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Pampa's Smith announces state House run

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Mac Smith, a Pampa native, has announced his candidacy for the 88th District of the Texas House of Representatives, a position that had previously been filled by Warren Chisum for about twenty years.

"I'm excited to be able to fight for Warren Chisum's legacy, to continue his work. He's been



Smith

a great voice for the 88th district, and I want to continue that voice," said Smith. "I want to stand up the way he stood up, and try to keep fighting for those values, for those issues, and work to make this as good a place as possible."

Mac Smith was born and raised in Pampa, where he played football for the Harvesters and attended the Church of Christ at Mary Ellen and Harvester. He attended Pepperdine University in California, and from there, he studied law at Texas Tech University, earned a Masters in financial planning from Tech, and also a Masters from Pepperdine

in dispute resolution. Currently, he does general counsel work for various family businesses around town.

Smith's decision to run for office has required a lot of thought and reflection.

"Initially, I had a lot of people calling me, encouraging me to (run), and I thought about it. I prayed about it, and when it really comes down to it, I really

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Happy State Bank chairman and CEO J. Pat Hickman speaks while a lineup of shovels gets set to break ground for the bank's new Pampa facility.

Bank breaks ground for new building

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Wind kicking up the earth is fairly common around these parts, but there was a little extra dirt flying around central Pampa on a blustery Thursday morning.

The source? A lineup of shovels at the corner of Hobart and Somerville, where Happy State Bank held a formal ground-breaking ceremony for its long-awaited new building at 11 a.m. on Thursday. Present were J. Pat Hickman, Happy State Bank chairman and CEO; Ryan Monroe, president of Pampa's Happy State Bank branch; and a slew of company and local notables such as County Judge Richard Peet and Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes.

"It's a great day for Happy

State Bank, but it's also a great day for the good citizens of Pampa, Texas," said Hickman. "We have always enjoyed being here. This is our way of telling this community we are here for the long haul. We're not for sale. We hope to be here for several, several, several years to come long after I retire, and we're just expecting good things."

"It's a great feeling," echoed Monroe. "We're happy to be in Pampa. This has been a labor of love trying to get the right building on the right property, but it's part of Happy's commitment to Pampa to build a building that shows our long-time commitment to the city."

The new, 7,693-square foot building will be contracted by Tri-State General Contracting Group, L.P., and is designed

by architect D. Scott Stark. According to Happy State Bank promotional material, the facility will be a full-service banking center with six drive-up windows, a 24-hour drive-up ATM and a night depository.

"Gosh, I think this is our eighth or ninth bank building we've built now since 1995, and they all have that distinctive Happy look," said Hickman. "This one is going to be one of our big ones... It's going to have a courtyard, a community meeting room. It's going to be one of those buildings that Happy is dang sure proud of, but I promise you the people of Pampa are going to be very proud of it as well."

Happy State Bank expects the building to be completed by the second quarter of 2012.

Improvement plans get OK from board

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The Pampa Independent School District's Board of Trustees approved the improvement plans set forth by the teams from Pampa High School and Pampa Junior High School at a meeting at the Carver Center boardroom on Thursday night.

The plans were mandated by the state after both schools were deemed "Academically Unacceptable" in the most recent round of Texas Education Agency academic ratings. The ratings are contingent on students' scores on the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test, and will consequently depend on the soon-to-be implemented STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) that is set to replace the TAKS this year.

The TEA grades schools in a set of measurable for a variety of subjects and rates schools based on their lowest scores. Both schools received "Exemplary" and "Recognized" scores in several areas, but were penalized for subpar showings in specific subgroups in certain subjects. The junior high suffered in the areas of eighth grade science for Hispanic and economically disadvantage subgroups, while the high school received low scores in math for the same two subgroups. In the high school's case, the number of students turning in low scores in those subgroups was big enough to skew the school's score downward for all students in general.

Because of the "Academically Unacceptable" designation, the schools were automatically

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45th annual Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, Sunday

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The Pampa Fine Arts Association will be hosting their 45th annual Arts and Crafts Fair this weekend, and this year promises not to disappoint.

"We'll have a lot of people come back that normally participate and have great jewelry,

food and crafts, so we're excited," said Pat Mitchell, with the Pampa Fine Arts Association. "We'll have art exhibits from local artists as well."

The fair will feature jewelry, food, and many different types of crafts. The organization will also serve up stew for attendees.

The event will also include a drawing to win a painting

by Karin Sutherland, Pampa's Artist of the Year.

"She's very versatile regarding the scope of her artwork," said Mitchell of Sutherland. "It's excellent. Over the last few years, she's been centering in on local and area paintings that have to do with the farm business and farm people, from vehicles to people working the fields. I'm very

impressed with her colors that pop out and make you go, wow!"

The event will take place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday in the Heritage Room at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

"It's a really good time for families and kids to get out and enjoy the crafts," said Mitchell.

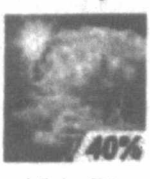
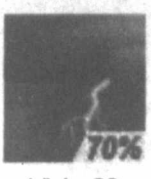

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
 40%	 70%	 20%
High 74 Low 56	High 68 Low 50	High 65 Low 42

Today: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 74. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms. Low around 56. Windy, with a south southeast wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90 percent.

Saturday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. Windy, with a south southeast wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 50. Windy, with a south southeast wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west northwest 5 to 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. Breezy, with a north wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

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Occupy Wall Street spinoffs come to Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of protesters took to the streets in Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio on Thursday as cities around Texas joined the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations demanding an end to corruption in politics and business.

Upwards of 300 marchers worked their way to the Federal Reserve Building in Dallas, which police fortified with metal barriers. Houston police estimated that a crowd of 200 marched from the J.P. Morgan Chase building to City Hall. In Austin, more than 200 people gathered outside City Hall waving signs reading "End the Fed" and "Greed is evil. I am the 99 percent," while listening to impromptu speeches.

Nearly 100 protesters gathered in San Antonio's Travis Park and later marched toward the Federal Reserve Building there.

Organizers of the protests are using social media to coordinate activities, and say they plan to occupy those locations for as long as possible.

There were no reports of arrests or major disturbances, though Houston police stepped in after a crowd surrounded one counter-protester. Justin Conry, a 28-year-old owner of a carpet cleaning business, was waving a sign that read, "Blame yourself not the bank. Hard work pays off," though the scene remained peaceful.

"I'm mad at the blame game going on right now," cried Dave King, who told the Austin crowd he had been a public employee for 23 years. "Blame public employees, blame the poor. I blame the wealthy people. If you're jobs creators,

where are the jobs?"

David Larrick Smith, 40, from the Dallas suburb of Rowlett, said he was protesting "all these billionaires who have bought our government" and said he had lost faith in President Barack Obama.

"I voted for Obama and he punked out," said Smith, who runs an education consulting business. "He had the opportunity to stand for the American people, and he's become a political puppet."

The main Occupy Wall Street protests started Sept. 17 with a few dozen demonstrators who tried to pitch tents in front of the New York Stock Exchange. Since then, hundreds have set up camp nearby in Zuccotti Park and unions have now begun lending their organizing muscle to the protests in New York.

Demonstrators have varied causes but have largely decried unemployment and economic inequality while reserving their harshest criticism for Wall Street. On Saturday, about 700 people were arrested and given disorderly conduct summonses for spilling into the roadway of New York's Brooklyn Bridge despite warnings from police.

Similar protests have started across the country, each organized locally with no official leaders.

Texas demonstration organizers are asking supporters to close accounts in major banks and to move money into credit unions. They also want reforms to campaign finance and are demanding that politicians pay more attention to average citizens.

Houston police did not stop traffic

for Thursday's march, forcing demonstrators to wait at red lights — though the crowd was cooperative. They chanted, "Banks got bailed out and we got sold out" and "Hey, hey, ho, ho, corporate greet has got to go."

Barbara Kuyper-Cross, a 58-year-old cancer survivor, sat in her scooter holding a "Banksters are gangsters" sign.

"Fixing the economy is going to be tougher than beating cancer," she said.

Upon arriving at Houston's City Hall, the crowd listened to speakers, where one man hung a stained American flag backward with the words "Sold Out" scrawled across it.

Austin protesters said they were tired of being branded un-American by opposing market forces, and at one point began chanting, "USA! USA!"

In Dallas, a former insurance agent and bed and breakfast operator, 73-year-old Amelia Core Jenkins, rode the bus to the protest and held a homemade sign that read, "Tax the rich."

"I think if our legislators realize people are very angry, they might do something different," she said.

Cordell Rasco, a 19-year-old from the Dallas suburb of Irving, marched with a Young Democrats T-shirt on, but said he was protesting the use of corporate donations to political campaigns.

"I believe our system is being bought by people with money," Rasco said.

