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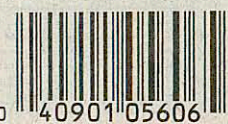
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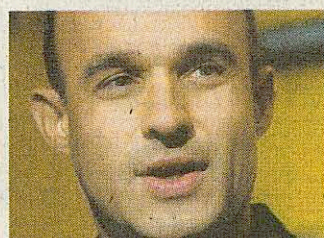
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'07 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

"We face a true planetary emergency. The climate crisis is not a political issue, it is a moral and spiritual challenge to all of humanity." — AL GORE, REACTING TO WIN



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Nobel Peace Prize winner Al Gore waves after speaking at a news conference in Palo Alto, Calif., home of the California offices of his Alliance for Climate Protection.

Environment may be real winner

Climate-change believers hope skeptics are swayed

By ANNE PAINE
Staff Writer

Environmentalists hope Al Gore's Nobel Peace Prize will be a breakthrough bringing more protection of the earth and persuading nonbelievers that global warming is real.

Supporters showed up outside the California offices of Gore's Alliance for Climate Protection Friday afternoon with handmade signs, including one saying simply, "Thanks, Al."

Whether the Nobel prize will win over more people may not be known for a long time, but some environmental advocates say an important, lasting link has been made between climate change and quality of life.

"It is causing people to really think about that connection between what



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Nashvillian Sarah Allen was one of Al Gore's fans in Palo Alto, Calif., Friday who expressed their joy for him in signs.

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Nobel win validates Gore and his vision

By LEON ALLIGOOD
Staff Writer

Environmentalists and supporters see Al Gore's Nobel Peace Prize win Friday as vindication.

Seven years ago, he lost the closest presidential election in memory — after losing his home state. On Friday, he became the second Tennessean to win the Nobel Peace Prize, receiving the same honor bestowed on the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela and former Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and Jimmy Carter.

Carter on Friday urged Gore to run for president, but the former vice president from Carthage, Tenn., would say only that he was "going back to work now."

Global warming "is a planetary emergency and we have to act quickly," Gore said in Palo Alto, Calif., where he was visiting the headquarters of a nonprofit that he heads. He said he wants to use his new platform to speed up action against climate change.

He shares his prize with the scientists of the U.N.-backed Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The win probably will polish Gore's image — the one derided on Leno and Letterman and *Saturday Night Live*, that of a boring, suited man with a drawl going on and on about minute details of convoluted policy debates.



Search **AL GORE** for full coverage, including a video of people from Gore's hometown commenting on his honor and a photo gallery through the years.

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Makers of music, movies, software join to fight piracy

Group says protection in U.S. interest

By JIM PUZZANGHERA
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Even the mighty seek strength in numbers.

Under the crystal chandeliers of a Capitol Hill caucus room, the makers of movies, music, TV shows, computer

software and other copyrighted products joined this week to show off their stuff — and argue that people shouldn't be allowed to steal it.

It was the first major event for the Copyright Alliance, an organization formed by deep-pocketed content producers

from Hollywood, Northern California's Silicon Valley and other regions. The Washington-based group intends to make a unified case to Congress that its members' industries are a vital component of the U.S. economy and need to be protected from piracy.

In a demonstration of the clout behind the Copyright Alliance, the group lured

House Judiciary Chairman John Conyers Jr. to speak at its coming-out party Thursday.

"When you walk into this room," Conyers, D-Mich., said, "copyright becomes real."

Several of the companies and organizations involved in the group, including Walt Disney Co., Microsoft Corp. and the Recording Industry Association of America, already are

well-versed in the art of Washington lobbying.

But their alliance reflects a collective concern about the piracy threat. Content creators also fear they have been losing the public opinion battle over use of copyrighted material as consumer electronics makers and digital rights groups that advocate fewer restrictions turn consumers against them.

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"We face a true planetary emergency." — AL GORE



Gore's hometown cheers, but critics jeer

Foes are not inclined to congratulate him

By LEON ALLIGOOD
Staff Writer

In Tennessee, Al Gore is golden, once again ... to some. Even though he won the ultimate prize for the promotion of peace on Earth, the oft-biting reaction to Gore's win proves the former vice president remains as controversial and

polarizing as ever.

