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Trump, Clinton turn to battleground states



Trump

The Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — With Labor Day behind them, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are pushing ahead in top presidential battlegrounds in the South.

Trump, the Republican nominee, is set to campaign in Virginia and North Carolina on Tuesday, two critical states in his path to the presidency. Clinton, the Democrat, is campaigning in Florida in search of an advantage in the nation's largest

swing state. A Clinton victory in Florida would make it virtually impossible for Trump to overcome her advantage in the race for 270 electoral votes.

The day before in swing state Ohio, Trump softened his stance on immigration while Clinton blasted Russia for suspected tampering in the U.S. electoral process.

In a rare news conference aboard her new campaign plane, Clinton said she is concerned about "credible reports about Russian government interfer-

ence in our elections."

"We are going to have to take those threats and attacks seriously," Clinton told reporters traveling with her from Ohio to Illinois.

Clinton's comments follow reports that the Russian government may have been involved in the hacking of Democratic National Committee emails just days before the party's national convention. The emails, later revealed by WikiLeaks, showed

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Clinton

Open house

New facility aims to ease strain on overburdened mental health system

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

West Texas Centers will give the public a chance to peek into its new facility this week.

"West Texas Centers is excited to bring the Crisis Respite Program to our community," said WTC Executive Director Shelly Smith. "It will help keep people in our community and in their homes."

"We are very proud of the new facility," she continued. "We are excited for people to come view it, and we invite anyone who has an opportunity to attend the open house, visit with us, and take a tour. It's a beautiful facility."

The open house is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday. The Crisis Respite Program is located at 3205 S. Highway 87 in the building that used to be the Brass Nail.

The agency opened the 16-bed center on June 1 to help relieve the overburdened mental health system in West Texas. At an August Howard County Commissioner's meeting, Smith said over the last several years the state of Texas has prioritized giving more state hospital beds to foren-



File photo

West Texas Centers will hold an open house from 2-3 p.m. Wednesday for its new Crisis Respite program, housed at the former Brass Nail night club on 205 S. Highway 87.

sic patients, those caught up in the legal system.

This direction has forced WTC to commit people needing hospitalization, but not in trouble with the law, to private mental health facilities, a much more expensive option.

Crisis respite serves as short-term, community-based residential care for people who are at low-risk to themselves or others but require direct supervision to remain stable in the community, according to a news release from WTC. Funding for the new center was the result of a grant awarded by the Department of State Health Services.

"It's a very beneficial service that is

so needed in Big Spring, and we are in a good spot to be able to provide it to people in West Texas," Smith said. "It's exciting for people who live with this every day. It enhances their lives and it can keep them out of the hospital."

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15 years after Sept. 11:

How the unity we forged broke apart

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For a time, it felt like the attack that shattered America had also brought it together.

After Sept. 11, signs of new-found unity seemed to well up everywhere, from the homes where American flags appeared virtually overnight to the Capitol steps where lawmakers pushed aside party lines to sing "God Bless America" together.

That cohesion feels vanishingly distant as the 15th anniversary of the attacks arrives Sunday. Gallup's 15-year-old poll of Americans' national pride hit its lowest-ever point this year. In a country that now seems carved up by door-slamming disputes over race, immigration, national security, policing and politics, people impelled by the spirit of common purpose after Sept. 11 rue how much it has slipped away.

Jon Hile figured he could help the ground zero cleanup because he worked in industrial air pollution control. So he traveled from Louisville, Kentucky, to volunteer, and it is not exaggerating to say the experience changed his life. He came home and became a firefighter.

Hile, who now runs a risk management firm, remembers it as a time of communal kindness, when "everybody understood how quickly things could change ... and

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Obituaries

Weldon Tibbs

Weldon Tibbs, 81, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016 at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Weldon was born March 21, 1935 in Rochester, Texas to Fines Clifton Tibbs and Mary Belle Bradley Tibbs. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1953. He went on to serve in the United States Air Force and later worked for Cosden oil refinery, retiring in 1991. He was a faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church and a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #826.

Weldon has been a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grand father, giving special attention to their spiritual guidance. Music was a very important part of his life and he shared his beautiful voice with his children and grandchildren, often accompanied by guitar. He also lent his tenor voice to many church choir specials over the years.

Weldon and Genelle met early in their life in 1952, and were married in 1954. They celebrated

62 years of marriage on June 10 of this year, and they have been blessed by God every one of those years. He was selflessly devoted to his wife every single day and never left her side without leaving a goodbye kiss. Just before he left this life to begin eternity with Jesus and so many of his friends who have gone before, it was no different, he made sure he gave her one last kiss.

Weldon is survived by his wife, Genelle Tibbs; two daughters, Karen Wilson and husband, Jeff of Big Spring, and Sheryl Ann Tibbs Allen of Austin; and Ranen Wilson, their great-grand “son”; he is also survived by five grandchildren, Belinda Shiplett and husband, Kyle of Moore, Okla., Karyl Ward and husband, Adam of Austin, Laura Lipham and husband, TJ of Big Spring, Karissa Casas and husband, John of Knott, and Joshua Wilson and wife, Kelly of Mertzon; and 11 great grandkids. Thank you to Compass Hospice for their tender care.

He was preceded in death by one son Garry Weldon Tibbs; his parents, and three sisters, Lazelle Thomas, Lanora Falk, and Theresa Tibbs.