Obituaries

Margie "Maw" Turner, 80

Margie "Maw" Turner, 80, died October 5, 2011, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 8, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Captain Mark Martin of the Salvation Army, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Turner was born September 5, 1931, in Kingston, Okla. She married Marvin Turner on February 4, 1950, in Sherman. He preceded her on April 6, 1981. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1956. She worked for the Pampa Country Club as a bartender for 27 years, retiring in 1994. Margie was a member of the Salvation Army. She was known by everyone as "Maw" and she was loved by all.

Survivors include two sons, Toney Turner and Charles Turner, both of Pampa; four daughters, Opal Whittley, Sue Reynolds and Sheri Tice and husband Randell, all of Pampa, and Carol Brown and husband Steve of Clinton, Okla.; six sisters, Mary Counts of Pampa, Dorothy Morrison of Madill, Okla., Dora Nabors and Joyce Matney of Coalgate, Okla., Mae Biggs and Margaret Fountain, both of Shawnee, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchild-



Turner

dren and one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, son-in-law, grandson and great-granddaughter.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Thomas Jefferson Hassler, 66

SKELLYTOWN—Thomas Jefferson Hassler, 66, died October 2, 2011, in Borger.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Friday, October 7, 2011 at the Soldiers for Christ Church, with Chip Watson with Soldiers for Christ, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Hassler was born December 23, 1944, in Borger. He had been a resident of Skellytown for over 25 years. He had been a nurse for several years, and retired as a truck driver in 2003. He was a member of Soldiers for Christ Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Anastasia Sanchez and husband Alfredo, and Tasha Clements, all of Skellytown; a son, Mike Lacy of Amarillo; three sisters, Bertha Porter, Judy Bosley and Carol Rovner, all of Skellytown; three brothers, John Hassler of Borger, Jim Hassler of Amarillo, and Alex Hassler of Skellytown; seven grandchildren, Dylan, Brittney, Julie, Destiny, Kyle, Antonio and Dante.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, October 6 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 16 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD responded to 13 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and Pampa PD responded to nine medical calls.

Wednesday, October 5

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 500 block of North Naida.

A theft occurred at the 300 block of Roberta.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 300 block of Jean.

A suspicious person was reported at Grape and 18th.

An assault occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company.

A burglary occurred at the 800 block of North West.

A theft occurred at the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Criminal trespassing oc-

curred at the 1200 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at Robert and Naida.

A theft was reported.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1000 block of South Sumner.

Harassment was reported.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company.

An accident occurred at the 900 block of East Francis.

A domestic disturbance occurred at Alcock and Perry.

Police investigated an alarm at the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Suspicious persons were reported at 23rd and Christine and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

A threat was reported at the 900 block of Sierra.

Harassment was reported at the 1500 block of North Hamilton.

A narcotics violation was reported.

Thursday, October 6

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 400 block of North Banks.

Police investigated an alarm at the 1700 block of North Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, October 6

Wednesday, October 5
James Marcel Hudson, 19, was arrested by police for marijuana possession.

Robert Earl Franz, 63, was arrested by police for aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Miguel Ortiz, 49, was arrested by deputies for driving while intoxicated.

Detria Ray-Don McIntosh, 34, was arrested by deputies on charges of having an open container and failure to appear in court.

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Plant design changed for water

Associated Press (AP) - An executive for a company planning to build a coal-fired power plant in Southeast Texas says the company will change how it would cool the plant, allowing it to operate with trillions of less gallons of water annually.

The move shared Thursday with The Associated Press brings the proposed plant in Bay City closer to reality.

Randy Bird, the chief operating officer for White Stallion Energy Center, says the facility would now use dry cooling in its 1,200 net megawatt electric generation plant. That means it will need some 978 million gallons of water annually to operate. He says this is far less than the wet cooling system initially proposed that required more than 8 trillion gallons of water.

Bird says the company changed its plans because "it hasn't rained."

Murder plotter loses appeal

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has denied an appeal from a former suburban Houston police officer convicted and sent to death row for masterminding a plot to have his wife killed.

The state's highest criminal court Wednesday rejected 32 points of error raised by lawyers for 54-year-old Robert Fratta.

Most of the issues in the appeal focused on whether testimony was proper at his second trial in 2009 for the slaying of his 33-year-old wife, Farah, in 1994. She had filed for divorce from the former Missouri City officer.

Fratta's first conviction, in 1996, was overturned on appeal.

Two others were sent to death row in the same case, including the hitman, Howard Paul Guidry, and Joseph Prytash, who prosecutors said hired Guidry at Fratta's request.

Facebook feud leads to arrest

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) - A Texas man is facing battery charges after police say he hit his estranged New Mexico wife and pulled her hair over her lack of a response to his Facebook status update.

The Carlsbad Current-Argus reports that 36-year-old Benito Apolinar of Pecos, Texas, was arrested Monday following a fight at the Carlsbad, N.M., home of Dolores Apolinar.

According to the criminal complaint, Benito Apolinar posted a comment on his Facebook page about the anniversary of his mother's death, but Dolores Apolinar didn't click the "like" status button.

The complaint says Benito Apolinar told his wife that he was unhappy that she didn't respond as others did. Police say that's when a fight began.

Benito Apolinar pleaded not guilty to one charge of battery.

It was unclear if he had hired an attorney.

Leopard frog not endangered

DENVER (AP) - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says the western U.S. population of the northern leopard frog doesn't warrant federal protection as a threatened or endangered species.

The agency said Wednesday the species isn't in danger of extinction, and the western U.S. population of the frog doesn't qualify as a distinct population segment that can be considered for protection.

Environmental groups had petitioned the government in 2006 to protect the frog in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The agency says that while habitat loss, disease, non-native species, pollution and climate change have hurt the frog's populations in the western U.S. and Canada, it's still considered widespread in the eastern U.S. and Canada.

La. asks EPA to reconsider

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - The Louisiana Public Service Commission and the state Department of Environmental Quality are disputing a federal model that shows Louisiana's power plants are contributing to Houston's ozone problems.

The Advocate reports the PSC and DEQ asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Wednesday to reconsider its interstate emissions rule. State officials said they are concerned about possible power shortages and higher utility bills.

Left unchanged, the number of ozone season emissions allowed by the state's power plants would drop.

The EPA wants to allow 13,482 tons, down from the 21,220 tons of emissions that Louisiana previously was allowed during ozone season. During the 2010 ozone season, Louisiana power plants had 23,174 tons in emissions.

PSC Chairman Jimmy Field said the EPA is ignoring how electricity is generated and transmitted.

EPA rolls back air rules

HOUSTON (AP) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday proposed easing new pollution restrictions that angered several states and infuriated GOP presidential contender Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

The proposed fix to the cross-state pollution rule would allow 10 states, especially Texas, to emit more smog-causing pollution than had initially been permitted. The rule is designed to decrease smokestack emissions, mostly from coal-fired power plants, in 27 states, that contribute to unhealthy air downwind.

Texas, faced with a growing population, few new energy sources, hot summers and more coal-fired power plants than any other state, has vocally opposed the rule.

Perry has used it as fodder in his long-standing accusation that the EPA under President Barack Obama meddles in state affairs and lays down expensive regulations in tough economic times, forcing companies to cut jobs to offset the costs of compliance. He wrote a letter to Obama last month urging him to delay implementation of the rule after one of the state's largest energy suppliers, Luminant Generation Co., announced it would have to idle two units and layoff hundreds of workers to comply with the rules by 2012.

Install folding doors to help save space

Dear Pat: I live in a small house with two young children. To save space, I would like to install some sliding or folding doors, instead of swinging hinged ones. Which type is best, and how do I install them? — Patricia C.

Dear Patricia: Hinged doors do take up a lot of space. Since they are normally in the fully opened or close position, it may not be apparent how much open space they actually require as they swing open. One advantage of hinged doors is when they are open, the entire door opening width is available. Sliders and folding doors will block some of the opening.

With small children, sliders or folding doors may be a good idea because they don't block as much sound as tight-fitting hinged doors. This allows you to hear what your children are doing when they are out of sight behind the closed door. This can also become annoying at quiet times, though.

Other than aesthetics, there is no significant advantage between installing a slider or a folding door. Sliders usually look more similar to a traditional hinged wood door and may be a better match with the rest of the doors in your home. Some folding doors simulate paneling or vertical blinds when closed, so this may look better in some rooms.

Most doors in a home are 80 inches tall, but some may be lower. Doors can be cut down slightly to fit a smaller opening. Carefully measure the door opening. Measure each opening (height and width) in several locations because they often are out of square. Use the smaller of the measurements in each direction when selecting your door.

Sliding doors (also called bypass doors) are easy to install yourself. These are ideal for wide closets because they give you easy access to either side depending on which door panel you slide open. A track is installed across the top of the door opening, and a guide is mounted on the floor. They will be easy for your children to open and close.

