

Jeb Bush Grasps To Steady Campaign

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — Jeb Bush emerged from the third Republican debate as a candidate in crisis, with supporters struggling to understand why he keeps under-performing and advisers promising a turnaround before it's too late.

Campaigning in New Hampshire Thursday, Bush insisted his White House bid was "not on life support."

Still, advisers concede November will be his campaign's most crucial period to date, a stark contrast to their previous assertions that Bush was best-positioned to outlast rivals in a long campaign. Millions of dollars in TV advertising must start yielding stronger poll numbers, advisers say, and Bush himself must find a way to stop being overshadowed by competitors in the large GOP field.

"The intensity is going to increase," declared Sally Bradshaw, Bush's senior adviser.

To some supporters, that may ring hollow on the heels of Bush's lackluster performance in Wednesday night's debate. Aides have spent weeks promising more forceful performances from the bookish former Florida governor, only to see him repeatedly fall flat.

China Decides To Abolish 1 Child Policy

BEIJING (AP) — China's decision to abolish its one-child policy is a boon to couples and to sellers of goods from formula to diapers to toys. And it might help defuse economic stresses caused by an aging population.

The impact of the surprise change announced Thursday is expected to be gradual. But with incomes rising in the world's most populous country, even a small uptick in births could translate into higher demand from the Chinese that could ripple around the world.

The decision to let all married couples have two children, ending a policy that limited many urban families to one, coincides with official efforts to encourage economic growth based on consumer spending.

Wei Guang, the father of an 8-year-old son, said he and his wife already were considering whether to have a second child, even though the cost was daunting. Wei said food, clothes, nannies, after-school lessons and other expenses can cost 100,000 yuan (\$16,000) a year.

"We know the cost will be substantial," said Wei, 51, who works in media and whose wife is in her 30s. "But we can manage."

Tragedy Shows Migrant Number Dangers

LESBOS, Greece (AP) — Dead migrants float belly-up, stripped of their clothing by churning seas. On shore, wailing women search for loved ones among the shivering, wide-eyed survivors. A rescuer tries to revive a toddler who lies unconscious in her sodden striped sweater.

The scenes bring home a sobering reality: While the flow of migrants into Europe tends to abate as winter nears and the journey becomes more dangerous, this year it has only risen as thousands of people brave death in raging seas and freezing temperatures.

On the beaches of Lesbos, children who looked as young as 4 appeared to be in shock as rescuers wrapped them with blankets to protect against the cold. They were among 242 people rescued from a boat that sank overnight in rough seas off the Greek island's north coast. Eight people drowned and 33 remained missing. Authorities found the body of one more drowned migrant believed to be from that shipwreck late Thursday.

In all, five separate incidents in the eastern Aegean Sea on Wednesday left at least 12 people dead, most of them children.

Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II is entering a perilous and uncharted phase, as the usual pattern of migrant season ending by autumn is overturned by intensifying fighting in Syria and overcrowding in refugee centers in Turkey and Lebanon. Asylum applications in the European Union are expected to exceed 1 million this year, higher than the peak of 700,000 recorded in the early 1990s, when wars tore Yugoslavia apart.

Prep School Graduate Gets A Year In Jail

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A graduate of an exclusive New England prep school was sentenced Thursday to a year in jail for sexually assaulting a 15-year-old freshman girl as part of a competition among upperclassmen to rack up sexual conquests.

Owen Labrie, 20, of Tunbridge, Vermont, was also ordered to register as a sex offender, perhaps for the rest of his life, and serve five years of probation after he gets out of jail.

He could have received 11 years behind bars. In imposing the sentence, Superior Court Judge Larry Smukler called Labrie a "very good liar."

A glum-looking Labrie hugged his weeping mother. He was allowed to remain free on bail while he appeals his conviction.

Hebron Is New Focal Point Of Violence

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — The West Bank's largest city has become a focal point of Israeli-Palestinian violence, with near-daily deadly confrontations erupting at Israeli army checkpoints that guard enclaves of Jewish settlers in the once-thriving center of Hebron.

