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## Gov. Bush celebrates inauguration with family, friends

Bush looks forward to term as Governor of the State of Texas.

AUSTIN (AP) — Downtown Austin was overcome by Bushes, bands and barbecue Tuesday as Texans celebrated the inauguration of the state's top two officeholders.

Gov. George W. Bush was sworn into office as his parents, former President Bush and former first lady Barbara Bush, looked on and wept with pride. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock also was

sworn in, his second term. Forecasted rains never fell on the crowd estimated at 5,000, and when all the formal stuff was done it was time for beef brisket and marching band music.

For those who favored tuxedos and gowns, three formal inaugural balls were planned for later in the evening.

A \$2-a-person picnic on the west lawn of the Capitol was a hit, as visitors wearing blue jeans mingled with suit-clad lawmakers. They plopped on the grass to feast on rolls, baked beans and sliced brisket.

About 10 protesters marched through the crowd, toting signs and annoying picnickers as they shouted criticisms of former President Bush.

"It's fun. It's fun to people watch," said 28-year-old Sarah Star, of Tyler, who attended the festivities with her husband.

"It's a good time to celebrate and remember why we're proud



Gov. Bush

of being Texans and Americans," Starr said.

If they weren't eating, people were shopping. A tent housing the Texas Inaugural Store was packed.

The big sellers: \$8 and \$10 coffee mugs with the inaugural seal and the signatures of Bush and Bullock.

The non-sellers: a sleeve of three golf balls for \$10 with the inaugural seal on them.

"We keep telling people the balls will be the longest off the tee as long as Bush is in office, but they still aren't selling," said Michael Brown, a University of Texas student working

as a vendor.

People stood four and five deep along Congress Avenue to watch a 90-minute parade filled with marching bands, drill teams, floats, tanks and horses.

Several Southwest Conference school bands marched in the parade as well as high school bands from as far away as Brownsville and Midland, the Bushes' West Texas hometown.

George W. Bush and wife Laura waved and blew kisses to cheering onlookers from a Ford Mustang convertible.

"It was very fulfilling, very exciting," said Norma Henderson,

50, of Austin. "I feel very hopeful, and that's what we need — hope."

But while Bush and Bullock smiled happily as the featured figures of the parade, perhaps no one was smiling bigger than Art Aubry, owner of Shooting Star Photography on Congress Avenue.

Aubry sold 103 disposable cameras and more than 175 rolls of film, leaving his shelves bare before the parade even started.

"Business is off the charts," Aubry said. "If this is any indication of Bush's administration, he should have been here four years ago. I say we should have a parade a week."

## New building opens for first day of class

The College of Business has completed its move to West Campus.

By Stephanie Dube  
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The first day of classes for Texas A&M students also marked the first day of classes in the College of Business's new location on the West Campus.

Students and faculty alike are pleased with the new location, officials in the College said.

Dr. Benton Cocanougher, dean of the College of Business, said the first day on the West Campus went well.

"I was pleasantly surprised with how well everything went," Cocanougher said. "The new location, traffic and new shuttle bus routes will take a little getting used to, but it all seems to be working well."

Diane Conway, senior academic business administrator, said the first day was amazing.

"I expected a lot of people to have problems, but that hasn't happened," Conway said. "We have a beautiful building and we're proud of it."

"The classrooms will be equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment," said Dr. Gary Trennepohl, executive associate dean for the College of Business. "The building has two large rooms for 120 people and a big auditorium with sophisticated audiovisual equipment for laser

disc projections, CD's, cassettes and computers."

In addition, all the offices and classrooms in Wehner are connected to Ethernet, and the building will also have its own computer network within the college so faculty can communicate with each other through e-mail, he said.

"The building is hard-wired for computer access," Trennepohl said.

Cocanougher said having the College of Business located next to the new library is an added bonus.

"The library gives students an appropriate place to study between classes," Cocanougher said. "It is an added attraction."

The College of Business faculty want to ensure that the building is kept in good condition, Trennepohl said.

"We are not allowing food and drink in the building," he said. "The students' reaction to this is usually great. They are very positive about the new rules being used to maintain the quality and niceness of the building."

