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Tuesday

HOMECOMING WEEK!

Crush a Can Day

Dress Up Day: Jersey Day at MS/HS, Pajama Day at Elementary School

1st Round of Soccer Playoffs: Girls soccer team at St. Thomas More

School Breakfast: Cheese omelet, fruit, juice or milk.

School Lunch: Cheese sticks, broccoli and dip, tater tots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.

Birthdays: • Ellie Howard • Landal Leonhardt • Greg Kjellsen • Lori Bahr • Jesse Kurtenbach • Andy Ries

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

4:00pm: 8th gr FB hosts Aberdeen Central

Wednesday

HOMECOMING WEEK!

Ask a Stupid Question Day

Birthday: • Rick Hanson

National Good Neighbor Day

Dress Up Day: MS/HS - Country Day, Elementary School - Hat Day

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice or milk.

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham, peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, whole wheat bread.

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

6:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League meets at Deden's



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Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

On Sunday, the Minnesota Vikings traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina to take on the defending NFC champions. The Vikings defeated the Panthers by a score of 22-10, and are one of only five undefeated teams in the NFL.

After losing their starting quarterback, left tackle, and future Hall of Fame running back, almost everybody was counting the Vikings out. The Vikings defense took it upon themselves to prove the "experts" wrong, limiting the Panthers to their lowest regular-season point total since week 10 of the 2013 NFL season. The defense was able to accomplish that feat by making Cam Newton (the reigning NFL MVP) uncomfortable in the pocket. Last season, the Panthers gave up two sacks per game, but the Vikings were able to bring down Carolina's signal caller eight times to go along with twelve quarterback hits.

Offensively, the Vikings were nearly invisible in the first half. However, head coach Mike Zimmer made some fantastic changes at halftime, and the Vikings were able to get the ball moving in the second half. The running game had its issues, as McKinnon and Asiata combined for only 60 yards on 22 attempts (2.7 yards per carry). Luckily, the passing game was able to fare a little better, with Bradford completing 18 of 28 passes (64%) for 171 yards and a touchdown. The Vikings were also able to protect their quarterback, only giving up two sacks throughout the game.

They say football is a game of three phases: offense, defense, and special teams, and today really drove home that point. Marcus Sherels set the tone for the special teams, returning one of his three kick returns for a touchdown. Sherels' play really helped turn the tide for the Vikings, as the offense had to punt the ball on all five of their first-half possessions. Jeff Locke also had a great day, which is pretty rare. With the offense stalling, Locke was called upon seven times to punt, and he averaged 48.4 yards per punt while also pinning the ball inside Carolina's 20-yard line three times.

The player of the game was Everson Griffen. Facing off against Cam Newton is not an easy task, but Griffen didn't let that stop him. Even though he was sick and had to go into the locker room during the game for an IV, Griffen was still able to bring down Newton three times to go along with his four quarterback hits. The Vikings were able to get sacks from all three levels of their defense, but it was Griffen who was the biggest thorn in Newton's side on Sunday.

The player who needs the most improvement is Blair Walsh. Stop me if you've heard this before, but Walsh is simply unreliable. Because the Vikings will be without their top three offensive players for most or all of the season, there will be plenty of games when the offense will stall. When that happens, it will be up to the defense and special teams to win the day. The defense has proven it can handle itself, but Walsh is proving he will be unreliable. Walsh has only attempted five extra-point kicks this season, but he has missed two of them. At this point, it might just be better to go for two points after every touchdown.

Looking ahead, the Vikings will play the New York Giants on Monday, October 3. The Giants are led by Eli Manning, who has a plethora of receivers to throw the ball to, including Odell Beckham Jr. The Giants spent a ton of money to upgrade their defense, and so far the results have been mixed. The Vikings will likely enter the game as the favorites, and as long as the defense can make Eli uncomfortable, they should be able to remain undefeated. Skol!

Have any questions or comments? Reach out to me! Facebook: [facebook.com/SkolJWright](https://www.facebook.com/SkolJWright) or on Twitter: @SkolJWright

The Groton Area School District has openings for a part time (morning) bus route and for a full-time bus route driver. Assistance in obtaining the proper licensure is available. Please contact Transportation Supervisor, Loren Bahr, at 397-8117 for more details.



GHS Royalty

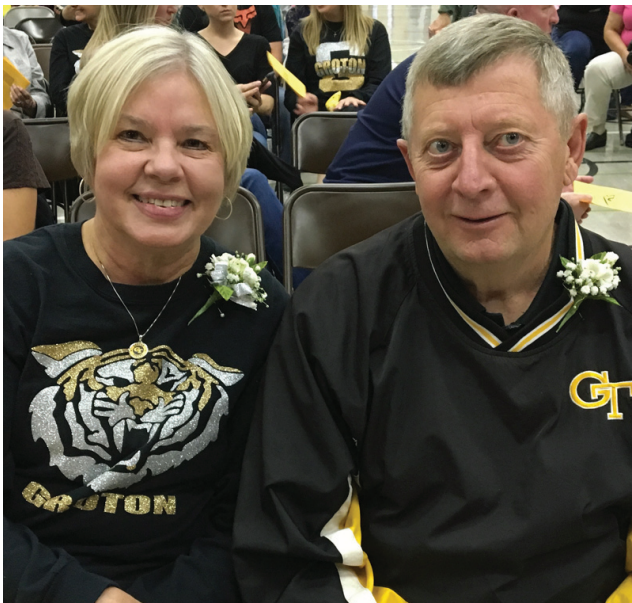
The 2016 GHS Royalty are Paityn Bonn, daughter of Greg and Stacey Bonn, and Bennett Shabazz, son of Zelos and Cheri Johnson.

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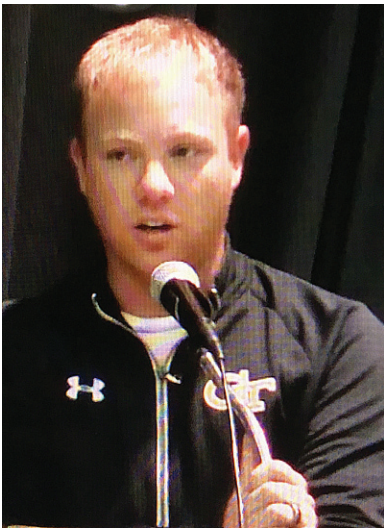
Heather Lone, daughter of Michael and Barbara Lone; Trevor Pray, son of Chad and Chanise Pray; Audrey Wanner, daughter of Shaun and Lynn Wanner; McClain Lone, son of Garry and Merry Lone; Macy Knecht, daughter of Pat and Carol Knecht; Sean Schuring, son of Brian and Andrea Schuring and Brian and Theresa Adam; Alexis Harder, daughter of Corey and Brenda Harder; and Shane Simon, son of Steve and Peggy Simon; in front are the scroll carriers - Kyleight Kroll on the left and Owin Alsleben on the right; with the queen and king in the middle, Paityn Bonn and Bennett Shabazz.



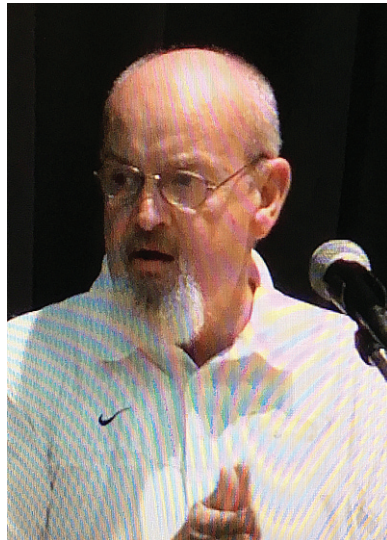
The homecoming parade marshals are Rick and Angela Carlson.

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Jordan Kjellsen was the master of ceremony.



Mike Becker talked about the boys soccer season.



Mark Herman and Carly Wheeting were last year's homecoming royalty and were on hand to pass on the crowns to the new royalty.



Coach Shaun Wanner talked about the football season.



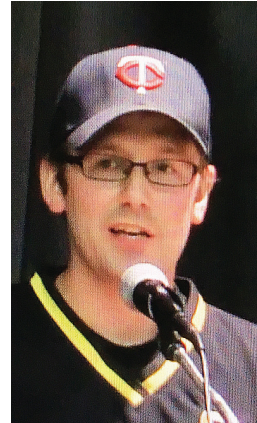
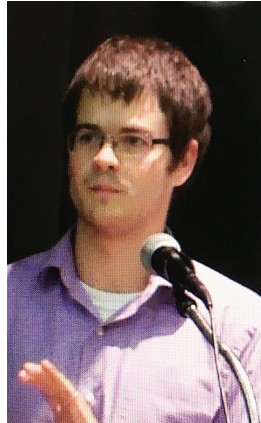
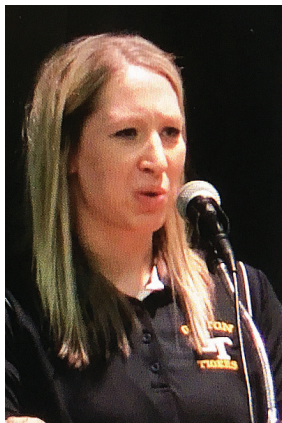
The GHS Pep Band, under the direction of Austin Fordham, played the music for the homecoming coronation.

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A group of moms (above) and a group of juniors (below) put on skits at the homecoming coronation.



Left to right are Chelsea Hanson talking about volleyball, Austin Fordham about band and Adam Franken about cross country. Greg Kjellsen was not present as the boys golf team was at a regional tourney on Monday.

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Monday's Dress Up Day Winners - Pajama Day

Pictured left to right are Shane Simon 2nd place, Hailey Monson 1st place, Marlee Tollifson 3rd place, Payton Colestock 1st place, Jessica Figueroa 2nd place, Kaitlyn Kassube 2nd place, and Hattie Weismantel 1st place.

6-8th grade winners were Hailey Monson, Jessica Figueroa, and Marlee Tollifson
9-10th grade winners were Payton Colestock and Kaitlyn Kassube,
11-12th grade winners were Hattie Weismantel and Shane Simon



Work is progressing very fast on Groton's Dollar General Store.

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2016 Steve Grode Memorial: Groton Cross Country Invitational

Varsity Girls - 5000 meters

1. Peyton Frolek - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 18:43
2. Drew Frolek - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 20:35
3. MaKayla Zirbel - Waubay-Summit - 20:52
4. Victoria Zirbel - Waubay-Summit - 21:05
5. Rana Hegg - Webster Area - 21:17
6. Dreah Frolek - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 21:34
7. Kiana Lundeen - Aberdeen Christian - 22:03
8. Mckenzi Volesky - Webster Area - 22:05
9. Mariah Volesky - Webster Area - 22:06
- 10. Emily Thompson - Groton - 22:08**
11. Ashley Fosness - Britton-Hecla - 22:38
12. Hailey Moeller - Aberdeen Christian - 22:43
13. Galle Waletich - Britton-Hecla - 22:49
14. Michaela Honl - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 22:54
15. Emma Greiner - Wilmot - 23:01
16. Annie Witt - Webster Area - 23:48
- 17. Hannah Lewandowski - Groton - 24:13**
18. Katelyn Westphal - Leola - 24:20
19. Olivia Dorsett - Webster Area - 24:58
20. Kira Goldade - Aberdeen Christian - 25:00
21. Kylie Carlson - Britton-Hecla - 25:23
22. Kendra Johnson - Webster Area - 25:56
- 23. AnneMarie Smith - Groton - 25:56**
24. Emily Hatlewick - Leola - 26:31
- 25. Erin Smith - Groton - 27:17**
26. Maggie Kujanson - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 28:02
- 27. Jenifer Fjelstad - Groton - 28:18**

Team Points (count top 3 runners)

1. Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 7
2. Webster - 16
3. Aberdeen Christian - 31
4. Britton-Hecla - 37
5. Groton - 41

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Varsity Boys - 5000 meters

1. Jacob Hernandez - Webster Area - 18:20
2. Hunter Baver - Aberdeen Christian - 18:21
3. Jayden Hortness - Webster Area - 18:49
4. Max Kuecker - Webster Area - 18:51
5. Broden Frolek - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 19:19
6. Ty Dunse - Webster Area - 19:39
7. Judah Aderhold - Aberdeen Christian - 20:11
8. Tristan Anderson - Webster Area - 20:15
9. Dan Grebner - Aberdeen Christian - 20:45
- 10. Lee Williams - Groton - 20:48**
11. Gabe Lundeen - Aberdeen Christian - 20:51
12. Alex Leschisin - Webster Area - 20:57
13. Noah Kujanson - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 21:02
- 14. Micah Poor - Groton - 21:07**
15. Andrew James - Britton-Hecla - 21:13
16. Tayne Dunse - Webster Area - 21:18
17. Jarod Roth - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 21:37
- 18. Mitchell Koens - Groton - 21:53**
19. Thomas Mehrer - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 22:11
20. Travis Askerooth - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 22:34
21. Stanley Little Boy - Tiospa Zina - 22:41
22. Zach Frankki - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 23:30
- 23. Tylan Glover - Groton - 24:31**
24. Ben Frankki - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 26:28
- 25. Noah Poor - Groton - 26:32**

Team Points

1. Webster Area - 8
2. Aberdeen Christian - 18
3. Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 34
4. Groton - 41

JV Girls - 3000 Meters

1. Cambry Dinger - Britton-Hecla - 14:47
2. Rachel Beaner - Aberdeen Christian - 16:45
3. Amber Eclipse - Frederick Area - 16:56
4. Tasha Zirbel - Waubay-Summit - 17:28
5. Bailey Dillavou - Aberdeen Christian - 18:57
- 6. Gabbie Kramer - Groton - 20:18**

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JV Boys - 3000 Meters

1. Josh Ewalt - Webster Area - 12:58
2. Gavin Anderson - Webster -12:59
3. Issac Hubsch - Webster - 13:08
4. Owen Symens - Britton-Hecla - 13:37
5. Hunter Rucktaschael - Webster Area - 13:43
6. Wesley Jones - Aberdeen Christian - 13:47
7. Cade Roerig - Webster Area - 13:53
8. Walker Larson - Aberdeen Christian - 14:12
9. Johnathan Bretsch - Frederick Area - 14:31
- 10. Spencer Jacobs - Groton - 15:56**
11. Kaden Campbell - Sargent Central/Lidgerwood - 16:54

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Girls

1. McKenna Tietz
2. Addison Hoffman
3. Gracie Pearson

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Boys

1. Skyler Krammer
2. Easton Weber
3. TC Schuster

3rd - 5th Grade Girls

1. Jerrica Locke
2. Layla Roberts
3. Rylee Dunker

3rd - 5th Grade Boys

1. Lane Tietz
2. Teylor Diegel
3. Brevin Fliehs

Worrel Pumpkin Patch



Hours are
Saturdays and Sundays
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Group appointments call
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Ave - Webster, SD
22 Miles East of Groton

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2017 GROTON DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE NOW!

Licenses due by Dec. 30, 2016
Fines start after Dec. 30, 2016

Must bring proof of rabies shot information for each dog to City Hall. Spayed or neutered dogs are \$5 per dog, otherwise \$10 per dog. If you no longer have any dogs, please let City Hall know ASAP.

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Today in Weather History

September 27, 1983: A lightning caused grass fire burned 25,000 acres northwest of Reliance during the evening hours. At its peak, the fire was four miles wide by ten miles long.

September 27, 1985: Snow fell across south central South Dakota from the evening of the 27th until the early afternoon of the 28th. Three to five inches of snow occurred with up to 18 inches reported around Winner. Eight to 12 inches fell around Gregory and Burke.

1816 - A black frost over most of New England kills unripened corn in the north resulting in a year of famine. (David Ludlum)

1822: Using various documents and meteorological observations determined a hurricane moved ashore on this day in South Carolina. One account from Bull Island, South Carolina records the eye passing directly over that location.

1959: Typhoon Vera was the strongest and deadliest typhoon on record to make landfall on the islands of Japan. Damage totals from this typhoon are estimated at \$4.85 billion (USD 2015). An estimated 4,000 deaths occurred from Typhoon Vera. This Category 5 Typhoon first made landfall on September 26 near Shionomisaki on Honshu. Vera transitioned to an extratropical cyclone on September 27, which continued to affect the island for an additional two days.

