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New kids on the block

BSJH officials brace for influx of sixth-graders



By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Big Spring sixth-graders are moving up in the world

Of all the changes that will take place at Big Spring Independent School District this school year — which began today — the one that gains the most notice is all the construction projects going on at campus sites around town. But another change, this one not quite as noticeable, is the addition of sixth-graders to the junior high school population.

BSISD officials announced their intention to move sixth-graders when they made plans for a \$60 million construction bond which passed voter muster in 2010.

The move will accomplish a long-standing district goal: to cut down the moves students must make as they progress through grades at BSISD. At a majority of Texas school districts, students move twice — from elementary to junior high, then to high school. Until this school year at Big Spring, however, students made three moves — from

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
 Crossing guard Justin Gonzales, right, leads children and parents across the street at the Goliad/Moss campus this morning. Today is the first day of the 2011-2012 school year and motorists are advised to be extra-cautious when driving in school zones.

Jury selection begins for Murley assault trial

Jury selection was scheduled to begin in 118th District Court Monday morning in the trial of a Big Spring man charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Joseph Alton Murley, 32, of 1405 Tucson, was indicted in March on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony.

Budget tops council agenda

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to call for a public hearing to be held in mid-September to cover the proposed 2011-2012 budget and tax rate — which includes a 5-cent cut for taxpayers — during its meeting Tuesday night.

The fiscal plan — which is certainly lean, but by no means a bare-bones effort — is based on a 94.95-cent per \$100 valuation tax rate, a drop of 5 cents compared to last year's 99.95 cent rate. The proposed rate is also nearly 5 cents below the effective tax rate of 99.7 cents per \$100 valuation.

The rate consists of 62.1317 cents toward the municipality's general fund; 8.5 cents for the Big Spring Police Department Narcotics Task Force; 20.7249 cents for general obligation bonds issued in 2007 on voter approval; .7133 cents for certificates of obligation issued in 2007; and 2.8801 cents for cer-

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United Way sets \$275K goal for 2012 campaign

By AMANDA MORENO
 Staff Writer

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County announced their goal for the 2012 campaign Saturday night at the Boots and Bling event held at the Big Spring Country Club.

This year the 23-member-board is aiming to reach a goal of \$275,000. Last year the goal was set at \$250,000 and, through the help of board members and contributions from the community, was surpassed.

Since the goal was exceeded, the United Way was able to provide its 15 member agencies with bonus checks, which were presented at Boots and Bling. On top of bonus checks being presented, two board members were also recognized for their service to the community and support of United Way.

Manny Negron, board member, was recognized for his contributions and enthusiasm he has shown since he became part of the United Way board.

"He hasn't lived here long, moving here in 2006, but he has been very involved in the community. It seems he is always dropping by or giving us a call wondering how he can help out," outgoing executive director Jeanie Coor said.

Pastor Ken McIntosh was also recognized for his leadership and contributions to the United Way. Since McIntosh arrived in Big Spring he has become part of numerous community organizations and projects. One of the better known projects is the Trash Off, which he has taken part in the past

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Courtesy photo
 Manny Negron, right, receives an award from United Way President Wayland Pierce for his contributions and support of the United Way at the Boots and Bling event held Saturday night.

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Obituaries

L.D. Whitton Sr.



SAN ANGELO — L.D. Whitton Sr., 75, of San Angelo, Texas, passed away Friday, Aug. 19, 2011. He was born in Winnsboro, Texas, on Nov. 4, 1935, to L.W. and Mary Whitton.

He was raised in East Texas, where he attended school until he moved to Roscoe and Sweetwater, Texas. He later moved to Amarillo and worked in the grocery business. While there, he joined the Marine Corps and served in the

Korean War.

Upon leaving the Marines he moved to Big Spring, Texas, where he met the love of his life, Marie Rhoades. They were married for 51 years and had two children. They lived in Big Spring, Midland and Odessa, later moving to San Angelo where he worked as produce manager for Albertson's. He remained with Albertson's for 26 years until his retirement.

L.D. was a loving husband, a good father and showed great care for all his fellow man. He was a member of Edmund Blvd. Baptist Church. In his spare time he loved flying remote control airplanes and was a charter member of San Angelo R/C Airplane Club. L.D. was also a member of Friends of San Angelo State Park.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Whitton; his parents; three sisters; and one brother.

L.D. is survived by his wife, Marie; son, L.D. Whitton Jr. and wife Gloria of Del Rio; sister, Lillie Wilson of Stamford; brother, Henry Whitton of Sebring, Fla.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; as well as many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Visitation was held Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011, with family present from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, August 22, 2011, at Edmund Blvd. Baptist Church with burial to follow at Lawnhaven Memorial Garden. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

We will all miss him very much.
Paid obituary

Nita Ellison

Nita Ellison, 58, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dorothy Stripling