The family suggests memorial and gifts be made in memory of Weldon to the Trinity Baptist Church Mission Fund, 1701 East Marcy Drive, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOSHUA CLARK LAND**, 30, of 2106 Carl Street was arrested on warrants from other agencies.
- **WADDIE DOOLITTLE**, 56, of 2613 Neill Road as arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2900 block of E. Cherokee Street, the 600 block of State Street, and the 5500 block of Wasson.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 4100 block of W Hwy 80.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2400 block of Cindy Lane and the 200 block of W FM 700.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Neill Road.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of Moore Road.

The Howard County Sheriff’s Department reported the following activity:

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.
- **MICHAEL STEVEN ARMSTRONG**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no driver’s license (when unlicensed), violation of promise to appear (four counts), defective or no tail lamps, fail ure to maintain financial responsibility, expired registration, and theft, less than \$100.
 - **ERNEST LEE CHANCE**, 60, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more.
 - **KIMBERLY LYNN CHAVEZ**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid, previous conviction, suspension.
 - **TERRA NICOLE CUMMINS-GASCA**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for parent contributing to non-attendance.
 - **RYAN MATHEW DAVIS**, 21, was booked by the DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.
 - **FREDDIE LEE DECKER**, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for assault family/house member.
 - **WADDIE DOOLITTLE**, 59, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to family member.
 - **MARTY RAY EVANS JR.**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid/previous conviction/suspension.
 - **TREYCEE LYNN FAIRMAN**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft, less than \$100.
 - **JOHN PETER GORDON**, 28, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for sentence possession of

a controlled substance.

- **JESSICA MARTA HERNANDEZ**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid, fail to maintain financial responsibility, driving while license invalid, and failure to appear (three counts).
- **AUDOM JADE JOHNSON**, 27, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- **JOSHUA CLARK LAND**, 30, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for speeding (52 miles per hour in a 40 mile per hour zone), and violation of promise to appear.
- **MAURICIO ROMEO LOPEZ**, 40, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RODNEY MARTINEZ JR.**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **FELIX GONZALES OLIVAS**, 48, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ARTHUR ORTEGA**, 53, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear, expired registration, driving while license invalid, and on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- **PATRICK ROBERT PARRAS**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on warrant for driving while licenses invalid, failure to appear (two counts), and racing or exhibition of speed.
- **SASHA SHANTELL PHILLIPS**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- **CHAD LEE PUGA**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on charges of theft of property, more than or equal to \$2,500 but less than \$30,000.
- **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 69, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for public intoxication, with three or more convictions; and resisting arrest, search or transport.
- **MARIA ELENA RODRIGUEZ**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for city ordinance 3-9 public nuisance and failure to appear.
- **RYAN STEWART SHADE**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for displaying expired license plates/registration, possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia, no driver license when un-licensed (two counts), and driving while license invalid.
- **DANIEL MONTEZ VIERA JR.**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to yield row-private drive.
- **RYAN ALLEN WARD**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

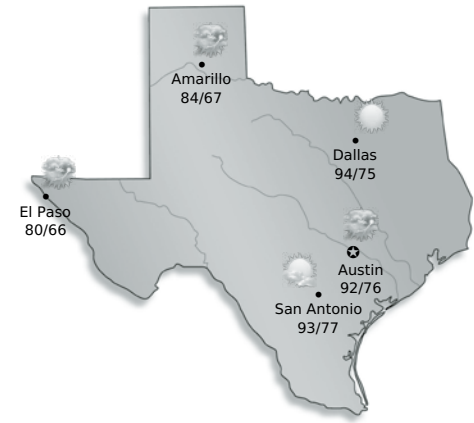
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Grafa. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of George.
- **POSSIBLE GAS LEAK** was reported in the

1000 block of E 13th.

- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 900 block of N Lamesa.
- **FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 1600 block of W 11th.
- **GAS LEAK** was reported in the 4200 block of Birch.

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Wed 9/7	Thu 9/8	Fri 9/9	Sat 9/10	Sun 9/11
 93/73 Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late. A stray shower or t-storm is possible. High 93F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	 96/73 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 96/70 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 80/66 T-storms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	 85/68 Isolated t-storms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 7:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	93	74	M Cloudy	Kingsville	93	77	M Clear
Amarillo	84	67	Clear	Livingston	89	74	P Cloudy
Austin	92	76	Cloudy	Longview	91	72	Cloudy
Beaumont	91	76	P Cloudy	Lubbock	83	70	M Cloudy
Brownsville	94	78	M Clear	Lufkin	90	71	Foggy
Brownwood	92	72	M Cloudy	Midland	88	74	M Cloudy
Corpus Christi	92	80	M Clear	Raymondville	95	76	P Cloudy
Corsicana	93	75	Cloudy	Rosenberg	92	76	Clear
Dallas	94	75	M Cloudy	San Antonio	93	77	Cloudy
Del Rio	93	76	Cloudy	San Marcos	91	75	Cloudy
El Paso	80	66	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	93	73	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	87	71	Cloudy	Sweetwater	92	73	M Cloudy
Gainesville	91	72	M Cloudy	Tyler	93	73	M Cloudy
Greenville	93	72	P Cloudy	Weatherford	92	74	P Cloudy
Houston	92	76	M Clear	Wichita Falls	95	75	P Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	68	Sunny	Miami	87	77	P Cloudy
Boston	73	66	Cloudy	Minneapolis	77	67	Sct T-Storms
Chicago	91	76	P Cloudy	New York	83	72	Cloudy
Dallas	94	75	M Cloudy	Phoenix	99	78	Clear
Denver	84	55	Cloudy	San Francisco	66	55	Clear
Houston	92	76	M Clear	Seattle	68	57	Rain
Los Angeles	80	63	Clear	Saint Louis	93	74	Sunny