Plans for the new building include installing a magnetic card security system similar to the system used in residence halls, Trennepohl said.

In addition, one room in the building will be equipped for telecommunications, Cocanougher said.

Cocanougher said he is excited about the changes the College of Business is undergoing.

"This is an exciting time for us," Cocanougher said. "The new facilities will enhance our ability to continue on our path of being nationally ranked."



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The Wehner Building on West Campus opened to business students this semester.

## TEXAS AGGIE BASKETBALL '95

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"The 'Aggie Spirit' is for real. Let's get it into G. Rollie and show the visiting teams what a factor we are."  
— Tony Harris, Men's Basketball Coach

"It's anybody's race, and the edge you give us by packing G. Rollie every time we play can make the difference."  
— Cindy Harris, Women's Basketball Coach

## New law designed to lower DWI deaths

Drivers who refuse a BAC test will lose their licenses.

By Kasie Byers  
THE BATTALION

A new Texas law that cracks down on drunk drivers is expected to save 100 lives and \$85 million over the next year according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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Under the Administration License Revocation Act (ALR), which took effect Jan. 1, if drivers who are suspected of being under the influence of alcohol either fail or refuse a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) test, their license will be automatically suspended.

After looking at its practice and effectiveness in 37 other states and the District of Columbia, the Texas Legislature voted the law in during the last session of 1994.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, the sponsor of the legislation, said that ALR's effectiveness was evident from its success in other states.

"It seemed very clear that

ALR would save lives," Zaffirini said. "It has been an enormous success everywhere it's on the books. In Oklahoma, alcohol-involved traffic fatalities declined thirty percent the year after ALR was enacted in 1983. Minnesota reduced its traffic fatality rate by fifty percent ten years after implementing ALR in 1978. Those results really hit home with us."

First offenders lose their license for sixty days for failing the test and ninety days for refusing the test.

Repeat offenders lose their license for 120 days for failing the test and 180 days for refusing it.

Drivers previously suspended for a DWI or intoxication manslaughter conviction lose their license for 180 days for failing the test and one year for refusing the test.

Col. James R. Wilson, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, predicts that the severity of the law will prevent people from breaking the law.

"ALR will help make Texas' roadways safer," Wilson said. "License suspension as a consequence of drinking and driving should make potential offenders think twice before getting

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## Japanese earthquake leaves 1,800 dead, 966 missing

KOBE, Japan (AP) — Survivors wandered battered streets with blank expressions Tuesday in a city that was supposed to stand up to earthquakes, their faith in technology smashed by a disaster that killed at least 1,800 people.

Elevated roads and bridges that Japanese engineers boasted were quake-proof were broken at crazy angles, flung to earth by the force of nature, crushing whatever was beneath it.

Hardly a block in this industrial port city of 1.4 million people had a house or building intact. Many streets were reduced to piles of rubble, leftovers from the strongest quake to strike an urban area of Japan since 1948.

Osaka, Japan's second-largest city and across the bay from Kobe, was also heavily damaged. The wreckage extended 50 miles northwest of Kobe to the sacred temples and statues of the ancient city of Kyoto.

While Kobe was by far the hardest hit, both this city, where tender beer-fed Kobe beef gets its name, and Osaka burned through the night from fires fueled by ruptured gas lines.

National police said 1,800 people were known dead, 966 missing and 6,334 injured. The toll was expected to rise as communications were restored.

Nearly 4,000 buildings were destroyed, the "bullet" train was knocked out of service because of track damage between Hi-

roshima and Nagoya, and hundreds of aftershocks continued through the night, forcing many to sleep outside for fear of further damage to buildings left standing.

Just outside Kobe, damage seemed almost arbitrary — a showroom window at an auto dealership survived undamaged. Next to it, four wooden houses collapsed. In the city, a five-story building had fallen on its side, and a seven-story bank building leaned over the sidewalk.

About 100,000 people spent the night in emergency shelters in Kobe, eating rice balls handed out by rescue workers and

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### SWC Preview

The Texas A&M men's and women's basketball teams are gearing up for the tough road to Dallas for the SWC tournament.