1970 - Afternoon highs of 103 degrees at Long Beach, CA, and 105 degrees at the Los Angeles Civic Center were the hottest since September records were established in 1963. Fierce Santa Ana winds accompanying the extreme heat resulted in destructive fires. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - A record early season snowstorm struck the Central High Plains Region. The storm left up to nineteen inches of snow along the Colorado Front Range, and as much as a foot of snow in the High Plains Region. (Storm Data)

1987 - While those at the base of Mount Washington, NH, enjoyed sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s, the top of the mountain was blanketed with 4.7 inches of snow, along with wind gusts to 99 mph, and a temperature of 13 degrees. Severe thunderstorms developed along a cold front in the south central U.S. A thunderstorm west of Noodle TX produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 70 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced large hail in southeastern Wyoming during the afternoon, with tennis ball size hail reported at Cheyenne. Strong winds ushering the cold air into the north central U.S. gusted to 59 mph at Lander WY. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Freezing temperatures were reported in the Great Lakes Region and the Ohio Valley. Houghton Lake MI reported a record low of 21 degrees. Thunderstorms in the western U.S. produced wind gusts to 50 mph at Salt Lake City UT, and gusts to 58 mph at Cody WY.(The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today



Sunny

High: 71 °F

Tonight



Clear then
Patchy Frost

Low: 36 °F

Wednesday



Patchy Frost
then Sunny

High: 65 °F

Wednesday
Night



Clear

Low: 38 °F

Thursday



Sunny

High: 72 °F

Thursday
Night



Mostly Clear

Low: 48 °F

Friday



Sunny

High: 71 °F



Beautiful Fall Day

*Highs in the Upper 60s
to the Lower 80s*

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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Updated: 9/27/2016 5:14 AM

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Expect mostly sunny skies today with highs ranging from the upper 60s, to the lower 80s.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 68.9 F at 4:45 PM

Low Outside Temp: 39.2 F at 4:40 AM

High Gust: 29.0 Mph at 1:36 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 95° in 1952

Record Low: 22° in 1900

Average High: 67°F

Average Low: 41°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.97

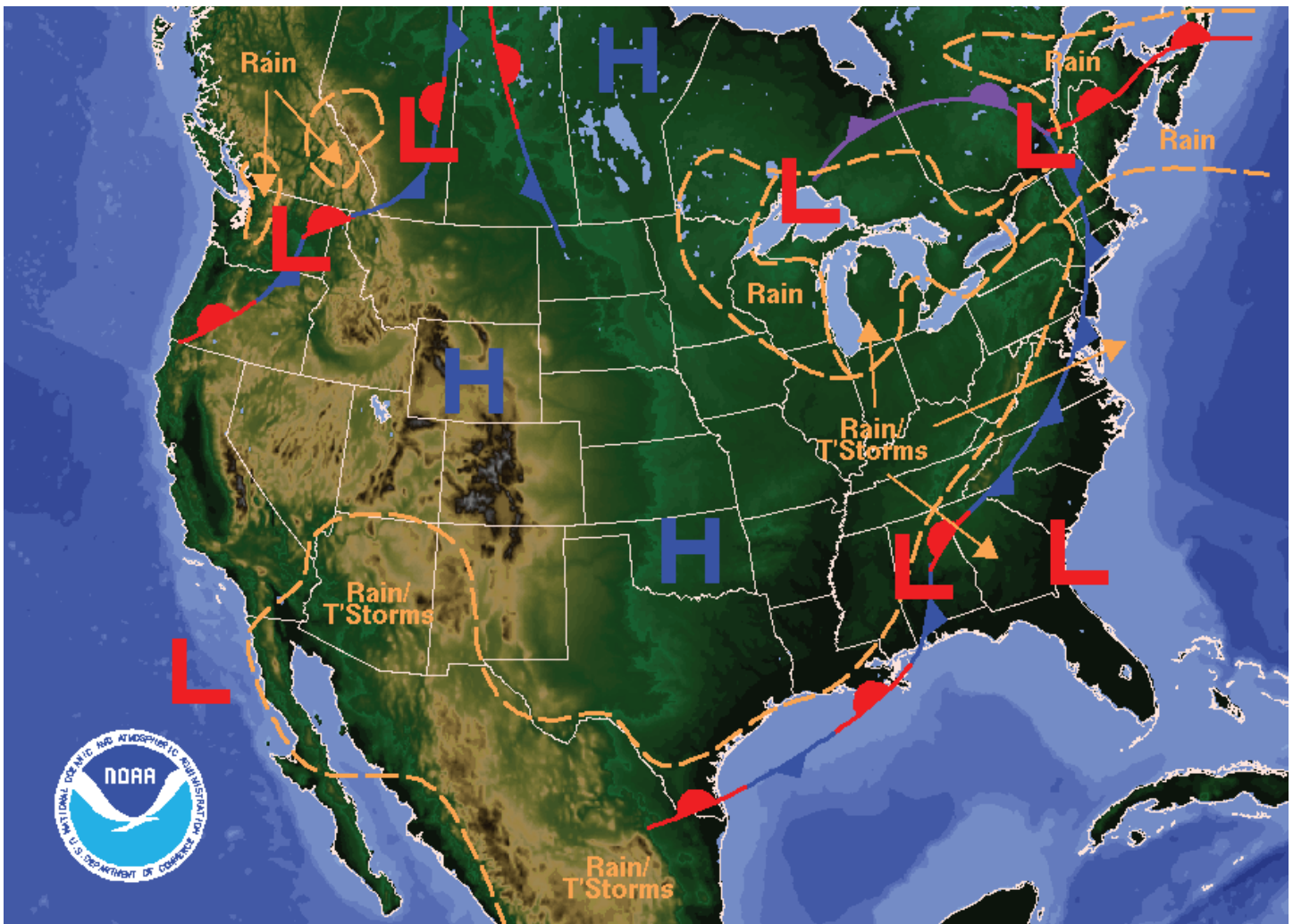
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.54

Average Precip to date: 18.26

Precip Year to Date: 13.20

Sunset Tonight: 7:20 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:28 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Sep 27, 2016, issued 4:31 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THROUGH IS NOT THE END

A patient, waiting for his appointment, began leafing through a copy of Who's Who in America. After several moments he closed the book. A patient seated next to him asked if he was looking for his name or someone he knew.

"No," he replied, sadly. "I'm listed in Who's Through."

Obviously he did not know the Lord. For anyone who turns to Him at any time will be met with open arms and given an opportunity to embark on a new beginning.

David made this abundantly clear when he wrote, "I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire,...set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along."

People who do not know God often think that they have to pull themselves up by their "bootstraps." But what God did for David He can and will do for everyone!

This powerful Psalm describes what God is willing to do for anyone at any time. God will not only rescue us from the depths of our despair, but place us on solid ground, steady us with His strength as we begin a new walk with Him and give us a new song to sing along the path that He has prepared for us.

Prayer: How grateful we are, Father, that no one is ever beyond Your love or grace, salvation or mercy. May we recognize Your power to redeem and rescue us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 40 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand...

The logo for Golden Living, featuring the words "golden" in orange and "living" in blue, with a stylized orange and blue wave graphic below.

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The logo for Avera Health Plans, featuring the word "Avera" in white on a blue background, with a white cross symbol to the right, and "Health Plans" in white below.

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News from the Associated Press

Largest solar farm in South Dakota to start generating power

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The largest solar farm in South Dakota is gearing up to start producing electricity. Officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday for the 9-acre, \$2 million solar farm at the Pierre airport, after about two months of construction. The Capital Journal reports it will provide enough power for about 200 Pierre households.

The project is a joint venture involving the city of Pierre, Minneapolis-based Geronimo Energy and Sioux Falls-based Missouri River Energy Services. The solar farm is expected to start generating power by the end of the week.

University of South Dakota researchers will study the facility's energy output.

Monday's Scores By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Chester def. Deubrook, 25-18, 23-25, 25-9, 25-12

Colman-Egan def. Garretson, 25-21, 25-19, 25-21

Freeman def. Iroquois, 25-11, 22-25, 25-21, 19-25, 15-12

Howard def. Bridgewater-Emery, 25-16, 25-21, 25-23

Langford def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-9, 25-4, 25-10

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Parkston, 25-15, 25-18, 26-24

Sully Buttes def. Timber Lake, 25-15, 25-10, 25-17

Tri-State, N.D. def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-14, 9-25, 25-19, 22-25, 15-7

Wagner def. Vermillion, 25-23, 25-19, 24-26, 25-22

Warner def. Leola/Frederick, 25-5, 25-11, 25-15

West Central def. Madison, 25-21, 25-21, 17-25, 18-25, 15-5

Former South Dakota police chief found guilty of murder

BURKE, S.D. (AP) — A jury on Monday found a former South Dakota police chief guilty of first degree murder in the death of his pregnant fiancée in 2009.

Prosecutors accused Russell Bertram, 64, of killing 26-year-old Leonila Stickney in 2009 to collect more than \$900,000 insurance money. They also said jealousy was a factor because Bertram had undergone a vasectomy and knew the child couldn't be his.

A Gregory County jury returned the guilty verdict on Monday.

Bertram, who had served as police chief in Harrisburg, South Dakota, was not charged until late last year. The victim's estranged husband, David Stickney, received a letter after her death from a life insurance company that was processing a claim from Bertram. He then contacted the South Dakota attorney general's office criminal division, setting in motion an investigation that led to a murder charge last fall.

Bertram said that he was putting his shotgun into his truck after a hunting trip in Gregory County when the weapon fired accidentally, striking Stickney in the abdomen.

Bertram's defense team argued the case had nothing to do with jealousy and that the insurance policy was Stickney's idea to provide for her family in the Philippines if anything happened to her.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley and Gregory county States Attorney Amy Bartling praised

the verdict.

"Bertram's callous disregard for Leonila and his failure to show any sorrow or remorse are evident and unfortunate," they said in a statement after the verdict was announced.

North Dakota says no Indian artifacts found at pipeline site

By JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A North Dakota state inspection of an oil pipeline site has found no sign of the Native American artifacts or human remains that an American Indian Tribe says are present, the state's chief archaeologist said in a draft memo.

The Standing Rock Sioux tribe had cited the potential for burial grounds and other artifacts as a major reason to lead protests that have stymied completion of the project.

Chief Archaeologist Paul Picha said in the memo first published Monday by conservative blogger Rob Port that seven state archeologists inspected the 1.3-mile section along the route of the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline in southern North Dakota. The memo said only some animal teeth and bone fragments were found during the survey last week.

Historical Society spokeswoman Kim Jondahl confirmed the contents of the memo but said it was "a first draft of an internal summary." She declined to say how the draft differed from later versions.

In early September, Standing Rock Sioux officials said crews bulldozed several sites of "significant cultural and historic value" on private land, which Dallas-based pipeline builder Energy Transfer Partners denies. It led to a clash between protesters and private security guards hired by the pipeline company. Law enforcement officials said four security guards and two guard dogs received medical treatment, while a tribal spokesman countered that six people were bitten by guard dogs and at least 30 people were pepper-sprayed.

The Morton County Sheriff's Department is heading up the probe of the Sept. 3 incident at the construction site near the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

In an incident on Sunday, Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier says about 200 people confronted about 30 security guards at a construction site. The sheriff says all but three security guards left the construction site. The sheriff says law enforcement officers witnessed one of the security guards being carried by protesters for about 100 yards. The guard was treated for minor injuries by paramedics. No arrests were made.

Picha did not return telephone calls Monday about the memo. The state Historical Society and the Morton County Sheriff's Department declined to release the memo, saying it was part of an ongoing investigation by law enforcement.

The clash between security guards and protesters on Sept. 3 came one day after the tribe filed court papers saying it found burials, rock piles called cairns and other sites of historic significance to Native Americans along the pipeline's path.

Tribal preservation officer Tim Mentz said in court documents that the tribe was only recently allowed to survey private land, which is now owned by the pipeline company.

Standing Rock Sioux tribal members could not immediately be reached for comment Monday.

But Standing Rock Sioux Chairman David Archambault II has said previously that construction crews removed topsoil across an area about 150 feet wide stretching for 2 miles.

"This demolition is devastating," Archambault said. "These grounds are the resting places of our ancestors. The ancient cairns and stone prayer rings there cannot be replaced. In one day, our sacred land has been turned into hollow ground."

School of Mines engineering program getting big grant

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is getting a big boost for a program that aims to attract, retain and graduate more women and other underrepresented students in engineering.

The school has been awarded more than \$1.1 million from the National Science Foundation and the John T. Vucurevich Foundation for its Culture and Attitude Program.

The program includes scholarships, industry mentors, professional development and new curriculum that uses diverse learning styles. The Culture & Attitude program also will partner with local nonprofits, the city of Rapid City and the Native American Sustainable Housing Initiative on the effort.

Fall turkey hunting licenses still available in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — More than 850 hunting licenses remain for North Dakota's fall turkey season.

The state Game and Fish Department made 3,510 licenses available this year, a decline of about 4 percent from last year. The agency recently held its license lottery.

Only North Dakota residents could apply in the initial lottery. Both resident and nonresident hunters can apply for the leftover licenses, which became available Monday.

The season begins Oct. 8 and runs through next Jan. 8.

Police arrest 3rd person for helping in Mitchell kidnapping

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have arrested a third person in connection with the robbery and kidnapping of a 66-year-old man in Mitchell.

Thirty-five-year-old Danica Loseke is charged with robbery and kidnapping for her role in last Thursday's incident. Police are seeking a fourth person who was allegedly involved in the crime.

Police say 28-year-old Alex Rock and 21-year-old Marco Sherman forced the man from his home about 6 a.m. Thursday. Rock and Sherman allegedly forced the victim into a vehicle and drove him blindfolded about 19 miles southeast of Mitchell. The suspects forced the man to remove his clothes and left him in a field. He was found about an hour later.

Rock is charged with first-degree kidnapping and possession of stolen property. Sherman is charged with first-degree kidnapping and robbery.

Augustana University president stepping down after 11 years

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The president of Augustana University in Sioux Falls says he's retiring after the school year.

Rob Oliver has been associated with the school for 25 years, the last 11 as president. He had previously served as chair of the business administration department for two years and spent 12 years on Augustana's board of trustees.

Oliver has spearheaded record-setting financial support for the school and the addition of several projects, including the \$35 million Froiland Science Complex.

Board of trustees chair Becky Blue says Oliver has been one of the school's "greatest thinkers" and "best dreamers."

Oliver's last say will be July 31, 2017.

Former Garretson school official pleads guilty to sex charge

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A onetime Garretson School District business manager has pleaded guilty to soliciting a minor.

Fifty-nine-year-old Rodney Fischer appeared in court Monday on the felony charge, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. The plea deal calls for all but 180 days of the sentence to be suspended.

Authorities allege Fischer was caught in an online sting in which he solicited sex from what he thought was a 13-year-old girl but was actually an undercover agent.

A sentencing date has not been set.

California archer sets US record at Yankton tournament

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — History has been made in Yankton, as a 21-year-old archer from California became the first female archer to finish with the highest score in any National Field Archery Association tournament.

Paige Gore recorded a two-day score of 1418 at the third annual Outdoor National Target Championships, the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (<http://bit.ly/2cQukIP>) reported. The top male shot a 1412 over the two days.

National Field Archery Association President Bruce Cull confirmed Gore's new record.

Gore credited her achievement to a change in her mindset.

"I used to get asked all the time before I left for a tournament, 'Who's going to be your biggest competition?'" she said. "That's probably the worst thing you can think."

She says she stopped thinking about her competitors and started focusing on beating her own scores.

Gore recorded a score of 890 out of a possible 900 on Saturday, followed by a round of 528 out of a possible 600 on Sunday.

"I don't just want to be good in my own division, or just among all the girls," Gore said. "I think there's part of me that wants to earn more respect; that I can shoot with the big boys."

Only one other woman competed in Gore's division this weekend.

Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, <http://www.yankton.net/>

Pheasant fest: Premier wildlife show coming to South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — One of the largest events for upland hunters, sport dog owners and conservationists is coming to South Dakota in 2018.

The National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic is a trade show that holds seminars on wildlife habitat conservation, pheasant hunting, shooting sports, wild game cooking and dog training. It also features tractors, shotguns and art.

The South Dakota event is scheduled Feb. 16-18 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

The show is sponsored by Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever. Howard Vincent, president and CEO of the group, says South Dakota is the "world's undisputed pheasant capital" and it's fitting to bring the event to Sioux Falls.

The show coincides with South Dakota's 100th pheasant hunting season.

Daugaard appoints former lawmaker to vacant House seat

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed attorney and former state Rep. David Lust of Rapid City to a vacant seat in the state House.

Lust will succeed Rep. Dan Dryden, who died last month. Dryden's current term representing District 34 began in January 2015 and ends early next January, prior to the 2017 legislative session. Lust will serve until the end of the term.

Lust previously served from 2007 to 2015 in the state House, many of the years as majority leader.

Dryden was a candidate for re-election this fall. Under state law, his name will remain on the ballot. If he's re-elected, it will create a vacancy for the term that begins next January, which would be filled by appointment. Daugaard says in that case he would appoint Lust again.

Powerball lottery ticket sold in Black Hawk worth \$50,000

BLACK HAWK, S.D. (AP) — A Powerball ticket sold in Black Hawk is worth \$50,000 in the latest drawing.

South Dakota lottery officials say the ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball in Saturday's drawing to win the game's third prize, at odds of 1 in about 913,000.

The winner has about six months to claim the money.

Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot is at \$60 million for Wednesday's drawing.

Court gives fertilizer dealers a reprieve from policy change

By BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A federal appeals court has ruled that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration didn't follow the proper procedures when it imposed stricter regulations on farm fertilizer dealers, meaning the policy change won't go into effect Saturday as scheduled.

The OSHA policy change announced last year would have regulated retail fertilizer dealers under the same standards as manufacturers, meaning dealers of fertilizers, including anhydrous ammonia, would have to instigate changes such as installing new storage tanks. The policy change came after a 2013 explosion at a fertilizer facility in West, Texas, which killed 15 people and leveled part of the town. President Barack Obama issued an executive order calling for steps aimed at preventing such incidents.

The Agricultural Retailers Association and The Fertilizer Institute sued a year ago, saying the proposed changes would impose a more than \$100 million burden on 3,800 fertilizer retailers nationwide.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled Friday that the change amounted to the creation of a new standard that requires a formal rulemaking process, which would give the industry an opportunity to have a say.

"This administration has broadly and unjustly avoided proper procedure to construct and reinterpret myriad federal regulations without public input," said Daren Coppock, president and CEO of the Agricultural Retailers Association. "The court's decision in this case affirms the importance of regulatory agencies following proper notice and comment rulemaking procedure."

However, the three-judge panel also noted that "nothing in our decision necessarily calls into question the substance of OSHA's decision."

The Associated Press requested comment from OSHA Monday.

The ruling "sends OSHA back to square one to ensure that producers are heard," said U.S. Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D. "That's essential not only because the regulation would be a hardship for farmers, but also because consumers will ultimately foot the bill paying higher food prices."

Hoeven said legislation in Congress would prevent any changes in fiscal 2017, which runs through next September. Congress weighed in once before, including a provision in a year-end funding bill late last year that suspended the change until this Oct. 1.

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Homeland chief: Homegrown attacks an increasing threat

By MATTHEW DALY and ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bombings in New York and New Jersey — and a stabbing attack in Minnesota the same day — underscore that homegrown attacks inspired by violent extremists are as much a threat to the United States as those directed by terrorists, the nation's Homeland Security chief says.

While all attacks are difficult to detect and prevent, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said the United States and its allies continue to "take the fight militarily to terrorist organizations overseas" 15 years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington.

In prepared testimony before a Senate committee Tuesday, Johnson said air strikes and special operations against the so-called Islamic State terror group have led to the deaths of a number of its leaders. While it remains a threat, the Islamic State has lost nearly half the populated areas it once controlled in Iraq and thousands of square miles in Syria, Johnson said.

