

Houston Post enters 'new era'

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HOUSTON — Under its new ownership, The Houston Post Monday takes on a fresh look as it enters what its editors call "a new era."

"You are going to see a new look, but you will also see a lot more in The Post than you have in the past," said Peter O'Sullivan, the new editor-in-chief.

"This begins a new era for The Post. A newspaper is a living entity. It changes constantly with day-to-day or year-to-year

events," he said. "This is a change for The Post and we think it will revitalize it in a lot of ways."

In October, it was announced that the Toronto Sun planned to purchase The Post for \$100 million in cash, plus the value of the paper's operating capital. Since 1924, The Post has been owned by the Hobby family, including the family's matriarch Oveta Culp Hobby and Texas Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

The sale to the Canadian firm was completed Friday in Washington, D.C. The Toronto Sun, which publishes three newspapers in Canada, was founded 12 years ago by several former employees of the now-defunct Toronto Telegram.

One change that paper's 430,000-plus subscribers will immediately notice is the front page layout and the use of more color pictures on all the section fronts. The editorial page,

which will be headed by columnist Lynn Ashby, will move from an inside page and the section will be expanded.

Photographers have been instructed to listen to the police scanner radio and take all pictures in black and white as well as color.

"We are definitely thinking color in pictures and copy," said veteran city desk reporter Juan Palomo.

Creighton said he did not

anticipate a newspaper war between The Post and its chief competitor the Houston Chronicle.

"I think there is plenty of room for two newspapers in Houston," Creighton said.

O'Sullivan said since the purchase was announced, the new owners have received more than a thousand unsolicited letters from readers telling their likes and dislikes and offering suggestions for improvement.

What's up

MONDAY

MSC VARIETY SHOW: Applications are available in 216 Memorial Student Center and are due Feb. 3. Auditions will be held Feb. 21-23.

SCONA: Meet at 7 p.m. in the lobby of Zachry Engineering Center. Pictures for yearbook are \$8.50 each.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN STUDENT CENTER: Meet at 7:30 p.m. for a Bible study at the center, 315 N. College Main.

STUDENT AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF FLORAL DESIGNERS: Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Floriculture Field Lab to prepare Christmas decorations.

POLITICAL FORUM: The last general meeting is Tuesday in 510 Rudder.

CAMERA COMMITTEE: Pick up your Fall Photo Contest prints in 216 MSC at the secretary's desk.

OFF-CAMPUS CENTER: There are roommate sessions at 2 p.m., Monday through Friday for off-campus students looking for housing and roommates. Come by the Off-Campus Center in Puryear Hall or call 845-1741.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: Square dance class is at 7 p.m. and the club meets from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Pavilion.

MSC CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS: There will be a series of lunch break concerts this week in the MSC main lounge: Monday — Women's Chorus, Tuesday — Guitar Ensemble, Wednesday — Dukes of AggieLand, Thursday — Symphonic Band, and Friday — Reveliers.

STUDENT Y FISH CAMP: Applications for chairman, sub-chairman and recreation coordinator are available until Dec. 8 on second floor Pavilion from Janie Metzger. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Dec. 8.

STUDENT Y ASSOCIATION: Christmas giftwrapping is available in 211 Pavilion through Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring your own boxes for the gifts you want wrapped.

Bush speaks at GOP fund raiser

Syria's attack called 'unacceptable'

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HOUSTON — Vice President George Bush Sunday called Syria's attack on U.S. Marines "unacceptable international behavior" and vowed the United States would not be driven out of war-torn Beirut by terrorists.

Eight U.S. Marines were killed in Lebanon Sunday, and Bush told reporters the United States is holding Syria responsible for the deaths.

"We are holding them direct-

ly responsible for firing on reconnaissance aircraft over Lebanon — and not Syrian territory," Bush said. "That is simply unacceptable international behavior."

Bush, who was in Houston to attend a GOP fundraiser for the Harris County Republican Party, said the aggressive retaliation by the United States against Syria was not part of a secret pact

between the United States and Israel, despite rumors to that effect.

Although the United States watched Syria for several years, Bush said Sunday's shelling by Syria was the first direct attack on U.S. forces, but he said he was optimistic for peace.

"This makes it extraordinarily difficult to deal with such a radical force — in this instance, Syria — who is backing the most extreme elements," he said.

However, Bush said the objective in Lebanon will remain the same — "to get all foreign forces out of Lebanon and have Lebanon at peace."

"America will not be driven out of the peace keeping mission. Terrorists acts backed by extremists will not alter the foreign policy of the United States.

"I think for too long in this country we've condoned things that we knew in our hearts we should have condemned," Bush said,

"but we never truly forgot, we never truly lost sight of the values that made America great. All around us today, we see Americans once again rallying around those values, speaking up for what they believe."

Nine-hundred Republicans paid \$150 each to hear Bush and other high-ranking Texas Republicans, such as Sen. John Tower and Congressmen Bill Archer, Ron Paul, Jack Fields and Phil Gramm.

Kidnapping suspect now sought by cops

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IRVING — Police Sunday searched for a man suspected of kidnapping a man and wife and driving them to a deserted area, where he robbed them and shot the woman to death.

Bessie Ghavam, 45, was shot to death Saturday night after being abducted along with her husband, Mehdi Ghavam, 27, at about 10:30 p.m. Saturday in a store parking lot, officials said.

Police said a gunman approached the couple in the parking lot and forced them to get back into their car.

Ghavam, who received minor injuries in the incident, told police the man bound and gagged his wife and forced her to lie on the floorboard of the car while Ghavam drove to a deserted highway in west Dallas.

Ghavam said the man placed a black stocking over Ghavam's head and drove the car to another area of town, where the man took his wallet and credit cards and his wife's jewelry.

He said the gunman then forced the couple out of the car, and he heard two shots. Ghavam said someone then began kicking him in the head and knocked him out.

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