When word spread early Friday about the former vice president's share of the Nobel Peace Prize, residents of Carthage, Tenn., his hometown, embraced him for his quest to bring "global warming" into the vernacular of the common man.

"Way overdue, definitely overdue," said waitress Darlene Cahill, who was kept busy Friday morning handling orders for eggs and bacon

from early risers at the City Café.

"He's a great person and he told the truth," said Emily Thackston, an apartment manager who was sharing biscuits and sausage with friends at the Marathon service station.

But not all Tennesseans were in a congratulatory mood. Some chastised the Norwegian Nobel Committee for giving the prestigious prize to the former vice president.

"Al Gore's award and acceptance of the Nobel Peace Prize is not only hypocritical, but demeaning to those individuals who have, in fact, truly dedicated themselves to the preservation of human life, equality among all people, and for peace, such as Jimmy Carter, Nelson Mandela and Mother Theresa," Laura Todd of Nashville said in an e-mail to *The Tennessean*.

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A campaign to draft former Vice President Al Gore to run for president is in evidence at a Clean Air-Cool Planet Energy and Climate Solutions Conference Friday in New Hampshire.

Groups plead with Gore to join the race

By JENNIFER BROOKS
Staff Writer

It's been a golden year for Al Gore. He starred in an Oscar-winning film, won an Emmy, headlined a global rock concert and, as a crowning touch, brought home the Nobel Peace Prize.

With momentum like that, it's small wonder that many people expect Gore to continue on to collect the next juicy prize — the Oval Office.

There's enough time left, barely, for Gore to get into the race before the first primaries in January. But as speculation swirls about his political future, the real question may be not whether he will run but why he would want to.

"In many ways, Gore has virtually transcended the presidency itself," said political consultant Chris Lehane, who was Gore's spokesman during the 2000 campaign.

"He's found a way to have an enormous impact every day on the issue of global warming — the very issue that got him involved in politics in the first place."

Getting back into politics might actually hamper Gore's work on climate change, Lehane said.

"If he decided to become a candidate, suddenly, people would be looking at him through a different lens. Everything he said and did would take on a political dimension," he said.

Then again, "you never say never in politics," Lehane said.

Gore himself has walked a careful line, insisting he has no intention of running, but not quite ruling out the possibility. In the hours after his win Friday, he ducked all questions about politics.

"The climate crisis is not a political issue," he said in a statement immediately after the prize was announced. "It is a moral and spiritual challenge to all of humanity. It is also our greatest opportunity to lift global consciousness to a higher level."

His supporters would argue that if you want to change world policy on global warming, it's hard to find a better podium than the White House.

Gore supporters active

There are at least 20 draft-Gore grass-roots groups across the country today, working to get Gore's name on the ballot in as many states as possible, just in case he does decide to run for president.

One of the largest groups, DraftGore.com, took out a full-page ad in *The New York Times*.

"You say you have fallen out of love with politics, and you have every reason to feel that way," the ad said. "But we know you have not fallen out

AL GORE BIO

AGE: 59

BORN: March 31, 1948, in Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION: Graduated from Harvard, 1969; later attended Vanderbilt Divinity School and Vanderbilt law school.

MILITARY: After Harvard, enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam as a reporter for *Stars and Stripes*.

PERSONAL: Father, Al Gore Sr., was a longtime U.S. senator from Tennessee who lost his seat largely because of his opposition to the Vietnam War; mother, Pauline LaFon Gore, was one of Vanderbilt's first female law students; married wife, Mary Elizabeth "Tipper," in 1970; the couple has four grown children.

POLITICS: U.S. House of Representatives, 1977-85; U.S. Senate, 1985-93; vice president under Bill Clinton, 1993-2001; ran for president in 2000, losing to George W. Bush in one of the closest and most controversial presidential elections in American history.

Other: Documentary based on his global warming lecture, *An Inconvenient Truth*, won an Academy Award earlier this year.

of love with your country. And your country needs you now — as do your party and the planet you are fighting so hard to save."

So far, DraftGore.com has collected more than 150,000 signatures on its petition urging Gore to get into the race.

"I think a lot of people are not excited about the current crop of candidates," said Peter Ryder, who is spearheading the draft-Gore organization in Iowa for AlGore.org, a draft-Gore group that boasts 230 chapters across the country.