At the same time it loses territory, the group has "increased its plotting on targets outside of Iraq and Syria and continues to encourage attacks in the United States," Johnson said.

Johnson, FBI Director James Comey and Nicholas Rasmussen, director of the National Counterterrorism Center, are set to testify Tuesday as the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee looks at security threats 15 years after 9/11.

The panel's chairman, Sen. Ron Johnson said the threat of "militant Islamic terrorist attacks to the United States remains significant," citing the Sept. 17 attacks in the New York region and Minnesota, as well as deadly attacks in San Bernardino, Calif., and Orlando.

"In all, Islamic extremist terrorist have killed 63 people on U.S. soil since our committee last held its annual hearing to consider threats to the homeland," Ron Johnson, R-Wis., said in a prepared statement.

Two years after President Barack Obama stated a goal of defeating the Islamic State, also known as ISIS, "we have made little progress," said Johnson, who is not related to the Homeland Security chief.

Ahmad Khan Rahami, the main suspect in the New York bombing, faces federal terrorism charges after a shootout with police.

Prosecutors say Rahami, 28, planned the explosions for months as he bought components for his bombs online and set off a backyard blast. They say he wrote a journal that praised Osama bin Laden and other Muslim extremists, fumed about what he saw as the U.S. government's killing of Muslim holy warriors and declared "death to your oppression."

While Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has suggested a temporary ban on Muslim immigrants, Jeh Johnson said the U.S. should focus on "building bridges to diverse communities" to defend the homeland.

Lawmakers also may focus on police shootings in Tulsa, Okla., and Charlotte, N.C., as well as Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while she was secretary of state.

Republicans have assailed Comey's decision not to prosecute Clinton, now the Democratic nominee for president. Several have demanded the Justice Department investigate whether Clinton lied during testimony last year on the deadly 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya. Democrats call the claims partisan

and intended to hurt Clinton's candidacy.

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Cheers and jeers: Americans tune into Trump-Clinton debate

By ADAM KEALOHA CAUSEY and MICHELLE RINDELS, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — From senior centers to college campuses and bars featuring campaign-themed cocktails, Americans laughed, cheered and jeered through the first debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

Viewers tuned in Monday on their TVs, cellphones and radios to watch and listen to the showdown between the two major presidential candidates.

Here are some of the scenes across the U.S. as people watched the event:

LAS VEGAS: A party at the Atria Sunlake retirement home in Las Vegas started with about 15 people, but some residents dozed off during the event and the crowd thinned to about half of that with 30 minutes left.

"I don't know if Hillary will be able to shut the big mouth down," said Joan Moelter, 81, as she polished off a dinner of chicken and crabcakes with her new 86-year-old boyfriend.

A Minnesota native, Moelter owned two Dairy Queen restaurants and has long considered herself a Republican. She's rooting for Clinton this time around.

Shirley Ball, 89, squeezed onto a loveseat with her friend and was wrapped up in the debate to the bitter end.

Ball describes herself as a Democrat but said she'll be voting for Libertarian Gary Johnson. She can't bring herself to back Clinton or Trump.

"I don't want to waste my vote on either one of them," the former medical assistant said.

RALEIGH, North Carolina: At the all-women's Meredith College more than 75 students, faculty and guests listened carefully and quietly, save for a few laughs or short bursts of applause.

That's partially because the watch party was part of a campus initiative focusing on civil dialogue.

But it's also because many of them had the night's popular accessory: an "ELECTO" card, based on the popular bingo game. Each square was a likely phrase or word Clinton, Trump or moderator Lester Holt might say, like "Let's move on," "Gender Gap," and "Obamacare."

Student Breanna Harmon, 18, joked that there were some unexpected phrases left out on her card, like "Trumped up" and anything to do with China. Harmon, an independent voter who likes Trump's business background, said she was taken aback by Clinton's aggressive style early.

"I was surprised to see her throw the first shade at Donald Trump," Harmon said. "I thought it would be Trump."

CLEVELAND: Less than a mile from where Trump accepted the Republican nomination two months ago, hundreds of people attended a party called "Desserts & Debate."

The non-partisan event was free and part of the Greater Cleveland Caucus, a year-long series of events led by the nonprofit Cleveland Foundation. More than 400 people registered and many of them filled chairs in the historic Calfee Building.

Tom Jordan, a 36-year-old urban planner, said he liked "that it's not just a one-sided crowd."

Still, Jordan said he'll likely vote for Clinton.

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"I'm one of those people who bought the media narrative going back to the '90s that Hillary's kind of unlikable. But, I'm impressed with her so far. I think she just comes across as presidential and professional."

PHOENIX: DeSoto Central Market in this city's redeveloping downtown set out extra tables and chairs to accommodate more than 100 people in a space where patrons often play board games or do yoga. Monday night, the market bar served up drinks inspired by the candidates' signature looks: "The Pant Suit" for Clinton and "The Hair Piece" for Trump.

Two TVs were tuned to Monday Night Football, but the debate was the focus among the many young professionals who hooted and hollered.

Nick Dillon live-tweeted while many around him dined on gourmet burgers and tacos. He said he won't vote for Trump, but Clinton's email scandal gives him pause. The 24-year-old middle school teacher is deciding whether to vote for her or a third-party candidate.

Partisan politics turn Dillon off, but he said he must weigh those concerns with whether voting for an alternative party might hand Trump the presidency. Race relations will influence his decision.

"That's one of the things that's very much worsening in our community, in our country. I don't see it getting better under him."

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida: Bartenders mixed cocktails and took orders for croquettes and hummus appetizers as MSNBC blared in the background at The Queenshead restaurant and bar.

Outdoors, the debated as projected on a large screen. The largely Democratic crowd applauded and laughed when Clinton mentioned that Trump "lived in his own reality."

Richard Florence, a 38-year-old artist, drank from a bottle of Bud Light as he watched. He said he wasn't impressed with either candidate and was considering a protest vote for the Green Party's Jill Stein.

"This, to me, spiritually, is gross," he said.

STATE COLLEGE, Pennsylvania: Around a hundred students munched on pizza and chatted about politics in an auditorium at Pennsylvania State University.

Chris Baker, a senior and the leader of the pro-Trump group on campus, said he thought his candidate had the edge during the debate.

"When he said that he would release his tax returns when Hillary Clinton releases her emails, I thought that was a strike from Donald Trump directly at Hillary Clinton that she cannot respond to."

Freshman Greg Gavazzi said he is a Clinton supporter — but Trump surprised him.

"Trump is a lot more poised than I expected him to be," Gavazzi said.

CENTENNIAL, Colorado: Two former Colorado state lawmakers — one conservative, the other liberal — hosted a bipartisan watch party, hoping to promote what they feel is a lack of dialogue this election cycle.

They accomplished that: The 25 people jammed into a basement in this Denver suburb civilly discussed the debate afterward.

But the legislators left unfulfilled.

"I think this debate was more about entertainment than about issues that touch all Americans," said Aly Schmidt, a health care lobbyist and registered Republican who hasn't decided who to vote for.

Party attendee Khadija Haynes, a Denver political organizer who backs Clinton, said she was disap-

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pointed that both candidates responded to a question on race relations by referring to crime.

"Their answers were racist by equating that with gun violence," said Haynes. "Crime is a symptom of the disease. And both of them gave us an aspirin answer to a cancer question."

DES MOINES, Iowa: Drake University Democrats and Drake College Republicans used their joint watch party to launch a live poll for audience members to answer questions about the debate.

At the start, organizers asked students to go to a special website to answer questions that refreshed about every 10 minutes.

An average of between 40 and 70 students responded to each question, according to Zachary Blevins, a senior and treasurer for Drake Democrats.

The questions for the unscientific poll ranged from whether students planned to vote to which candidate had the most to lose from the debate. Students received real-time results while they watched.

Blevins said the groups didn't want to have too much of a partisan leaning.

ATLANTA: More than 60 people watched at Stats, a sports bar near Centennial Olympic Park, at a party hosted by the Urban League of Greater Atlanta Young Professionals.

An attorney, an epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a photographer were among those watching.

Wade Ivy, who plans to vote for Clinton, said the group watching with her is diverse and that some people are undecided on who to vote for.

"Hearing the policy positions of each of the candidates, how aggressive or not aggressive they are, that may sway some people here," the 38-year-old Ivy said.

DETROIT: Some students at Wayne State University were offered extra credit to watch the debate at the Student Center. They munched on cookies and pretzels provided by instructors during the show.

Andrew Malec, president of the campus Republican group, and says he will most likely vote for Trump. But he enjoyed the candidates' interactions.

"They've both brought their 'A' games," Malec said. "Donald Trump isn't letting Hillary Clinton get away with sound bites."

Causey reported from Phoenix and Rindels from Las Vegas. Associated Press reporters Tamara Lush in St. Petersburg, Florida; Gary Robertson in Raleigh, North Carolina; Corey Williams in Detroit; Mike Householder in Cleveland; Barbara Rodriguez in Des Moines, Iowa; Dake Kang at State College, Pennsylvania; Alex Sanz in Atlanta; and Jim Anderson in Centennial, Colorado contributed.

AP Exclusive: New film academy members talk #OscarsSoWhite **By SANDY COHEN, AP Entertainment Writer**

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — The newest members of the film academy say the #OscarsSoWhite crisis inspired them to seek membership.

At a private reception Monday for the latest academy inductees, actors Chadwick Boseman and Rita Wilson were among the new members who said they joined the organization to advance the diversity discussion in the film industry.

"I felt obligated to join," said Boseman, who plays Thurgood Marshall and Marvel hero Black Panther in upcoming films. "After a certain number of years when you see something happen and you feel like

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there are worthy films that should be nominated or presented, yeah, you have to join. You have to be a voice."

Wilson said #OscarsSoWhite moved her to join the organization her husband, Tom Hanks, has been active with for years.

"I have never been a member and I thought this is the right time," she said. "It feels right because it seemed to me the academy was really open to hearing what the issues were, not only with color but with women and all sorts of diversity."

After two years of an all-white slate of acting nominees for the Academy Awards spawned its own hashtag, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences made significant changes to its voting practices and announced intentions to double the number of female and minority members by 2020. The organization has historically been overwhelmingly white and male.

Monday's reception at Catch restaurant in West Hollywood, California, celebrated the largest and most diverse class of invitees to date.

"You are proof that the academy is committed to and working toward its goal of inclusion," academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs told the guests as they sipped Champagne and snacked on lobster mac and cheese. "Together, you are among the 683 new members of the academy."

The organization's inclusion efforts inspired Lisa Taback, a new member of the public relations branch. "I think they're on a great track," she said, "Certainly reaching out to more women and trying to find a little more of a gender balance."

Screenwriter Phyllis Nagy said she wants to "open up the diversity issue" now that she's an academy member.

"I think we have to address everything," she said. "It's not just Oscars so white. It's Oscars so male, Oscars so straight...Hopefully the new member initiative that the academy announced will help."

The momentum is there, said veteran publicist Lisa Taback, who joined the organization this year. "I think they're on a great track," she said, "certainly reaching out to more women and trying to find a little more of a gender balance, so that's very exciting to me and important to me."

The party had little agenda other than to mingle and enjoy. Boone Isaacs briefly addressed the crowd, followed by academy chief Dawn Hudson, who joked about the event coinciding with the presidential debate.

"I'm so impressed that you all came tonight," she said. "It just proves that art trumps politics." She urged the new members to take their new responsibilities seriously by voting for Oscar nominees and winners,

"You can vote all year round at the academy," she quipped, referring to the organization's various contests for emerging talents.

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Colombia embarks on path to peace with historic accord

By JOSHUA GOODMAN and ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, Associated Press

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) — After a half-century of combat that spilled blood across this South American nation, Colombians have embarked on a new, but difficult path to settle their political differences with the signing of a historic peace accord between the government and leftist rebels.

The first test after Monday's signing is a weekend referendum in which voters are being asked to ratify or reject the deal. If it passes, as expected, Colombia will move on to the thornier and still uncertain task of reconciliation.

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President Juan Manuel Santos and Rodrigo Londono, top commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, formally signed the agreement before a crowd of 2,500 foreign dignitaries and special guests, including U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

Many in the audience, all dressed in white, had tears in their eyes as Santos removed from his lapel a pin shaped like a white dove that he has been wearing for years and handed it over to his former adversary, who fastened it to his own shirt.

It was one of many symbolic gestures during the 90-minute ceremony overlooking the colonial ramparts of Cartagena that filled Colombians with hope and optimism for the arduous work ahead implementing a 297-page accord that took four grueling years to negotiate.

If the accord is accepted by Colombian voters in Sunday's referendum, as polls say it will, the FARC's estimated 7,000 fighters would have to turn over their weapons gradually to a team of United Nations-sponsored observers within six months.

A much tougher challenge will be reconciliation, a process that will require rebels and state actors who want to avoid jail to confess their war crimes committed during a 52-year conflict marred by brutalities on both sides.

In Brussels, the European Union announced Tuesday that it has suspended its sanctions against the FARC, which has been on the bloc's "terrorist list" since 2002. The sanction have allowed the EU to freeze the assets of people, groups and entities linked to the FARC and stop Europeans making funds or economic resources available to it.

Longer term, the two sides have drafted an ambitious agenda to hasten the development of Colombia's long-neglected countryside and rid it of illegal coca crops that starting in the 1980s strengthened the FARC — and some say morally corrupted it — while other insurgencies across Latin America fell to the wayside.

Londono, best known by his alias Timochenko, called Santos "a courageous partner" and proclaimed there was no turning back on the FARC's decision to abandon Colombia's jungles.

"Let no one doubt that we are going into politics without weapons," he said before ending his speech with a simple but loudly applauded appeal for forgiveness

"I apologize for all the pain that we have caused," he said.

Santos, who for years was the FARC's top military opponent, was equally emphatic that he would honor his promise to promote pluralism and open up Colombia's traditionally elite-driven political system.

"As head of state of the fatherland we all love, I want to welcome you to democracy," he said. Earlier, he led the crowd in chants of "No more war! No more war! No more war!"

Across the country, Colombians celebrated with a host of activities, from peace concerts to a street party in the capital, Bogota, where the signing ceremony was broadcast live on a giant screen.

The signing was greeted with wild cheers followed by calls for Timochenko to be president from about 1,000 FARC rebels in the Yari Plains, a remote area of southern Colombia where the group recently concluded its last congress as a guerrilla army by endorsing the deal.

But there were also sporadic protests, including one in Cartagena led by conservative former President Alvaro Uribe, whose decade-long, U.S.-backed military offensive forced the FARC to the negotiating table. Shouting "Santos is a coward," the few hundred Uribe supporters vowed that if they gain power when the presidents steps down in 2018 they will undo an accord they say is harbinger of a Cuba-style leftist dictatorship.

The stiff domestic opposition, which will make implementation even tougher, contrasts with almost universal acclaim abroad for the accord. On Monday, European Union foreign policy coordinator Fed-

erica Mogherini said that with the signing of the peace agreement, the EU would suspend the FARC from its list of terrorist organizations.

The U.S. has yet to follow suit but Kerry said he is open to reconsidering its status.

"We clearly are ready to review and make judgments as the facts come in," he told reporters. "We don't want to leave people on the list if they don't belong."

Colombians' distrust of the FARC runs deep. Many families have been touched by rebel kidnappings and it will take years to heal the wounds from a conflict that claimed 220,000 lives and drove 8 million people from their homes.

The rebels are equally skeptical of the government on which they will now depend for protection, a fact underscored by Timochenko's startled look when a low flyover by three fighter jets unexpectedly interrupted his speech.

"This time they came to salute peace instead of unload bombs," he joked upon resuming.

Timochenko took over as the FARC's commander in 2011 after an aerial attack killed his predecessor shortly after he authorized a secret backchannel dialogue with the government.

For all of the challenges ahead, though, many Colombians who thought peace would never come were carried away with emotion.

"This is something I waited for my whole life — that I dreamed of every day," said Leon Valencia, a former guerrilla who is one of the most respected experts on Colombia's conflict. "It's like when you're waiting for a child that is finally born, or seeing an old lover or when your favorite team scores a goal."

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Carter: Nuke force changes are 'bearing fruit'

By ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. (AP) — Defense Secretary Ash Carter, who inherited a tangled web of problems in the Air Force nuclear missile corps when he took over the Pentagon in 2015, says he sees reason to believe that a push for improvement is beginning to show results.

After visiting Monday with officers and airmen who operate, maintain and secure Minuteman 3 nuclear missiles on this base in the northern reaches of North Dakota, Carter said they told him they are encouraged by changes that have been made since the problems were highlighted in a series of Associated Press stories in 2013-14.

"That tells me," he told reporters, "that what the Air Force calls its force improvement plan is "bearing fruit."

In addition to the changes pursued by the Air Force, the Pentagon ordered a broader set of reforms at the recommendation of a nuclear review group organized by then-Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel in early 2014.

Carter has been overseeing the reforms and until Monday had said little publicly about them. His Minot visit was his first to a nuclear weapons base since he assumed command at the Pentagon in February 2015. Although he said he saw reason for optimism, the nuclear missile corps continues to encounter embarrassing problems.

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In January, the AP disclosed that mistakes by a Minuteman maintenance crew led to a 2014 accident involving a nuclear-armed missile in its silo. The Air Force has refused an AP Freedom of Information Act request for the accident investigation report, arguing it contains information too sensitive to be made public.

In March, the Air Force disclosed that 14 airmen responsible for securing the F.E. Warren nuclear missile base in Wyoming had been removed from their duties pending an investigation of alleged illegal drug use. It refused to disclose what drugs were involved. In June, the investigation widened to include five more airmen.

In August, the Air Force released documents to the Associated Press showing that LSD was among the drugs allegedly used by the airmen at F.E. Warren.

In response to an AP request under the Freedom of Information Act, the Air Force released the transcript of the court martial of one of the 19 accused security force airmen at F.E. Warren, Kyle S. Morrison, who pleaded guilty to using and distributing LSD, the hallucinogenic drug.

