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106 YEARS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

## Bush names Dick Cheney as running mate

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush asked Dick Cheney to be his running mate in a re-dawn telephone call Tuesday and the former defense secretary accepted, ending a Republican presidential partnership that bridges two generations of Bush family politics, highly placed Republican official said.

Thus Bush's search for a running mate ended where it began, with Cheney — the man who headed the Texan's selection team, a respected member of former President Bush's Cabinet.

Bush, 54, placed the call from the governor's mansion in Austin at 6:22 a.m., and Cheney accepted, the source said.



CHENEY

The new GOP presidential ticket planned a news conference for later Tuesday and a trip to Cheney's home state of Wyoming on Wednesday. Spokesperson Karen Hughes confirmed that Bush called his running mate, but would not identify him.

The official announcement promised to be an anticlimactic ending to a top-secret search involving a score of prominent Republicans who had hoped to land a spot on Bush's ticket, only to be bested by the man who had an inside track from the start.

Word leaked Friday that he was the leading candidate, and sources confirmed Monday that that Bush would make Cheney his running mate.

Cheney, 59, brings the ticket a wealth of foreign policy experience and political stature — traits that Bush, a two-term Texas

governor, lacks himself. He is a bridge between Bush and his father, former President Bush, who put Cheney in his Cabinet and promoted him for his son's ticket.

After promising an "electrifying" choice, **"(Cheney is) a man with substance (with) serious broad experience in the public as well as private sector."**

— Bill Frist  
Tennessee senator

Bush took the safe route: Cheney is a rock-solid conservative who poses little or no political risk. Bolder choices were available, including abortion-rights Govs. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania and George Pataki of New York.

Fashioning an impressive resume in two decades of public service, Cheney served as President Ford's chief of staff, six terms in Congress from Wyoming and four years as Pentagon chief, where he successfully executed the Persian Gulf War.

Cheney suffered three heart attacks by age 48, but a doctor commissioned by the Bush campaign issued a statement saying his health "should not interfere with a strenuous political campaign."

Bush plucked the former Pentagon chief from the private sector to head up his selection

process. Though rumored to be a candidate himself, Cheney's position atop Bush's short list didn't become public until Friday.

Even before the deal was sealed, Republican officials welcomed the prospect of a Bush-Cheney ticket.

Tennessee Sen. Bill Frist, a contender for the job until the end, called Cheney "a man with substance (with) serious broad experience in the public as well as private sector."

Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, another contender, said Cheney "represents the quality, character and experience that America is searching for in national leadership."

Vice President Al Gore, whose convention begins Aug. 14 in Los Angeles, is considering a

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## Heaton moves to new locale

CYRA GATLING  
*The Battalion*

Incoming freshmen and transfer students with admissions questions will have to look for the Office of Admissions at a new location.

The Office of Admissions has relocated from Heaton Hall to the Metro Center, at 3833 Texas Ave.

The Office of Admissions receives, analyzes and processes student applications. It handles everything related to students' acceptance to or denial from Texas A&M.

The registrar and records office, which handles degree audits, records, registration and transcripts, will continue to operate in Heaton Hall. Admissions counseling is located in the Koldus Student Services Building.

Stephanie Hays, executive associate director for admissions, said the office moved off campus to gain space.

"We have an increase in the number of applications, and we needed to increase the staff to handle the applications," she said. "Heaton Hall didn't provide enough space."

Katie Maher, a junior education major, said the office's move off campus should accommodate more students and parents.

"The location has parking and is in a much bigger office building," Maher said. "I think it will be easier for students and their parents to access."



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Boxes were separated into sections for a more organized transfer.

But Maher said she also sees how the move may be inconvenient.

"I can understand how it may be out of the way for students who live on campus and don't have transportation," Maher said. "Also, this is a new area to new students and their parents and driving around town to find a specific building might be hard."

Hays said that although it may seem inconvenient, the off-campus location will increase student satisfaction.

"We hope the additional space will better serve students and increase efficiency," she said.

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## 'The roof is on fire'



STUART VILLANUEVA/THE BATTALION

Anthony Lincoln, a Georgetown firefighter, watches a fire burn from his position at a fire hose during a drill at the Brayton Fire School Tuesday. Firefighters from across the state are in College Station this week to participate in one of the school's summer training programs.

## Middle East peace talks collapse

### Barak and Arafat plan to continue searching for an agreement

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — The Middle East peace talks at Camp David collapsed Tuesday in a deadlock over the future of Jerusalem. Conceding failure, President Clinton said the Israelis and Palestinians "couldn't get there."

Clinton returned to the White House to say that the gaps between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had not been bridged, but forecast that they will be "because I think the alternative is unthinkable."

"I think they both remain committed to peace," he said. "I think they will both



CLINTON

find a way to get there if they don't let time run away from them."

The Israeli and Palestinian delegations said in a statement they intended "to continue their efforts to conclude an agreement on all permanent status issues as soon as possible."

They also said they understood the importance of avoiding unilateral actions.