News of Gore's Nobel Prize has ratcheted up interest in the draft-Gore movement, Ryder said.

"I had a lady in Georgia call me the other day saying, 'Oh, my goodness, I just heard Al Gore might be getting in the race. Tell me it's true,'" he said.

Also on the Gore for President bandwagon is fellow Nobel laureate and former President Jimmy Carter, who has endorsed Gore repeatedly.

Carter told reporters Friday that he hoped the Nobel "might even encourage (Gore) to consider another political event."

"I don't think there's any doubt that Al Gore would be the best-qualified person to be the president of the United States," Carter told MSNBC Friday. "He was obviously elected both in Florida and around the country in 2000, and I've always hoped he would be, you know, coming back again sometime."

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Ellen Goncher, 8, right, of Palo Alto, Calif., holds up former Vice President Al Gore's book just before the Nobel Peace Prize winner arrived for a news conference Friday.

Gore: 'Lightning rod' for climate change wins

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That was before he started doing a one-man PowerPoint-presentation road show on global warming, warning of an apocalypse to come if it's not stopped. Then he came out with a movie, *An Inconvenient Truth*, based on the PowerPoint. Then the movie won an Oscar.

Then someone nominated him for the Nobel. And on Dec. 10, he'll go to Oslo, Norway, to accept it, along with representatives of the U.N. panel.

Perceptions changed

What changed? People who know him say Gore didn't. It was just others' perceptions of him that changed.

When Jeanie Nelson of Nashville heard the news on the radio Friday morning, she said, she burst into tears.

"For these people who are so good and such great leaders and so dedicated and so committed and so deserving personally and civically — I'm so happy for them as human beings," said Nelson, head of the Land Trust for Tennessee.

She worked with then-Vice President Gore when she was a lawyer for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Political consultant Chris Lehane, who worked on Gore's 2000 campaign, said the Nobel win would lead people to recast

their preconceived notions of the former vice president and about his message on global warming. "He's got everyone talking about climate change. That's an enormous accomplishment," Lehane said.

The consultant also said the win would make Americans ponder even more how life would have been different if Gore had won the 2000 election.

"I think people do look back now and realize how fundamentally different things would have been if Al Gore had been president on 9/11," he said. "This is a celebration for many of us who knew already the sort of person he is and were already celebrating that he has been able to move on beyond 2000."

Some fans hope Gore will keep moving on — right to the White House in 2009.

"I don't know much about the award, but I got an opinion about him being president," said Ronnie Davis as he sipped coffee before daylight Friday morning at Carthage's City Café. "He got hoo-dooed out of that," he said.

But, much as the former VP

might have hoped, many who lauded Gore Friday spoke not of politics but of the environment.

Marge Davis called the prize a "validation" of what Gore has been working on for years.

"Sometimes you've got to be willing to be a lightning rod to be a proponent for what can be a controversial cause," Davis said Friday by telephone from Covington, Tenn.

The Wilson County woman, who has been trained as a presenter of the climate lecture that is the basis for *An Inconvenient Truth*, was 220 miles into a 600-mile bicycle ride across the state to promote bottle-deposit legislation that is intended to stop waste and clean up the environment.

Scientist is impressed

But maybe the greatest compliment to Gore came from one of the thousands of scientists with the Intergovernmental Panel.

It's every scientist's dream to win a Nobel Prize, British researcher Piers Forster told the Associated Press Friday: "It's perhaps a little deflating, though, that one man and his PowerPoint show has as much influence as the decades of dedicated work by so many scientists."

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AL GORE'S STATEMENT

I am deeply honored to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. This award is even more meaningful because I have the honor of sharing it with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change — the world's pre-eminent scientific body devoted to improving our understanding of the climate crisis — a group whose members have worked tirelessly and selflessly for many years. We face a true planetary emergency. The climate crisis is not a political issue, it is a moral and spiritual challenge to all of humanity. It is also our greatest opportunity to lift global consciousness to a higher level.

My wife, Tipper, and I will donate 100 percent of the proceeds of the award to the Alliance for Climate Protection, a bipartisan nonprofit organization that is devoted to changing public opinion in the U.S. and around the world about the urgency of solving the climate crisis.