The key to an easy-to-operate sliding door is making sure the top track

HOME HOW-TO

is level. You will probably have to use some thin shims under one end or the other to level it. This will not be unsightly because the track will be hidden by a trim strip that you attach later.

Attach the rollers to the top of the door. These are adjustable, so perfect alignment is not critical when you first install them. Measure the position of the rollers to see how far the door surface will offset from the track. Hang a plumb from the track and position the guides on the floor so the door will be vertical when installed. Hang the door in the track

and install the floor guides.

Installing folding (bifold or accordion) doors is not much different from a sliding door. Install the top and bottom tracks (some simple ones just hang without a bottom track), making sure they are aligned vertically above one another. Insert the pivot on the bottom of the door into the lower track socket. The top pivot is usually spring-loaded so it can be compressed and slipped into the top socket.

Tools and materials required: screwdrivers, drill, tape measure, marking pencil, saw, level, plumb line, shim stock, door, roller/track kit.

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Sliding Doors

Sliding doors are popular choices for closets. That's because the room isn't encumbered by a swinging door taking up floor and wall space on either side of the closet.

HANGERS
Hangers adjust the door for height and plumb.

FINISH
Apply the finish before hanging the new doors. This is much easier than applying paint or stain after installing the doors.

DOOR TRIM
Trimming the bottom of a door may be necessary. First, mark the clearance needed on the door. Next, score the door with a utility knife to help prevent splintering. Use a circular saw with a fine-tooth blade, clamp a straight edge on the door as a saw guide, and cut.

MEASUREMENTS
To determine the size of door needed, measure the height and width of the door opening.

Source: www.dulley.com Creators.com/Bob Kast

School's silence angers parents

PHARR (AP) - A South Texas school district is under fire for failing to tell parents last week about an alleged sexual assault on a high school campus during school hours.

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District spokeswoman Arianna Vazquez-Hernandez said Wednesday that the district did not inform parents sooner "because it was an ongoing investigation."

The Monitor of McAllen reports that Pharr police charged two students with sexual assault Saturday after a 17-year-old female student told the school nurse Friday.

Police say one suspect is 17-year-old Adrian Duron. They declined to identify the other because he's a minor.

Duron posted \$5,000 bond and was released from jail Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Oct. 7, the 280th day of 2011. There are 85 days left in the year. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 7, 2001, the current war in Afghanistan started as the United States and Britain launched air attacks against military targets and Osama bin Laden's training camps in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. Speaking from the White House, President George W. Bush said, "We will not waver, we will not tire."

On this date:
In 1777, the second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution. (British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered ten days later.)

In 1858, the fifth debate between Illinois senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Galesburg.

In 1949, the Republic of East Germany was formed.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican opponent Richard M. Nixon held their second televised debate, in Washington, D.C.

In 1985, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in the Mediterranean. (The hijackers, who killed Jewish American tourist Leon Klinghoffer, surrendered two days after taking over the ship.)

In 1991, University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill publicly accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of making sexually inappropriate comments when she worked for him; Thomas denied Hill's allegations.

In 1998, Matthew Shepard, a gay college student at the University of Wyoming, was beaten, robbed and left tied to a wooden fencepost outside of Laramie; he died five days later. (Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney are serving life sentences for Shepard's murder.)

Ten years ago: The Emmy Awards telecast, delayed three weeks by the Sept. 11 attacks, was again postponed. (The awards finally took place on Nov. 4, 2001.)

Five years ago: Anna Politkovskaya, a journalist who'd chronicled Russian military abuses against civilians in Chechnya, was found shot to death in Moscow.

One year ago: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie canceled construction of a decades-in-the-making train tunnel between New Jersey and Manhattan, citing cost overruns that had ballooned the price tag from \$5 billion to \$10 billion or more.

Today's Birthdays: Retired South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu is 80. Comedian Joy Behar is 69. Actress Jill Larson is 64. Singer John Mellencamp is 60. Rock musician Ricky Phillips is 60. Actress Mary Badham is 59. Actress Christopher Norris is 58. Rock musician Tico Torres (Bon Jovi) is 58. Cellist Yo-Yo Ma is 56. Gospel singer Michael W. Smith is 54. Actor Dylan Baker is 53. Recording executive and TV personality Simon Cowell is 52. Rock musician Charlie Marinkovich (Iron Butterfly) is 52. Country singer Dale Watson is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Toni Braxton is 44. Rock singer-musician Thom Yorke (Radiohead) is 43. Actress Nicole Ari Parker is 41. Actress Allison Munn is 37. Actor Omar Benson Miller is 33. Actress Amber Stevens is 25.

Thought for Today: "Being right half the time beats being half-right all the time." - Malcolm Forbes, American publisher (1919-1990).



The printed newspaper will be around — for a while

I retired last month, but before I go to that big recycling bin in the sky, here are a few observations about newspapers and where they are headed:

1. The printed newspaper will be around for quite a while — not forever; but for another decade or two for most newspapers. Not a day goes by when someone doesn't say to me: "Please don't let them take my newspaper away — I love the feel of a newspaper in my hands."

2. That having been said, tablets and other mobile devices of the future are the long-term saviors for the newspaper industry. Everything you see in print today is or will be available in the palm of your hand.

Besides being substantially less expensive, digital distribution gives newspapers another shot at the younger audience — the audience it missed

when our kids went completely online. The phone companies have taught us to pay for mobile devices, Apple has conditioned us to pay for music, ditto for Kindle and Nook in the book world.

Newspapers will eventually get a reasonable fee for what they provide to you wherever you go. Count on it.

3. Digital subscriptions of various kinds and coordinated industry efforts to require payment for content newspapers create will eventually replace a large part of current print revenues. Content-creators need to be paid or they won't create — simple as that.

At the moment, too many websites use/borrow/steal newspaper-created content and sell the audience they attract to advertisers — without paying a penny for the content. What a great business! Keep the money and don't

pay for the raw material. Heads I win, tails you lose. But, the wheels are in motion now for that to change. It's going to take time and it's not going to be pretty, but it will happen.

4. Why do I feel confident about the points above? The reason is fundamental: newspapers and their digital adjuncts provide the local, community-based news and information that no one else does — or wants to do.

Most importantly — especially with the murky nature of much online content — they do so with seasoned, professional journalists who follow the rules and check the facts.

In today's uncertain media world, the newspaper is the sole repository for serious, credible, factual, local news, analysis and opinion. Going forward, that's a good thing for newspapers and newspaper companies.



JOHN STURM

The author of this column is John F. Sturm, who has been involved with the newspaper industry for the past 20 years, the last 16 as president and CEO of the Newspaper Association of America — the industry's national trade group.

Newspapers are the number one source of local news

Despite all the doomsayers out there writing obituaries for the nation's newspaper industry, 150 million Americans — two out of three adults — read a local newspaper last week.

Newspaper Association of America research from 2011 by Scarborough USA indicates almost 70 percent of your neighbors read either a printed newspaper or its online counterpart within the past seven days.

How could that be? Well, it's because newspapers still represent the most trusted source of news in America. I know that's hard to believe when you hear the mainstream media criticized at every turn on cable TV.

But it's true. When citizens want to get the facts, they turn to their local newspaper.

This is National Newspaper Week, and this year's theme, "Newspapers — Your Number One Source for Local News," underscores the importance of the nation's newspapers in the daily lives of citizens.

Newspapers certainly have their competitors out there: a hundred million websites, hundreds of thousands of bloggers, Facebook, Twitter, billboards, radio and television. And that competition is formidable.

But where does the vast majority of the "authoritative" news coverage originate that other media outlets utilize? Simple ... the nation's daily and weekly newspapers.

If print is dead, then why do more than 7,000 weekly and 1,400 daily newspapers still open their doors every day and report what is happening in their communities?

Because they take seriously the importance of local news. They know those who plunk down their hard-earned cash want their newspaper to

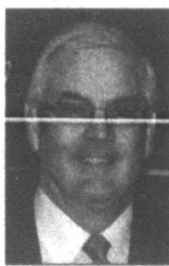
cover those events that are unique to each community.

Every day, newspapers in our local communities cover the big stories and the routine as well.

Editors take to heart the newspaper's role as the most comprehensive source of a community's historical record, so births, deaths, weddings, engagements, business accomplishments, crime, courts and a myriad of other day-to-day news events are covered along with the important governmental decisions that affect our lives.

Newspapers are the number one source of local news in every city and county in America because we show up each and every day and cover those stories. It's what our readers have come to expect.

And it's what we do better than any other news source in America.