Dorothy Stripling, 81, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 22, 2011, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- EDUARDO RAMIREZ GALLARDO, 51, of 806 Ohio, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated (open container) – third or more offense.
- STEVEN RANDEL O'BRIEN, 49, of 2606 Hunter, was arrested Saturday on a charge of terroristic threats.
- ARL A. LINGER, 63, of New Mexico, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- SAMMY FERRELL, 49, of 509 N. Johnson, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TERRY LEE TRAHAN, 53, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHNNY ISAIAS GONZALES JR., 21, of 810 E. 14th St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TERRY LEE TRAHAN, 53, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 1000 block of S. Gregg Street.
- In the 700 block of S. Lancaster.
- In the 300 block of S. Scurry.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 2500 block of Ent.
- In the 2600 block of Hunter.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1700 block of S. Gregg Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of N.W. 10th Street.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- MARTIN LEE BENTANCUR, 44, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- DAWN MICHELLE TUCKER, 45, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of failure to appear and assault – family violence.
- TERRY LEE TRAHAN, 53, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROCKY ROBLES YANEZ, 29, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and municipal warrants for driving while license invalid and violation of a promise to appear.
- JOSE ALFREDO ARENIVEZ, 44, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- ANGIE FAY BROOKS, 43, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANDRES REYES PERCHES III, 17, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for indecency with a child – sexual contact.
- CLAYTON WILLIAM WINGTON, 25, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on motions to revoke probation for burglary of a habitation (two counts).
- CALEB DEAN THIEBAUD, 31, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- JORGE A. HERNANDEZ, 35, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of speeding, violation of a promise to appear and disregarding a stop sign.
- JACEN BRADLEY STOTT, 54, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication, failure to identify – giving false information and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- EDUARDO RAMIREZ GALLARDO, 51, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- STEVE RANDAL O'BRIEN, 49, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of terroristic threat.
- ARL LINGER, 63, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
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- JOHNNY ISAIAS GONZALES JR., was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TERRY LEE TRAHAN, 53, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 7000 block of S. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 900 block of Runnels. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of Stonehaven. One person was transported to SMMC.

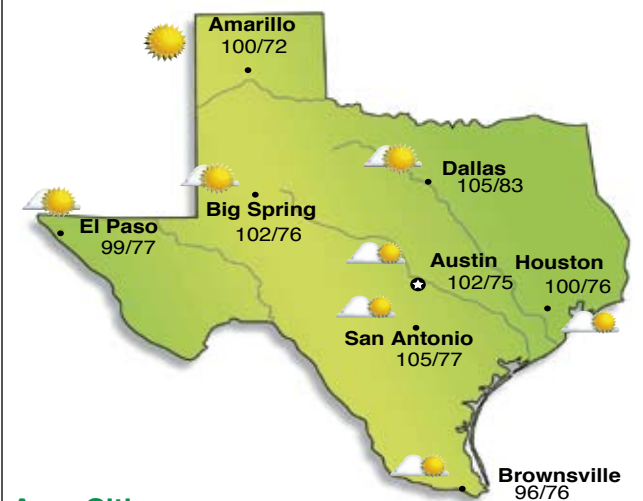
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 8/23	Wed 8/24	Thu 8/25	Fri 8/26	Sat 8/27
102/76 Plentiful sunshine. Near record high temperatures. High 102F.	102/77 Sunshine. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the upper 70s.	98/77 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 70s.	101/76 More sun than clouds. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	99/76 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Arlene	102	79	sunny	Kingsville	100	74	pt sunny
Amarillo	100	72	sunny	Livingston	102	74	pt sunny
Austin	102	75	pt sunny	Longview	102	79	mst sunny
Beaumont	97	76	t-storm	Lubbock	100	74	sunny
Brownsville	96	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	102	76	mst sunny
Brownwood	105	79	mst sunny	Midland	101	77	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	97	77	pt sunny	Rosenberg	99	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	104	80	mst sunny	Rosenberg	101	75	pt sunny
Dallas	105	83	mst sunny	San Antonio	105	77	pt sunny
Del Rio	102	81	mst sunny	San Marcos	103	75	pt sunny
El Paso	99	77	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	102	81	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	99	74	mst sunny	Sweetwater	101	77	sunny
Gainesville	103	80	mst sunny	Tyler	102	78	mst sunny
Greenville	103	79	pt sunny	Weatherford	104	80	mst sunny
Houston	100	76	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	106	81	mst sunny

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Jones. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of N. Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Robin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 20th Street and Main. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 177 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

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News in brief

Clashes erupt near Gadhafi compound in Libyan capital

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Tanks opened fire at rebels trying to storm Moammar Gadhafi's main compound in Tripoli on Monday, although the whereabouts of the longtime Libyan leader remained unknown a day after a lightning advance by opposition fighters who poured into Tripoli capital with surprising ease.

The international community meanwhile called on the longtime leader to step down as euphoric residents celebrated in the Green Square, the symbolic heart of the Gadhafi regime. NATO promised to continue airstrikes until all pro-Gadhafi forces surrender or return to barracks.

Rebel spokesman Mohammed Abdel-Rahman, who was in Tripoli, cautioned that pockets of resistance remained and that as long as Gadhafi remains on the run the "danger is still there."

The clashes broke out early Monday at Gadhafi's longtime command center known as Bab al-Aziziya early Monday when government tanks emerged from the complex and opened fire at rebels trying to get in, according to Abdel-Rahman and a neighbor. An AP reporter at the nearby Rixos Hotel where foreign journalists stay could hear gunfire and loud explosions from the direction of the complex.