Moon Phases

 First Sep 9	 Full Sep 16	 Last Sep 23	 New Oct 1
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UV Index

Wed 9/7	Thu 9/8	Fri 9/9	Sat 9/10	Sun 9/11
9	9	9	6	7
Very High	Very High	Very High	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.



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- **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women’s meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- **Weight Watchers** meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don’t have to talk if you don’t want to. Flexible payment options.

- **A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder** support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran’s Healing Center.

FRIDAY

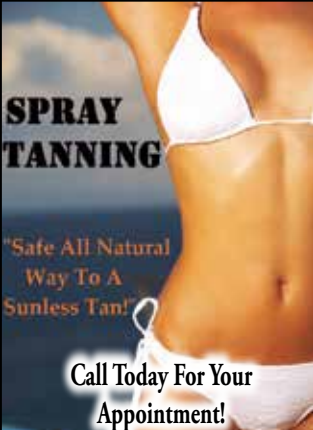
- **AA** open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.



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how quickly you could feel vulnerable.”

A decade and a half later, he sees a nation where economic stress has pushed many people to look out for themselves. Where people stick to their comfort zones.

“I wish that we truly remembered,” he says, “like we said we’d never forget.”

Terrorism barely registered among Americans’ top worries in early September 2001, but amid economic concerns, a Gallup poll around then found only 43 percent of Americans were satisfied with how things were going.

Then, in under two hours on Sept. 11, the nation lost nearly 3,000 people, two of its tallest buildings and its sense of impregnability. But out of the shock, fear and sorrow rose a feeling of regaining some things, too — a shared identity, a heartfelt commitment to the nation indivisible.

Stores ran out of flags. Americans from coast to coast cupped candle flames and prayed at vigils, gave blood and billions of dollars, cheered firefighters and police. Military recruits cited the attacks as they signed up.

Congress scrubbed partisanship to pass a \$40 billion anti-terrorism and victim aid measure three days after the attacks, and approval ratings for lawmakers and the president sped to historic highs. A special postage stamp declared “United We Stand,” and Americans agreed: A Newsweek

poll found 79 percent felt 9/11 would make the country stronger and more unified.

Now, Medrano-Nehls thinks weariness from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and combative politics have pried Americans apart, and it pains her to think of the military serving a country so torn.

Three days after 9/11, Joseph Esposito was at smoldering ground zero as Republican President George W. Bush grabbed a bullhorn and vowed the attackers “will hear all of us soon.”

The moment became an emblem of American strength and resolve, and Esposito, then the New York Police Department’s top uniformed officer, was struck by “the camaraderie, the unity” of those days.

He remembers the support police enjoyed then, and how much the tone had changed by the time of the Occupy Wall Street protests in 2011, when police arrested hundreds of demonstrators, many of whom said cops unjustly rounded and roughed them up. Now the city’s emergency management commissioner, Esposito has watched from the sidelines as a national protest movement has erupted in recent years from police killings of unarmed black men, and as police themselves have been killed by gunmen claiming vengeance.

These days, Esposito hopes his job can be unifying. He wants people to feel that the city helps neighborhoods equally to handle disaster. “The 1 percenters should not be better prepared than the 99 percent,” he says.

“If everyone feels they’re getting their fair share,” he adds, “it fosters better feelings toward one another.”

For all the signs of kinship after Sept. 11, the first retribution attack came just four days later, authorities said.

Balbir Singh Sodhi was shot dead while placing flowers on a memorial at his Mesa, Arizona, gas station. Prosecutors said the gunman mistook Sodhi, an Indian Sikh immigrant, for an Arab Muslim.

Seeing hundreds of people gather in solidarity on the night of his brother’s death showed me “the greatness of unity,” says Rana Singh Sodhi, of Gilbert, Arizona. But in the last two years, he’s felt a “change toward hatred again.”

Can the United States feel united again?

Some Americans fear it will take another catastrophe, if even that can shift the climate. Others are looking to political leaders to set a more collaborative tone, or to Americans themselves to make an effort to understand and respect one another.

When Sonia Shah thinks about the push and pull of American unity since the attacks that killed her father, Jayesh, at the World Trade Center, she pictures a rock hitting a pond.

The innermost ripple, that’s the tight circle of support that came together around the people most directly affected by tragedy. Outside it, bigger and more diffuse, are bands of debate over policies and politics in the wake of 9/11.

“We usually see the outer rings of the arguments,” says the Baylor University senior. “But I think there always is a current of unity that goes underneath things.”

Take note

• The Howard County Fair is now accepting entries for the Howard County Fair queen contest to be held in the entertainment tent, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 .

Anyone enrolled in an area high schools or college is eligible to enter. Go to the Howard County Fair website www.hcfair.org to print entry forms. Deadline for entries is 4 p.m., Sept. 21.

