

volleyball team defeats Michigan State in first round of NCAA tournament.

LYNN BOOHER: When looking for someone to share an apartment, house, duplex, or other non-dorm home, things can be a little difficult.

An interview with They Might Be Giants.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Post prices to rise after new year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of mailing a letter is going up after the new year — from 29 cents to 32 cents. The independent Postal Rate Commission approved the Postal Service request for the January rate increase on Wednesday. The commission turned down a plan to raise postage rates by the same amount — instead setting larger increases for mailing printed matter, advertising and parcels and holding the rate for heavier first-class items. The package is expected to bring Postal Service \$4.7 billion in extra income in 1995, said Rate Commission Chairman Edward J. Conroy. The post office lost \$1.3 billion in the just-completed fiscal year. The increase is expected to cost a typical household an extra 60 to 70 cents per month.

### Senators under critical eye

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Republican senator is pushing for professional hearings to determine whether Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros lied to the FBI about his mistress. U.S. Sen. D.M. Lauch Faircloth of North Carolina could become chairman of the Senate Banking Committee's subcommittee on housing, which would oversee any review of Cisneros' appointment. Senator Faircloth remains undecided on whether to determine whether Cisneros lied to the FBI about the amount of money he gave to his mistress, Linda Medlar, a chief aide to the secretary. Medlar filed a lawsuit against Cisneros in July, claiming he reneged on a verbal contract to provide \$4,000 a month in assistance until her divorce from a previous marriage was finalized.

### Death sentence upheld in girl's murder

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday upheld the capital murder conviction of a man sentenced to death in the slaying and sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl in East Texas. Alyssa Van Winkle was abducted Oct. 6, 1990, from an antique mall in Jefferson County. Her body was discovered later in the woods in Newton County. She was found lying face down in a mud puddle with her hands tied behind her neck and a rope tied tightly around her neck, according to the state prosecutor. In May 1991, a jury found James Earl Ray Powell guilty. He was sentenced to death. Powell claimed numerous errors were made during his trial, including improper admission of certain evidence.

### J. theme party canceled at nightclub

HOUSTON (AP) — A nightclub planned an O.J. Simpson theme party offering a McDonald's dinner, an airport limousine ride and a free hunting knife in a prize drawing has canceled the event. Thursday's "Slash 'N' Dash" party at Peter's Wildlife was to feature a drawing from the ballots was to award a grand prize winner the night the town with the gifts mimicking Simpson's alleged killing. Simpson's alleged friend were slain. Simpson is charged with the killings. But the club's general manager, Paul Oswalt, quickly canceled the party Tuesday after victims rights groups called to complain and local police called for more information.

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## Bush makes strong mark on A&M's history

By Michele Brinkmann  
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The groundbreaking of the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum Center Wednesday was hailed by A&M President Ray Bowen as the second-biggest day in Texas A&M University's history, behind only the war to drive Iraqi forces from Kuwait. "In the years I had the privilege of serving as prime minister of Canada, I saw some remarkable things," Mulrone said. "This happened in large part because of the principled leadership of George Bush."

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Former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulrone praised Bush's leadership through events ranging from the downfall of communism and the reunification of Germany to the war to drive Iraqi forces from Kuwait. "In the years I had the privilege of serving as prime minister of Canada, I saw some remarkable things," Mulrone said. "This happened in large part because of the principled leadership of George Bush."

A&M Student Body President Brooke Leslie complimented the Bushes and welcomed them to the Aggie family.

"You two would have made darn good Aggies," Leslie said. Texas Governor-elect George W. Bush, president and treasurer of the Bush Library board of trustees, said his father made the right decision when he chose Texas A&M as the site for his library. "Your dreams of having a place of higher learning will come true at Texas A&M," Bush said. Bush introduced the former president as "the greatest president, the greatest American, the greatest Texan and the

greatest Dad."

Although President Bush said he is happy his son is now in politics, he also said, "I don't miss politics one damn bit." Bush told the audience of the identify crisis he is confronting now that he is no longer in office. He also expressed his concern about comedian Dana Carvey imitating his son now that he is governor of Texas as Carvey did when Bush was president. "First, I was known as Millie's co-owner; then it was Barbara's husband, author of a best-selling book; now it's the father of the Governor-elect of Texas. Now I have to share Dana too? Not gonna do it.

Wouldn't be prudent."

Bush described Wednesday's ceremony as a family reunion of sorts. "You've stood behind us through the struggles and shared in the good times," Bush said. "We are delighted you could join us for yet another beginning: To break ground on the George Bush Presidential Library. "This is a proud occasion, I have high hopes for what will be accomplished here. This will offer an opportunity for citizens to examine policy-making close-up." Bush said his library would not have been possible without

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Former President Bush and his wife Barbara break ground for Bush's Presidential Library and Museum Center Wednesday on the West Campus site.