One-third of 58 Palestinians killed by Israeli fire since mid-September were in Hebron, including two Palestinians shot dead on Thursday. Eleven Israelis were killed in Palestinian attacks, mostly stabbings, over the same period, though none in Hebron.

Israel says nearly all of those killed in Hebron were knife-wielding attackers, but rights groups have challenged that, saying some did not pose a threat to soldiers' lives.

The events in Hebron are central to the Israeli-Palestinian clash of narratives over the latest violence.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government portrays the spate of Palestinian attacks as a "wave of terror" whipped up by anti-Israeli Palestinian incitement.

Backers Of Syria Discuss Assad's Future

VIENNA (AP) — The success or failure of the Syrian peace talks this week is tied to the fate of one man who's not even at the table: President Bashar Assad.

Neither Assad nor any of his representatives are in Vienna, where U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and senior diplomats from almost 20 other countries began negotiations Thursday. But his future is at the heart of all the talks.

The broad group of governments — an unprecedented collection of countries on the Syria issue — is looking for a plan that might convince Syria's government and its Western-backed rebels to agree to a national cease-fire and start a long process of "political transition."

Even bitter foes Iran and Saudi Arabia will be sitting at one table along with their powerful partners, Russia and the United States. That reflects the urgency all parties say they're attaching to finding a peace formula.

It's mostly about Assad.



Thomas-Hunhoff

Kurt and Roberta Thomas of Kimball, SD, and Dan and Jean Hunhoff of Yankton, SD, announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their children Kelsey Thomas and Matthew Hunhoff. The couple are both graduates of the University of South Dakota. Together they co-own and manage Czeckers

Sports Bar and Grill in Yankton, SD. The couple is planning a November 7, 2015 wedding at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Yankton, SD.

New Day For House As Paul Ryan Becomes 54th Speaker

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WASHINGTON — Paul Ryan became the 54th speaker of the U.S. House on Thursday in a day of high political theater, a young new leader for a fractured Congress, charged with healing Republican divides and quieting the chaos of Capitol Hill.

"Let's prove ourselves worthy," Ryan urged from the House dais where he was sworn into the job, second in line to the presidency, after an extraordinary month of unrest for Congress.

"Let's be frank: The House is broken," Ryan declared. "We are not settling scores. We are wiping the slate clean."

As Ryan spoke, senators across the Capitol were preparing to cast votes on a broad two-year budget and debt deal that passed the House on Wednesday, engineered largely by outgoing Speaker John Boehner to allow Ryan a fresh start with the toughest issues resolved.

The measure was expected to clear an initial legislative hurdle well after midnight in a dead-of-night vote resulting from the Senate's convoluted legislative timetables and delaying tactics by opponents. Many in the GOP majority planned to vote "no," including presidential candidates Marco Rubio, Rand Paul and Ted Cruz, who canceled campaign events to rush back to Washington to oppose it.

Ryan, 45, the Republicans' 2012 vice presidential nominee, was elected speaker in a rare, live roll-call vote on the House floor, with each lawmaker standing in turn to declare his choice. The mood mixed solemnity with levity, as Boehner, driven into resignation by GOP strife, brandished a box of tissues and repeatedly neared tears, while some lawmakers shouted their votes almost joyously.

"California cheese-heads for Paul D. Ryan!" declared one Western lawmaker, Doug LaMalfa, getting behind the Wisconsin congressman.

The final tally showed 236 votes for Ryan, 184 for Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California, the Democrats' candidate, and nine for Republican Daniel Webster of Florida.

Webster had been the



U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan, left, shares some thoughts with his colleagues prior to being nominated as Speaker of the House on Thursday, Oct. 29.

choice of a group of hardcore conservatives who have repeatedly made trouble for GOP leaders. But in the end most Republicans swung behind Ryan, underscoring the strong desire of nearly all members for a fresh start after years of conflict and GOP infighting.