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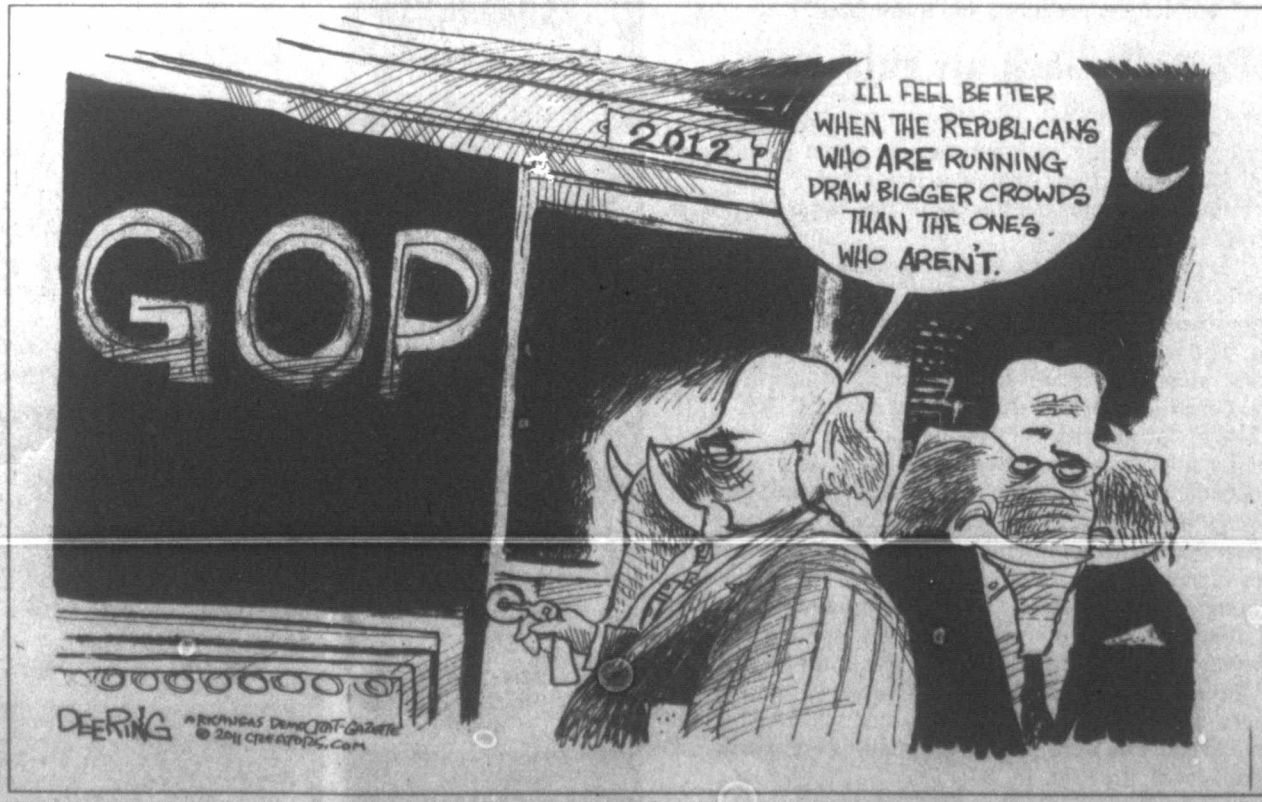
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Bachmann: Perry rewarded backers with fund

AUSTIN (AP) — Rick Perry brags that Texas has created more than 1 million jobs during his 10 years as governor, trumpeting the state's hands-off regulatory climate and business-first policies. But another part of his jobs agenda, the part that promotes investing state money in private companies, is drawing new criticism as he runs for the Republican presidential nomination.

Rival Michele Bachmann recently likened one of the deals subsidized by the Texas Enterprise Fund to Solyndra, the California energy company that went bust after receiving a \$528 million loan from the federal stimulus program. Perry's state fund "gave \$35 million and a grant to a private company and there were donors in that private company," Bachmann said, referring to Perry campaign contributors. Though the company promised to create jobs, "they didn't create any," she said.

The criticism lays bare a larger battle among conservatives about whether the government should let the free market reign or use public money to boost jobs. More specifically, the deal Bachmann attacked illustrates the murky complexities of private ventures that not only involve risk but also donations to political campaigns.

Perry spokesman Mark Miner declined to discuss the deal in question, which was with a precursor to Lexicon Pharmaceuticals. What matters, he said, is that overall "the fund has created more than 59,000 jobs and capital investment of more than \$14.7 billion." Bachmann, he

said, was "just throwing garbage at the wall to see if it will stick."

From the first grant announcement in June 2003 through August 2011, the fund had distributed more than \$439.5 million to 89 firms — from giants like 3M Co. and Home Depot Inc. to a Houston company called Alloy Polymers, which promised to create 52 jobs.

The firms have indeed pledged to create a total of 59,000 jobs, but it's unclear how many have so far met their targets. The state says figures for this year are unavailable. Lucy Nashed, a spokeswoman for the governor's office, said 30,749 jobs had been created by the end of 2010.

Perry's previous political opponents have alleged that Texas Enterprise Fund deals are part of a culture of "crony capitalism," funneling taxpayer dollars to politically connected firms with little guarantee that jobs get created. The charge has never gained much traction in Perry's races in Texas, but his presidential rivals hope it will have an impact on voters elsewhere.

Perry says the fund, created in 2003, has been a powerful deal-closer for businesses looking to expand. Texas House Speaker Joe Straus and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, fellow Republicans, also sign off on grants, but the governor's office oversees cutting individual deals and distributing money. All firms who fail to meet jobs targets are supposed to pay penalties.

The company Bachmann was referring to, Lexicon Genetics, received \$35 million in 2005 to produce two copies of an embryonic stem cell library created

from a genetically modified mouse and to deliver them to the Texas Institute for Genomic Medicine. It pledged to create 1,662 jobs by the end of 2011, but its workforce of more than 600 has fallen to 290 today — with 70 of them based in New Jersey, not Texas.

Alice Stewart, a Bachmann spokeswoman, said the Lexicon deal shows "once again, Gov. Perry agrees with President Obama."

"The governor admits that he supports the same failed stimulus policies as the president," she said.

Lexicon spokesman Wade Walke said that since 2005, the company has made a strategic shift away from labor-intensive research and development; hence, the job cuts.

"We basically went from a company that was based in research development to a company focused on drug development," Walke said. He said the original contract called for Lexicon to reimburse Texas \$14.2 million if it didn't fulfill the promised job allotment by the end of 2011.

But the firm renegotiated in 2008 to push back the job deadline to at least 2016. Nashed said firms that don't meet their job targets are required to pay penalties before they can renegotiate the terms. Lexicon kept the \$14.2 million and was allowed to renegotiate its contract after paying \$16,000 in penalties.

The new agreement also shifted most of the responsibility for creating jobs between 2007 and 2011 to the Texas A&M University System, which is absorbing the nonprofit Texas Institute for Genomic Medicine.

Jason Cook, a spokes-

man for the system, said the renegotiated contract would create more jobs in the state's biotech sector overall.

Questions about the Lexicon deal were raised by Bill White, the Democrat Perry defeated in the 2010 race for his third full term as governor. White's campaign said the award was an example of "pay-to-play" since Lexicon's top investors in 2005 — Bob McNair, William McMinn and Gordon Cain — were all large donors to Perry's campaign that year. According to White's campaign, the three owned about 16.5 percent of the company and donated nearly \$325,000 to Perry around the time Lexicon received the funding.

Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison also tried to make the fund an issue in her primary election challenge to Perry last year.

Miner defended the fund, saying that "because of the policies of the governor and Legislature, Texas continues to be a destination for companies wanting to relocate, expand and create jobs."

Debra Medina, who was a tea party candidate for the Texas governorship in 2010, said that "whether one company or another went gangbusters after getting this money isn't really the issue."

"It's about the government picking winners and losers with taxpayer dollars," she said.

Bills this past session in the Texas Legislature sought to terminate the fund or at least shift control away from the governor's office — but neither was approved.

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed, and the BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the 15 tiles in the bunch for each grid.

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Level: Intermediate

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I have worked as a nanny for many years for a divorced professional woman. She has a son and a daughter. The son, now 15, is smoking pot. I told his mom, but she's ignoring the problem. She said: "He's just experimenting. I want him to get it out of his system before he enters college."

I love this child, and I feel helpless. He knows better. The boy used to be very honest, but that's no longer the case. How can I help him when his mother isn't making an effort? — NANNY WHO CARES IN TEXAS

DEAR NANNY: Your employer seems to be clueless. What makes her think her son will get into college if he's spending his high school years stoned on weed? And for that matter, when he grows bored with grass, what makes her think he won't go on to "experiment" with stronger illegal substances? Hiding her head in the sand is not the answer.

Where is the boy's father? If the mother isn't up to the task of keeping her son on the straight and narrow, the father should be informed about what's going on.

DEAR ABBY: My mother and "Simon," the man I

consider my father, married when I was a toddler. Simon adopted me when I was in grade school. Most people believe he's my natural father, including my siblings. (I have no contact with or memory of my biological father.)