Tripoli resident Moammar al-Warfali, whose family home is next to the compound, said there appeared to be only a few tanks belonging to the re-

maining Gadhafi forces that have not fled or surrendered.

Obama calls on Gadhafi to 'acknowledge reality,' relinquish power

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass. (AP) — President Barack Obama says it's time for Moammar Gadhafi to recognize that his rule over Libya has come to an end and he should relinquish power to stop the violence and bloodshed of six months of civil war aimed at toppling his autocratic regime.

"The future of Libya is now in the hands of the Libyan people," Obama said Sunday in a statement from Martha's Vineyard, where he's vacationing with his family. The U.S. says it will work closely with the rebels.

After a day of dramatic developments, Obama said the situation in Libya had reached a "tipping point" and control of the capital was "slipping from the grasp of a tyrant."

"The surest way for the bloodshed to end is simple: Moammar Gadhafi and his regime need to recognize that their rule has come to an end," Obama said. "Gadhafi needs to acknowledge the reality that he no longer controls Libya. He needs to relinquish power once and for all." Obama issued the statement after conducting a conference call with members of his national security team, who had provided him with updates throughout the day.

Clashes were reported early Monday near Gadhafi's compound in Tripoli when tanks rolled out and opened fire on rebels trying to storm

the complex.

DA likely to drop sexual assault case against Strauss-Kahn in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — The sexual assault charges that cost Dominique Strauss-Kahn his job as head of the International Monetary Fund likely will be dropped by prosecutors, a person familiar with the case has said.

The likely developments would bring a formal end to the case at Strauss-Kahn's next court date on Tuesday, when prosecutors may ask a judge to dismiss the charges and might elaborate on their reasoning.

The Manhattan District Attorney's office probably will tell Strauss-Kahn's accuser Monday that it won't pursue the case, both because prosecutors don't have evidence proving a forced sexual encounter and because she has a history of lies and inconsistencies that make it impossible to ask a jury to believe her, the person said. The person spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss matters not yet made public.

The case upended French politics before it was riven by questions about his accuser's credibility. It captured international attention as a seeming cauldron of sex, violence, power and politics: A promising French presidential contender, known in his homeland as "the Great Seducer," accused of a brutal and contemptuous attack on an African immigrant who came to clean his plush hotel suite. The stakes were high for both Strauss-Kahn — who resigned his IMF post, spent nearly a week behind bars and then spent possibly hundreds of thousands of dollars on house arrest — and for DA Cyrus R. Vance Jr., who was handling the biggest case he has had during his 18 months in office.

One of Strauss-Kahn's lawyers, Benjamin Brafman, didn't immediately respond to an email message Sunday, after the New York Post first reported prosecutors' likely decision to drop the case. The DA's office declined to comment.

Gov't post-9/11 rush to hide data abates

Take a virtual tour of New York on Google Maps and some blurry images appear.

As you zoom down in satellite view, what looks like the crisp outline of the airport terminal near upstate Buf-

falo dissolves into a fuzzy white blob. Instead of cars, blotches of color sit in the main parking lot.

Swing southeast 140 miles to the prison in Elmira, near the Pennsylvania border, or the atomic research lab in Schenectady, about 180 miles northeast from there — and the images hide behind the same type of blur.

The alterations are not the work of a hacker. In the post-9/11 world, they're the product of New York state's homeland security apparatus, done in the hope of preventing terrorists from attacking.

As a staggered nation scrambled after Sept. 11, 2001, to anticipate possible next targets, there was a widespread sanitizing of publicly available information suddenly viewed as tip sheets and road maps for terrorists.

Texas has highest uninsured rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas would be among the biggest beneficiaries of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, standing to gain coverage for nearly 4 million uninsured residents.

But Gov. Rick Perry blocked moves to lay the groundwork for that expansion of coverage, and among the alternatives he's supported is an untested regional solution that could prove as controversial as Obama's remake.

With Perry running for the Republican presidential nomination, health care in Texas and his own ideas as governor will get fly-speck scrutiny on the national stage. His state is a study in contrasts, boasting world-renowned facilities like the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, along with the highest proportion of uninsured residents of any state — 26 percent.

As a national candidate Perry has made total repeal of "Obamacare" central to his fledgling campaign. But it's unclear what he would put in its place. And if the Supreme Court ultimately upholds all or parts of the law, Perry has signaled that he would help carry out key provisions to avoid defaulting to the federal bureaucracy.

Texas has received various grants under Obama's law for planning, insurance regulation and consumer education.

The state employee benefits system says it expects to draw \$60 million in federal subsidies this year to help cover its early retirees, cashing in on a provision of the law.

Hurricane Irene pounds Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Irene reached hurricane strength early Monday after it began moving across Puerto Rico, pounding the U.S. Caribbean territory with torrential rains and winds.

Earlier, as a tropical storm, Irene downed trees and caused widespread power outages in the U.S. Virgin Islands as it churned just miles (kilometers) from St. Croix, said Christine Lett, spokeswoman for the territory's emergency management agency.