Morrison told the military judge at his June 2 court martial that he knew his use of LSD was wrong and it rendered him incapable of performing his work if recalled to duty in an emergency. A security airman can be excused from recall if he or she has overindulged in alcohol, he said, but cannot use that excuse with an illegal drug like LSD. He said he first used the hallucinogen in high school and had used it three times while stationed at F.E. Warren. He acknowledged participating in an illicit video demonstrating how to use LSD.

"It wasn't worth it because I ruined my career, put my health at risk and betrayed Air Force values," he is quoted as telling the military judge, who sentenced him to five months confinement, 15 days of hard labor without confinement and forfeiture of \$1,040 in pay per month for five months. Under a pretrial deal, the Air Force agreed not to give him a punitive discharge from the service.

In his comments Monday, Carter made no explicit mention of the various problems that have arisen at Minot and other nuclear bases in recent years, although he did say the reform efforts that were started during Hagel's tenure were "an essential thing for us to embark on" because "we had some force management issues here."

Minot was the origin of an internal Air Force email, first reported by the AP in May 2013, which decried "rot" in the ICBM ranks, including what a supervising officer called a disregard for safety and security rules and a lack of professional pride. Seventeen missile launch officers were stripped of their authority after an ICBM unit earned the equivalent of a "D" grade when tested on its mastery of launch operations.

The AP subsequently reported on other problems at Minot and elsewhere in the nuclear missile corps. That led to the Hagel actions, including an in-depth review of the entire nuclear force.

The review found cracks in the foundation of what the Pentagon calls its nuclear "enterprise" — not just the weapons themselves but also the troops who operate them, their supervising officers and the support that keeps the system functioning day by day while minimizing the risk of accidents.

The problems are deep-seated. The Government Accountability Office, in a July report to Congress on progress in implementing the Hagel moves, said Pentagon officials believe it will take about three years to see measureable improvements in the nuclear force and 15 years to determine whether the changes had the intended effect.

Moderator Lester Holt worked to keep control of debate

By DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After initially taking a hands-off approach to the two strong-willed presidential candidates before him, NBC's Lester Holt more aggressively challenged Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump as the general election's first debate wore on and he warmed to the often-thankless role of moderator.

Holt asked questions about job creation and home-grown terrorism in Monday's first debate, and also hit on specific issues regarding the birther controversy, Trump's decision not to release his tax returns and Clinton's email scandal. The sole journalist onstage, Holt was responsible for the questions asked and for steering the conversation.

While some Republicans rushed online to accuse the NBC News veteran of being unfair to their candidate, Trump himself praised Holt for his work.

"I thought it was great," Trump said, adding that he thought Holt had done a very good job.

It was the NBC "Nightly News" anchor's first general election debate, after doing a Democratic forum during the primaries. Holt has been NBC's top anchor for more than a year, taking over from Brian Williams after Williams was caught lying about his role in news stories.

With an initial discussion about the economy and trade practices, Holt let the conversation flow and the candidates go after each other. It's a strategy many debate moderators prefer but left him vulnerable to charges that he had lost control of the action. The first subject area that Holt introduced, intended to last for 15 minutes, stretched for nearly 45 minutes.

He constantly needed to remind the candidates to stick to time limits, which was tough when they decided to steamroll over him. At one point he said, "20 seconds" when Trump tried to make a point, but it stretched to 55 seconds before Holt could get in another question.

Later in the debate, Holt interjected some fact-checking, raising Trump's ire in the process. That had been a major issue going into Monday evening, with the Clinton campaign arguing that fact-checking should be part of a moderator's job and the Trump campaign saying it should be left up to the candidates.

Holt's NBC colleague, Matt Lauer, was criticized for not challenging Trump at a forum earlier this month when the candidate said he had opposed the war in Iraq — when there is interview footage from 2002 that shows otherwise. The issue came up again Monday, with Trump saying it was "wrong, wrong, wrong" that he initially supported the war.

"I was against the war in Iraq," Trump said.

Replied Holt: "The record shows otherwise."

"The record shows that I'm right," Trump argued.

When Trump advocated for the "stop-and-frisk" police policy, Holt told him that it was declared unconstitutional in New York largely because it singled out black and Latino young men.

"No, you're wrong," Trump said, adding that he believed the court decision would have been overturned on appeal.

Holt later brought up the issue of Trump's questioning whether President Barack Obama had been born in the United States, and asked him what made him conclude this month that Obama was indeed a legitimate citizen. Trump twice did not address the question, and cut Holt off when he tried a third approach.

"What do you say to American people of color..." Holt started asking.

"I say nothing," Trump replied.

Republicans criticized Holt after the debate for bringing up more issues that were damaging to Trump and ignoring issues that would have reflected more poorly on Clinton.

"Lester Holt clearly heard cries of his colleagues in the liberal media to be tough on Trump and ease up on Hillary loud and clear," tweeted Brent Bozell, president of the conservative media watchdogs Media Research Center.

One media observer, columnist Nicholas Kristof of The New York Times, tweeted that "Lester Holt has done a fine job as moderator. Not too intrusive, moving things along, fact-checking when necessary."

In a reflection of the attention paid to Holt, his voter registration became an issue last week.

"Lester is a Democrat," Trump said in a Fox News Channel interview. "It's a phony system. They are all Democrats."

Holt, however, is a registered Republican, according to New York state voting records.

Asked about the misstatement on Monday, Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway said on MSNBC that it wasn't a lie because Trump didn't know Holt's voter registration.

CNN's Anderson Cooper and ABC's Martha Raddatz will team up to moderate the second presidential debate, with Chris Wallace of Fox News in charge of the third.

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Debate Takeaways: Clinton gets under Trump's skin in debate

By LISA LERER and STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Donald Trump repeatedly clashed with Hillary Clinton during Monday's first presidential debate, interrupting her and appearing agitated at times as they tangled over the economy, her use of a private mail server and his unwillingness to release his income tax returns. Clinton maintained an even demeanor, smiling indulgently when Trump turned aggressive.

Clinton and Trump engaged in a vigorous back-and-forth on the debate stage at Hofstra University as polls showed them locked in a tight race. Given the wide interest in Trump, the business mogul and former reality TV star, and Clinton, the first woman to win the nomination of a major party, the debate was expected to draw a massive viewing audience.

Here are the top takeaways from Monday's debate:

TRUMP'S TEMPERAMENT

If Clinton aimed to get under Trump's skin in the first 30 minutes of the debate, the Democratic nominee appeared to succeed. Clinton often put Trump on the defensive, saying he had "rooted for" the collapse of the housing industry and had considered climate change to be a hoax. In another exchange, Clinton said, "I have a feeling that by the end of this evening I'll be blamed for everything that ever happened."

Trump interjected, "Why not?" Later on, Trump said he had a "winning temperament," prompting Clinton to respond: "Whew. OK."

ECONOMY

Trump scored points with his core supporters by lamenting the number of jobs that have moved overseas. He opened with an extensive argument that jobs are "fleeing the country" and going to Mexico while the U.S. economy is being undermined by China. He pointed to Ford Motor Co.'s plans to build compact cars in Mexico and railed against Carrier's decision to move hundreds of air-conditioner manufacturing jobs from Indianapolis to Mexico. "So many hundreds and hundreds of companies are doing this," Trump said. His economic case could resonate in states like Ohio and Michigan that have grappled

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with the loss of manufacturing jobs. "We have to stop our jobs from being stolen from us. We have to stop our companies from leaving the United States," he said. Clinton pointed out that her father was a small businessman, adding, "The more we can do for the middle class, the more we can invest in you, your education, your skills, your future, the better we will be off."

CLINTON'S ZINGERS

Often delivered with a smile, Clinton came prepared with pithy lines that undercut Trump's case on the economy. In an early exchange, Clinton said Trump would push for "trickle-down" tax cuts that would only benefit the wealthy, calling it, "trumped-up trickle-down." When Trump got in a dig at Clinton's absence from the campaign trail, she said there was nothing wrong with spending time preparing for the debate. "You know what else I did?" she asked. "I prepared to be president."

THE POLITICAL OUTSIDER

Trump repeatedly underscored his role as a political outsider, questioning the economic stewardship of President Barack Obama and the administration of former President Bill Clinton, who sat in the front row. Describing the loss of manufacturing jobs in states like Michigan and Ohio, Trump said Clinton had been in government for 30 years, asking, "Why are you just thinking about these solutions right now?" When the discussion turned to foreign policy, Trump said Obama and Clinton failed to confront the Islamic State group, saying his opponent was there when it was "an infant."

TRUMP'S TAXES

Clinton savaged Trump with a lengthy explanation of why Trump won't release his tax returns, concluding he's got something to hide. She said Trump may not be "as rich as he says he is" or "maybe he's not as charitable" as he says he is. Clinton warned that perhaps Trump hadn't paid any federal income tax at all, noting that some of Trump's income tax returns in the 1970s showed he had paid no federal income taxes in certain years. Trump disclosed the returns to New Jersey casino regulators.

CLINTON'S EMAILS

Clinton gave arguably her most concise answer to questions about her use of a private email server as secretary of state, taking responsibility and giving Trump nowhere to go. Despite her past statements in which she changed her story from previous iterations or left wiggle room by not being completely accurate, on Monday she avoided getting wrapped up in a lengthy exchange over one of her biggest liabilities. When Trump said he would release his tax returns if Clinton put out what he called her "33,000 deleted" emails, Clinton said, "I made a mistake using a private email" server. Trump interjected, "That's for sure," prompting Clinton to respond, "I take responsibility for that."

GENDER WARS

Clinton turned the tables on Trump when he was asked to respond to his assertions that she doesn't have the "stamina" to be president. Trump questioned whether Clinton has the physical fitness to be president and he repeated the criticism directly to her. Clinton replied that Trump shouldn't talk about stamina until he's tried to maintain a busy schedule like she kept up as secretary of state. And then she dug into him, adding, "This is a man who has called women pigs, slob and dogs."

RACIAL POLITICS

Trump has said black voters have "nothing to lose" by supporting his candidacy but he was forced to

answer for his role in claiming Obama was born outside the United States. Clinton accused Trump of spreading a "racist lie" that our "first black president" was not an American citizen, adding, "He has a long record of engaging in racist behavior." Trump responded by recalling the bitter debates between Clinton and Obama during the 2008 Democratic presidential primary, saying Clinton treated Obama then with "terrible disrespect." Later, when Clinton said Trump's view of black communities was too grim, Trump sighed, rolled his eyes and said, "Ugh."

— I AGREE WITH HER ...

Trump and Clinton seemed to agree on two potentially combustible political issues: child care and barring people on the terrorist watch list from buying guns. Both are unusual positions for a GOP presidential nominee. Trump injected an element of surprise when he said he disagreed with many Republicans and "we have to look at" barring the sales of guns to people on the terror watch list. The proposal is sharply opposed by the National Rifle Association, one of Trump's chief backers, but Democrats have hoped it will change the dynamic of the gun debate. Trump also said he backs government aid for child care expenses, an issue that has been pushed by his daughter, Ivanka Trump. Clinton and Trump have both proposed plans to help families pay for child care.

— STAYING THE COURSE ON IRAQ, BIRTHERISM

Trump stood by his positions on two issues in which he has been frequently skewered by fact checkers: the Iraq war and his role in the so-called "birther" movement. Trump denied Clinton's claims that he supported the Iraq war, saying it was a "mainstream media nonsense put out by her. I was against the war in Iraq." But there isn't any evidence Trump expressed public opposition to the war before the U.S. invasion. Trump also claimed that Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign was responsible for launching the birther movement that questioned Obama's American citizenship. That's not the case — Clinton's campaign never publicly pushed that notion during the 2008 primaries.

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Analysis: In debate, Clinton was prepared, Trump was Trump

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — She was at her best. He was not at his worst.

Weeks of Super Bowl-style hype aside, Monday night's 90 minutes of heated clashes between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump probably didn't shove many undecided voters off the fence.

If Clinton aimed to push her famously unpredictable opponent into a made-for-sharing disqualifying moment, she didn't quite get there. If Trump set out to show America — particularly women — he's completed the transformation from cartoonish pop culture staple to leader worthy of the Oval Office, he still has a way to go.

But in a debate full of feisty exchanges and a personal scuffle or two, the candidates demonstrated clearly how they've gotten this far. Clinton was polished, prepared and proud of it — a Hermione Granger at a podium. She came with sharp and practiced answers, most notably a newly direct one for the questions about her private email server that has dogged her candidacy for months. She grinned broadly and calmly, even when under fire, and she mocked but only gently the man she called "Donald."

"I think Donald just criticized me for preparing for this debate. And, yes, I did," Clinton said. "And you know what else I prepared for? I prepared to be president. And I think that's a good thing."

Trump addressed his opponent as "Secretary Clinton" — even asking for her approval for the term —

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but by the end he called her "Hillary."

The care he took with her title was a reminder of the voters he was aiming to win over. Women, particularly college-educated white women, are the key to Trump turning his current burst of momentum into a sustained surge that lasts until Election Day. The 70-year-old businessman has struggled to persuade women, even those with doubts about the first woman president, to get behind his bid, thanks in part to his performances in past debates, which led to cringe-worthy challenges to moderator Megyn Kelly or opponent Carly Fiorina.

Trump avoided another jaw-dropping, decorum-busting moment on Monday night, but it was hard to see that he did much to soften his image. He repeatedly and aggressively interrupted Clinton to rebut or deny her charges, at times talking over her or interrupting. When asked by moderator Lester Holt to explain a previous comment that Clinton doesn't have a "presidential look," Trump simply repeated the comment.

"She doesn't have the look. She doesn't have the stamina," he said. "To be president of this country, you need tremendous stamina."

Clinton came prepared to pounce: "Well, as soon as he travels to 112 countries and negotiates a peace deal, a cease-fire, a release of dissidents, an opening of new opportunities in nations around the world, or even spends 11 hours testifying in front of a congressional committee, he can talk to me about stamina."

As the debate went on, Clinton seemed to gain confidence and a better sense of timing. When Trump concluded a long and tangled defense of his years-long campaign to challenge President Barack Obama's citizenship, she paused for a moment to let Trump's words sink in.

"Well, just listen to what you heard," she said.

Trump, too, had his moments.

He delivered a searing indictment of Clinton as just another insider proposing the same-old solutions for an economy on the brink of "crashing down." The riff was a potent reminder of why his candidacy has become a vehicle for the alienated white Americans feeling pinched by the economy and forces of globalization.

"Typical politician. All talk, no action. Sounds good, doesn't work. Never going to happen," he said, encapsulating the core message of his campaign.

He showed Clinton remains vulnerable on her support for trade deals, forcing Clinton in her clearest fib of the night when she denied having called the Trans-Pacific Partnership the "gold standard" of trade agreements and claimed she merely said she hoped it would be a good deal.

But Trump missed opportunities to dive into Clinton's other vulnerabilities. She was also able to make swift work of her email scandal, saying simply "It was a mistake and I take responsibility for that."

"That's for sure," Trump interjected, but left it there.

The Republican didn't raise Clinton's description of half of his supporters as "deplorables" or the Clinton Foundation and its donor network.

That left Clinton largely free to play the prepared grown up to Trump's agitated upstart.

Even Trump granted her that:

"She's got experience," he said. "But it's bad experience. And this country can't afford to have another four years of that kind of experience."

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Clinton puts Trump on the defensive in combative debate

By JULIE PACE and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Donald Trump aggressively tried to pin the nation's economic and national security problems on Hillary Clinton in the first presidential debate, belittling the former senator and secretary of state as a "typical politician" incapable of delivering the change many Americans crave.

But Trump found himself on the defensive for much of the 90-minute showdown Monday night. Clinton was thoroughly prepared, not only with detailed answers about her own policy proposals, but also sharp criticism of Trump's business record, his past statements about women, and his false assertions that President Barack Obama may not have been born in the United States. She said his charges about Obama were part of his pattern of "racist behavior."

The Democrat also blasted Trump for his refusal to release his tax returns, breaking with decades of presidential campaign tradition. She declared, "There's something he's hiding."

Trump has said he can't release his tax returns because he is being audited, though tax experts have said an audit is no barrier to making the information public. When Clinton suggested Trump's refusal may be because he paid nothing in federal taxes, he interrupted to say, "That makes me smart."

The televised face-off was the most anticipated moment in an election campaign that has been historic, convulsive and unpredictable. The candidates entered the debate locked in an exceedingly close race to become America's 45th president, and while both had moments sure to enliven their core constituencies, it was unclear whether the event would dramatically change the trajectory of the race.

The debate was confrontational from the start, with Trump frequently trying to interrupt Clinton and speaking over her answers. Clinton was more measured and restrained, often smiling through his answers, well-aware of the television cameras capturing her reaction.

Trump's criticism of Clinton turned personal in the debate's closing moments. He said, "She doesn't have the look, she doesn't have the stamina" to be president. He's made similar comments in previous events, sparking outrage from Clinton backers who accused him of leveling a sexist attack on the first woman nominated for president by a major U.S. political party.

Clinton leapt at the opportunity to remind voters of Trump's controversial comments about women, who will be crucial to the outcome of the November election.

"This is a man who has called women pigs, slobs and dogs," she said.

The centerpiece of Trump's case against Clinton was that the former senator and secretary of state is little more than a career politician who has squandered opportunities to address the domestic and international problems she's now pledging to tackle as president.

"She's got experience," he said, "but it's bad experience."

Clinton, who hunkered down for days of intensive debate preparation, came armed with a wealth of detailed attack lines. She named an architect she said built a clubhouse for Trump who says he was not fully paid and a former Miss Universe winner who says Trump shamed her for gaining weight. She quoted comments Trump had made about women, about Iraq and about nuclear weapons.

When Trump made a crack about Clinton taking time off the campaign trail to prepare for the debate, she turned it into a validation of her readiness for the White House.

"I think Donald just criticized me for preparing for this debate," Clinton said. "And, yes, I did. And you know what else I prepared for? I prepared to be president. And I think that's a good thing."

The candidates sparred over trade, taxes and how to bring good-paying jobs back to the United States.

Clinton said her Republican rival was promoting a "Trumped-up" version of trickle-down economics —

a philosophy focused on tax cuts for the wealthy. She called for increasing the federal minimum wage, spending more on infrastructure projects and guaranteeing equal pay for women.