Last month at my brother's wedding, a guest commented to Dad about how much we look alike. Simon responded with, "Well, that would be tough." The guest replied, "Oh, she isn't yours?" and he said no. I was extremely hurt by his response. This has left me wondering if he feels differently about me than my sisters and brothers.

Nothing has been said since, and I feel I should let it go. Should I say something to my dad or just chalk it up to a stressful day for all of us? — FEELING EXCLUDED IN OHIO

DEAR FEELING EXCLUDED: Chalk it up to thoughtlessness on Simon's part. You became "his" when he adopted you. What he was focused on at the wedding was the question of biological relatedness, and I'm sure he didn't mean to slight you. Because this has troubled you enough to write to me, discuss it with your father and tell him how it made you feel, and give him a chance to ex-

plain.

DEAR ABBY: We have two sons, both married with children. Unfortunately, their wives don't get along, which has resulted in strained family gatherings. There is now a tendency not to invite the "other" couple to family events. Our sons always got along with each other, but this has also strained their relationship.

Any suggestions? Should we, as parents, get involved and talk to both couples at the same time? It is heartbreaking to see our sons and our grandchildren miss out on together time. — SAD IN SYRACUSE

DEAR SAD: Talk to your sons separately — and then with their wives. Whatever has caused the tension between your daughters-in-law may take mediation to fix. You are right to be concerned, because if the cousins don't grow up knowing each other, the breach in the branches of your family will be permanent.

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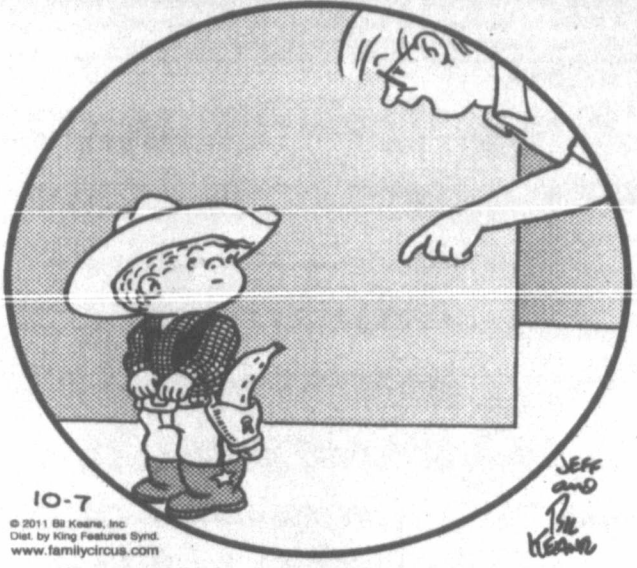
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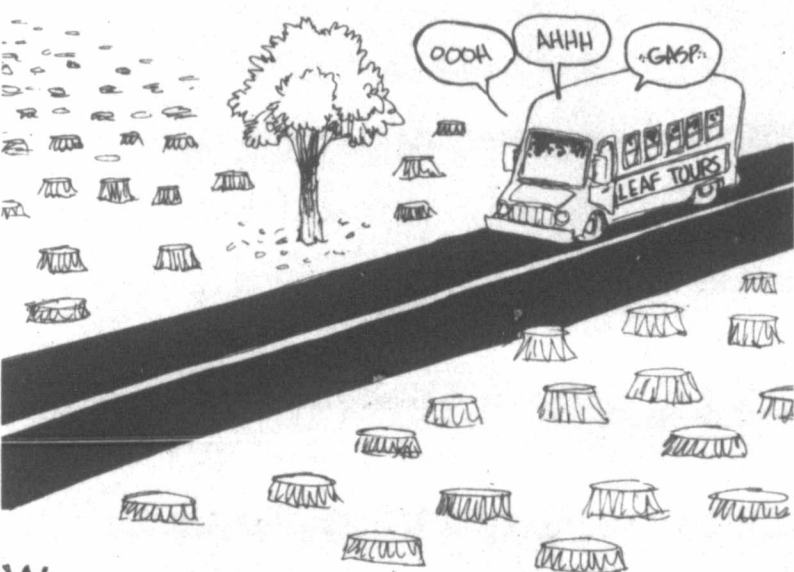
THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"I certainly hope that banana's not loaded."

Non Sequitur

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Oct. 7, 2011:

This year, open up to new ideas. You have a soft yet witty style that attracts many people. Listen to your instincts, and you'll often find yourself heading in the right direction. You also get a strong sense of what is going on with work and daily matters. Start testing your abilities by keeping a notebook. If you are single, you easily could be swept off your feet. Still, decide to give it at least a year before making a commitment. If you are attached, a new type of flirtation builds between you. You start acting like newlyweds. PISCES might think they know about finances, but they don't.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to initiate, complete and clean off your desk. You will feel in the pink. Allow yourself to enjoy the moment. The actual experience could be less than the fantasy. Tonight: Where you want to be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Assume more responsibility, especially if you want to clear your desk and mind by the end of the day. Schedule a late lunch meeting, and go right into the weekend. Tonight: Where the fun is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Examine an idea from different perspectives. You might be surprised by what you see. Reframe a situation several different ways, and your perspective also will change. Tonight: Check in with an older relative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Each person you run into seems to want your entire attention and focus. You might want to give them just that, as you could be courting flak otherwise. Express your caring through understanding and walking in another person's shoes. Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Funnel your creativity. Let your word choice demonstrate your imagination. Others appreciate when you flow in this manner. Strive for strong interactions and a better sense

of well-being with key figures. Tonight: Single out a special person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Stay even with the knowledge that this, too, will end. Think "weekend." Don't start a way-out diet without checking in with a doctor first. Tonight: Just don't be alone. Find favorite people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Express your unique opinions. Open and authentic people appreciate this exchange. Use care with someone you put on a pedestal. Should this person fall down, appreciate who put him or her there. You only have yourself to blame. Tonight: Only do what is relaxing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ If you can take the day off and stay close to home, do. You will be more content. Do know that a family member or roommate might be feeding you a big-fish tale. Maintain a sense of humor, and you will be much happier. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Try another approach or do something very differently. You laugh, and another person relaxes. Look at the power you have. Keep communication flowing, understanding what will happen in the long run. Tonight: Mosey on home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Holding yourself back could take more effort than it's worth. Know when to call a spade a spade. Sometimes letting go is healthy for everyone involved. Your imagination heads in a new direction once you complete a project. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are a bundle of energy and difficult to stop. You want to complete some matters and toss yourself into the weekend. Your ability to communicate needs to come out. Tonight: All smiles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Keep your dealings low-key and behind the scenes. Not everyone needs to know what you are thinking. If you have a hunch, sometimes it is better to allow a situation to play out. Be more open and forthright. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

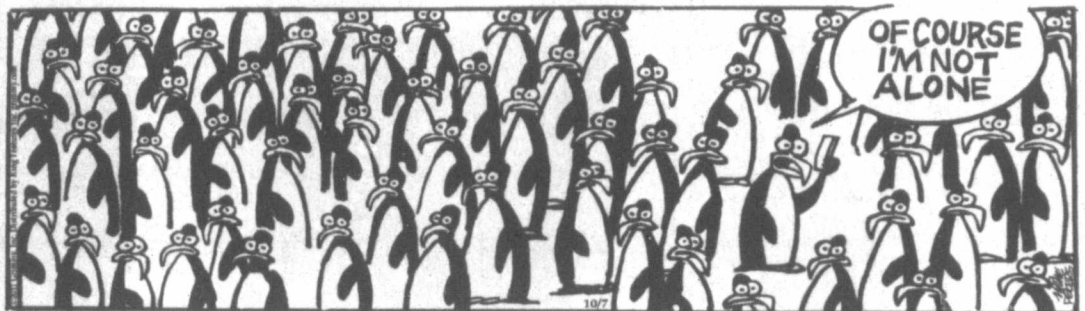
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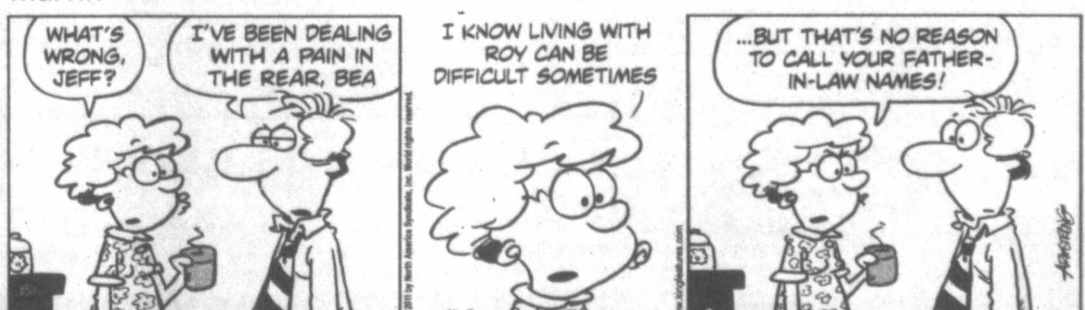
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NASCAR THIS WEEK

ON THE TUBE

All Times Eastern
Sprint Cup
 Hollywood Casino 400,
 2 p.m., Sunday **ESPN**

Nationwide Series
 Kansas Lottery 300,
 3:30 p.m., Saturday **ESPN 2**

Truck Series
 Smith's Food & Drug
 3:30 p.m., Oct. 15 **ESPN 2**

BURNING ISSUES

► As usual, Tony Stewart warred with the media, but he also ran afoul of Dover's concrete surface, where he hasn't fared well in recent years and hasn't won since 2000.

