



**New coach**  
Tour vet Emyln Aubrey a catch for Centenary. **1B**

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## COMMUNITY

### Local inaugural ball held

The formal Bossier/Shreveport Presidential Inaugural Ball held Tuesday at the Bossier Civic Center in Bossier City drew some 260 people to celebrate the inauguration of Barack Obama. **PAGE 3A**



Henrietta Wildsmith/The Times

### Colleges expecting deep cuts

The governor's office has told Louisiana's public universities and colleges the cuts for next fiscal year will be deep — as much as \$212 million to \$382.2 million. And that means millions for local schools like LSU-Shreveport. **PAGE 3A**

### Funds OK'd for prisoner GEDs

Bossier Police Juror Barry Butler convinced fellow jurors Wednesday to approve taking \$3,000 from his discretionary fund (each juror receives \$5,000 a year) and use it for Bossier prisoners to have funds for the test to receive their General Education Development certificate. **PAGE 6A**

## SPORTS

### Stallings took the long way

Centenary's Nick Stallings traveled a twisted collegiate route before finally playing basketball for the Gents. Stallings has become one of the best guards in The Summit League. **PAGE 1B**



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## LIVING

### Celebrating MLK's legacy



Val Horvath/The Times

The Booker T. Washington High School marching band was just one of the groups participating in the Krewe of Harambee Mardi Gras parade in downtown Shreveport on Monday. **SEE MORE PHOTOS PAGE 1C**

## NATION/WORLD

### Salmonella probe broadens

More than 125 products have been recalled in a salmonella-and-peanuts investigation that keeps getting bigger, federal health officials said Wednesday. **PAGE 8A**

### Caroline Kennedy withdraws

Published reports say Caroline Kennedy is withdrawing from her effort to join the U.S. Senate in the seat once held by her uncle, slain Sen. Bobby Kennedy. **PAGE 8A**

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# Obama Day 1



President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama attend prayer service (left). Obama speaks to his senior staff (center). The president signs executive orders at the White House (right).

## Economy, war and more

The first day on the job for President Obama: Pray for the nation. Jump into Middle East diplomacy. Sign a batch of executive orders on ethics and open government. Hash over the twin crises of war and recession with top advisers. And open up the White House to greet some joyously overwhelmed visitors.



J. Scott. Applewhite/AP

President Obama speaks to his senior staff to assert expectations on ethics and conduct Wednesday at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House campus in Washington.

## 'What an opportunity we have to change this country'

— President Obama

By David Espo  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a first-day whirlwind, President Obama showcased efforts to revive the economy Wednesday, summoned top military officials to the White House to chart a new course in Iraq and eased into the daunting thicket of Middle East diplomacy.

"What an opportunity we have to change this country," said the 47-year-old chief executive, who also issued

new ethics rules for his administration and hosted a reception at the presidential mansion for 200 inauguration volunteers and guests selected by an Internet lottery.

After dancing at inaugural balls with first lady Michelle Obama past midnight, Obama entered the Oval Office for the first time as president in early morning. He read a good luck note left behind by President Bush, then began breaking cleanly with his predecessor's policies.

Aides circulated a draft of an executive order that would close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, within a year and halt all war crimes trials in the meantime.

Closing the site "would further the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States and the interests of justice," read the draft prepared for the new president's signature. A copy was obtained by The

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## Locals ponder president's challenges

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Celebration must give way to work as President Obama gets down to the business of governing a struggling nation.

His inauguration speech alluded to the tough outlook ahead for the United States.

"Every so often the oath is taken amidst gathering clouds and raging storms. At these moments, America has carried on not simply because of the skill or vision of those in high office, but because we the people have remained faithful to the ideals of our forebears, and true to our founding documents."

Here are thoughts from northwest Louisiana leaders and residents on action they think Obama should take to face these challenges.

**THE ECONOMY:**  
"Obama must work closely with



Walford

Congress and the best possible economic advisers to create a stimulus plan to turn the economy around. Wall Street will react positively to well thought out actions by the president and Congress. His leadership is crucial."  
— **Monty Walford**  
Shreveport City Council member



Shepherd

**HEALTH CARE:**  
"I would like to see him have health care for everybody. I've seen, in my own life, people have to make the choice of 'Do we eat or do we buy medicine?' It's so many people that don't have it, and it's so expensive."  
— **Wiley Shepherd**  
Caddo Parish maintenance worker



Lynch

**THE WAR IN IRAQ:**  
"I believe he will get us the hell out of there as soon as is practical. This war is our generation's Vietnam. We need to redefine our definition of what it means to win the war. Winning is also knowing when to fold them."  
— **Stephanie Lynch**  
Caddo commissioner



McCullin

"A solution should have come a long time ago. I'm still not clear why they went over there to begin with. ... But it's time for our troops to come home; I do know that."

— **Amy McCullin**  
The Village Salon owner

■ Updated flood zone maps prompting complaints in parish.

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Hundreds of property owners who have lived in Bossier Parish for decades and never had a problem with flooding are suddenly finding themselves unable to build on their property, or forced to buy flood insurance, now that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has changed areas of the parish it considers to be a flood way and flood zone.

"I can't do anything on my property," said Tommy Strong, a south Bossier resident who has waited at least four months to build a toolshed. "My property is worthless if I can't do anything on it."

Bossier Parish is entirely in a flood plain because the Red River and bayous crisscross the parish. That flood plain is carved into flood zones by the federal government, which determine where flood insurance is mandatory.

Bossier Parish had been working with the same flood maps since 1983 until FEMA — the agency that determines flood zones — announced it had revised its maps, and required the parish to ratify them last September. If the parish hadn't, FEMA would have revoked flood insurance eligibility for all of the parish.

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## FEMA, Bossier at odds

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