Forecasters earlier said Irene was likely to pass south of Puerto Rico, but the storm shifted north and was passing directly over the island.

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Why Should the U.S. Fund the Terrorist Group Hamas?

Congress now sends nearly a billion tax dollars annually to the Hamas-linked Palestinian Authority: Is this a smart use of U.S. foreign aid?

The Palestinian Authority's ruling party Fatah recently announced it has "reconciled" with the Islamic terror group Hamas to form a unity government. The Palestinian Authority currently receives some \$600 million in direct annual U.S. aid, plus an additional \$225 million in annual U.S. funding through the United Nations. Since it is against U.S. law to fund terrorist organizations, the U.S. Congress should immediately stop the flow of American tax dollars to the Palestinian Authority.

What are the facts?

In May 2011, in an effort to circumvent peace negotiations with Israel, the Palestinian Authority (P.A.) inked a deal to merge with Hamas. This sudden reconciliation enables the P.A., now representing both the West Bank and Gaza, to present the illusion of a viable, unified governing body to the United Nations in order to obtain the U.N.'s unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state. Because Hamas is an avowed enemy of the United States and because the U.S. and Israel believe direct negotiations with the P.A. represent the only sustainable path to peace, both nations oppose such a move in the U.N.

Hamas, headquartered in Gaza, with a political leadership office in Damascus, Syria, was founded in 1987 as an arm of Egypt's Islamist Muslim Brotherhood. In 1999 the U.S. State Department put Hamas on its list of foreign terrorist organizations. No wonder: According to its own charter, Hamas is dedicated to creating an Islamic state in all of Palestine, destroying the state of Israel and exterminating Jews. Because of its long history of attacking civilians through bombings, kidnapping and rocket attacks, Hamas is also considered a terrorist organization by Canada, the European Union, Israel and Japan.

Hamas' funding comes primarily from Iran, Saudi Arabian benefactors and Palestinian expatriates. Palestinian refugees and their descendants in Gaza also receive hundreds of millions of dollars from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). Now, with Hamas' recent agreement to unite with Fatah, the terrorist group will have influence over and access to billions of dollars more in aid from the U.S., the European Union and dozens of individual donor nations.

Hamas rules the people of Gaza with a brutal, totalitarian hand. Since Hamas violently seized control of Gaza in 2007, it has permitted no elections and allows no freedom of press, religion or speech. Palestinian women in Gaza are repressed according to strict Islamic custom. More than half of Gazan women report having been victims of physical violence, and

half of all murders in Gaza are "honor killings" of women. Homosexuality is illegal in Gaza, and Christians are often harassed. Against all international law, kidnapped Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit has been held incommunicado by Hamas for five years with no access to the Red Cross.

Hamas opposes the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Hamas stands openly by its goal to conquer every inch of Palestine, cleanse it of Jews, and establish a fundamentalist Islamic caliphate. Since Israel's withdrawal of security forces

and residents from Gaza in 2005, Hamas has fired more than 8,800 missiles on Israeli cities and civilians. Just a few months ago, the group's rocket attack on an Israeli school bus killed a 16-year-old boy. Above all, Hamas refuses to accept the state of Israel and condemns any efforts to negotiate peace—a complete repudiation of the efforts of the United States and the Quartet on the Middle East (consisting of the United Nations, the European Union, Russia and the U.S.) to resolve the decades-long dispute between Arabs and Israelis. Senior Hamas leader Mahmoud al-Zahar recently confirmed that "Our program does not include negotiations with Israel or recognizing it."

Time to stop U.S. aid to terrorists. In April, 2011, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated, "We will not deal with nor in any way fund a Palestinian government that includes Hamas unless and until Hamas has renounced violence, recognized Israel and agreed to follow the previous obligations of the Palestinian Authority." In July, 2011, both houses of Congress overwhelmingly passed resolutions that threaten withdrawal of aid from the Palestinian Authority if it persists in efforts to circumvent direct negotiations with Israel by turning to the United Nations for recognition—which it continues to pursue aggressively—and if the Palestinian Authority shares power with Hamas. In fact, annual U.S. foreign operations appropriations bills expressly forbid funding for "assistance to Hamas or any entity effectively controlled by Hamas or any power-sharing government of which Hamas is a member."

It's clear that the Palestinian Authority, by forming an alliance with the terrorist group Hamas, abandoning peace talks with Israel, and taking its case for statehood unilaterally to the United Nations, has no respect for the interests of the United States in the Middle East. In this time of financial crisis and soaring budget deficits, should we spend 825 million American tax dollars annually supporting the Palestinian Authority, now allied with an avowed enemy of peace, the U.S. and the state of Israel?

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Briefs

Climb to the top handicap bowling tournament Aug. 28

Bowl-A-Rama is hosting a bowling tournament with a \$600 guaranteed first place prize. The tournament, which will take place at 1 p.m. Aug. 28, is open to the first 24 bowlers with an average of 199 or less. Entry fee is \$60 and must be received by 6 p.m. Aug. 25.