► Jimmie Johnson, in his cheerful way, chided those who had dismissed his title hopes after uneven races at the beginning of the Chase. As he hinted, such a dismissal was indeed ridiculous. The path to the title still goes through the No. 48 Chevy.

► Stewart's team probably isn't as good as it looked at Chicagoland and Loudon. But he's still right in the hunt, and the team isn't nearly as bad as it looked at Dover.

► Carl Edwards rightly took the blame for having to settle for third. His own mistake, speeding on the exit of pit road, left him with too much ground to make up.

► By Dover standards, the AAA 400 was uneventful. The spins were mostly minor in nature, and most of the caution flags were for rain, debris or "competition."

► Many fans claim they don't watch the races to see wrecks, but they sure do complain when there aren't many.

► Perhaps owner Roger Penske, crew chief Steve Addington and team can put up with Kurt Busch's tantrums, after all.

► Kevin Harvick keeps plugging away, winning when his car is up to it and making the best when it's not. He may be the man to beat, after all.

► Stewart's net loss in points was 16 at Dover. Johnson's net gain was 16.

► After New Hampshire, the top 10 in points were separated by 29. Now the top nine are separated by only 19.

2011 Standings

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Kevin Harvick	2,112
2. Carl Edwards	2,112
3. Tony Stewart	-9
4. Kurt Busch	-9
5. Jimmie Johnson	-13
6. Brad Keselowski	-14
7. Matt Kenseth	-14
8. Kyle Busch	-15
9. Jeff Gordon	-19
10. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-34
11. Ryan Newman	-41
12. Denny Hamlin	-68

Nationwide Series

1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	1,025
2. Elliott Sadler	-22
3. Reed Sorenson	-49
4. A.J. Allmendinger	-74
5. Justin Allgaier	-86
6. Jason Leffler	-141
7. Kenny Wallace	-184
8. Steve Wallace	-210
9. Brian Scott	-214
10. Michael Annett	-221

Camping World Truck Series

1. Austin Dillon	704
2. James Buescher	-3
3. Johnny Sauter	-19
4. Timothy Peters	-40
5. Ron Hornaday Jr.	-42
6. Joey Coulter	-70
7. Cole Whitt	-72
8. Matt Crafton	-73
9. Todd Bodine	-73
10. Parker Kligerman	-96



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



Kurt Busch — We've got Kurt Busch built some Chase momentum with his second victory of the season. ... Jimmie Johnson's second-place finish served notice that his bid for a sixth straight championship is very much alive.

Who's not — The winner of the first two Chase races, Tony Stewart, stumbled on the Dover concrete, and so did his teammate, Ryan Newman. Both finished outside the top 20, two laps off the pace.



If you have a question or comment, write: NASCAR This Week, c/o The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, NC 28053 or send an e-mail to rdutton@gastongazette.com. You can also send your NASCAR questions to Monte on Facebook at [Facebook.com/monte-dutton](https://www.facebook.com/monte-dutton) and at [Twitter.com/MonteDutton](https://twitter.com/MonteDutton). Please specify you are submitting them for the NASCAR This Week page.

WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP
Race: Hollywood Casino 400
Where: Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Kan. (1.5 mi.), 267 laps/400.5 miles.
When: Sunday, Oct. 9.
Last year's winner: Greg Biffle, Ford.
Qualifying record: Matt Kenseth, Ford, 180.250 mph, Oct. 5, 2008.
Race record: Greg Biffle, Ford, 138.077 mph, Oct. 3, 2010.
Last week: Kurt Busch, in a Dodge, outlasted reigning Sprint Cup champion Jimmie Johnson's Chevy and Carl Edwards' fast-closing Ford to capture his first Dover victory.

NATIONWIDE
Race: Kansas Lottery 300
Where: Kansas Speedway (1.5 mi.), 200 laps/300 miles.
When: Saturday, Oct. 8.
Last year's winner: Joey Logano, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Martin Truex Jr., Chevy, 178.938 mph, Oct. 8, 2005.
Race record: Jeff Green, Ford, 129.125 mph, Sept. 29, 2001.
Last week: Carl Edwards, in a Ford, dominated at Dover, winning for the ninth time in his career on a track paved in concrete.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
Race: Smith's Food & Drug Stores 350
Where: Las Vegas Motor Speedway (1.5 mi.), 146 laps/219 miles.
When: Saturday, Oct. 15.
Last year's winner: Austin Dillon, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Mike Skinner, Toyota, 178.005 mph, Sept. 23, 2006.
Race record: David Starr, Chevy, 135.394 mph, Oct. 13, 2002.
Last week: Ron Hornaday Jr., in a Chevy, captured the 50th victory of his career at Kentucky Speedway.

KANSAS DATA

FOX June 5 **Oct. 9** **ESPN**

Distance:.....1.5-mile oval
Length of frontstretch:.....2,685 ft.
Length of backstretch:.....2,207 ft.
Miles/Laps:.....400 mi. = 267 laps

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ALLMENDINGER TRYING TO STAND OUT AMID CHASE



A.J. Allmendinger has a top-five finish and seven top-ten finishes this season. The Petty driver came reasonably close to making the Chase.

Allmendinger Has 'Kingly' Goals Ahead

Racer's goal: Restore Petty Motorsports to position of royalty in Cup racing

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

DOVER, Del. — A.J. Allmendinger earns the interest of thousands of fans just on the basis of the No. 43 on the side of his Ford Fusion.

The "43" is the number made famous by Richard Petty, the owner. Petty won a record 200 races carrying that number. No one else has ever come close to that total, and it's almost unthinkable that anyone will ever approach it. It's among many reasons why Petty is uniformly regarded as NASCAR's King Richard.

Allmendinger, 29, came reasonably close to making the Chase for the Sprint Cup. He moved up from 15th to 14th in Sprint Cup points after finishing seventh at Dover International Speedway in the AAA 400. To date, the Los Gatos, Calif., native has collected one top-five and seven top-10 finishes during the current season.

The one-time Rookie of the Year in the Champ Car World Series (2004) began competing regularly in NASCAR in 2007. He finished third in the 2009 Daytona 500.

Allmendinger's goal, obviously, is to restore Richard Petty Motorsports to the position of royalty enjoyed by Petty. Teammate Marcos Ambrose picked up a victory earlier this year at Watkins Glen, N.Y.

"The Chase doesn't define our season," Allmendinger said. "If we get to Homestead (Fla., site of the final race) and are a lot better than we were last year, I'll be happy with that."

Regarding his performance at Dover, he said: "You just want to put yourself in that position, but we weren't quite good enough to win. Depending on what call and where you restarted, I think we might have been top-five there at the end."

The race began disastrously but also spectacularly. After his Ford was bumped from behind by Denny Hamlin's Toyota, Allmendinger made a spectacular save, keeping the car out of the Dover walls and recovering. "Denny had a nose right there, but it was lap four," Allmendinger said. "Those guys would expect you to give them some room, but he just stuffed it down in there and jacked me sideways. It was no surprise, and as I started spinning toward the wall, I just hammered the throttle. I didn't think it was going to hit the wall, but then I was afraid that everybody behind me would come piling in."

"I'd like to say it was all driver, but luckily, I tapped the brake and kept it on the throttle, it straightened back up to where I didn't stop in front of anybody and, thank God, everybody behind us was alert and kind of got it slowed down. I'd say it was 60 percent driver and 40 percent luck. I'll give myself a little bit of credit."

FEUD OF THE WEEK



CARL EDWARDS VS. MATT KENSETH

The two haven't had any notable run-ins. It's just that they're having the same season. Both have won only a single race. Both have been similarly consistent. Edwards is tied for the points lead. Johnson is back in contention. Both have been faster than their victory totals would suggest.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "It could be that one of these two will win the championship. If so, it'll be the one who produces some victories down the stretch."

YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

They Scored It How?

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
 In the NASCAR Sprint Cup GEICO 400 (Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill.), I would like to know how Jimmie Johnson came in 10th place when he ran out of gas before the finish line (266th lap)? There were at least 10 cars that passed him, which put him in 20th place the way I figure.

