forces.

Despite the recruiting problems, seven in 10 Americans say they oppose reinstatement of the draft, and almost half of those polled strongly oppose that step, the AP-Ipsos poll found. About a quarter of the people in this country say they favor reinstating the draft.

Men were more likely than women to favor reinstating the draft and those over age 50 were more likely to favor it than younger adults. Republicans were more likely than Democrats to support the idea. But a majority of each of those groups opposed the draft.

More than 1,700 members of the U.S. military have died since the start of the Iraq war and thousands more have been wounded.

More than half of those polled said they would discourage a son from enlisting in the military, while two-thirds said they would discourage a daughter from joining.

The American public has strongly opposed reinstating the draft for the past couple of decades, according to various polls. And the decreasing support for the war in Iraq suggests that it is unlikely to change anytime soon.

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