For additional information, contact Greg Clarke at 432-264-6480 or John and Diana Dodd at 432-267-7484. Further information can be obtained on Bowl-A-Rama's website. Simply go to www.bigspringbowlarama.com.

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

Chicano Golf Association meeting Monday

The Chicano Golf Association (CGA) will have a meeting for all its members today at 6:30 pm at Comanche Golf Course.

Two shot at Raiders game

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Police interviewed suspects Sunday after two men were shot and wounded following a San Francisco 49ers-Oakland Raiders preseason game, while the NFL and the cities jointly called for an end to "intimidation" and acts of violence at sporting events.

Saturday night's shooting in the parking lot at Candlestick Park evoked memories of another recent disturbing act of post-game violence involving two rival California pro sports teams

— the near-fatal beating in March of a San Francisco Giants fan outside Dodger Stadium.

In Saturday's attacks, a 24-year-old man, who reportedly was wearing a "F--- the Niners" T-shirt, remained hospitalized in serious condition Sunday after being shot several times in the stomach. He had managed to stumble to Candlestick Park stadium security for help despite the severe injuries, police said.

A 20-year-old man, was treated for less serious wounds in a separate shooting, also after the

game. Sgt. Mike Andraychak said Sunday that police are looking for "a person of interest" connected to at least one of the shootings. He would not specify which shooting.

A motive for either attack — including whether either was influenced by emotions surrounding a game involving fiercely rival teams — also wasn't known.

Apart from the shootings, a third victim was also hospitalized in serious condition Sunday after he was knocked unconscious in a stadium bathroom during the

football game. That attack appeared unrelated to the other two, authorities said.

The victims' names have not been released as the violent spree overshadowed the 49ers' 17-3 victory over the Raiders.

The crimes prompted San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee and Oakland Mayor Jean Quan to issue a joint statement saying that violence at stadiums in both cities will not be tolerated.

"The incidents ... are completely unacceptable

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LSU players in bar fight

BATON ROUGE (AP) — Four LSU football players hired a defense attorney and put off a meeting with police about a bar fight that started when a patron honked at a crowd blocking his exit from a parking lot, Baton Rouge police said Sunday.

Quarterback Jordan Jefferson, offensive lineman Chris Davenport, defensive lineman Josh Johns and receiver Jarvis Landry had been asked to give their side of the story at police headquarters Monday, but attorney Nathan Fisher arranged a postponement,

Sgt. Donald Stone confirmed in an email.

Stone did not say if a new date was scheduled.

Earlier, he said that the fight began when a driver honked his horn at a crowd blocking his way out of the bar's parking lot.

The driver was one of four people injured in the fight outside Shady's Bar, according to a news release from Stone.

The football players "weren't asked to turn themselves in," Stone said in a telephone interview.

"They were asked to

come in so they can be interviewed and tell their side of the story." The investigation will continue after that, and police may interview other players, he said.

Stone said police interviewed four people who were treated and released — three for minor injuries and a fourth for a more serious injury that could bring a felony charge of second-degree battery.

Some witnesses also have talked to police, he said.

On Saturday, coach Les Miles apologized for

the fight, which he said occurred after the entire team checked in at Thursday's 10:30 p.m. curfew.

He said that a "relatively large group" was involved and that he won't punish specific players until details are collected and revealed.

"We've started disciplining our team because this was a team violation," Miles said. "This was not just a guy. This was the team."

The fourth-ranked Tigers start the season playing No. 3 Oregon on Sept. 3 at Cowboys Stadium.

Astros dismantled in extra innings Sunday

HOUSTON (AP) — Pablo Sandoval hit a tie-breaking two-run homer with two out in the 11th inning to lead the San Francisco Giants to a 6-4 victory over the Houston Astros Sunday.

The score had been tied at 4-4 since the fourth inning and the Giants missed several chances to take the lead until Sandoval's 15th homer off Mark Melancon (6-4).

Jeremy Affeldt (2-2) pitched two innings for the victory. He has allowed one earned in 17 1-3 innings since the All-Star break.

The Giants left 12 base runners stranded, including seven over the final five innings. The loss snapped a four-game winning streak for the Astros, equaling their longest of

the season.

Brandon Belt hit a three-run homer in the second inning and had a career high four hits.

The Giants were poised to take the lead in the eighth with the bases loaded and one out. Instead, Chris Stewart hit a fly to left fielder J.D. Martinez, who caught it for the second out and then made a perfect throw to catcher Carlos Corporan, who blocked the plate and tagged Nate Schierholtz sliding into home plate.

San Francisco loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth but Schierholtz flew out to center field to keep the score tied. The Giants left seven runners stranded in the seventh, eighth and ninth.

Giants starter Dan Runzler

made his major league debut as a starter after 71 appearances in relief. He didn't get out of the second inning. He allowed four runs, walked three and struck out two.

Henry Sosa made his third major league start and it came against his former team. Sosa was traded to the Astros on July 19 in a deal that sent Jeff Keppinger to the Giants. He pitched five innings but did not figure in the decision.

San Francisco got a quick lead off Sosa on Belt's 3-run homer after Aubrey Huff doubled and Nate Schierholtz singled to start the second inning.