Dru Johns
 Seville, Ohio

First of all, a number of cars ran out of fuel in the final few laps, most of which were running behind Johnson at the time. Secondly, had Johnson's 10th-place finish been obviously improper, others would have noticed. Lots of rival teams pay attention to a driver who has won five straight championships. Twenty cars were credited as finishing on the lead lap. We have heard of no one else disputing Johnson's 10th-place finish.

FAN TIPS

Better Half Racing Ahead

Charlotte Motor Speedway is hosting the Better Half Dash, billed as a "girls, have at it battle" in Bandolero cars on the quarter-mile track in the NASCAR track's tri-oval on the afternoon of Oct. 15. Among the entries are Angie Skinner, Wendy Venturini, Ashley Allgaier, Jacquelyn Butler, Patricia Orscoli, Michelle Gilliland, Shannon Koch, Jami McDowell, Trisha Mears, Sabrina Simpson and Nan Zpadell. Kelley Earnhardt will wave the green flag. The race is 25 laps in length, with two chances at a "green-white-checkered" finish. The purse will be paid to the driver's charity of choice, with \$5,000 going to the winner's charity, \$3,000 for second place and \$2,000 for third.

Carl Edwards makes costly mistakes at Dover

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

DOVER, Del. — Carl Edwards left Dover International Speedway in a tie for the Sprint Cup points lead and a third-place finish in the AAA 400.

But the chief emotion was what might have been.

Edwards' wounds were self-inflicted. He was dominating the race until he left the pits faster than NASCAR rules allow on the 250th of 400 laps. He never led another lap and spent the rest of the distance making up the lost ground.

"We looked at the pit-road speeding lines," Edwards said, "and we talked about it and how I was not going to speed through it, and I just blasted right through it."

"I'm going to think about it on the way home. I'm going to lay in bed. My wife's going to yell at me to get over it. That's how it goes. That's how racing is."

Oh, yeah, well, take that — Jimmie Johnson took some relish in ridiculing his detractors, making reference to his allegedly being dismissed as a contender. Johnson and his team apparently failed to notice the stories ridiculing anyone who would dismiss him.

NUTS AND BOLTS

He was, however, laughing when he asked: "Does this mean you're going to leave me alone? All you media people leave me alone about being down in points?"

Johnson began the day in 10th place, 29 points out of first, and ended it ranking fifth, just 13 behind the co-leaders.

Duh! — The question wasn't exactly hard-hitting: "Would you like to see Johnson's championship streak end?" Kyle Busch and any other driver in the Chase for the Sprint Cup would obviously answer "yes."

What Busch actually said, tactfully, was: "Well, I'd like to think we're the guys who can end it. Certainly we've got what we've got to worry about, and try to fix and do our own things that help us accumulate the points that we need to accumulate, to have us being on top after Homestead."

"What everybody else does is what they do, and where the points fall is where they fall. That's about it."

The way the world turns — Radio communication adds controversy to most every race.

"Every driver and crew chief have

their times where they are going to say and some things that they would rather not be public, but under the circumstances, you really couldn't care less at the moment," said Dale Earnhardt Jr. "I would rather the public and the media not know what we were talking about on our radios, but that's not the way the world works today."

"You have to understand and accept that. I think it's good because it makes you a better person. It makes you control yourself better."

The pursuit ends — Doug Fritz, who left the presidency of Richmond International Raceway "to pursue other opportunities," has found said opportunities at Iowa Speedway. The 7/8-mile track in Newton, Iowa, hosts Nationwide, Truck, IndyCar and ARCA events.

Fritz is now chief executive officer. Stan Clement is titled as president.

No rest for the weary — The only consistent driver in the Chase is Denny Hamlin, who has been consistently the worst performer of the postseason. He is 68 points out of the lead after finishes of 31st, 29th and 18th in the three races to date.

"It was kind of ... we didn't have that good of a car," he said.



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One mistake on pit road may have cost Carl Edwards a chance at taking over the points standings lead. Edwards left Dover tied with Kevin Harvick.

LEGENDS AND LORE

Tony's All-Star Steal

Tony Stewart's only victory to date in the Sprint All-Star Challenge occurred at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 16, 1999, and he led only the final two laps. Jimmie Johnson finished 13th after leading half the 100 laps, and Kyle Busch settled for seventh in spite of leading 33. Matt Kenseth's Ford trailed Stewart's Chevy across the finish line. Ryan Newman, Jeff Gordon and Greg Biffle all crashed out of the annual blue-ribbon event, and Jeff Burton's Chevy succumbed to engine failure.

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Sports

Volleyball Senior Kuhn emerges as defensive specialist

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In junior high and her freshman season on the junior varsity, Kirsten Kuhn was a setter, helping her teams score points. The spring after her freshman season, then-first year coach Libby Garza had a different plan for her.

"Once we get up to varsity, the height issue is definitely a problem," Garza said of the diminutive Kuhn. "I came to her that spring and said 'What do you think about playing defense?' She said OK."

Now, in her senior year, Kuhn has emerged as leader on the back row defense in her second season as the libero.

Every game, Kuhn has led the team in digs. Kuhn said it was a challenge switching positions.

"My biggest challenge was my confidence," Kuhn said. "It's hard to switch positions when you've played another position. I set a lot in junior high. Switching

positions is hard. Having the confidence to do well and knowing you can change was tough."

Every game, Kuhn receives a majority of the opponents serves and hardest hits. The senior said she enjoys the pressure her position brings.

"I like having pressure on me," Kuhn said. "Pressure helps me perform."

Garza said Kuhn handles the position very well and does what she asks.

"I have told her that all she has to do is pass the ball and dig the ball," Garza said. "She does it very well. She is one of those kids that if she didn't get it right would stay until she did. That's why she is so successful."

The libero position is unique because it wears a different color uniform than the rest of its teammates. Kuhn said the position is different in substitutions and where it plays on the court.

"The different color shirt symbolizes that you are going in for two people," Kuhn said. "I can't go front row. I have to stay in

the back."

Kuhn said she enjoyed playing offense but prefers her position on the back row.

"I like playing defense because it's fun to do," Kuhn said. "You get to dig up hard hits and other stuff. It would be good if I had a couple of inches to put the ball down."

Garza said Kuhn has grown tremendously the last three seasons adding she has great potential.

"She's one of the quickest players I have," Garza said. "She's smart and has a great work ethic. I couldn't be happier for her. I think she can go on to the next level and play if she likes to. Just the way she has worked, hours after hours, reading (hits) and passing, and making sure she is doing everything right is awesome and so rewarding."

Last season, Kuhn helped the Lady Harvesters to the district title and a play-off spot for the first time since the 1990s. At the end of the season, Kuhn was named Defensive MVP of District 1-3A. The senior libero said her career has been an adventure.

"Just coming in sophomore year on varsity and not knowing what to expect and getting comfortable has been an adventure," Kuhn said. "Getting to know everyone and being a part of a winning program has been fun."

