U.S. rebuked; roadmap OK’d
Climate conference ends with floor fight
by Charles J. Baber

Bali, Indonesia — In a closed conference hall, as envoys from 191 nations looked on, the world’s top climate negotiators took a tongue-lashing from the globe’s most powerful nations, nations after years of initial hopes that the U.S. “yes” on the deal failed to materialize in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, now heading into its third day. “We seek your leadership,” India’s Finance Minister P. Chidambaram told the Americans. “But if for some reason you are not willing to lead, leave it to the rest of us. Please get out of the way.”

The U.N. climate conference engulfed with world leaders demurred on the Bali Roadmap and the way was cleared for leaders for the adoption of the “Roadmap,” after a dramatic last-hour that set the stage for a grueling two years of climate talks to come.

“This is the beginning, not the end,” U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who led a John Kerry-led U.S. delegation, said. “This is an extraordinary turning point, but it is complex, long and difficult negotiations.”

The Bali conference, a contentious two-week affair that lapsed into an extra day, was charged with starting negotiations to replace the Kyoto Protocol when it expires in 2012. That pact re- quired 37 industrial nations, including the United States, to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 5 percent on average in the next five years.

Winter storm spreads East
A mixed bag of snow, rain showers and freezing drizzle crosses region.

PITTSBURGH — As much as a foot of snow fell from the Plains across the Midwest on Sun- day, with more snow on the way. That storm, barreled through on its way to New England. Two of millions of people woke to snow, the first after the first storm slammed Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri earlier in the week. That storm was blamed for at least 38 deaths, mostly in traffic accidents.

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Weather

Bill Strickland

Up from the mean streets, he’s forging dreams
Bill Strickland believes everyone is an asset and the world is listening.
by Bill King Greenwood
time article

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