Barak, at a news conference, said a senior U.S. official would go to the re-

gion within the next few weeks to try to keep the process going.

"On three things we cannot make concessions," he told reporters in Hebrew. "On security of Israel, on the holiness of Israel and the unity of the nation."

If there is a confrontation, the prime minister said, "we will be able to look at our children and say we did all we could to prevent it."

Hassan Abdel Rahman, the PLO's representative in Washington, said in an

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## A&M journalism major crowned Miss Texas

CHRIS CUNICO  
*The Battalion*

For generations, little girls have dressed up in their mothers' clothing and invaded their makeup cases in attempts to unleash the beauty queens inside of them. Girls have dreamed of becoming Miss America since the founding of the pageant.

Last week, senior journalism major Kandace Krueger came one step closer to achieving that dream.

Entering the Miss Texas Pageant as Miss Austin, she was crowned Miss Texas — an event she says has already changed her life.

"The day after the pageant was over, I had breakfast with its directors, and they warned me that I will soon notice the change," Krueger said. "Since the



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Kandace Krueger, a senior journalism major will compete for Miss America

whom I haven't spoken to in years have been crawling out of the woodwork."

Valerie Valenciano, one of Krueger's friends and a senior marketing major, said she has watched beauty pageants since she was a young girl.

"It really was an experience cheering on someone that I am friends with," Valenciano said. "There are so many girls, and there's so much competition. I'm sure many of the contestants needed a lot of emotional support from family and friends to remain so calm on such a hectic night."

Competing in beauty pageants since 1993, Krueger has entered the Miss Texas Pageant five times.

This largest state pageant, Krueger said, usually has double the number of

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## Concorde crash kills 113 people

### Airplane hits hotel en route to NY

GONESSE, France (AP) — An Air France Concorde en route to New York City crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff Tuesday, slamming into a hotel and a restaurant. At least 113 people were killed when the charter flight of German tourists went down in the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

Police said all 109 passengers and crew onboard were killed, and the Interior Ministry said four others died at the 72-room Relais Bleus hotel. At least a dozen others were injured at the hotel, police said. Prime Minister Lionel Jospin said the condition of the injured was good.

The hotel was in flames after the crash, and sections had been reduced to blackened rubble and twisted metal. Firefighters poured streams of water on the completely blackened wreckage. The remains of the Concorde were barely recognizable as an airplane fuselage.

There was no immediate word on what might have caused the crash. In the more than 30 years that Concorde jets have flown, none had gone down.

All passengers aboard Flight AF4590 were German, Air France said. The plane had been chartered by Peter Deilmann Shipping Co., a German tour company, and the passengers were on their way to New York to join a cruise ship.

The crash took place at 4:44 p.m. in an area of farmland crisscrossed by highways and the small town of Gonesse, about nine miles northeast of

Paris. The plane went down soon after takeoff from Charles de Gaulle airport.

Witnesses said the supersonic aircraft was not able to gain sufficient altitude before it crashed, and that police were keeping onlookers away from the site. Some witnesses said the engine was on fire and that a huge cloud of black smoke went up in the air.

Sair Hossein, 15, a student in Gonesse, was playing tennis with friends when they saw the plane go by with an engine on fire.

"We saw it lose altitude. It chopped off those trees and headed to the ground," Hossein told The Associated Press. "The pilot tried to bank but the plane rolled over and smacked into the hotel nose first and turned over."

"We saw flames shoot up 40 meters (yards) and there was a huge boom," he said.

Frederic Savery, 21, was driving along a highway on the way home when he saw the plane go down near Gonesse.

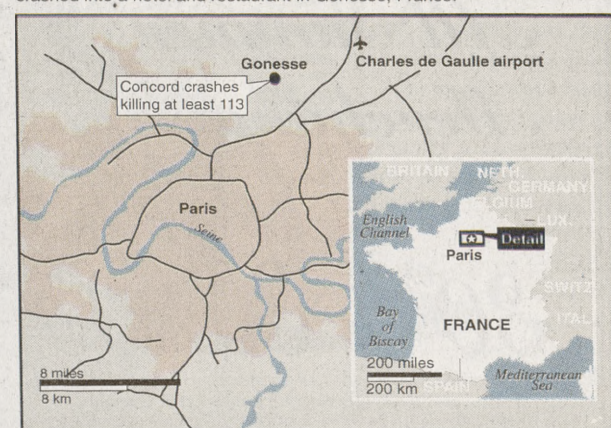
"I saw the plane, it passed 30 meters above us, the whole back end of the plane was on fire," Savery told the AP. "We saw it start to turn, but we didn't hear a noise when it crashed. All of a sudden, everything was black."

Clouds of dark smoke could be seen for miles around. Police had blocked off all roads leading to the scene of the crash, backing up traffic on rural roads in the farm fields near the airport. Dozens of fire trucks and ambulances

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### Air France Concorde crash

Shortly after takeoff, an Air France Concorde carrying German Tourists crashed into a hotel and restaurant in Gonesse, France.



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