Trump panned policies that he said have led to American jobs being moved overseas, in part because of international trade agreements that Clinton has supported. He pushed her aggressively on her past support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact while she was serving in the Obama administration. She's since said she opposes the sweeping deal in its final form.

Trump repeatedly insisted that he opposed the Iraq War before the 2003 U.S. invasion, despite evidence to the contrary. Trump was asked in September 2002 whether he supported a potential Iraq invasion in an interview with radio personality Howard Stern. He responded: "Yeah, I guess so."

Presented with the comment during the debate, Trump responded: "I said very lightly, I don't know, maybe, who knows."

The Republican also appeared to contradict himself on how he might use nuclear weapons if he's elected president. He first said he "would not do first strike" but then said he couldn't "take anything off the table."

Clinton said Trump was too easily provoked to serve as commander in chief and could be quickly drawn into a war involving nuclear weapons.

Some frequently hot-button issues were barely mentioned during the intense debate. Illegal immigration and Trump's promises of a border wall were not part of the conversation. And while Clinton took some questions on her private email server, she was not grilled about her family's foundation, Bill Clinton's past infidelities or voter doubts about her trustworthiness.

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At NBA media day, concern for country over concern for team

By BRIAN MAHONEY, AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA players aren't just worried about their teams as they start a new season. They're concerned for their country.

The usual basketball clichés that dominate media days gave way to serious talk about social injustice and violence in communities, with players wanting to be involved in finding solutions but acknowledging they don't know yet how.

"Some of the things that I've been addressing over this past summer, I think we're still in the same state. I think it's actually getting worse and it will continue to get worse," Knicks All-Star Carmelo Anthony said Monday. "We still have to kind of keep the conversations going."

Anthony was among the highest-profile and most outspoken players following the killing of black men by police in Louisiana and Minnesota in July, joining friends and fellow stars LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Paul in a powerful opening to the ESPY Awards and continuing to speak out while playing for the U.S. Olympic team.

But recent killings by police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Charlotte, North Carolina, captured on video have convinced those players that progress they seek hasn't arrived.

"Obviously, I know things don't happen overnight, but it doesn't seem like there is any change," James told The Associated Press. "We just want the conversation to continue to be, 'Who are our leaders? Who are our true leaders that are going to help us change what's going on?' Everyone is looking

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for that and no one knows.”

Players praised San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick for bringing attention with his peaceful protest of kneeling during the national anthem. James, Anthony, NBA MVP Stephen Curry and others said they would continue to stand — as NBA rules stipulate — and hoped players could find meaningful ways to work with their teammates instead of individually.

“Am I going to kneel down and put my fist up? No, I’m not. That’s no disrespect to Colin or anybody else that’s doing it. But they’ve gotten the point across,” said Draymond Green, Curry’s Golden State teammate. “I don’t think I need to come out and do a national anthem protest, because it’s already started. There’s already a conversation. But like I said, is there going to be something done about it?”

Protests over the killing of Keith Lamont Scott in Charlotte turned violent, with Mayor Jennifer Roberts imposing a curfew. Miami Heat center Hassan Whiteside still calls the area home and was troubled by it.

“We’ve just got to get an understanding of it,” Whiteside told the AP. “There’s not really one way to fix the problem. It’s been going on for a while. People are sick of it.”

Brooklyn’s Jeremy Lin said he’s thankful there’s more awareness about a problem that was long ignored, but is worried about some of the heated reactions they produced.

“I just know that right now, talking to different parties and seeing both sides, there’s just a lot of tension and hostility and I don’t think that’s going to get it done,” Lin said. “I think that’s going to harbor more violence.”

Most teams will begin practicing Tuesday. Among the basketball news Monday:

NO MORE BOSH IN MIAMI: Chris Bosh appears to have played his final game with the Heat. Team President Pat Riley said Bosh, who failed a physical last week and wasn’t cleared by team doctors to return after missing the second half of last season, is open-minded, “but we are not working toward his return .”

ONE MORE FOR PIERCE IN L.A.: Los Angeles Clippers forward Paul Pierce wrote on The Players’ Tribune that this season, his 19th, would be his last. Pierce, who will turn 39 next month , is 16th on the NBA’s career scoring list.

NO WORRIES: Derrick Rose said he isn’t worried about a rape trial set to start in California on Oct. 4, the date of his first preseason game with the New York Knicks. It’s unclear how much, if any, of the preseason Rose would have to miss if there is no settlement in the civil suit. “I feel like I’m innocent and I feel like I didn’t do anything wrong, like I said, and I can’t let that distract me with the year that I have ahead of me,” Rose said.

INJURY UPDATES: Marc Gasol’s broken right foot is recovered from surgery in February and the Memphis Grizzlies center said he can be a “better player, more productive, more consistent .” But All-Star guard John Wall will only participate in “bits and pieces ” of Washington Wizards training camp as he rebounds from offseason knee surgery. He is recovering from surgeries on both knees in May.

OLD HOMES, NEW BEGINNINGS: Wade and Dwight Howard slipped into the jerseys of teams they rooted for as kids Monday. Howard said joining his hometown Atlanta Hawks was a “dream come true ” after enduring rocky stints with the Lakers and Rockets, while Wade is getting to work with the Chicago Bulls after making 12 All-Star teams in 13 years in Miami.

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Houston gunman had 2 weapons, thousands of rounds at scene

By JUAN A. LOZANO, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A disgruntled lawyer wearing military-style apparel with old Nazi emblems had two weapons and more than 2,500 rounds of live ammunition when he randomly shot at drivers in a Houston neighborhood before he was shot and killed by police, authorities said.

Nine people were injured during Monday morning's shootings on the street in front of a condo complex. Six were shot and three had eye injuries from flying glass. One person was in critical condition.

Police did not identify the man and did not have information about a motive. A bomb-squad robot examined a Porsche that police said belonged to the gunman. Texas motor vehicle records in a commercially available database showed the car is licensed to Nathan DeSai at an address in the condo complex.

The man had two legally purchased guns — a .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun and a semi-automatic rifle commonly known as a Tommy gun — and an unsheathed knife.

Nine officers were involved in a shootout with the man, who was firing randomly at people driving by, police said.

Mayor Sylvester Turner told KTRK-TV in Houston that DeSai was a lawyer who was "disgruntled" and was "either fired or had a bad relationship with this law firm." But DeSai's former law partner, Kenneth McDaniel, disputed that assertion, saying they jointly closed their 12-year-old law firm in February due to economic conditions related to Houston's energy industry downturn.

McDaniel also said he hadn't had contact with DeSai lately and that police called him Monday morning to check on his safety, though they didn't explain why.

"He went his way with his practice and I went with mine," McDaniel said, adding, "All I can say it's a horrible situation. I'm sad for everyone involved."

Calls placed to phone numbers connected to DeSai and his father were not immediately answered. DeSai's father, Prakash DeSai, told KTRK that his son lived in the condo complex and drives a black Porsche. He also said his son, whom he saw Sunday, was upset because "his law practice is not going well" and stays upset "because of his personal problems."

Perry Turner, special agent in charge of the FBI's Houston Division, said officials don't believe the incident is tied to terrorism.

Jennifer Molleda and her husband live in the same condo complex as Nathan DeSai. Though she heard gunshots about 6:12 a.m. and called 911, her husband left for work. The 45-year-old called not long after and he told her, "I'm hit, I'm hit."

After the shooting stopped, Molleda found her husband, 49-year-old Alan Wakim, several blocks away in the parking lot of a strip mall. His Mustang had two shots that went through the windshield, and he told her that he saw a red laser beam before the shots were fired. He was taken to a hospital to be treated.

"He got out of his car, we hugged, we cried," Molleda said, adding that after she saw everything, she believes DeSai was "aiming to kill."

Jason Delgado, the property manager of The Oaks at West University condo complex, said DeSai was involved in two recent incidents at the complex.

In August, Delgado said, police were called after roofers working in the complex said DeSai pointed an assault-style rifle at them. He said there wasn't enough evidence to move forward with charges because the man contended he didn't point the gun at roofers. Molleda mentioned the same incident.

Last week, DeSai became upset because of water pressure problems at his home, asked for maintenance help and expressed his displeasure in an email to the management firm that implied he'd "in-

timidate his way to getting what he was asking for," Delgado said.

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Parting shots: He hits her on stamina; she pounces in retort

By NANCY BENAC, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was the opening Hillary Clinton had been waiting for all night.

Late in Monday's debate, when the candidates each had notched their points on trade, taxes, crime and more, the talk turned to Clinton's stamina, brought to the fore by her recent bout of pneumonia.

Moderator Lester Holt of NBC asked Trump what he had meant by questioning whether Clinton had a "presidential look."

Trump didn't back off: "She doesn't have the look," he reaffirmed. "She doesn't have the stamina."

"You have so many different things you have to be able to do and I don't believe Hillary has the stamina."

He made his point, feeding into the conspiracy theories swirling about Clinton's health, as well as feeding into sexist questions about whether a woman is tough enough for the job.

Clinton stood stock still, waiting to pounce.

First, she let fly a recitation of her exploits as secretary of state: travels to 112 countries, negotiations on peace deals, cease-fires and imprisoned dissidents — even the 11 hours she spent testifying before a congressional committee investigating the Benghazi situation.

Once Trump can do all that, said Clinton, "He can talk to me about stamina."

Then, she quickly pivoted to the point she'd been dying to make all night, hoping to turn every woman in America against him and evoking memories of Trump's boorish behavior in the primary election season.

Trump, she said, had tried to switch the context of his remarks from talking about her "looks" to her "stamina."

"But this is a man who called women pigs, slobs and dogs," she continued.

She went on to reference his past remarks calling pregnancy an "inconvenience" for employers and questioning when women should get equal pay.

Then, she went to Exhibit A, bringing up a onetime beauty queen whom Trump had called "Miss Piggy" and "Miss Housekeeping, because she was Latina."

That woman, Clinton said, is now an American citizen — "and you can bet she's going to vote this November."

Trump was left to ask: "Where did you find this? Where did you find this? Oh really?"

He didn't deny he'd said it.

Instead, he played the victim, and offered himself as a model of restraint.

"I was going to say something extremely rough to Hillary, to her family. And I said to myself, I can't do it, I just can't do it," he said.

Clinton, he said, had spent hundreds of millions of dollars on negative ads on him, and "it's not nice. And I don't deserve that."

Later, during post-debate press interviews, Trump disclosed what he had held back:

"I was very happy I was able to hold back on the indiscretions of Bill Clinton."

There were plenty of tit-for-tat moments between Trump and Clinton over the 90-minute debate.

In this one, Trump made his point. But Clinton managed to revive a whole body of questions about

how the Republican nominee treats half the electorate.

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AP FACT CHECK: Trump, Clinton deny their own words in debate

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER and JEFF HORWITZ, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's habit of peddling hype and fabrication emerged unabated in the first presidential debate while Hillary Clinton played it cautiously in her statements, though not without error. They both denied making statements that they are on the record as saying.

A look at some of the claims in the debate and how they compare with the facts:

TRUMP, denying Clinton's accusation that he supported the Iraq war: "Wrong. Wrong." Later: "That is a mainstream media nonsense put out by her. I was against the war in Iraq."

THE FACTS: There is no evidence Trump expressed public opposition to the war before the U.S. invaded, despite his repeated insistence that he did. Rather, he offered lukewarm support. He only began to voice doubts about the conflict well after it began in March 2003.

His first known public comment on the topic came on Sept. 11, 2002, when he was asked whether he supported a potential Iraq invasion in an interview with radio host Howard Stern. "Yeah, I guess so," Trump responded.

On March 21, 2003, just days after the invasion began, Trump said it "looks like a tremendous success from a military standpoint."

Later that year he began voicing doubts.

CLINTON, denying Trump's accusation that she called the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal the "gold standard" of trade agreements: "I did say I hoped it would be a good deal."

THE FACTS: Trump is correct. On a 2012 trip to Australia as secretary of state, Clinton called the deal that was taking shape the "gold standard" of trade agreements. She championed it in other venues around the world. She did not merely express the hope it would turn out well.

Clinton flip-flopped into opposing the trade deal in the Democratic primary when facing Bernie Sanders, who was strongly opposed to it.

TRUMP, when Clinton accused him of calling climate change a hoax invented by the Chinese: "I did not say that."

THE FACTS: Yes he did, in the form of a 2012 tweet: "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive." He later claimed he was kidding, but he's also repeated the claim that climate change is a hoax, and one that benefits China.

He tweeted in January 2014: "Snowing in Texas and Louisiana, record setting freezing temperatures throughout the country and beyond. Global warming is an expensive hoax!"

TRUMP: "I've been under audit for almost 15 years."

THE FACTS: Trump has never provided evidence to the public that he is actually under audit. A letter released by his tax attorneys never used the word, merely describing his tax returns under continuous examination. That is not a formal term for any kind of action by the Internal Revenue Service.

Trump has declined to provide the IRS' formal notice of audit to The Associated Press and other news outlets. And former IRS officials have expressed skepticism that anyone would be audited so frequently. Trump cites an audit as the reason he won't release his tax returns.

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CLINTON, as part of a list of economy-building moves, called for "making college debt free so more young people can get their education."

THE FACTS: Clinton has proposed making college tuition free for in-state students who go to a public college or university. But tuition free doesn't equate to debt free.

Under her plan, the government would pay for in-state tuition at public colleges and universities for students from families earning less than \$125,000 a year. That would leave students still bearing the cost of room and board, which makes up more than half of the average \$18,943 sticker price at a four-year public university, according to the College Board.

Experts worry about other effects: Will colleges raise tuition once the government starts paying, increasing the cost to taxpayers? Will more students flock to public colleges because of the subsidy, also raising costs?

TRUMP to Clinton: "You've been fighting ISIS your entire adult life."

THE FACTS: Hillary Clinton was born in 1947 and is 68 years old. She reached adulthood in 1965. The Islamic State group grew out of an al-Qaida spinoff, al-Qaida in Iraq in 2013, the year Clinton left the State Department.

TRUMP: "My father gave me a small loan in 1975."

THE FACTS: Trump got a whole lot more than a small loan. Aside from \$1 million in financing from his father, Trump received loan guarantees, bailouts and a drawdown from his future inheritance. Tim O'Brien noted in a 2005 book that Trump not only drew an additional \$10 million from his future inheritance during hard times, but also inherited a share of his father's real estate holdings, which were worth hundreds of millions when they were eventually sold off.

TRUMP: "You don't learn a lot from tax returns."

THE FACTS: Americans stand to learn plenty if he releases his tax returns like other presidential candidates have done.

They would provide vital information about his wealth, taxes paid, tax avoidance efforts, exact amounts of real estate holdings and charitable donations that can't be gleaned from any other source. For these reasons, every major party candidate for the last 40 years has released at least a few years of recent tax returns.

TRUMP: "Our jobs are fleeing the country. They're going to Mexico. They're going to many other countries. ... Ford is leaving, thousands of jobs leaving Michigan, leaving Ohio." He added, "They're leaving, and they're leaving in bigger numbers than ever."

THE FACTS: There are no official data on job flows between countries. However, the U.S. economy has added nearly 14.9 million jobs since 2010, when the economy bottomed out after the recession.

Since GM and Chrysler declared bankruptcy, the auto industry in particular has recovered and resumed hiring. The industry has added 300,000 jobs since June 2009, when the recession ended. Ford has announced it is moving production of small autos to Mexico, but the company maintains that it won't cut any U.S. jobs because it will make other vehicles at the affected plant.

TRUMP: President Barack Obama "has doubled (the national debt) in almost eight years. ... When we have \$20 trillion in debt, and our country is a mess."

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THE FACTS: Trump's expressed concern about the national debt obscures that his own policies would increase it by much more than Clinton's, according to the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

Trump's tax cuts would increase the deficit by \$5.3 trillion over 10 years, the group found, while Clinton's proposals would boost the deficit by \$200 billion. Those increases are on top of an already-projected increase of about \$9 trillion over the next decade, according to the Congressional Budget Office. By 2026, debt held by the public would total \$23.3 trillion under Clinton's plans, and \$28.4 trillion under Trump.

CLINTON: "Independent experts have looked at what I've proposed and looked at what Donald's proposed, and basically they've said this, that if his tax plan...were to go into effect, we would lose 3.5 million jobs and maybe have another recession. They've looked at my plans and they've said...we will have 10 million more new jobs."

THE TRUTH: Those numbers come from one expert, Moody's Analytics chief economist Mark Zandi, a widely respected analyst but one who has also donated to Clinton's campaign. His estimate that Trump's plan would cost 3.5 million jobs was issued in June 2016, and Trump has altered his tax cut proposals and other policies since then.

TRUMP: "A trade deficit of almost ... \$800 billion a year."

THE FACTS: The trade deficit was actually \$500 billion in 2015, certainly large but a lot lower than Trump's figure. The deficit peaked at \$761.7 billion in 2006, according to the Commerce Department.

TRUMP: "Had we taken the oil (in Iraq) -- and we should have taken the oil -- ISIS would not have been able to form."

THE FACTS: Donald Trump's assertion that the U.S. should have seized Iraq's natural resources would have required that it also seize control of the country and at no point was the U.S. in a position to do so.

To achieve Trump's stated goal of destroying Islamic State militants' revenue stream, the U.S. has bombed oil facilities in Iraq. The bombing was designed to render the oil facilities inoperable, but not destroy them, so Iraq could rebuild its economy with its oil when the conflict ended.

CLINTON on nuclear deal: "It's been very successful in giving us access to facilities we've never been to before."

TRUMP: "We gave them \$150 billion back."

THE FACTS: Both are playing loose with the facts.

The U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency had been present in Iran's declared nuclear facilities like Natanz and Fordo long before the July 2015 agreement that eased economic sanctions on the country in exchange for restrictions on its nuclear program.

The agency's inspectors had also visited previously the Parchin military base, where nuclear weapons testing was suspected to have taken place. When the agency sought answers on Parchin in September 2015, the Iranians were permitted to take their own soil samples.