## Plans for center include meeting of super powers from Cold War

By Michele Brinkmann  
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Former President George Bush said Wednesday he looks forward to teaching at Texas A&M and wants his future at the University to be a learning experience for not only students, but also for himself. "I look forward to coming back to this school because I want to teach, and I have so much to learn," Bush said during the groundbreaking ceremonies for his Presidential Library and Museum Center slated to open in 1997.

Bush emphasized his desire for the center to focus on education and told the audience of his plan to hold his first conference at the center in September 1995 that will bring together the major players in the end of the Cold War.

Former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulrone, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and former president of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev, have accepted invitations to participate, he said.

Bush said the conference will include an oral history about the dramatic events of that period and the impact they will have on the future.

Bush said he has also invited other people involved in those events. Texas A&M's planned George Bush School of Government and Public Service will be located adjacent to the library and museum complex. The Departments of Economics and Political Science and the Private

Enterprise Research Center will also be housed in the building.

The school will offer a master's of public administration degree, emphasizing the acquisition of analytical skills, character of leadership and management techniques for public service.

"I have high hopes for what will be achieved here," Bush said. "Part of the focus here will be on the past. Much more important to me, however, is how it will look to the future — and that's what the School of Government and Public Service here will be all about."

Bush said he wanted to share with students his thoughts on public service.

"It (public service) means helping others and sacrificing and contributing to a cause bigger than yourself," Bush said.

"I want to try to inculcate into others what it means to help others, to volunteer, to be one of a 1,000 Points of Light."

Texas Governor-elect George W. Bush said his father will make a great teacher and considers him among the top presidents of the United States.

"In my heart he is number one," Bush said. "He (Bush) will be a good teacher. He has the knowledge and discipline."

Bush said Texas A&M will be a home away from home for his father and mother.

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## Groundbreaking of Bush library makes news from B-CS to Kuwait

By Lisa Messer  
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More than 100 media representatives from throughout the nation and world focused on the A&M campus Wednesday for the groundbreaking of the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum Center.

Reporters from College Station to Kuwait thronged to A&M's Research Park, fighting for space as early as Tuesday morning.

Many Texas newspapers, radios sta-

tions and television affiliates were represented along with every national television network, CNN, C-SPAN and Kuwait-TV.

Michael Capps, a reporter from CNN, said the Bush Library has all the magnets to draw considerable media coverage.

"It's who Mr. Bush was," Capps said. "He's been everything from president to dog catcher. It's costing \$85 million, and that's big money. It's one of only ten presidential library projects. That's rare. The mock-up of the building is re-

ally an interesting structure, and it's out here in the middle of this prairie."

Sam Verhovek, a reporter from The New York Times, said he was not surprised by the extensive media coverage.

"It's a pretty significant event," Verhovek said. "The media is using this opportunity not just as a news story but also as a background story about the library and school."

Verhovek said international media interest is understandable.

"I'm not surprised Kuwait is here," Ver-

hovek said, "because they absolutely love George Bush. The foreign media places a lot of importance in official events."

Hugh Aynesworth, a reporter from The Washington Times, said the media was drawn to the event for the same reasons the crowds were.

"George Bush is a well-respected and well-liked man," Aynesworth said. "It's the fastest they've ever put a presidential library together. There's a real excitement, and there's something about A&M, too."

## A&M to reap many rewards from presidential library

By Lisa Messer  
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Millie wasn't there, but everyone else was.

Two thousand eager people crowded into and around the giant tent set up on A&M's West Campus Wednesday to get a view of former President George Bush, his family and former Bush administration officials.

Two hundred spectators, in addition to Bush's invited guests, were seated inside the tent. Many arrived around eight in the morning to wait in line for the seats inside.

The rest of the crowd lined the aisles and surrounded the tent, snapping pictures and filming the ceremony through the tent's raised flaps or peeking through side windows.

A&M faculty and students and Bryan-College Station residents greeted Bush and Gov-

ernor-elect George W. Bush with standing ovations and supported their thoughts on the library throughout the ceremony with ovations and whoops.

Dr. Victor Arizpe, associate professor of Spanish and director of international studies, said the library was a milestone in the development of the University.

"The library will continue to give A&M national and international visibility," Arizpe said. "Academically, scholars will be coming here for research, and the library will open tourism. This is a turning point for the University."

Dr. Donald Powell, director of business services, said the public does not realize how beneficial the library will be to Bryan-College Station and the Brazos Valley.

"This center will attract people from all over the world,"

Powell said. "This is an important day in the history of A&M and the community."

"I'm surprised to see all of the people here. There were students lined up all around the MSC. They were surprised they could actually get so close to them."

Lt. Col. Tom Owen, adviser for the Ross Volunteers, said it was a great thrill for the RVs to take part in the groundbreaking ceremony because of its national media exposure.

"This gives people the opportunity to see what A&M is all about," Owen said. "People will have another reason to visit A&M besides coming here to attend a football game."

Cindy Still, a Bryan-College Station resident who attended the groundbreaking, said she at-



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Former President Bush poses for the press with his cabinet after groundbreaking ceremonies.

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