The Astros battered Runzler and Guillermo Mota for four runs in the second inning that included four walks.

Runzler yielded a single to Jimmy Paredes and walked Clint Barmes and Jason Michaels to start the second inning. Carlos Corporan hit into a double play, scoring Paredes.

Sosa walked and Jose Altuve had an RBI single to bring on Mota, who walked Jason Bourgeois and J.D. Martinez followed with a two-run single to right field for a 4-3 lead.

Mike Fontenot's sacrifice fly tied it in the fourth inning. The Giants challenged the deadlock in the seventh when Wilton Lopez hit lead-off batter Chris Stewart and pinch hitter Orlando Cabrera singled in front of diving right fielder J.B. Shuck sending Stewart to third.

Cody Ross struck out and Jeff Keppinger hit a hot grounder to third baseman Jimmy Paredes, and Stewart was caught in a rundown.

Sergio Escalona came on to strike out Pablo Sandoval to end the threat.

Notes: The Giants placed closer Brian Wilson on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to Tuesday with inflammation in his right elbow and recalled RHP Steve Edlefsen from Triple-A Fresno. ... The Astros optioned RHP Jordan Lyles to Triple-A Oklahoma City Sunday in anticipation of OF Jordan Schafer coming off the disabled list on Monday. General manager Ed Wade said Lyles would return with the September call ups.

Holland, Rangers roughed up by Sox

CHICAGO (AP) — Gavin Floyd pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning, Brent Lillibridge and Alex Rios hit two-run homers and the Chicago White Sox romped past the Texas Rangers 10-0 Sunday.

Chicago took two of three from the AL-West leading Rangers and finished a nine-game homestand at 5-4. The White Sox had their first winning homestand since June 3-12.

Floyd (11-10) coasted with a big lead. He allowed just three hits, struck out six and walked one. He left after giving up a leadoff hit in the eighth.

The Rangers have dropped three of four after winning the first six games on their 10-game road trip.

Derek Holland (11-5) lost for the first time in five decisions since the All-Star break. The left-hander gave up five runs and eight hits in 3 1-3 innings.

White Sox right fielder Carlos Quentin was out of the lineup after he injured his left shoulder making a diving catch dur-

ing Saturday night's win. X-rays came back negative and an MRI result showed a sprain. He was listed as day-to-day.

After Jean Pierre reached on an infield single in the White Sox third, Lillibridge followed with his shot to left field. It was Lillibridge's 11th home run, matching slumping slugger Adam Dunn's output in 197 fewer at-bats. Dunn has been sitting against left-handers in favor of Lillibridge.

After Holland issued back-to-back walks with two outs, Alejandro De Aza split the gap in the left-center for a two-run double that put the White Sox ahead 4-0.

Chicago added on in the fourth. Gordon Beckham broke an 0-for-14 slump with a single and Lillibridge chased Holland with a single. Paul Konerko greeted reliever Scott Feldman with an RBI single, leaving him one hit shy of 2,000 for his career.

Pierre added a two-run single with the bases loaded off Feldman in the fifth for a 7-0 lead.

Rios homered in the eighth.

Josh Hamilton was given the day off by manager Ron Washington, despite being 6 for 10 lifetime, against Floyd. Hamilton is hitting .173 in day games this year and .339 at night.

Floyd pitched around an error by Lillibridge in the second inning.

Floyd had Mike Napoli picked off, but Lillibridge missed Floyd's throw at first. The ball bounced off the camera well fence and Napoli went into third. Floyd stranded Napoli at third by striking out Mitch Moreland and Yorvit Torrealba.

Along with giving up a two-run home run to Rios in the eighth, Feldman gave up an RBI single to De Aza.

Rangers manager Ron Washington stayed with Feldman for the rest of game, despite giving up five runs on eight hits in 4 2-3 innings of relief.

NOTES: After an off-day Monday, the White Sox begin a five-game road trip against the Angels on Tuesday.

Weekly results for the CTLGA

Monday's three-person team low ball results:

First place: Trish Gabbard, Joan daniel and Gud Leonardi.
Second place: Mary Gilbreath, Betty Murphy and Ramona Harris.

Thursday's couples results:

First place: Vaughn Martin, Jimmy and Deanna Foresythe, Nick and Linda Dewaters.
Second place: John and Gus Leonardi, Jerry Roach and Mary Gilbreath.
Third place: Howard and Trish Gabbard, Max and Betty Ray Coffee.
Fourth place: Paul and Dee Jenkins, George and Betty Murphy.
Closest to hole number three: Howard Gabbard.
Closest to hole number six: Mary Gilbreath.
Note: There was a tie for first place at four strokes under par. The scorecard playoff went to the third handicap hole.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

On this, the last day of the Leo solar journey in 2011, the sun will oppose Neptune, the planet of dreams, vision and belief.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll enjoy the distraction of breezy, casual interactions. What makes them fun is that you really don't care what happens next, and you're as surprised as anyone about how things unfold.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your warm reception of friends will be remembered. You'll be included and invited to numerous events in the weeks to come.