As to Trump's claim about the \$150 billion, the deal allowed Iran to get access to its own money that was frozen in foreign bank accounts, estimated at about \$100 billion. The U.S. didn't give Iran \$150 billion.

TRUMP: "Russia's been expanding. They have much newer capabilities than we do."

THE FACTS: Russia has indeed been expanding its military and increasing spending on weapons and

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equipment. But the U.S. still has far more advanced military aircraft, weapons and capabilities than Russia. In addition, the Pentagon plans to spend \$108 billion over the next five years to sustain and improve its nuclear force, and is developing the next generation bomber.

TRUMP: "The Fed, by keeping interest rates at this level, the Fed is doing political things. ... The Fed is being more political than Secretary Clinton."

THE FACTS: This is a recurrent claim by Trump with no evidence to back it up. It's the Federal Reserve's job to help improve the economy and to the extent that happens, political leaders and their party may benefit. But presidents can't make the Fed, an independent agency, do anything.

Under former chairman Ben Bernanke and current chairwoman Janet Yellen, the Fed has attracted controversy by pegging the short-term interest rate it controls to nearly zero for seven years. After one increase in December, it is still ultra-low at between 0.25 percent and 0.5 percent, a rate that some economists worry could spark a stock-market bubble or inflation. Bernanke was initially appointed by Republican President George W. Bush, and reappointed by President Barack Obama.

One reason Yellen is keeping rates low is that, in some ways, she agrees with Trump that hiring needs to keep growing to provide jobs for Americans who want them.

CLINTON: "Donald publicly invited Putin to hack into Americans."

TRUMP on hacking of the Democratic National Committee: "I don't think anybody knows it was Russia that broke into the DNC... I mean it could be Russia. But it could also be China. It could be lots of other people. It could be somebody sitting on their bed who weighs 400 pounds."

THE FACTS: Trump didn't encourage Russia to hack broadly "into Americans," as Clinton said, although he did express the hope that Russian hackers would "find the 30,000 emails that are missing" from Clinton's private server.

Trump's refusal to point the finger at Moscow is at odds with the prevailing position of the U.S. intelligence community. Last week, National Intelligence Director James Clapper said, "There's a tradition in Russia of interfering with elections, their own and others." Top Democrats on the House and Senate intelligence committees say they've concluded Russian intelligence agencies were trying to influence the U.S. presidential election.

Russia has denied the accusation.

TRUMP said a 1970s racial discrimination case against his real estate business was settled "with no admission of guilt" and that the case was "brought against many real estate developers."

THE FACTS: The first claim is technically correct; the second is false.

Trump and his father fiercely fought a 1973 discrimination lawsuit brought by the Justice Department for their alleged refusal to rent apartments in predominantly white buildings to black tenants. Testimony showed that the applications filed by black apartment seekers were marked with a "C" for "colored." A settlement that ended the lawsuit did not require the Trumps to acknowledge that discrimination had occurred. The government's description of the settlement said Trump and his father had "failed and neglected" to comply with the Fair Housing Act.

Trump was wrong to say the suit was brought against many real estate developers — it was specific to buildings rented by his father and him.

TRUMP: "Stop-and-frisk had a tremendous impact on the safety of New York City. Tremendous beyond belief."

THE FACTS: Trump is correct that the murder rate has plummeted in New York in the last two decades. But the same could be said for many other large American cities during the same period, and there's certainly no way to credit stop-and-frisk for the decline.

Stop-and-frisk was a popular tactic for much of the last 15 years in the city. But even as it's fallen out of favor under the administration of Mayor Bill de Blasio the murder rate remains a long way off from where it was in the 1990s, when it topped 2,000 a year. City police department statistics show there were 352 murders and non-negligent homicides in 2015, compared with 673 in 2000 and 539 in 2005.

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Clinton, Trump battle fiercely over taxes, race, terror

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HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — In a combative opening debate, Hillary Clinton emphatically denounced Donald Trump Monday night for keeping his personal tax returns and business dealings secret from voters and peddling a "racist lie" about President Barack Obama. Businessman Trump repeatedly cast Clinton as a "typical politician" as he sought to capitalize on Americans' frustration with Washington.

Locked in an exceedingly close White House race, the presidential rivals tangled for 90-minutes over their vastly different visions for the nation's future. Clinton called for lowering taxes for the middle class, while Trump focused more on renegotiating trade deals that he said have caused companies to move jobs out of the U.S. The Republican backed the controversial "stop-and-frisk policing" tactic as a way to bring down crime, while the Democrat said the policy was unconstitutional and ineffective.

The debate was confrontational from the start, with Trump frequently trying to interrupt Clinton and speaking over her answers. Clinton was more measured and restrained, but also needled the sometimes-thin-skinned Trump over his business record and wealth.

"There's something he's hiding," she declared, scoffing at his repeated contentions that he won't release his tax returns because he is being audited. Tax experts have said an audit is no barrier to making his records public.

Clinton said one reason Trump has refused is that he may well have paid nothing in federal taxes. He interrupted to say, "That makes me smart."

Trump aggressively tried to turn the transparency questions around on Clinton, saying he would release his tax information when she produces more than 30,000 emails that were deleted from the personal internet server she used as secretary of state.

Trump's criticism of Clinton turned personal in the debate's closing moments. He said, "She doesn't have the look, she doesn't have the stamina" to be president. He's made similar comments in previous events, sparking outrage from Clinton backers who accused him of leveling a sexist attack on the first woman nominated for president by a major U.S. political party.

Clinton leapt at the opportunity to remind voters of Trump's numerous controversial comments about women, who will be crucial to the outcome of the November election.

"This is a man who has called women pigs, slobs and dogs," she said.

The televised face-off was the most anticipated moment in an election campaign that has been both historic and unpredictable. Both sides expected a record-setting audience for the showdown at Hofstra University in suburban New York, reflecting the intense national interest in the race to become America's 45th president.

The centerpiece of Trump's case against Clinton was that the former senator and secretary of state

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is little more than a career politician who has squandered opportunities to address the domestic and international she's now pledging to tackle as president.

"She's got experience," he said, "but it's bad experience."

Both candidates portrayed themselves as best-prepared to lead a nation where many are still struggling to benefit from a slow economic recovery and are increasingly fearful of terror threats at home and abroad. When Trump jabbed Clinton for taking time off the campaign trail to study for the debate, she said, "I prepared to be president, and that's a good thing."

The candidates sparred over trade, taxes and how to bring good-paying jobs back to the United States.

Clinton said her Republican rival was promoting a "Trumped-up" version of trickle-down economics — a philosophy focused on tax cuts for the wealthy. She called for increasing the federal minimum wage, spending more on infrastructure projects and guaranteeing equal pay for women.

Trump panned policies that he said have led to American jobs being moved overseas, in part because of international trade agreements that Clinton has supported. He pushed her aggressively on her past support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact while she was serving in the Obama administration. She's since said she opposes the sweeping deal in its final form.

"You called it the gold standard of trade deals," Trump said. "If you did win, you would approve that."

Disputing his version of events, Clinton said, "I know you live in your own reality."

Trump struggled to answer repeated questions about why he only recently acknowledged that Obama was born in the United States. For years, Trump has been the chief promoter of questions falsely suggesting the president was born outside of America.

"He has really started his political activity on this racist lie," Clinton charged.

Trump also repeatedly insisted that he opposed the Iraq War before the 2003 U.S. invasion, despite evidence to the contrary. Trump was asked in September 2002 whether he supported a potential Iraq invasion in an interview with Howard Stern. He responded: "Yeah, I guess so."

Presented with the comment during the debate, Trump responded: "I said very lightly, I don't know, maybe, who knows."

The Republican also appeared to contradict himself on how he might use nuclear weapons if he's elected president. He first said he "would not do first strike" but then said he couldn't "take anything off the table."

Clinton said Trump was too easily provoked to serve as commander in chief and could be quickly drawn into a war involving nuclear weapons.

"A man who can be provoked by a tweet should not have his fingers anywhere near the nuclear codes," she said.

Trump replied: "That line's getting a little bit old."

Some frequently hot-button issues were barely mentioned during the intense debate. Illegal immigration and Trump's promises of a border wall were not part of the conversation. And while Clinton took some questions on her private email server, she was not grilled about her family's foundation, Bill Clinton's past infidelities or her struggle with trustworthiness.

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Use of body cams questioned after Charlotte police killings

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The fatal shooting of a black man by a police officer in Charlotte is only the latest shooting to raise questions about how the department uses body cameras.

Six people were fatally shot since body cameras were given to all patrol officers about a year ago. But the officers who fired the fatal shots in five of those cases — including Keith Lamont Scott's — weren't using the cameras.

The weekend release of police footage showing the shooting of Scott did little to ease some residents' concerns about its handling. More than 100 people jammed City Council chambers Monday night to voice their frustrations, calling for Mayor Jennifer Roberts and Police Chief Kerr Putney to resign.

"We have no reason to trust you, and you're giving us even less," Khasha Harris said at the forum. "Deep down somewhere, your conscience has to be bothering you."

The Rev. Milton Williams, the last speaker of nearly 50 at the meeting, blamed police for actions that led to unrest over two nights

"Our city's in an uproar, and you did not respond. Police escalated that temperature out there," Williams said. "No justice, no peace. I'm going to be preaching that every Sunday."

Roberts and Putney have taken criticism for their handling of the aftermath of the shooting, including the delay in the release of video showing the shooting.

Scott's family and advocacy groups complain the department divulged only about three minutes of footage from two cameras. The footage includes body camera video from another officer but not the black officer who fatally wounded Scott.

Scott's family said he didn't have a weapon. They have urged the police department to release all other video footage it has, as well as audio recordings of communications that could clarify how the situation unfolded. A media coalition is also requesting more footage.

Putney has said the officer who shot Scott wasn't wearing a body camera that day because he's part of a tactical unit.

"Our tactical units don't all have body-worn cameras at this point," Putney told reporters on Saturday, adding they are to receive them in the future. He said was previously reluctant to make officers in high-risk operations wear cameras showing tactics and locations.

The gun recovered at the scene of Scott's shooting had been stolen and later sold to Scott, a Charlotte-Mecklenburg police source told The Associated Press on Monday. The source insisted on speaking anonymously because the State Bureau of Investigation continues to look into the case. SBI Agent Erik Hooks declined comment when asked whether the gun was stolen.

The department said plainclothes officers who saw Scott with a gun and marijuana left the area to put on vests identifying them as police before confronting him.

If the officers "had the foresight to put on their police vest, why did you not put on your body cam?" asked Corine Mack, president of the Charlotte NAACP chapter.

Susanna Birdsong, a legal policy expert for the American Civil Liberties Union, questioned whether the department is violating its own body camera policy instituted in April 2015.

The policy, according to the department's site, states the cameras must be activated in situations including arrests and encounters with suspicious people. It doesn't address whether tactical units must wear them.

Referring to the Scott case and others, Mack said she's angry not all units have the cameras yet.

"It speaks to the culture of the police department that even when policies and procedures are put in

place, that they feel they don't have to follow them," she said. "This is serious, that there is no record of a life being taken. ... People want to know why we don't trust the police department?"

In three previous cases from December and January, the Mecklenburg County district attorney cleared officers who killed suspects who fired shots first. In one case, an officer wasn't wearing a body camera because he was working off-duty security in uniform at a mall. A second case involved a tactical unit not equipped with body cameras. Footage existed in the third case but was poor quality, authorities said.

An April case being reviewed by the SBI involved SWAT members — one of the Charlotte units that hasn't worn body cameras. A June case involved patrol officers, but multiple media outlets reported that the officers were not using body cameras.

Charlotte police didn't respond to an email Monday asking about these cases.

Putney said Saturday he released portions of video pertinent to the shooting and hoped to release the rest after a State Bureau of Investigation probe. But he acknowledged that a new state law taking effect Oct. 1 will likely require a judge's approval for further releases of footage.

Justin Bamberg, a Scott family attorney, said remaining video is vital to understanding exactly what transpired in a very short time.

"It is clear from the videos released that in the moments leading up to the shooting, Mr. Scott was non-aggressive, had his hands down by his side, appeared confused, and was passively walking backwards," Bamberg said.

Geoff Alpert, a professor at the University of South Carolina, said that while body camera footage isn't always conclusive, authorities should lean toward releasing it.

"Unless there's a really compelling reason that should be explained, I don't know why they wouldn't release the video ... as they capture it," Alpert said. "This is public safety, and keeping things from us doesn't seem to be the appropriate way to move forward."

Kinnard reported from Columbia, S.C. and Drew from Raleigh, N.C.

10 Things to Know for Tuesday

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about Monday:

1. CLINTON, TRUMP POISED FOR MUST-SEE DEBATE SHOWDOWN

The Democrat's call for steady, experienced leadership will be pitted against the Republican's pugna-cious promises to upend Washington.

2. WHO IS UNDER SCRUTINY DURING DEBATE

Lester Holt, the NBC News veteran is moderating his first general election debate, making him solely responsible for the questions asked each candidate and for steering the conversation.

3. WHERE HISTORIC PEACE DEAL HAS BEEN SIGNED

Colombia, which takes a big step toward emerging from its decades-long nightmare of bloody violence as its government and largest rebel movement sign a peace accord.

4. WHAT HOUSTON GUNMAN HAD ON HIM

Authorities say a disgruntled lawyer wearing old Nazi emblems had two weapons and more than 2,500 rounds of live ammunition when he randomly shot at drivers before he was shot and killed by police.

5. MAN CONFESSES TO SHOOTING 5 PEOPLE IN 1 MINUTE

Court documents show the man suspected of fatally shooting five people at a Macy's makeup counter

in Washington state has confessed to detectives that he carried out the attack.

6. HOW MANY CALLS TO VA SUICIDE HOTLINE ARE ROLLED OVER

More than one-third are not being answered by front-line staffers because of problems at the Department of Veterans Affairs, according to the hotline's former director.

7. BODY CAMERAS QUESTIONED AFTER CHARLOTTE POLICE KILLINGS

Last week's fatal shooting of a black man by a North Carolina police officer is only the latest shooting to raise scrutiny of the use of such devices by police.

8. THE UPSIDE TO MORNING SICKNESS

It's dreaded by moms-to-be, but morning sickness is actually a good sign — for the baby.

9. MIAMI MARLINS MOURN JOSE FERNANDEZ

After their star pitcher died in a boat accident, his name and number showed on the video screen at Marlins Park when his teammates took the field, preparing to play on without him.

10. HOW ARNOLD PALMER CHANGED GOLF

The Grand Slam, the senior tour, the Golf Channel and lucrative endorsement deals are all part of the late golfer's legacy.

Police: Mall shooting suspect confessed, shot 5 in 1 minute

By MARTHA BELLISLE and GILLIAN FLACCUS, Associated Press

MOUNT VERNON, Wash. (AP) — The suspect accused of killing five people at a Macy's department store confessed to police, court documents said, but his motive remained a mystery Monday as a portrait emerged of him as a mentally troubled young man whose parents said they were trying to help him.

Arcan Cetin, 20, appeared in court and was officially charged with five counts of first-degree premeditated murder following his arrest over the weekend for the rampage at the Cascade Mall in Burlington, north of Seattle.

Cetin appeared to express no emotion and said only "Yes, your honor" when asked by a judge if he understood his rights. Bail was set at \$2 million and his lawyer said nothing about his client in court and did not speak with reporters.

The hearing followed a terrifying weekend that began Friday night when police say Cetin stormed into the mall and killed five people, leaving Burlington residents panicked for nearly 24 hours until authorities arrested him.

Cetin, described by acquaintances as socially awkward, has a criminal record going back at least two years and one of his neighbors said he unnerved her so much that she kept a stun gun near her front door.

Cetin after his arrest admitted when interviewed by detectives he was the man captured on security video carrying a Ruger rifle inside the mall, "and he did bring the rifle into Macy's and shot all five victims," court documents released ahead of Monday's hearing said.

He shot all five victims in one minute and left the rifle with a 25-round magazine on a cosmetics counter before fleeing, police said in court documents. Four died at the scene and one died in the hospital.

The victims ranged in age from a teenage girl to a woman in her 90s.

Authorities have declined to reveal details about their investigation into the motive for the shooting, but Cetin's stepfather David Marshall told reporters after the hearing that his stepson "has mental health issues" without elaborating.

"The only thing that we want to say at this time is that we both are totally devastated by what hap-

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pened," said Marshall, who attended the hearing with Cetin's mother.

The court documents appeared to paint a picture of Cetin's stepfather and mother trying to keep their son on track despite his suffering from an unspecified illness and criminal charges he faced for allegedly assaulting Marshall. Cetin came to the U.S. from Turkey and is a permanent legal resident, authorities have said.

Cetin faced charges last year for allegedly assaulting his stepfather after he caught Cetin smoking marijuana inside the house, according to court records.

He was told by a judge last December not to possess a gun but Cetin's stepfather urged the judge not to impose a no-contact order, saying his stepson was "going through a hard time," the records said.

Cetin had been diagnosed with anxiety and depression and has taken unspecified medications in the past, the records show.

He eventually moved out of his parents' home and the stepfather told detectives after the shooting that he and his wife had helped Cetin with his rent.

Cetin said his father bought him a laptop, according to the court documents released Monday. His mother visited him regularly at his new apartment and last saw him Wednesday, the documents said.

Despite their falling out, Cetin ate with his stepfather on the day of the shooting before leaving around 4:30 p.m. to go to work, according to the documents.

Less than three hours later, police said in court documents, surveillance video showed Cetin enter the mall through a fast food restaurant, walk through the shopping center and leave through the Macy's women's department exit.

He then moved his car closer to the Macy's entrance and took a rifle out of the car's trunk, the documents said.

Within moments, surveillance cameras in Macy's captured the shooter entering through the same women's department — this time with a rifle.

Cetin first shot and killed a teenage girl near some clothing racks and then walked to the cosmetics counter where he shot a man and three women, the documents said.

Cetin was arrested late Saturday in Oak Harbor, about 30 miles from the mall, by a sheriff's deputy who recognized him. Cetin's stepfather told detectives that his Ruger rifle and .22-caliber ammunition were missing, documents said.