There is a \$35 entry fee that may be paid by a sponsor or the contestant. Prizes include Howard College scholarships and items donated by local and area businesses.

For additional information, contact: Cindy Jones 432-517-9115 or Sandy Stewart 432-935-1604.

RESPITE

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Services provided at the Crisis Respite facility include peer support, medication monitoring, rehabilitation services, counseling, and linkage with community resources. Mental health staff are on-site 24 hours a day, the release stated.

West Texas Centers covers 23 counties rural West Texas providing services for mental health and the intellectual and developmental disabilities in patients. Counties served include: Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler, and Yoakum.

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some DNC officials favoring Clinton over her primary opponent, Bernie Sanders — who has since endorsed Clinton for president.

She said Russian President Vladimir Putin appears “quite satisfied with himself” and said Trump “has generally parroted what is a Putin-Kremlin line.”

Meanwhile, Trump extended a rare invitation to journalists to accompany him on his private plane from Cleveland to Youngstown, Ohio. The billionaire businessman appeared to shy away from his hard-line vow to block “amnesty” for immigrants in the country illegally.

Any immigrants who want full citizenship must return to their countries of origin and get in line, he told reporters — but he would not rule out a pathway to legal status for the millions living in the U.S. illegally, as he did in a long-awaited policy speech last week.

“We’re going to make that decision into the future,” Trump said.

Clinton powered through a coughing fit at a Labor Day festival at a Cleveland park, sharply criticizing Trump’s recent trip to Mexico as “an embarrassing international incident.” Unwilling to allow Trump to modify his immigration stances, she said his address later that night in Arizona amounted to a “doubling down on his absurd plan to send a deportation force to round up 16 million people.”

“He can try to fool voters into thinking somehow he’s not as harsh and inhumane as he seems, but it’s too late,” Clinton said.

The former secretary of state flatly said “No,” when asked in an ABC News interview whether she’d be willing to accept the Mexican president’s invitation to visit the country, as Trump did last week.

“I’m going to continue to focus on what we’re doing to create jobs here at home,” Clinton said.

Trump, meanwhile, addressed his proposed border wall plan in an interview with ABC’s Good Morning America. Trump said the Mexican president violated some “ground rules” by admitting that the two did actually discuss payment of his proposed border wall between the two countries, but added, “that’s ok.”

At the joint press conference with President Enrique Pena Nieto last week, Trump told reporters that payment of his proposed border wall was not discussed. Pena Nieto later tweeted that it was addressed and he “made it clear” to Trump that Mexico would not pay.

He added that had Clinton gone to Mexico, the trip would have been “a total failure.”

Earlier in the day, Trump attacked Clinton’s energy level, noting she hasn’t followed his aggressive traveling schedule and questioning whether she had the stamina to help bring jobs back to America.

“She doesn’t have the energy to bring ‘em back. You need energy, man,” Trump told reporters.

He added, “She didn’t have the energy to go to Louisiana. And she didn’t have the energy to go to Mexico.”

Clinton’s 25-minute question-and-answer session was her first extensive availabil-

ity with reporters since early December. Beyond Russia, she answered questions about the ongoing controversy surrounding her use of a private email server while secretary of state, which Trump has used to cast doubt over her ability to protect classified information.

“I take classification seriously,” she said.

After a yearlong investigation, the FBI recommended against prosecution in July, and the Justice Department then closed the case. FBI Director James Comey said that while Clinton and her aides had been “extremely careless” in dealing with sensitive materials, there was no evidence they intentionally mishandled classified information.

While Labor Day has traditionally been the kickoff to the fall campaign, both Clinton and Trump have been locked in an intense back-and-forth throughout the summer.

The start of full-fledged campaigning opens a pivotal month, culminating in the first presidential debate Sept. 26 at Hofstra University in Hempstead,

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At left, the May 24, 2016 photo shows a sign at the entrance to Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire, Ill. In 2015, Stevenson spent close to \$18,800 per student. Twenty miles to the north, Waukegan spent about \$12,600. And the gap has only been getting wider — both here in the suburbs north of Chicago, and in many places across the nation. At right, a sign for Waukegan High School at the school's Brookside campus in Waukegan, Ill. Over the past five years, Waukegan District 60 lost \$43 million in state aid because Illinois cut education funding, according to Gwendolyn Polk, associate superintendent of business and financial services.

EDITOR'S NOTE — This story is part of *Divided America*, AP's ongoing exploration of the economic, social and political divisions in American society.

By SARA BURNETT & LARRY FENN

Associated Press

WAUKEGAN, Ill. (AP) — Consider Waukegan and Stevenson, two Illinois school districts separated by 20 miles — and an enormous financial gulf.

Stevenson, mostly white, is flush with resources. The high school has five different spaces for theater performances, two gyms, an Olympic-size pool and an espresso bar.

Meanwhile Waukegan, with its mostly minority student body, is struggling. At one school, the band is forced to practice in a hallway, and as many as 28 students share a single computer.

Last year, Stevenson spent close to \$18,800 per student. Waukegan's expenditure? About \$12,600.

And the gap has only been getting wider — here in the suburbs north of Chicago, and in many places across the nation. In the years following the 2008 financial crisis, school districts serving poor communities generally have been hit harder than more affluent districts, according to an Associated Press analysis of local, state and federal education spending.