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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll prefer not to do what others around you are doing. You'll also feel it is your duty to elevate yourself beyond the common level.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will play by the rules, unless you see that the rules are designed to keep you down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your special interest and expertise in a certain niche will impact the day.

even deeper into your study. You'll soon have power in a realm that few understand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It makes no difference whether you do your work alone or with others — you will be comfortable either way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be happier because you stop thinking about what you "should" do. You either do it or you don't do it, based on how you feel in the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone will give you the facts without appealing to your emotions. Your logical understanding of the situation will not be enough to move you to change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Not everything that has value has to be attained by sweat and struggle. Celebrate the easy things in your life, the things that require no effort at all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll likely hit a rough patch in the day. Keep going with full knowledge that it's the challenging situation you are in — not your own personal limitations — that is to blame for the trouble.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your brain may be more repetitive than usual as it works out the knotty details of a problem, going over each element again and again while the rest of the world goes by.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have passion, but lack direction. You need to learn more in order to get a clearer picture of where to go next.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 22). What was once difficult is now a snap — you will succeed with little effort. A female figure will be important to

developments in September. In December, initiate projects that you can add to in the years to come. The improvements you make to your domestic realm in 2012 will have far-reaching benefits.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I eat, drink, work and spend too much. I am in too much debt and feel like my lifestyle is dragging me down little by little each day. I want to make changes, but I don't want to go into therapy to do it. I don't have the time or money to excavate my past. How can a Sagittarius with a life out of balance find a short-cut to sanity?"

Pretend that a miracle has happened and your life is suddenly in balance. How can you tell? What does it look like? What are you doing differently? Perhaps you see yourself going on a walk, taking a nap, talking with a friend. These are the kinds of small changes you can implement to put your life back on track.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: This day in 1893 brought the wisecracking wit of Dorothy Parker into the world. The Algonquin Round Table founder went on to write screenplays in Hollywood. This jazz-age Leo writer was born when the sun and Mercury were in entertaining Leo, and lucky Jupiter was in verbose Gemini.

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Texans run over Saints in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans' first-string offense was in top form against the New Orleans Saints on Saturday night, producing 24 points and 283 yards on its first four series.

It was just a preseason game, as Arian Foster said after the 27-14 victory. But coach Gary Kubiak said Sunday that he was encouraged by what he saw from Matt Schaub, the offensive line and running back Ben Tate, who was seeing his first game action in more than a year.

Slow starts were common for the Texans in 2010 — they scored a total of 151 points in the first halves of their 16 games, and 236 in the second halves.

Schaub set the tempo against the Saints, completing 12 of 16 throws for 163 yards, including a 48-yarder to Andre Johnson. Tate and 2010 NFL leading rusher Foster ran for 142 total yards in the first half, helped by efficient blocking from the line and tight ends Owen Daniels, Joel Dreessen and James Casey, who's also learning to play fullback.

"It sure helps when you run the football like that, that's what

makes our offense go," Kubiak said. "The thing I was excited about offensively was we played well up front. Our five guys played really well. Of course, getting those two backs back helped."

Tate broke a 43-yard run, Foster scored from 28 yards out and Chris Ogbonnaya and Javarris Williams both had rushes longer than 10 yards. The Texans finished with 208 yards rushing.

"The thing we ask our guys to do is cut, and that's usually the difference in whether we have some 15- or 20-yard runs, and not just 6-yard runs," Kubiak said. "We were cutting good, we were working hard on the backside. As a group, we played faster and played sharper."

Kubiak also pinpointed areas that still need improvement, most notably the Texans' run defense and the return game. The Saints rushed for only 113 yards, but found gaps in the first half.

"They ran weakside iso (isolation)," Kubiak said. "They were very committed to it in the game and did it quite a bit. We stopped it in the second half and got some things corrected, but that's a concern. They moved the ball, especially in that first drive and in that first half, but we found a way to make big plays."

Kubiak said new defensive coordinator Wade Phillips kept his game plan simple for the second straight week, as the Texans continue to break in his 3-4 scheme. Even with only the basic defense in place, Houston has generated 11 sacks and four turnovers in two preseason games, marked progress for a

defense that ranked among the league's worst in 2010.

"There's a progression to what we're trying to do, teaching-wise," Kubiak said. "We're just trying not to overload them, and make sure we're good at something before we move to the next thing."

Kubiak hinted that Phillips might delve deeper into his playbook when the Texans play at San Francisco on Saturday.

"I know we've got a lot of other things defensively we're going to do," Kubiak said. "Like Wade has told me over and over again, until we get this right, there's no use in moving on."

Mario Williams and Brian Cushing played well in just over 20 snaps, Kubiak said. Williams, working on the transition from defensive end to outside linebacker, made two tackles, deflected a pass and recovered a fumble. Cushing, who's missed several practices as he recovers from offseason knee surgery, also made two tackles.

A growing concern for Kubiak now is that Houston ranks second-to-last in kick return average (16.9 yards) through two preseason games.

He says the new NFL rule that moves kickoffs up five yards is changing the way every team teaches them, but he still thinks the Texans need to block them better. Houston has no kickoff return longer than 21 yards in the preseason, and no punt return longer than a 19-yarder by Derrick Townsel in the Texans' 20-16 win over the Jets last Monday night.