Police interviewed the suspect's former girlfriend and said Sunday night she "has an employment history at Macy's, but not at the Burlington Mall location." They did not identify her.

Amber Cathey, 21, lived in an apartment next to Cetin for three months and said she was so frightened of him that she kept a stun gun handy and complained to apartment management. She said she blocked him on Snapchat after he sent her a photo of his crotch.

More details emerged Monday about the victims who police have said they will not identify until Tuesday.

The man who was killed, Chuck Eagen, was set to retire next year after working 41 years for Boeing, his aunt Carol Thrush said in an interview.

Thrush described Eagan, 61, as kind and generous.

"He traveled with Boeing all over the world, doing repairs on airplanes," said Thrush, 77.

Flaccus reported from Portland. Associated Press writers Lisa Baumann in Seattle, Phuong Le and Gene Johnson in Seattle; Manuel Valdes in Mount Vernon, Washington; and Kimberlee Kruesi and Keith Ridler in Boise, Idaho, contributed to this report

Official: One-third of calls to VA suicide hotline roll over

By MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than one-third of calls to a suicide hotline for troubled veterans are not being answered by front-line staffers because of poor work habits and other problems at the Department of Veterans Affairs, according to the hotline's former director.

Some hotline workers handle fewer than five calls per day and leave before their shifts end, even as crisis calls have increased sharply in recent years, said Greg Hughes, the former director of the VA's Veterans Crisis Line. Hughes said in an internal email that some crisis line staffers "spend very little time on the phone or engaged in assigned productive activity." Coverage at the crisis line suffers "because we have staff who routinely request to leave early," he said.

An average of 35 to 40 percent of crisis calls received in May rolled over to back-up centers where workers have less training to deal with veterans' problems, said Hughes, who left his post in June, weeks after sending the emails.

The House on Monday unanimously approved a bill requiring the VA to ensure that all telephone calls, text messages and other communications received by the crisis line are answered in a timely manner by an appropriately qualified person.

Rep. David Young, R-Iowa, the bill's sponsor, said a veteran in his district told him he repeatedly received a busy signal when he called the crisis line this spring. The man later got help from a friend, but "this hotline let him down," Young said. "A veteran in need cannot wait for help, and any incident where a veteran has trouble with the Veterans Crisis Line is simply unacceptable."

The VA said Monday it is increasing staff at the New York-based hotline and opening a new hub in Atlanta. The agency also pledged to continue efforts to improve training, as it responds to a report by an internal watchdog that said crisis calls are routinely allowed to go into voicemail and callers do not always receive immediate assistance.

David Shulkin, the VA's undersecretary for health, called veterans' suicide a public health crisis and said suicide prevention is a top priority at VA. An estimated 20 veterans commit suicide every day; the vast majority were not connected to VA care in the last year of their lives, Shulkin said.

The crisis line dispatched emergency responders an average of 30 times a day last year and made 80,000 referrals to suicide prevention coordinators, he said.

"We are saving thousands of lives. But we will not rest as long as there are veterans who remain at risk," Shulkin said in a statement.

Approval of the House bill follows a February report by the VA's office of inspector general indicating that about 1 in 6 calls are redirected to backup centers when the crisis line is overloaded. Calls went to voicemail at some backup centers, including at least one center where staffers apparently were unaware there was a voicemail system, the report said.

The bill now goes to the Senate.

The crisis hotline received more than 500,000 calls last year, 50 times the number it received in 2007, the hotline's first year of operation.

The toll-free hotline number is 800-273-8255.

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Showdown: Congress looks to override Obama veto of 9/11 bill

By RICHARD LARDNER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is poised to override President Barack Obama's veto of a bill that would allow families of Sept. 11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia for the kingdom's alleged backing of the terrorists who carried out the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.

The showdown is scheduled for Wednesday. Proponents of the legislation say they have enough votes for what would be a first: During his nearly two full terms in office, Obama has vetoed nine bills. None has been overridden.

While there is broad and bipartisan support for bucking the president, the bill's opponents also are pushing hard to keep the measure from being enacted. They're warning the U.S. will become vulnerable to retaliatory litigation in foreign courts that could put American troops in legal jeopardy.

Here's a look at the key issues surrounding the bill, the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, as the veto override vote nears:

WHAT WOULD THE LEGISLATION DO?

The legislation, known as JASTA, gives victims' families the right to sue in U.S. court for any role that elements of the Saudi government may have played in the 2001 attacks that killed thousands in New York, the Washington, D.C., area and Pennsylvania. Under the terms of the bill, courts would be permitted to waive a claim of foreign sovereign immunity when an act of terrorism occurs inside U.S. borders. Saudi Arabia has objected vehemently to the bill.

WHY DID OBAMA VETO THE BILL?

In his veto message issued on Friday, Obama said the bill would disrupt longstanding international principles on sovereign immunity and could create complications with even the closest allies of the United States.

Foreign governments would be able to act "reciprocally" and allow their courts to exercise jurisdiction over the United States and its employees for allegedly causing injuries overseas through American support to third parties, according to Obama. As examples, Obama cited actions taken overseas by U.S.-backed armed militias, the improper use of U.S. military equipment, and abuses committed by U.S.-trained police units.

The bill's proponents have disputed Obama's rationale as "unconvincing and unsupportable," saying the measure is narrowly tailored and applies only to acts of terrorism that occur on U.S. soil.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Monday that the Senate would vote Wednesday on the president's veto.

WHAT'S THE CONCERN FOR AMERICAN TROOPS AND SECRETS?

Rep. Mac Thornberry, the Texas Republican who chairs the House Armed Services Committee, said that even if none of the potential lawsuits against the United States succeeded, "the risks of discovery or trial in foreign courts, including the questioning of government employees under oath, will disclose sensitive information and subject Americans to legal jeopardy of various kinds."

Thornberry is opposed to the bill and is urging his colleagues not to override Obama's veto.

But attorneys for the 9/11 families said U.S. military personnel are not at risk of lawsuits. Should a foreign government enact a law that allows a claim against American service members, that nation would not be reciprocating but engaging in a "transparent and unjustifiable act of aggression" that the

U.S. should respond to, they said.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said Monday he is inclined to vote to override and said it looks as though there are enough votes in the House to overturn the president's decision. The House would act after the Senate votes.

IS THERE HEIGHTENED TENSION WITH A KEY MIDDLE EAST ALLY?

An override of Obama's veto is stoking apprehension about undermining a longstanding yet strained relationship with Saudi Arabia, a critical U.S. ally in the Middle East. Saudi Foreign Minister Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir had previously warned lawmakers they were on a path to turning "the world for international law into the law of the jungle."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., last week advised his congressional colleagues against alienating Saudi Arabia at a time when the U.S. needs the kingdom's support to defeat Islamic State militants. "If you want to lose Saudi Arabia as an ally, be careful what you wish for," said Graham, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "They're the heart and soul of the Islamic world."

HOW MANY VOTES ARE NEEDED TO OVERRIDE A VETO?

A two-thirds majority of lawmakers present and voting is required in the House and Senate to override a veto.

Obama has vetoed the fewest bills — just nine — since President Warren G. Harding was in office more than 90 years ago, according to a web page maintained by the offices of the House clerk and historian. Harding served just two years as president before dying of a heart attack in 1923.

By comparison, President Bill Clinton vetoed 37 bills and George W. Bush vetoed a dozen. Lyndon Johnson is the last president to never have a veto overridden.

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Syria says truce still viable after week of airstrikes

By PHILIP ISSA, Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria's foreign minister said Monday that an internationally-brokered cease-fire is still viable, as rescue workers in Aleppo sifted through the rubble from the heaviest airstrikes on rebel-held areas of the northern city in five years.

Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem, speaking to Mayadeen TV from New York, also said the government is prepared to take part in a unity government incorporating elements from the opposition, an offer that has been rejected in the past.

Opposition activists say more than 200 civilians have been killed in the past week under a sustained aerial campaign that U.N. envoy Staffan de Mistura called one of the worst of the 5 1/2-year war. The U.N. Security Council convened an emergency meeting but failed to take any action because of deep divisions between Russia and Western powers.

"What Russia is sponsoring and doing is not counterterrorism, it's barbarism," said U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power. "It's apocalyptic what is being done in eastern Aleppo."

Airstrikes on Aleppo on Monday killed at least six people, according to the Local Coordination Committees, an activist-run collective. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported hours later that 12 were killed, including three children.

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President Bashar Assad's media adviser told Al-Mayadeen TV that the Syrian government abided by the cease-fire but the rebels did not. Bouthaina Shaaban said once the truce expired, "our Syrian Arab army resumed its operations against terrorists."

Al-Moallem accused the U.S., Britain, and France of convening the Security Council meeting a day earlier in order to support "terrorists" inside Syria. But he said ongoing communications between U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov meant a truce agreement brokered two weeks ago is "not dead."

Syria's military declared the cease-fire ended one week ago.

The spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin said the cease-fire is ineffective, but that Moscow is not losing hope for a political solution to the country's crisis.

However, Dmitry Peskov told reporters Monday that the Kremlin is concerned that "terrorists are using the cease-fire regime to regroup, to replenish their arsenals and for obvious preparations to carry out attacks."

Peskov also took issue with harsh criticism by the United States and Britain over Russia's actions in Syria.

He said Russia considers the tone of the criticism unacceptable and "such rhetoric is capable of causing serious harm to the resolution process" in Syria.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said the Syrian and Russian governments "seem intent on taking Aleppo and destroying it in the process."

"While they're pounding Aleppo, dropping indiscriminate bombs, killing women and children, talk of a unity government is pretty complicated," Kerry said during a visit to Colombia.

He said the Syrian opposition won't be "particularly excited about having a negotiation when they're being bombed and starved," adding that statements by the Syrian government are "almost meaningless."

The White House meanwhile said it's difficult to envision any military cooperation with Russia in Syria because Moscow has repeatedly failed to fulfill its commitments to the cease-fire deal.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Syria's government has launched a "concerted campaign" to strike civilian targets, and that Assad's forces are trying "to bomb civilians into submission." He says government forces have also targeted the Civil Defense, volunteer first responders also known as White Helmets.

In the central Syrian city of Homs, meanwhile, a second group of rebel gunmen and their families began evacuating from an opposition neighborhood.

Some 120 gunmen and their families are expected to leave al-Waer as part of an agreement to restore the government's authority over the neighborhood, Homs Governor Talal Barazi said.

The agreement struck over al-Waer was in keeping with Assad's determination to settle the war on his own terms, securing surrenders through sieges and staying in power at least through an interim period to steer the country out of crisis.

Pro-government forces have kept al-Waer under a steadily tightening siege since November 2013, prohibiting food and medical supplies from reaching the remaining 75,000 residents, down from 300,000 before the start of the war in 2011.

In exchange for the evacuations, the government is permitting aid convoys to supply the neighborhood with badly needed food and medical supplies.

A Syrian Arab Red Crescent convoy of 36 trucks delivered assistance for 4,000 families in the district Saturday.

U.N. humanitarian officials have condemned the sieges against civilians as "medieval" and in contra-

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vention to international law.

In New York, al-Moallem reaffirmed his government's proposed roadmap to end Syria's war, saying Damascus would support a referendum on a new constitution followed by parliamentary elections and the formation of a unity government.

Associated Press writer Vivian Salama in Cartagena, Colombia, Bassem Mroue in Beirut and Josh Lederman in Washington contributed to this report.

WHY IT MATTERS: Jobs

By **CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER, AP Economics Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — THE ISSUE: Tepid income growth and shrinking opportunities for blue-collar workers have kept many Americans anxious about jobs and the economy, seven years after the Great Recession ended.

The unemployment rate has fallen to a relatively low 4.9 percent. But many Americans are struggling to keep up with an economy that has been fundamentally transformed since the recession, and is very different from the one their parents experienced.

Most jobs with decent pay require more education than in the past. And some of the best-paying, fastest-growing jobs are in newer fields such as data analytics, computer network security, and software development. Such jobs typically require very specific skills.

WHERE THEY STAND

Trump wants to spur more job creation by reducing regulations and cutting taxes to encourage businesses to expand and hire more.

He also says badly negotiated free trade agreements have cost millions of manufacturing jobs. He promises to bring those jobs back by renegotiating the NAFTA agreement with Canada and Mexico, withdrawing from a proposed Pacific trade pact with 11 other nations, and pushing China to let its currency float freely on international markets.

Clinton has promised to spend \$275 billion upgrading roads, tunnels and modern infrastructure such as broadband Internet, to create more construction and engineering jobs. Trump has said in interviews he would spend twice as much.

Clinton also says she would make state colleges and universities tuition-free as well as community colleges. That would enable more Americans to qualify for higher-paying jobs. She plans to pay for these proposals by lifting taxes on wealthier Americans.

WHY IT MATTERS

For most Americans, the most obvious measure of the economy's health is whether they have a job, and whether their incomes are rising.

By those measures, the verdict is mixed. Hiring, while initially sluggish, has picked up since the recession ended in June 2009. Job gains in 2014 and 2015 were the highest in any two-year period since 1998-99.

Still, wages have been slower to recover. A typical household's annual income jumped in 2015 by the most in any year on records dating back to 1967, according to recent Census Bureau data. Yet incomes that year were still 1.6 percent below 2007 levels and 2.4 percent below the 1999 peak. Analysts at Sentier Research estimate that household income finally returned to pre-recession levels in July.

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Average hourly pay is slowly rising, but the growth rate is below levels that are consistent with a healthy economy.

One factor probably fueling anxiety about jobs and pay has been the disproportionate growth of jobs in lower-paying industries, such as fast-food restaurants, and higher-paying sectors, such as information technology. Middle-income jobs in areas like manufacturing and administrative support barely recovered.

Yet that trend appears to be reversing. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has found that middle-income job growth — in areas such as trucking and construction — outpaced growth in higher- and lower-paying work in the past two years.

Still, sluggish pay may be one reason many Americans remain on the sidelines. The proportion of Americans working or looking for work has fallen sharply since the recession. It has leveled off in the past two years but remains near 40-year lows. About half that decline reflects increased retirements as the baby boomers age.

Other choices have also played a role, such as the increasing likelihood that young people are in school.

Yet the percentage of Americans in their prime working years — 25 through 54 — who are working or looking for work is about 1.5 percentage points below pre-recession levels. Many have become discouraged about their prospects for finding work and have given up looking. Others have joined the government's disability rolls. Neither group is counted in the unemployment rate.

That is one reason the economy feels less healthy to many Americans than a 4.9 percent unemployment rate would suggest.

This story is part of AP's "Why It Matters" series, which will examine three dozen issues at stake in the presidential election between now and Election Day. You can find them at: <http://apne.ws/2bBG85a>

Molly Ringwald eyes return to stage in a classic title

By MARK KENNEDY, AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "The Breakfast Club" star Molly Ringwald will return to a New York stage in an adaptation of another classic 1980s film — "Terms of Endearment."

59E59 Theaters said Monday that Ringwald will star in the bittersweet story of a mother and daughter that was turned into an Oscar-winning film by James L. Brooks. Performances begin Oct. 29.

Ringwald, who starred in the films "Pretty in Pink" and "Sixteen Candles," is no stranger to the stage, having been on Broadway in "Cabaret" and "Enchanted April." Off-Broadway, she has been in "Modern Orthodox," "How I Learned to Drive" and "Tick, Tick ... Boom!"

Online:

<http://www.59e59.org>

Upside to morning sickness: Fewer miscarriages, stillbirths

By LINDSEY TANNER, AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — It's dreaded by moms-to-be but morning sickness is actually a good sign — for the baby, a government study shows, confirming common pregnancy lore and less rigorous research.

Women with nausea early in pregnancy were half as likely to have miscarriages and stillbirths as those who sailed through the first few months. Miscarriages were also less common in women who had nau-

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sea plus vomiting, although the benefit was stronger for those who just had nausea.

Led by researchers at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the study involved almost 800 women who'd had at least one miscarriage and then became pregnant again. They were asked to record symptoms in daily diaries for the first eight weeks of pregnancy and in monthly questionnaires through the end of the first trimester.

Stefanie Hinkle, the lead author and a researcher at the national institute, called it the most rigorous study to date on the topic, but also noted that it's unclear if the results would apply to first-time pregnancies.

Results were published Monday in JAMA Internal Medicine .

THE NUMBERS

There were 188 miscarriages and stillbirths, affecting almost 1 in 4 pregnancies, which is similar to national estimates. More than 90 percent occurred in the first trimester.

Of the nearly 800 women in the study, 443 completed daily diaries, and just over half of them reported nausea by the eighth week of pregnancy, also similar to national estimates. About one in four had nausea and vomiting. The researchers then used statistical analyses to calculate that nausea alone, or nausea with vomiting, was linked with a 50 percent to 75 percent reduction in the risk of pregnancy loss.

STUDY STRENGTHS

Unlike some previous studies linking morning sickness with fewer miscarriages, the new research had data on women even before they became pregnant, so they were able to include miscarriages that occurred soon after conception. Some previous studies asked women months later to recall whether they had morning sickness — a weaker method than using daily diaries.

THE REASONS

Causes of morning sickness are uncertain but it has been linked with high hormone levels that occur early in pregnancy. How it might reduce chances for miscarriages is also uncertain. Theories include the idea that nausea could make women avoid potentially harmful substances, including bacteria-contaminated food, which can increase risks for miscarriages.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Hinkle said the results should be reassuring to women concerned that morning sickness could be harmful. But she said unaffected women shouldn't be alarmed.

"Every pregnancy is different and just because they don't have symptoms doesn't mean they're going to have a pregnancy loss," Hinkle said.

Online:

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Snake wrapped around armrest halts Japanese 'bullet' train

By MARI YAMAGUCHI, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — A passenger spotted a snake curled around the armrest of another passenger's seat on a Japanese Shinkansen "bullet" train on Monday, forcing the train to make an unscheduled stop.

No one was injured in the incident.

The train's operator, JR Tokai, or Central Japan Railway Co., said the passenger sitting in the reserved

seat was unaware that the snake was wrapped around his armrest for about 50 minutes until the person behind him saw it and notified a conductor.