The result has been a worsening of America's rich schools, poor schools divide — and its racial divide, because many poor districts are also heavily minority. It also perpetuates the perception that the system is rigged in favor of the haves, at the

expense of the have-nots — a major driver of America's angst in this election year.

The AP found that aid to local districts from the federal government surged after the economic downturn, as part of the stimulus, but then receded. Schools were left to rely more on state funding that has not bounced back to pre-recession levels. And poorer districts that cannot draw on healthy property tax bases have been left in the lurch.

The effects vary widely across the 50 states. Each has its own unique funding formula.

For example, per-pupil spending in poorer Missouri districts fell behind richer districts in 2013 — the first time in a well over decade.

Most rich districts have seen a steady increase in revenue while poorer districts — such as Louisiana RII, a predominantly white district 80 miles northwest of St. Louis — have seen cuts since 2010. That rural district has started waiting longer to replace textbooks, and it will likely abandon initiatives to distribute new computers and to bring wireless internet into classrooms. Todd Smith, the superintendent, said the district will likely seek a tax increase or a bond sale because there isn't enough money for basic maintenance.

"We find ourselves more and more dipping into our reserves," Smith said.

In Connecticut's largest city, Bridgeport, schools have struggled with cuts in state and federal grants, Superintendent Frances Rabinowitz said. And the gap widens between her district and neighboring, affluent Fairfield County towns with smaller class sizes and students with far fewer needs.

The result? No aides for kindergarten classrooms, or guidance counselors for elementary schools, or buses for students at some high schools (they get city bus passes, instead).

"I feel like I am cutting the lifeblood of the system," said Rabinowitz, whose schools are more than 80 percent black or Hispanic. "We're not talking nice things. We're talking what I would consider essentials in trying to move the district forward."

The impact can be long-lasting, researchers say. A study for the non-profit and non-partisan National Bureau of Economic Research tracked students enrolled in districts where there was a prolonged increase in school funding.

Students educated in flush times finished more years of school, were less likely to live in poverty as adults, and made about 7.25 percent more in wages.

"The body of evidence is pretty clear that when school districts get more money, good things tend to happen and when they're forced to cut spending, bad things tend to happen," said Kirabo Jackson, one of the report's authors and an associate professor of human development and social policy at Northwestern

University's School of Education and Social Policy.

The widening funding gap that favors richer schools in Illinois is an extreme example.

For schools in the poorest 25 percent of Illinois districts, as measured by child poverty rates, per-pupil funding stalled at around \$13,500 in 2014, the most recent year for which full data are available. Meanwhile, per-pupil funding climbed to over \$15,000 in the wealthiest 25 percent.

Alejandra Ocampo, last year's senior class president at Waukegan High School, said the disparities are plain to see.

When her athletic teams would travel to other schools for competitions, the affluence was clear from the minute they pulled up, Ocampo says. And sometimes when those opposing teams would show up to Waukegan, they would hear the chatter: "This is it?" or "Why is their locker room like a dungeon?"

Waukegan District 60's enrollment of roughly 17,000 is nearly 80 percent

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Hispanic and 15 percent black students, and includes a higher-than-average percentage of English language learners and children in poverty. The district struggled to meet the needs of its students even before the foreclosure crisis left blocks dotted with empty homes and businesses. Teachers buy fans with their own money to fight the heat at schools like the district's Little Fort Elementary. Over the past five years, the district lost \$43 million in state aid because Illinois cut education funding, according to Gwendolyn Polk, associate superintendent of business and financial services. The proposed budget for the coming year is \$218 million, with a projected deficit of \$7.4 million. The district did its best to keep the cuts from affecting the classroom, which meant putting off regular maintenance and cobbling together funds to deal with emergencies.

When a water pipe began leaking in a classroom, the district was required to remove asbestos around the aged pipes as part of the repairs. Workers ripped open a 6-foot hole, then covered it with a piece of plywood and painted over it.

About 70 percent of students graduate from Waukegan High School in four years, and less than half go on to attend a two-year or four-year college.

"Just because our students are low income here within this district, it doesn't mean they shouldn't have the same opportunities kids in surrounding districts have," said Michelle Lenczuk, a teacher at Little Fort. "They have the same knowledge. They have the same capability to learn. They have the drive. They want to do that."

Stevenson District 125, in contrast, educates students in an area northwest of Chicago that's home to upper-class professionals and corporate headquarters, the kind of districts parents move into in hopes of giving their children a leg up. Adlai Stevenson High School resembles a small college, with a manicured campus and more than 120 student clubs. Wide, carpeted hallways house art galleries for displaying student work. Outside a suite of teacher offices, a message on a flat-screen TV congratulates the water polo team on its state

championship.

Two-thirds of the students are white and about 22 percent are Asian, with black and Hispanic students making up less than 10 percent of the enrollment. Between 97 and 98 percent of students will go on to college, most of them to four-year schools.

Stevenson has felt minimal impact from state budget cuts, spokesman Jim Conrey said. The district hasn't had to go to referendum to get more property tax revenue since 2002, when a measure passed with 70 percent support.

"We're certainly well aware of what other schools are suffering through right now and we sympathize with them," Conrey said. "We're very lucky in that we're not having to face a lot of the issues that they are."