"We've got to make some vast improvements in there and just settle down," Kubiak said. "We'll really settle down this week with the people that we use in the aspect of that game. The game has changed from a kickoff return standpoint and we've got to adapt to it and do a good job."

Kubiak said guard Kasey Stuard underwent ankle surgery Friday and doctors are still determining if he'll be able to return this season. He said rookie receiver Lestar Jean bruised a shoulder and nose tackle Earl Mitchell bruised a knee.

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and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," the mayors said. "Fans come to our stadiums to enjoy an afternoon of football, not to be subjected to intimidation or violence."

"These games are family events and the types of images we witnessed last night have no place in our arenas," they continued.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello echoed similar comments in a statement released Sunday.

"We deplore the activities of a handful of fans at last night's game and pledge our full support to Mayors Lee and Quan and to state and local law enforcement agencies," Aiello said. "We are carefully reviewing the events to make sure we have a full understanding of the facts."

"We will continue to work closely with our clubs and law enforcement agencies to support our fan conduct and stadium security initiatives," Aiello said.

49ers coach Jim Harbaugh, who also once was a coach in the Raiders organization, said he was saddened to hear about the spate of violence.

"I didn't know anything was going on during the game. I wasn't aware of that," Harbaugh said. "I feel bad for the people who got injured and the people who had to see that, for those who had to witness it. I feel bad when you sponsor an event, for an organization, and those things happen."

Andraychak said police were interviewing witnesses Sunday, and encouraged others who may have tips or seen the violence to come forward.

The attacks come about five months after San Francisco Giants fan Bryan Stow was severely beaten by two men in Los Angeles Dodgers gear outside Dodger Stadium after the archrivals season opener March 31. Two suspects have been charged in the case.

Police Sgt. Frank Harrell said Saturday that the man shot wearing a T-shirt referring to the 49ers with an obscenity, drove his truck to a gate and stumbled to stadium security. The other man was shot before that in the parking lot and had superficial face injuries, Harrell said.

Harrell told reporters outside the stadium that the two shootings were being treated separately "but we believe they are related." He did not elaborate.

In the attack on Stow, the Giants fan beaten nearly to death almost five months ago, the two men accused in the beating, Louie Sanchez, 28, and Marvin Norwood, 30, have pleaded not guilty.

Stow, 42, a Santa Cruz paramedic, suffered severe brain injuries and remains hospitalized in serious condition. Doctors say while the father of two has made "significant improvement," it's still unclear how far Stow's recovery will take him.


That attack drew widespread attention and focusing the spotlight on security at Dodger Stadium, and the intense rivalry among Dodgers and Giants fans.

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Teen football players die in wreck

LINWOOD, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey high school and its community were grappling Sunday with a hard reality: four players on their local football team were dead and four others were injured in an SUV crash on the way to a team meal.

The driver, 17-year-old Casey Brenner of Northfield, apparently lost control of the vehicle late Saturday morning as it went around a crest on the Garden State Parkway and came upon heavy traffic, said Sgt. Julian Castellanos, a state police spokesman.

The SUV overturned several times, ejecting two passengers, one of whom was struck by a passing car, Castellanos said.

All eight teenagers played for the Mainland Regional High School football team in Linwood. They ranged in age from 15 to 17.

The crash hung heavy over the community Sunday, where filling bleachers at the school's Friday night games is part of life every fall. The Mustangs have won six state championships, including five since Bob Coffey became head coach in 1986.

Before the crash, perhaps the greatest trial for the team came when it had to forfeit four games last year for using a player who transferred from another school and suited up without all the proper paperwork in place.

The victims' teammates planned to don game jerseys for the first time with their names stitched above the numbers to attend an evening vigil Sunday. And they expected

to be together for funerals in the coming days.

Coffey said he'd look for direction from his players, but expected that practices would move ahead — in some form. But two scrimmages scheduled for this week were canceled.

"My gut feeling is that we live for the moment," he said. "As a coach and kids, you've got to take care of what's in front of you right now."

Brenner was killed, as were Dean Khoury of Linwood, 15; and two 16-year-olds, Edgar Bozzi of Somers Point and Nicholas Conner of Northfield.

Coffey said Brenner was competing to be the starting tight end, Bozzi was likely to get playing time as a linebacker, Khoury was working hard after Coffey nearly kicked him off the team for missing a practice, and Conner was one of the team's most enthusiastic special-teams

players.

"All four of them were so happy, doing so well," said Coffey, who lives a few blocks from the high school in a spacious house where his players often gather.

Superintendent Thomas Baruffi described the four players who died as good students, good athletes and well-liked.

At Khoury's family's home in Linwood, the driveway and street were packed with relatives' cars. Many in the family were crying, including his mother, Denise Khoury.

"He was the boy who made everybody smile," she said.

The injured included two Linwood residents, 17-year-old Jacob Smith and 15-year-old Kenneth Randall, and two 16-year-old Northfield residents, Kyle Beattie and Alex Denafa.

Coffey said everyone except Smith was home from the hospital.

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