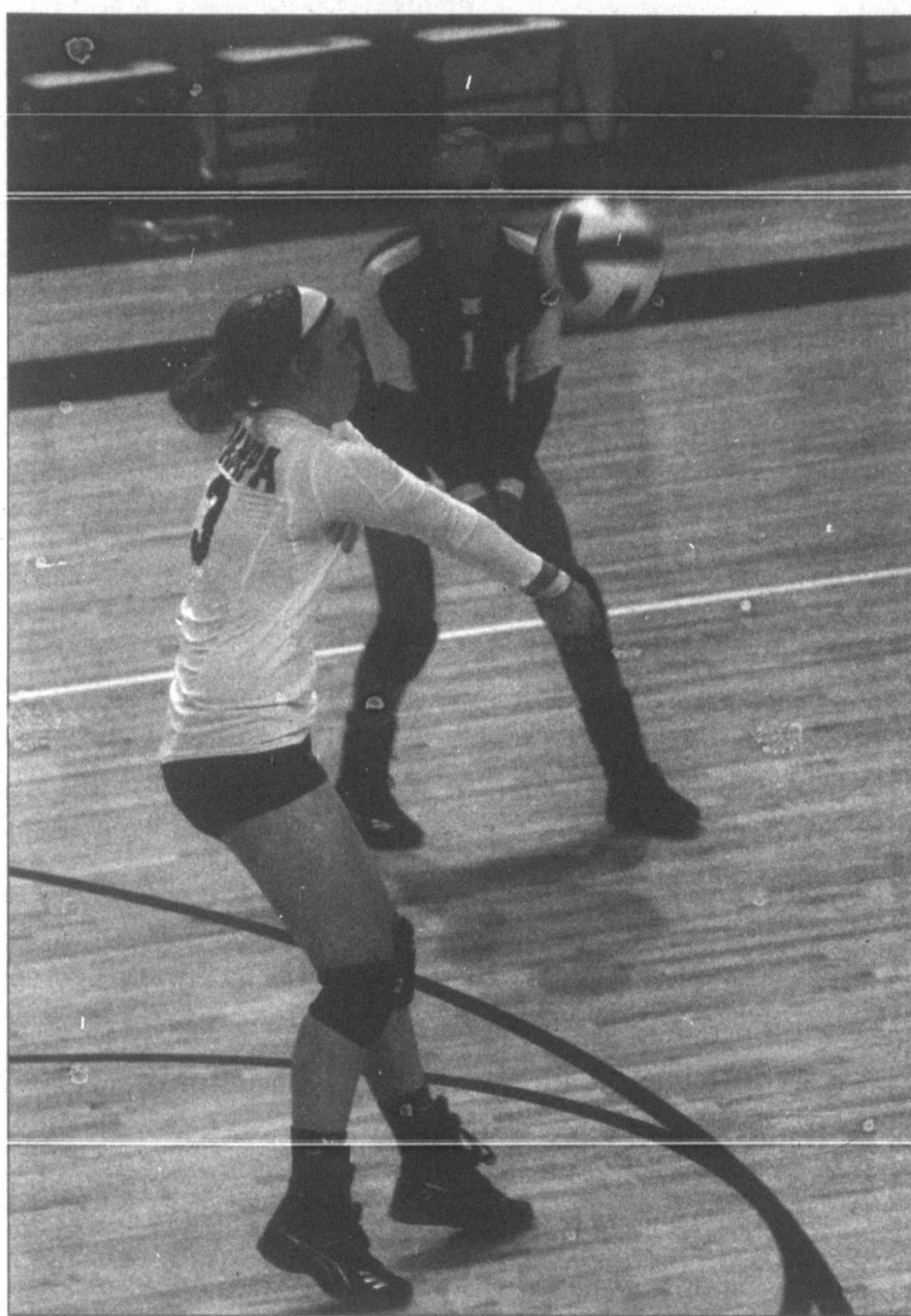


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Senior Kirsten Kuhn passes a ball in the Randall Tournament August 12. Kuhn has emerged as a strong force in the Lady Harvesters' back row.

Rangers awaiting opponent in ALCS

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers are back in the AL championship series and waiting for an opponent.

This is a team that didn't win a postseason series in the franchise's first 49 seasons before getting to the World Series last year. Now the Rangers have advanced in the playoffs two years in a row.

"We committed ourselves to a goal (last spring) and they made it to that goal, we are getting another opportunity to play to go to the World Series," manager Ron Washington said Wednesday, a day after the Rangers wrapped up their AL division series with a 4-3 victory at Tampa Bay.

"I don't see where it gives us any advantage," he said. "The only thing it does, we certainly know what we have to do. I think our guys are more aware of getting to this point is not where we want to be. We want to be playing in the World Series."

Game 1 of the AL championship series is Saturday. For the Rangers, it will be either an ALCS rematch starting at the New York Yankees or at home against Detroit.

The Tigers and Yankees play the deciding Game 5 of their AL division series Thursday night in New York.

Before last year, the entire postseason history for the Rangers — who began as the Washington Senators from 1961-71 — consisted of playing the Yankees in the AL division series three times in the second half of the 1990s with nine losses in a row.

Texas won its first-ever playoff game 15 years ago at old Yankee Stadium before New York won three in a row to clinch that series. The Yankees swept the 1998 and 1999 series, outscoring Texas 23-2 in those six games. New York went to the World Series all three times.

Fittingly, the Rangers clinched its first World Series berth after beating the Yankees in a six-game AL championship series last October before losing in five games to the San Francisco.

Texas backed up its first AL pennant by setting a franchise record with 96 wins this season. They have won three AL playoff series in a row after eliminating the Rays in four games.

"You don't accomplish things like that unless you've got a lot of people with the same vision pulling hard and pulling together," said general manager Jon Daniels, who is wrapping up his sixth season in that position. "We set out a few years ago to try to build something that would sustain over time, and we're not there yet. But hopefully we'll be able to look back 10 years from now and say, 'Hey, we did something pretty special.'"

The Rangers have improved their record each year under Washington, who is in his fifth season.

"I'm proud of what we've accomplished on the field and as an organization, but still a few significant steps ahead of us to reach our goal," Daniels said.

Rangers players got a day off Wednesday, their first at home since Sept. 12 when they had a break during a homestand.

They will work out Thursday and Friday at Rangers Ballpark. Even if they have to fly to New York later Friday, they plan to have their workout at home before leaving. There were no plans to get together as a team Thursday night to watch the Tigers-Yankees game.

"We take the rest today. ... We need it," Washington said. "We played down the stretch."

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care so much about west Texas, rural Texas and small town Texas. I wanted to make sure there was someone that would stand up and really fight for this area," he said.

Smith will be running as a Republican, and strives to speak for the area's conservative mindset. For him, this includes family values, supporting the pro-life stance and keeping an eye on big government.

"The federal government is there for a reason, and there's a lot of things they need to be doing. There's a lot of things that are federal issues, but if it hasn't been expressly reserved for the federal government, they need to leave it alone, and let us handle it," said Smith. "The more local the government, the better."

In the state's current economic climate, Smith has been keeping an eye on Texas' financial situation.

"Having a balanced budget on the national and state levels is terribly important. For some reason, people get into politics, and they forget how to budget

money. They end up spending money that they don't have and that isn't theirs," said Smith, who thinks the state should follow a close budget. "That's how everyone does it at their house, or should, and that's how we need to be doing it on the state and federal level."

Smith is also a big education advocate. "I've been incredibly blessed with a fantastic education. One of the mottos at the school I went to, Pepperdine, was a Bible verse: 'Freely ye have received, now freely give.' And in education, I believe that is the truth, and really in all of life," he said. "We've got to educate our kids in a way that prepares them for life, for the real world. We've got to prepare kids for college, so when they get there, they can hit the ground running, really get after it and accomplish things. The kids that don't want to go to college, want to do something else, we need to make sure they can go out in the real world and succeed, and if we're not preparing them for that in high school and in all of schooling, then they're going to be

way behind. So we need to be sure we're educating our kids in a way that prepares them for life."

Smith's conservative values don't necessarily mean he would be unmoving as a politician, particularly with a background in dispute resolution.

"There's a lot of rhetoric about people standing firm and not compromising, not

giving up any ground, but that's not how you get things done. You get things done by standing up for your beliefs and values and what you think is right, but at the end of the day, we've got to progress, and a lot of times, you have to reach across the aisle and work together with people who don't agree with you on that issue," he said.

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entered in the state-required program to improve the rating, which includes the creation of a Campus Improvement Team for each campus. State regulations say that part of the teams must come from outside the district, for which the PISD brought in Dr. Trinidad San Miguel from Austin. The Campus Improvement Team must be maintained until the school receives a rating of at least "Academically Acceptable" for two consecutive years.

The schools were also required to formulate a school improvement plan to be presented to the public and approved by the school board, per state requirements. The plans were presented by PHS Principal Tanya Larkin and PJHS Principal Janet Hancock, along with their respective teams.

Hancock said that the junior high's science teachers came up with a multi-pronged plan that includes increasing the overall rigor of instruction as well as implementing an eighth grade science project and focusing on vocabulary.

"The science project is something they really, really want to do to give

those students the opportunity for those hands-on experiences that otherwise, they probably would not be able to experience," Hancock said. "Especially for this group that were rated 'Academically Unacceptable,' this group of economically disadvantaged kids. They wouldn't have that opportunity to have that hands on experience."

On the high school side, Larkin echoed the PJHS spotlight on rigor and vocabulary, adding that the heightened rigor is focused on sharpening the students' minds rather than cramming them with facts.

"We're not just making it harder or more advanced," Larkin said. "We're giving them information, but also teaching them what to do with that information. It's really ramping up the way they think."

Larkin said that the students are aware of the heightened rigor in instruction, but comprehend that the change will help them do better in the STAAR tests.

"The new assessments are much harder, and (the students) know that," Larkin said. "They understand that they are being

challenged to get them ready because they are going to need to pass the (STAAR tests) to graduate, and this is to get them ready to pass those tests, because this is how those tests will evaluate them."

Both principals also talked about changes made at the schools as a whole, ranging from a push to make better use of technology and a new reward system at the junior high to the pairing of immigrant students with peers who have gone through the same experience to accelerate their learning curve at the high school level.

The plans were received with unanimous praise from the board, with PISD Board of Trustees President Lee Porter voicing his commendations to the teams for their diligence.

"I think I speak for the board when I say I appreciate the hard work both campuses have put into this," Porter said. "It's refreshing to know that this is not acceptable, and I think you all have stepped up, I think you've met the challenge, and we're waiting to see improvement on this series of tests."

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