Matthew Cabrera, a 17-year-old who just finished his junior year at Stevenson, takes a range of Advanced Placement classes and plays violin in the school orchestra. His family moved to the area from the South Side of Chicago when Cabrera was in second grade, and he knows how different Stevenson is from the school he would have attended if they'd stayed.

"I don't think I would have been able to grow as a person as much if I didn't go to Stevenson," Cabrera says.

Waukegan's Alejandra Ocampo plans to study education and Spanish in college this fall. She's



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In this Tuesday, June 7, 2016 photo, students play basketball outside at Little Fort Elementary school in Waukegan, Ill. In the years following the 2008 financial crisis, school districts serving poor communities generally have been hit harder than more affluent districts, according to an Associated Press analysis of local, state and federal education spending.

proud of where she comes from, but she says some more money would be helpful in ways that go beyond better facilities or more teachers.

"I feel like funding is more of a motivational gift than an actual physical gift," she said. "It's how it makes you feel about yourself."

Fenn reported from New York. Associated Press writers Michael Melia in Hartford, Connecticut, Carolyn Thompson in Buffalo, New York, and Carrie Antlfinger in Lincolnshire, Illinois, also contributed to this report.

Mom's efforts bring cameras to special needs classrooms

KELLER, Texas (AP) — A North Texas mother's efforts to get cameras installed in classrooms with special needs students for increased safety are finally coming to fruition.

Breggett Rideau had been lobbying the Texas Legislature for several years to require school districts around the state to install and operate video cameras in some special education classrooms if requested by parents, a trustee or a staff member, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported.

Rideau's 21-year-old son, a special needs student called Terrance, suffered a fractured thumb and dislocated

knee between 2008 and 2010 while studying at a middle school in Keller, 20 miles northeast of Fort Worth.

She alleged in a federal lawsuit that a special education teacher no longer with the school district caused the injuries, and in 2013 the Rideaus won a \$1 million judgment against the Keller school district.

Terrance Rideau is a non-verbal special needs student who uses a wheelchair and has attended Keller schools since the age of 3.

Rideau made at least 20 trips to Austin in 2013 and 2015 trying to get the law passed, hiring lobbyists in the last

session to help her.

"I didn't have a clue how to do this when I started," Rideau said. "I got a degree in food science, not law and public policy, but I prayed and God helped me."

Her efforts paid off. Starting this school year, a law takes effect requiring cameras in classrooms with special needs students.

Officials say her son's classroom at Keller High School is one of the first in Texas to be equipped with cameras and audio equipment at the request of a parent.

State Education Commissioner Mike Morath updated the rules on Aug. 15 when school districts were instruct-

ed not to use federal or state special education money to pay for the cameras and related equipment.

The estimated costs vary from one district to another.

The updated state rules say that "on a per classroom basis, school districts have estimated costs ranging between \$3,500 and \$5,500.

School districts have estimated that conducting video surveillance

districtwide could cost anywhere from \$350,000 to \$6.8 million."

Rideau said she hopes the law is introduced at a federal level and has talked to interested parents across the United States and in Canada. A Facebook group, "Cameras in special needs classrooms," has more than 26,000 likes.

"Every child deserves to be safe in school," she said.

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Seattle knocks around Cole Hamels in win over Texas

SEATTLE (AP) — For the second time in a week, Cole Hamels got battered by the Seattle Mariners.

Fortunately for Hamels, he's not likely to see Seattle again this season.

Hamels lasted just 1 2/3 innings on Monday, giving up seven earned runs and homers to Robinson Cano and Franklin Gutierrez in Seattle's 14-6 win over the Texas Rangers.

"I understand what we're trying to accomplish here and when you're not able to do it, especially twice in a row, it's a tough situation that I've come

out of the game with, there's probably more disappointment in the fact of not being able to give this team a chance to win," Hamels said.

Hamels (14-5) had a similar pair of games earlier this year when he faced Minnesota twice in a week. Both times, Hamels couldn't get through five innings, giving up 15 hits and 10 earned runs combined in consecutive starts against the Twins. Those poor performances could be partly explained by Hamels dealing with a blister on his pitching hand.

There is no physical issue with Hamels now,

just two subpar performances in a row.

Despite being staked to a 7-0 lead, Seattle starter Felix Hernandez (10-5) nearly gave it all away. Texas scored five times off Hernandez in the third inning, including a three-run homer by Nomar Mazara and RBI singles from Rougned Odor and Jonathan Lucroy. Hernandez threw 49 pitches in the inning, but managed to keep the lead. Hernandez made it through 5 2/3 innings and gave up six runs before being lifted.

"It was my fault. I got out of my game a little bit there," Hernandez said.



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Texas Rangers starting pitcher Cole Hamels stretches after giving up a walk to the Seattle Mariners during the second inning of a baseball game Monday, Sept. 5, 2016, in Seattle.

Bregman hits 2-run homer, leads Astros past Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — Houston Astros manager A.J. Hinch knows appearances don't count for much at this point of the season.

Monday night's 6-2 victory over Cleveland kept the Astros two games out of the second wild-card spot in the AL. It was a game in which the Indians used eight pitchers.

"It's a big win for us to come here and beat a first-place team, so regardless of how they line their pitching up you have to win as many games as you can," Hinch said.

Rookie Alex Bregman continued his hot hitting with a two-run homer in the third inning and the Astros ended Cleveland's six-game winning streak.

The teams combined to use 13 pitchers in a game that lasted 3 hours, 44 minutes.