With his wife and three kids from Janesville, Wisconsin, watching on from the gallery, along with presidential running mate Mitt Romney, Ryan accepted the gavel from Pelosi and pledged a new day for the Congress. And without directly mentioning them or the troubles they've caused, he promised to bring the GOP's rebels back into the fold.

"We need to let every member contribute — not once they have earned their stripes but right now," Ryan said. "Open up the process. Let people participate. And they might change their tune. A neglected minority will gum up the works. A respected minority will work in good faith."

Boehner, who started life as an Ohio bartender's son with 11 siblings, delivered an emotional farewell address marveling, "This, too, can really happen to you."

Boehner's parting gift to Ryan was the budget deal revealed Monday night after secretive negotiations among congressional leaders and the White House. After years of brinkmanship over the budget and the debt ceiling, the deal will raise the government's borrowing limit, averting a market-shattering default just days from now, as well as set budget levels for two years, though it will be up to congressional spending committees and Speaker Ryan to fill in the details with a package of detailed bills by early December.

Ryan's swearing-in came almost exactly a month after Boehner shocked the House by revealing his plans to resign from Congress at the end of October. He said he had no appetite for a floor vote on his speakership threatened by conservatives, who contended he was yielding to President Barack Obama in a government shutdown fight over Planned Parenthood.

Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy was Boehner's likeliest successor, but was quickly undone by a gaffe suggesting the House's special Benghazi committee was set up to drive down Hillary Rodham

Clinton's poll numbers.

Party leaders turned to Ryan, who had sworn off a run, preferring to continue as chairman of the powerful tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. They argued that no other House Republican commanded his national profile, ability to unite and telegraphic knack for communicating conservative ideas.

Ryan relented, agreeing to seek the job on condition he be allowed to cut back on fundraising responsibilities, spend time with his family and be assured the support of all major factions of the House GOP, including the hardline Freedom Caucus.

Now he begins to serve with the burden of those groups' expectations.

Ryan started off on a strong footing with Thursday's vote of confidence. But conservatives served notice that they will be watching to make sure he delivers on his commitments of a House more open to all.

Said Rep. Jody Hice of Georgia. "I have invested a lot of faith in Speaker Ryan's word, and I will expect nothing less than a full return on that investment."

Congress On Track To OK Budget & Debt

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate marched Thursday toward a final vote on a two-year, budget and debt deal that would avert a catastrophic national default and set the budget for the federal government for the next two years.

President Barack Obama negotiated the accord with Republican and Democratic leaders who were intent on steering Congress away from the brinkmanship and shut-down threats that have haunted lawmakers for years. Former Speaker John Boehner felt a particular urgency days before his resignation, while lawmakers looked ahead to presidential and congressional elections next year.

The opposition was strong in Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., left the campaign trail and returned to the Capitol to criticize the deal as excessive Washington spending.

60th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Uhing

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth & Dolorita Uhing of Hartington, NE will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, November 7, 2015.

The couple has 9 children: Deb (Kevin) Kleinschmit; Marsha (Kevin) Bonner; Kenny; Kathy (Terry) Luhr; Kevin (Sandy); Sheryl (Roger) Schroeder; Gerard (Diane); Lisa (Mark) Kemper; and Scott (Cindy). The couple has 34 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

The family requests a card shower. Greetings may be sent to 88676 Rd. 569 Ave. Hartington, NE 68739-6043.

50th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. Michael Groetken

Michael and Mary Groetken of Yankton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 30, 2015. Mary Verzani and Michael Groetken were married on October 30, 1965 in Sioux City, IA. They have been blessed with 7 children, Steve (Liz), Dan (Lisa), Laurie (Brian), Jason (Luci), John, Jim (Raquel) and Katie (Stef), 20 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Their family requests a card shower. Greetings may be sent to 701 Locust St., Yankton, SD 57078.



HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

from your East Coast family!

Darrell & MJ Sundleaf
Love, Layne & Karyn
Soren, Reid