PAUL SAKUMA / AP

Al Gore and wife Tipper arrive at news conference Friday in Palo Alto, Calif.

WHY GORE WON

This is from the statement given by the Norwegian Nobel Committee:

"Extensive climate changes may alter and threaten the living conditions of much of mankind. They may induce large-scale migration and lead to greater competition for the earth's resources. Such changes will place particularly heavy burdens on the world's most vulnerable countries. There may be increased danger of violent conflicts and wars, within and between states."

"By awarding the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007 to the (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) and Al Gore, the Norwegian Nobel Committee is seeking to contribute to a sharper focus on the processes and decisions that appear to be necessary to protect the world's future climate, and thereby to reduce the threat to the security of mankind."

Gore will give his \$750,000 share to the cause

By ANNE PAINE
Staff Writer

Former Vice President Al Gore will split about \$1.5 million with a United Nations scientific panel as joint recipients of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

They will pick up their award Dec. 10 — the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death — at a ceremony in Oslo, Norway.

Gore said Friday that all of his share of the money will go to the nonprofit Alliance for Climate Protection, the nonprofit of which he is chairman that is dedicated to spreading the word on climate change.

The monetary prize is funded through the bequest of Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite who died in 1896.

THE MEDAL

The Nobel medal has Alfred Nobel's image on one side and three men arm-in-arm in a triangle representing a "fraternal bond," according to the Nobel Web site.

On the medal are the words "Pro pace et fraternitate gentium," which means "For the peace and brotherhood of men."

Along the edge are "Prix Nobel de la Paix," the year, and the name of the winner.

Gore and the International Panel on Climate Change will also get a diploma and a gold

medal.

Last year, the prize of 10 million Swedish kronor amounted to \$1.37 million.

At least 28 times since the organization gave the first Nobel Peace Prize more than a century ago, the award has been shared. That's happened in each of the last two years.

VU alum won last year

Vanderbilt alumnus Muhammad Yunus, a former Middle Tennessee State University assistant professor, won last year along with the Grameen Bank that he founded in Bangladesh in 1983.

Called the "Banker to the Poor," Yunus started a pro-

gram of small loans to help the poor buy, for instance, sewing machines to create their own income.

Yunus and the bank split the money. He said his share would be used to fund projects that included a system for production of food for the poor, an eye hospital and a health-care plan.

Some of the best-known duos receiving the peace prize have been Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk, both of South Africa, and Anwar al-Sadat and Menachem Begin, who were honored for their attempts to bring peace to the Middle East.

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"We face a true planetary emergency."

State's 2 Peace Prize winners have parallels

By ANNE PAINE
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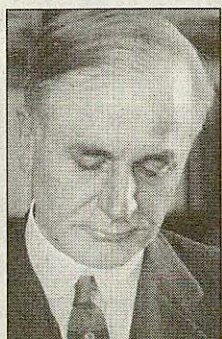
Al Gore is the second man with deep Tennessee roots to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

Cordell Hull, who worked under President Franklin Roosevelt as U.S. secretary of state and who served as a U.S. senator and in the House of Representatives, was honored with the award in 1945.

State historian Walter Durham sees similarities between the two.

"Both had a real serious commitment to public service and were really broadminded — looking at more than the local scene," Durham, of Gallatin, said. They both "stuck their necks out, looking at the needs of all humankind," he said.

The presenter who gave Hull the award in 1945 said the



Cordell Hull won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1945.

Tennessean had "devoted his entire life to the stabilization of international relations," and he cited Roosevelt's reference to Hull as the "Father of the United Nations."

Hull also laid the foundation for the "good neighbor" policy among the 21 American nations.

And there's at least one other Gore-Hull similarity, Durham said: "They both came from up the river."

Gore was born in Washington, D.C., but his family home is in Carthage, up the Cumberland River from Nashville and near Cordell Hull Lake. He lives in Nashville today.

Hull was born in a log cabin a little farther up the Cumberland, near Byrdstown, Tenn., in Pickett County. He died in 1955.

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Scientists share Nobel satisfaction

By ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS
Associated Press

GENEVA — Plenty of people share the glory of the Nobel Peace Prize. Thousands of scientists have been studying and documenting climate change under a U.N. body set up in 1988 as concerns grew about global warming.