"That was the lovable September marathon we all enjoy," Hinch said. "Better to be on the winning side than the losing side, but that one seemed like it was never going to end."

The Indians took struggling right-



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Houston Astros' George Springer (4) scores past Cleveland Indians catcher Roberto Perez (55) on a sacrifice fly by Yulieski Gurriel during the seventh inning of a baseball game Monday.

hander Josh Tomlin out of the rotation last week, resulting into what amounted to a bullpen game for the AL Central leaders.

"If you ask about every pitcher, we'll be here all night," Indians manager Terry Francona said.

Bregman has hit all seven of his homers and driven in 22 runs over his last 19 games for the Astros.

Mike Fiers (10-6) allowed two runs in five innings and defeated the Indians for the second time this season.

Mike Clevinger (2-2) allowed a run in the first and was pulled after 1 2/3 innings.

Mike Napoli hit a solo homer — his 30th — in the fifth for the Indians, whose lead over Detroit in the division was cut to 4 1/2 games.

Jose Altuve, the AL's leading hitter, was 2 for 5 with an RBI double and is batting .346 for Houston.

Bregman drew a one-out walk in

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Forte, RGIII, Weddle among familiar faces in new places

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — At first glance, the new jersey just looks plain strange.

The different colors and team names probably even cause a few double-takes.

When NFL players switch from teams with which they had long been associated to new destinations, either through trades or free agency, it often takes a little getting used to for fans and sometimes the players themselves.

Some, however, completely embrace the wardrobe makeover.

"I look good in red and blue," said a smiling Damon Harrison, the New York Giants nose tackle who spent his first four NFL season in the Jets' green and white.

Here's a look at some other familiar faces in new places — and colors:

MATT FORTE, RB, JETS

A workhorse for eight years in Chicago, the 30-year-old running back was signed by the Jets to add a versatile element to New York's backfield. He dealt with a hamstring injury through the first half of training camp, but played in the Jets' third preseason game and should be ready to start in Week 1. Career stats: 8,602 yards rushing, 45 TDs; 487 catches, 4,116 yards, 19 TDs.

ARIAN FOSTER, RB, DOLPHINS

Retirement appeared to be an option for Foster, who has missed significant parts of two of the last three seasons with major injuries. He played seven seasons for Houston, where he set franchise marks for yards rushing and TD runs, but was released in March. Foster signed a one-year deal with Miami, where he could complement Jay Ajayi. Career stats: 6,472 yards rushing, 54 TDs; 249 catches, 2,268 yards, 14 TDs.

ROBERT GRIFFIN III, QB, BROWNS

The No. 2 overall pick in the 2012 draft got his career with Washington off to

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Sanchez says he can relate to rookie Prescott

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — While Mark Sanchez has a new offense to learn in Dallas, the veteran quarterback sees another important element of his role in his first week as the backup with Dak Prescott preparing for the opener against the New York Giants.

After all, Sanchez was a rookie starter once, too.

"You don't want to bombard the guy, especially as a rookie," Sanchez said

after his first practice with the Cowboys on Monday. "And I know from experience that's really important. You don't need a million people telling you how to throw a slant route. You just need to go with what you know, be as comfortable as you can, and I'm here to help."

Sanchez signed with Dallas on Sunday, a day after he was released in Denver when he lost a battle for the starting job to second-year player Trevor Siemian. He could end up as the

No. 3 quarterback when Tony Romo returns from a broken bone in his back.

It's still not known when Romo will be ready. The Cowboys have yet to put him on injured reserve, which would force him to miss the first seven games before he could be eligible for a return. Coach Jason Garrett said the team was taking at least a couple of more days to decide.

If Romo stays on the active roster, that probably means the Cowboys think he can be back by mid-October. Otherwise, he would have to wait until Nov. 6 if Dallas uses its option to return one player from IR on Romo.

As for how it all relates to Sanchez, most of the possibilities are premature for a guy who has barely opened the playbook in Dallas.

"He's worked very hard in the last 24-36 hours trying to get comfortable with what we're doing," coach Jason Garrett said. "He'll pick it up. He's seen a lot

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Bristol speedway hosts Virginia Tech-Tennessee football game

By STEVE MEGARGEE

AP Sports Writer

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The speedway that calls itself the "last great Colosseum" now will be temporarily transformed into the world's largest football stadium.

Tennessee and Virginia Tech meet Saturday night at the Bristol Motor Speedway, located approximately halfway between the two campuses. The showdown dubbed the "Battle at Bristol" is expected to draw over 150,000 fans, which would shatter the current NCAA single-game record of 115,109 at Michigan Stadium when the Wolverines

beat Notre Dame in 2013.

"It's something that will live with these individuals for the rest of their lives," Tennessee coach Butch Jones said.

A Tennessee-Virginia Tech matchup at Bristol had been discussed for about 20 years and finally was announced in 2013. Jerry Caldwell, the speedway's general manager, said the facility's unique characteristics made it ideal for this transformation.

"We jokingly say we're a football stadium on steroids," Caldwell said. "When you walk into the place, that's what you see. That's what it feels like. You walk in



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and you're completely surrounded by stands just like you would be at a football stadium."

Caldwell declined to disclose the costs of temporarily converting the speedway into a football stadium. Tennessee and Virginia Tech

are both guaranteed \$4 million because each school sold over 40,000 tickets. According to the game contract, each school also may receive an additional \$300,000 because the grandstand seats sold out.

