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# Second term begins

## Governor vows fight for equality

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**G**ov. Parris N. Glendening yesterday kicked off the second term that many had predicted he would never win, recommitting himself to promoting education and protecting the environment, while also vowing to fight for equality for all Marylanders.

"Now we stand on the threshold of a new time, at the last inaugural of the 20th century, and the first Maryland administration of the 21st century," Mr. Glendening told a crowd of nearly 1,000 people, as he stood on a bunting-draped stage in front of the State House.

"This moment in history calls on us to renew our ideals, and to strive with all our strength to make Maryland the Free State in reality as well as words."

Shortly after noon, Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert M. Bell administered the oath of office to Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and Mr. Glendening in the State House's Senate chamber.

As a standing-room only crowd that included lawmakers, judges, relatives and supporters looked on, first Mrs. Townsend and then the governor swore to "be faithful and bear true allegiance to the state of Maryland."

Looking relaxed and jubilant, Mr. Glendening and Mrs. Townsend briefly thanked lawmakers and supporters before moving to a special stage built on the steps of the State House, across from Lawyers Mall.

Outside, nearly 1,000 people, including about 200 state and local police, braved a chilly, gray day and occasional showers to listen to Mr. Glendening's inaugural address.

In a 22-minute speech that was short on details, Mr. Glendening outlined three challenges. First, Marylanders must invest in education to "liberate the potential of every person," he said.

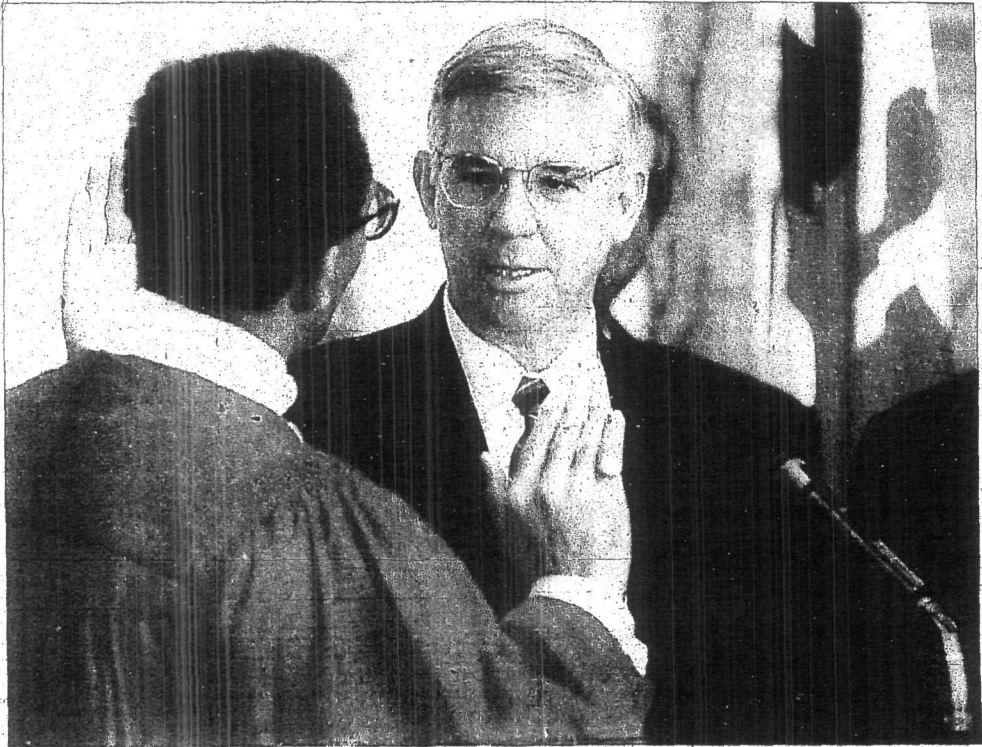
The state also must continue to safeguard — not just conserve the environment, he said.

"At the dawn of the 21st century, let us act with foresight and without favoritism, so that our grandchildren's grandchildren can breathe the clean air, sail and fish the wonderfully alive Chesapeake Bay, and see the best of this land preserved from the mountains to the shore," he said.

Finally, the governor said Maryland must provide equality and justice for all, including celebrating the state's diverse elements and drawing strength from them.

Mr. Glendening, whose brother died

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At top, Gov. Parris N. Glendening takes the oath of office yesterday in the Senate chamber from Robert M. Bell, chief judge of the Court of Appeals. Above right, Spec. Nathan Stevenson of the 229th Army National Guard Band. The band was one element of the inaugural festivities in Annapolis yesterday. Above, Mr. Glendening and his wife, Frances, walk from the State House to the reviewing stand on State Circle yesterday to watch the parade to celebrate his second inauguration as governor. At right, from their perch in a window above Harry Browne's Restaurant on State Circle, Patty Murphy and June Hendrie, both of Annapolis, view the inaugural parade.



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of AIDS, has said he will introduce legislation this year that would make it illegal to discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation.

The speech was interrupted briefly by a group of about eight anti-death-penalty protesters. They were quickly dispersed by police; no one was arrested.

Lawmakers who listened to Mr. Glendening's speech gave it high marks for its vision, but said implementing his ideas might be a different story. Details of the governor's plans for the next year were expected to come at noon today during his annual State of the State address before a joint session of the General Assembly.

"I thought it was an excellent speech," said Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-St. Mary's, one of several dignitaries who attended. "His continued dedication to education is a hallmark of his administration."

"I thought it was a moving ceremony, and I thought the governor made a very fine speech," said Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., D-Prince George's. "I

think you're going to hear the meat and potatoes . . . when he gives his State of the State speech."

But Mr. Miller also cautioned that lawmakers will need more details on issues — such as the governor's nondiscrimination legislation — before deciding to support it.

"It's a bold agenda," said state Sen. Philip C. Jimeno, D-Brooklyn Park. "Some of it will be hard to push through."

The governor's inauguration was rich in history and marked by pomp and ceremony. As Maryland's 59th governor stood in front of the State House, the nation's oldest state house in continuous use, he was heralded with a 19-gun salute by the Maryland National Guard.

State police troopers in full uniform were everywhere, as were people carrying small yellow and red Maryland flags or wearing state colors.

Before the inauguration ceremony began, musical groups from across the state performed to an audience of mostly empty white chairs on Lawyers Mall. Among those groups was the Severna Park High School Concert Choir.

"I'm honored that our high school was asked to perform for him (the governor)," said 16-year-old junior Elise Cullinane.

"They were excited about being here. They understand it's an honor and a privilege," said choral director Elizabeth Kraning after her group of 60 students performed for half an hour.

After the two-hour ceremony, high school bands from around the state — including Pasadena's Chesapeake High School's marching band — participated in a parade from the Naval Academy to Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

"I wanted to show Gov. Glendening I supported him because I voted for him," said Fairhaven resident Sharon Brewer, who, along with her two daughters, drove to Annapolis from south county for the festivities.

Following the parade, Mr. Glendening and Mrs. Townsend greeted the public in a State House reception and later attended an inaugural ball in Baltimore.

## Correction

A story on the police page of *The Capital* yesterday about a nanny convicted in a shaken baby syndrome case stated in the headline that the baby died.

The boy suffered injuries to the head and has shown no signs of long-term developmental damage.