And they hope the award will help — or prod — governments to do more to curb global warming or to avert disasters on the scale of a Hurricane Katrina.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, named co-winner with former Vice President Al Gore in Oslo, Norway, Friday, has been cranking out reports that have built up knowledge "about the

connection between human activities and global warming," the Nobel committee said.

"Mother Nature keeps helping us along because the evidence just keeps piling up," said Kevin Trenberth, a lead author on the 1995, 2001 and 2007 reports.

Gore was nominated for the Nobel along with Sheila Watt-Cloutier, a Canadian Inuit environmental activist. It wasn't clear Friday why Gore was named the winner along with the IPCC and not Watt-Cloutier, but she said she wasn't bothered by it.

"As long as the earth is a winner, I am very pleased about the outcome this morning," the Canadian Press Association quoted her as saying.

Environment: Win may boost movement

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happens to people and to neighborhoods and to societies when there are environmental problems," said Jeanie Nelson, president and executive director of the Land Trust for Tennessee.

She is a former chief counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and held a special appointment on environmental and women's issues in the Clinton-Gore administration.

"The implications of climate change are out there — talk about the potential for wars and droughts and all those things. The problems are going to affect the poor disproportionately. That's the reality of it," she said.

"We've all been trying to say that the environment and conservation are a part of the fabric of having a great place to live, and I think this sends that message really strongly."

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which shared the Nobel with the former vice president, put numbers and communities in the global warming equation. It cited "hotspots" of climate change, including the Asian subcontinent, where a retreat of Himalayan glaciers would dry up downstream water supplies and stronger cyclones would threaten tens of millions of people.

Climate change could be a disrupter in many ways. Wars can start over water and scarce food supplies.

The unpredictability of when, where and how some of the changes will occur has frustrated planners in the Pentagon and others trying to prepare.

Award will be energizer

President Bush, who this year for the first time spoke of "climate change" in the state of the union address, said through a spokesman that he was happy for Gore's win.

He did not mention the issue itself.

Friday's award will carry the issue into the future, one advocate said.

"In America, we certainly don't have the best image worldwide right now, particularly because of our stance on global warming," said Jeff Barrie, Nashville creator of the film *Kilowatt Ours*, which looks at solutions to global warming through reducing energy use on an everyday basis.

"This shows we do have leaders in the country who are working very hard on it."

The award will energize those who are trying to make a difference, and it gives young people a hero, showing that stopping climate change is "not a hopeless cause," Barrie said.

Bob August, Tennessee coordinator of Republicans for Environmental Protection, isn't so sure that a "peace" prize was appropriate, but said he was pleased.

"Gore has done the world a real service," he said. "He brought the discussion of climate change to the forefront."

Differences exist over how much of an imminent threat climate change might be, but the topic needed airing, he said. "This will continue to validate the issue in the short term, and that's a good thing. It's hard to say how much of a lasting effect this will have."

"People tend to have a short memory when it comes to many things."

Movement gains 'weight'

When the environment is talked about at home or in the classroom, the award will "add weight," said Cynthia Lee, director of outdoor education at University School of Nashville and the Tennessee Environmental Education Association's environmental educator of the year.

"This kind of focus on the environment is going to change all our lives — the way we drive our cars, the way we recycle our trash," she said.

"This adds another element showing its importance. This is another 'amen.' It says, 'Yes, the environment matters.'"

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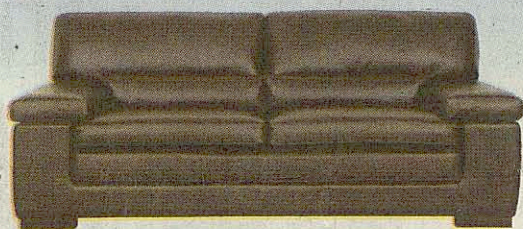
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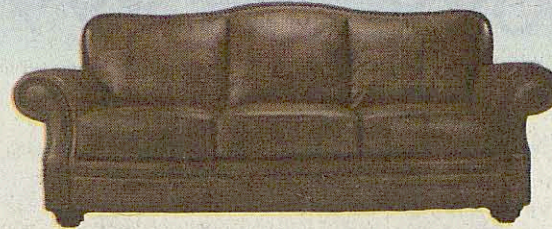


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