Experts suspected the snake may have been brought on to the train accidentally in someone's luggage or with maintenance equipment. The 30-centimeter (foot-long) snake, initially thought to be a small type of python, was later identified as a rat snake after police consulted with a local zoo, according to Japanese media.

Railway spokesman Atsuo Utano said the train crew made an announcement asking if anyone had lost a pet snake and informing passengers of an unscheduled stop, but nobody came forward.

The super-express train made a stop at Hamamatsu station about 25 minutes later, and railway police removed the snake and the train departed in about one minute, Utano said.

He said the train arrived in Hiroshima, its destination, on time.

Monday's snake incident was not the first on the high-speed "bullet" train line. Five years ago, a train crew spotted a snake on an unoccupied seat, according to the railway.

Memorial to confront South's troubled history of lynchings

By JAY REEVES, Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Southern states have long welcomed tourists retracing the footsteps of the late Martin Luther King Jr. and others who opposed segregation. Now the Alabama city that was the first capital of the Confederacy is set to become home to a privately funded museum and monument that could make some visitors wince: a memorial to black lynching victims.

The nonprofit Equal Justice Initiative has announced it is building a memorial in the state capital of Montgomery devoted to 4,075 blacks its research shows were killed by lynching in the U.S. from 1877 to 1950.

The nonprofit's director, Bryan Stevenson, said the aim is to help "change the landscape" of American racial discourse by openly acknowledging a painful past, much as Germany has Holocaust memorials and South Africa a museum on its past state-sanctioned segregation — apartheid.

He said that while hundreds of whites were lynched in roughly the same period of U.S. history, the memorial's focus will be on "terror lynchings" against blacks in a dozen Southern states — whether by hanging, gunshots, beatings, burnings or other forms of killing used in the past to terrorize black communities.

"I don't think we can afford to continue pretending that there aren't these really troubling chapters in our history," Stevenson said. "I think we've got to deal with it."

Set to open next year on the site of a former low-cost housing project, the monument is to be accompanied by a museum a few blocks away exploring the history of blacks in America from slavery to the present.

Work is already under way on both. How they will be received is an open question.

Pausing at a historical plaque while visiting Montgomery's civil rights sites, North Carolina tourist Nancy Lange hesitated at the thought of a lynching memorial. "That is tough. I can't even think beyond that word," said Lange, 58, who's white.

But daughter Teresa Lange, 27, said a memorial could be valuable in teaching about America's racial past and fostering conversation about today's climate of Black Lives Matter, police violence against minorities and racial strife.

"How many people talk about lynching? How many people talk about the hate crimes that still go on today?" she said. "As a tourist I think it would be a good thing. ... I'd go see it."

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Equal Justice Initiative said the monument and museum also would help counter glorification, in some quarters, of the Confederacy across the South while telling the painful story of race in America. The law firm and its founder, Stevenson, represent death row inmates and advocates for racial justice.

The group already has erected bronze plaques around Montgomery to denote bygone slave markets; another group has built a memorial honoring civil rights martyrs, mostly African-Americans. Elsewhere in Montgomery, a marker explains the history of the church parsonage bombed while King lived there in 1956.

The monument set for a hill in view of Alabama's Capitol — where the Confederacy was formed — is to include thousands of names of lynching victims etched on hundreds of concrete columns. Each column represents a U.S. county where a lynching occurred. The names were gathered both in past research and new work by Equal Justice Initiative.

The nearby museum is to house what organizers describe as the nation's largest collection of information on lynching. Located in the nonprofit's headquarters, it also will include presentations about the domestic slave trade, racial segregation and the incarceration of large numbers of blacks today.

Stevenson said the final design of both the memorial and museum will depend on fundraising, though the Ford Foundation already has given \$2 million.

Alabama tourism director Lee Sentell said the project has the potential to be important. But he said his agency will need to find out more about the new project before deciding whether to promote it alongside civil rights attractions such as the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute or the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, where marchers for voting rights were beaten by state police in 1965.

"It is a difficult subject for most all of us Southerners to contemplate because people who are alive today have never had to give this subject much thought," Sentell said. He added of the memorial that "the execution of the details will either make people glad they visited the location or not."

He said Alabama began promoting civil rights sites for tourism in the 1980s. A "Black Heritage Guide" published then was updated and later morphed into the "Alabama Civil Rights Trail," a guide of museums and historic sites.

Not everyone is on board with a lynching memorial.

Marlin Taylor, an African-American visitor from Spokane, Washington, was surprised by it.

"With the climate in America right now I don't know that that's a good idea," Taylor said at the civil rights memorial outside the Southern Poverty Law Center, a public interest law firm. "I feel like that could be more divisive than anything."

But the Alabama commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Jimmy Hill, supports it. He said telling the story of the lynchings will help people understand America's tangled, painful past.

"Yes, it's going to hurt some people. There are some people who are going to see that and say they wish the story wouldn't be told. But we are on the opposite side of that. We just want the whole story to be told," Hill said.

AP-NORC Poll: Most in US frustrated over presidential race

By LAURIE KELLMAN and EMILY SWANSON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Carol Jones knows what she wants to hear Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump discuss during their first televised debate: education and jobs. She's far from sure which candidate will earn her vote on Election Day.

"All we see is the cat fighting," says the Shirley, Arkansas, retired substitute teacher. At Monday's debate, the 70-year-old says, "they need to talk about their programs ... but I don't think they will."

A majority of Americans, like Jones, say they're frustrated, angry — or both — with the 2016 presiden-

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tial election, according to a new poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Most Americans aren't feeling proud or hopeful about the race, and half feel helpless, the results find. Majorities of Americans want more focus on issues that are important to them, starting with health care, Social Security, education, terrorism and homeland security.

Apathy isn't the problem, the survey found. Eighty-six percent of Americans are paying at least some attention to the race.

The campaign is certainly hard to miss. Trump and Clinton are the two least popular presidential candidates in history, and their ferocious battle is smashing precedents and dominating public discourse.

Trump has built his campaign in large part on attention-getting—and frequently untrue—accusations, such as that his opponent “is the devil” and President Barack Obama “founded” the Islamic State group. But he's found success linking the nation's immigration woes to its national security concerns, the latter of which is rated by Americans as among the top issues facing the country.

Clinton is a former senator and secretary of state who is an avowed foreign and domestic policy wonk. She has tried to make the election, in part, a referendum on Trump's fitness for office. Her recent stumble during an abrupt exit from this year's 9/11 memorial ceremony, captured on video, added to the reality-show quality of the election. Her campaign disclosed that she'd been diagnosed with pneumonia.

Clinton and Trump have clear political and stylistic objectives during their first debate Monday, the first of three such showdowns certain to influence the race in its final six weeks. For both, it's about rattling the other candidate—and not being baited into a less-than-presidential performance. Trump is looking to shore up his credibility with moderate white voters, particularly women, after more than a year of remarks that appeared intolerant or bigoted. Clinton is trying to appeal to young Americans, who are unenthusiastic about her candidacy.

Issues? Jones suggests the candidates owe more on that front to potential voters who don't have access to the internet or the time she has to hunt down their policy positions.

“I went looking on the internet for (Clinton's) position on free (college) education, and it was hard, but I finally found it,” says the lifelong Democrat, who isn't sold on Clinton because she doesn't trust her, or husband Bill, the former president and governor of Jones' state. “They need to talk about their programs on this, this and that.”

Whether the candidates ever get to informative discussions of their policy positions and their professional qualifications is unclear. But the demand is there.

The survey found that nearly two-thirds of Americans say the campaign focuses too little on the issues that matter to them personally. More than 6 in 10 Americans of both parties agree. A bit more than half say there's been too little focus on the candidates' qualifications, with Democrats being more likely than Republicans to feel that way, 61 percent to 45 percent. And more than half of Americans in the survey said the campaign is focused too much on the personal characteristics of the candidates, with Republicans and Democrats about equally likely to feel that way.

The issues Americans care most about? Health care comes in first, with 81 percent listing that as very or extremely important, while similarly high percentages said the same about Social Security, education, terrorism and homeland security. The next most-cited issues: crime and economic growth, which three-quarters of respondents listed as at least very important. Similar majorities cited poverty and taxes. Ranking lower, according to the findings: immigration, with just 61 percent listing the issue as very or extremely important to them.

There's bipartisan agreement on the importance of some issues. Nearly identical percentages of Democrats and Republicans call crime and unemployment top issues. At least three-quarters from both parties call Social Security very important.

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On many other issues, their priorities diverge: Democrats are particularly likely to call health care and poverty top issues, while Republicans are particularly likely to rank terrorism, taxes, debt and foreign policy as very important. About 7 in 10 Democrats but less than half of Republicans named as top issues call gun control and income inequality. Three-quarters of Democrats, but only about a third of Republicans, say the same about racism, the environment and climate change.

Republicans are far more likely to name international trade agreements as a very or extremely important issue. And 7 in 10 Republicans, but only about half of Democrats, call immigration a top priority. Among Americans with a favorable opinion of Trump, nearly 8 in 10 say so.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,022 adults was conducted Sept. 15-18 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.7 percentage points.

Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods, and later interviewed online or by phone.

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Ahmadinejad allies say Iran leader told him not to run again

By AMIR VAHDAT, Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Close allies of Iran's former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, whose presidency was marked by confrontation with the West, said Monday that the country's supreme leader recommended he not run in next May's presidential election because he is a polarizing figure among hard-liners.

Mohammad Reza Mirtajeddini, Ahmadinejad's vice president from 2009 to 2013, and Gholamreza Mesbahi Moghadam, a former parliamentarian and influential cleric, confirmed the news to the website Khabar Online.

Moghadam said Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's advice amounted to a "serious state objection" to Ahmadinejad's potential candidacy, and that the former president would follow his advice.

"If he doesn't follow the state objection, he will defiantly lose many of his supporters," Moghadam added.

During a meeting with clerics on Monday, Khamenei said he recommended that a potential candidate not run, without naming him. Khamenei warned that it would lead to a "polarized situation" that would be "harmful for the county."

The supreme leader has the final say on all state matters in Iran. All candidates must be approved by the Guardian Council, a clerical body in which Khamenei appoints half the members.

Ahmadinejad has not announced any plans to run for re-election, but has made several speeches in recent months, prompting speculation. While Ahmadinejad previously served two four-year terms, Iranian law calls only for a one-term cooling-off period before he's eligible to run again.

In August, the former president wrote a letter to President Barack Obama, asking him to "quickly fix" a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that allowed families of people killed in attacks linked to Iran to collect damages from some \$2 billion in frozen Iranian assets.

During his eight-year presidency, Ahmadinejad repeatedly questioned the scale of the Nazi Holocaust and predicted the demise of Israel. He also greatly expanded Iran's controversial nuclear program, prompting tighter international sanctions, which were eventually lifted under last year's nuclear deal.

His disputed 2009 re-election saw widespread protests and violence. Two of his former vice presidents have since been jailed for corruption.

Dog reunited with Florida woman after 1,100-mile journey

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A Pyrenees mix named Apollo is back home in Florida after a journey that took him to the Boston area.

Cynthia Abercrombie tells the Florida Times-Union (<http://bit.ly/2cyq5Ay>) there were times over the past six weeks that she thought she'd never see Apollo again. But nearly two dozen volunteers helped return Apollo to Abercrombie, who lives on a fixed income and couldn't afford a 1,100-mile trip to Massachusetts to pick him up.

No one knows how Apollo, who escaped from his enclosure Aug. 11, got to Boston. Swansea animal control officer Lisa White found Apollo Aug. 8. A microchip helped officials locate Abercrombie and White started looking for ways to get him home.

Mary Ellen House of East Coast Paws arranged for a relay of drivers to take Apollo home.

Information from: The (Jacksonville) Florida Times-Union, <http://www.jacksonville.com>

Asian stocks mixed as traders follow US debate

By JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stock markets were mixed Tuesday as traders followed the U.S. presidential debate between candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

KEEPING SCORE: Hong Kong's Hang Seng index advanced 0.4 percent to 23,409.97 and Tokyo's Nikkei 225 shed 0.3 percent to 16,490.41. Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 added 0.4 percent to 5,497.40 and the Shanghai Composite Index was unchanged at 2,981.10. South Korea's Kospi gained 0.9 percent to 2,017.94 and New Zealand also advanced. Southeast Asian markets declined.

DEBATE WATCH: Investors were watching the Clinton-Trump debate in a tight race that has unnerved markets seeking certainty about the future of U.S. policy. Trump has called for controls on trade and immigration, while Clinton is seen as more engaged with Asia. Uncertainty about the election outcome has made global markets risk-averse.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Markets are searching for the least worst option between the two U.S. candidates. One is a known market bad, the other an unknown bad," said Michael McCarthy of CMC Markets in a report. "Any ramping up of populist rhetoric would likely rattle investors. Any perception that the outsider candidate won the debate could bring a market rout."

EUROPEAN BANKS: European banks tumbled after the German magazine Focus said Deutsche Bank won't get a government bailout if it asks for one. U.S.-traded shares of Deutsche Bank fell 7.1 percent. Focus said the German government also won't help the Deutsche Bank by intervening with U.S. officials who want it to pay \$14 billion to end an investigation into its sale of mortgage-backed securities.

WALL STREET: Stocks fell for a second straight day. Banks were hurt by a drop in bond yields, which means lower interest rates and smaller profits on loans. Consumer companies fell as home improvement retailers were affected by a slowdown in sales of new homes. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 166.62 points, or 0.9 percent, to 18,094.83. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 18.59 points, or

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0.9 percent, to 2,146.10. The Nasdaq composite dropped 48.26 points, or 0.9 percent, to 5,257.49. Stocks are coming off two weeks of solid gains, and the Nasdaq set all-time highs twice last week.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude shed 16 cents to \$45.77 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract jumped \$1.45 on Monday to close at \$45.93. Brent crude, used to price international oils, declined 20 cents to \$47.73 in London. It gained \$1.45 the previous session to \$47.93.

CURRENCY: The dollar strengthened to 100.79 yen from Monday's 100.37 yen. The euro was unchanged at \$1.1246.

Today in History **By The Associated Press**

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Today is Tuesday, Sept. 27, the 271st day of 2016. There are 95 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 27, 1964, the government publicly released the report of the Warren Commission, which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

On this date:

In 1540, Pope Paul III issued a papal bull establishing the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, as a religious order.

In 1779, John Adams was named by Congress to negotiate the Revolutionary War's peace terms with Britain.

In 1854, the first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean passenger vessel occurred when the steamship SS Arctic sank off Newfoundland; of the more than 400 people on board, only 86 survived.

In 1928, the United States said it was recognizing the Nationalist Chinese government.

In 1939, Warsaw, Poland, surrendered after weeks of resistance to invading forces from Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II.

In 1941, the United States launched the first 14 rapidly built "Liberty" military cargo vessels.

In 1956, Olympic track and field gold medalist and Hall of Fame golfer Babe Didrikson Zaharias died in Galveston, Texas, at age 45.

In 1962, "Silent Spring," Rachel Carson's study on the effects of pesticides on the environment, was published in book form by Houghton Mifflin.

In 1979, Congress gave its final approval to forming the U.S. Department of Education.

In 1989, Columbia Pictures Entertainment Inc. agreed to a \$3.4 billion cash buyout by Sony Corp.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush announced in a nationally broadcast address that he was eliminating all U.S. battlefield nuclear weapons, and called on the Soviet Union to match the gesture. The Senate Judiciary Committee deadlocked, 7-7, on the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 2001, an armed man went on a shooting rampage in the local parliament of Zug, Switzerland, killing 14 people before taking his own life. President George W. Bush asked the nation's governors to post National Guard troops at airports as a first step toward federal control of airline security.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush hosted a peacemaking dinner at the White House for the bickering leaders of Pakistan and Afghanistan, Gen. Pervez Musharraf (pur-VEHZ' moo-SHAH'-ruhv) and Hamid Karzai (HAH'-mihd KAHHR'-zeyeh). Republicans announced they would hold their 2008 presidential convention in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul. A gunman took six girls hostage at a high

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school in Bailey, Colorado; he molested some of them and killed one girl before committing suicide.

Five years ago: Opening statements in the Los Angeles trial of Michael Jackson's personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, took place as prosecutors accused Murray of killing the superstar through irresponsible use of the anesthetic propofol, and the defense maintaining Jackson had caused his own death. (Murray was later convicted of felony involuntary manslaughter.) Israel gave the go-ahead for construction of 1,100 new Jewish housing units in east Jerusalem; the announcement met with swift criticism from the United States and the European Union.

One year ago: President Barack Obama committed the U.S. to a new blueprint to eliminate poverty and hunger around the world as he addressed a global summit at the United Nations. Pope Francis urged hundreds of thousands of faithful gathered in Philadelphia for the biggest event of his U.S. visit to be open to the "miracles of love," closing out a six-day trip with a message of hope for families and consolation for victims of child sexual abuse.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Kathleen Nolan is 83. Actor Wilford Brimley is 82. Actor Claude Jarman Jr. is 82. Author Barbara Howar is 82. World Golf Hall of Famer Kathy Whitworth is 77. Singer-musician Randy Bachman (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 73. Rock singer Meat Loaf is 69. Actress Liz Torres is 69. Actor A Martinez is 68. Baseball Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt is 67. Actor Cary-Hiroiyuki Tagawa is 66. Singer Shaun Cassidy is 58. Comedian Marc Maron is 53. Rock singer Stephan (STEE'-fan) Jenkins (Third Eye Blind) is 52. Former Democratic National Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz is 50. Actor Patrick Muldoon is 48. Singer Mark Calderon is 46. Actress Amanda Detmer is 45. Actress Gwyneth Paltrow is 44. Rock singer Brad Arnold (3 Doors Down) is 38. Christian rock musician Grant Brandell (Underoath) is 35. Actress Anna Camp is 34. Rapper Lil' Wayne is 34. Singer Avril Lavigne (AV'-rihl la-VEEN') is 32. Bluegrass singer/musician Sierra Hull is 25.

Thought for Today: "God loved the birds and invented trees. Man loved the birds and invented cages."
— Jacques Deval, French writer, director and actor (1895-1972).