This will be the speed-

way's first football game since the Washington Redskins and Philadelphia Eagles played a 1961 exhibition game here that drew 10,000 fans to a facility that seated 20,000. Saturday night's event will have an entirely different atmosphere and feel.

"I'm curious to see how the field will be and how far the stands and everything will be from the field," Virginia Tech receiver Isaiah Ford said.

The speedway is hosting the football game less than three weeks after a Sprint Cup race.

The morning after the race, 450 truckloads of rock and manufactured

sand evened out the speedway's bowl-shaped infield, which had a natural drop of about 3 feet from the edge to the middle. More than 100,000 square feet of AstroTurf were brought in to form the actual field, a process that was completed in about a week. Over 5,000 seats also were added.

Sydney Stahlbaum of AstroTurf noted the company was part of similarly rapid installations before. NRG Stadium, home of the Houston Texans, was converted from a grass surface to turf in four days in September 2015.

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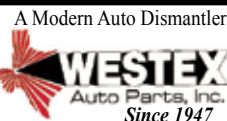
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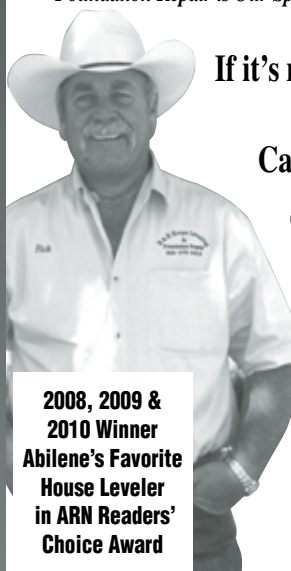
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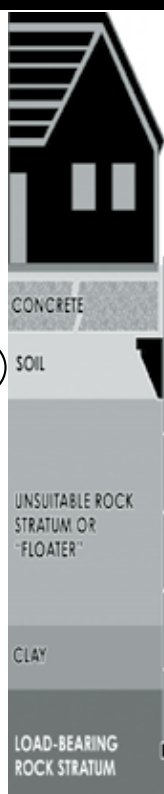
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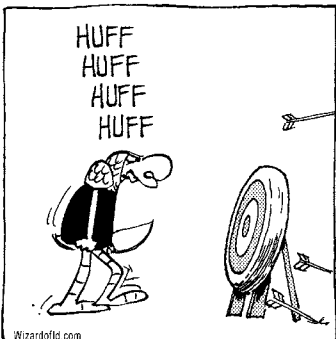
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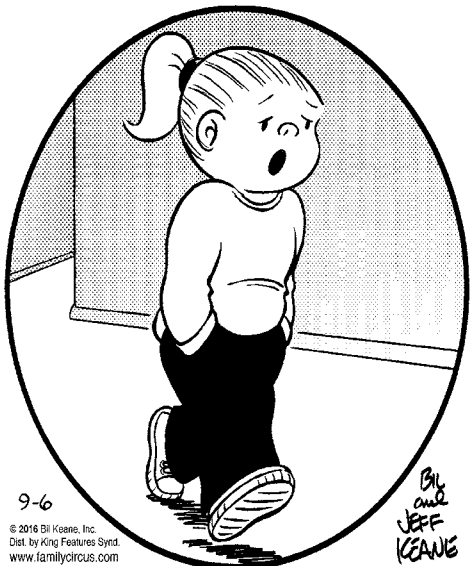


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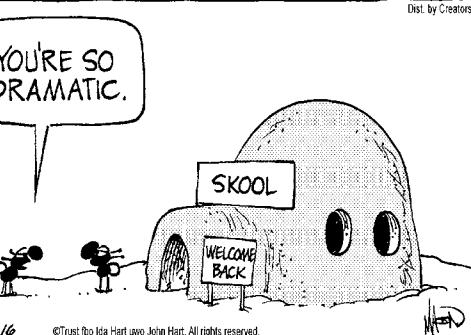


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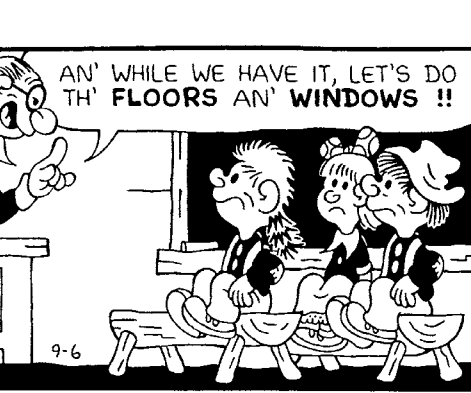
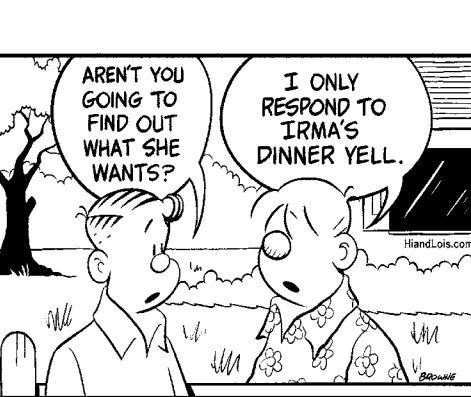
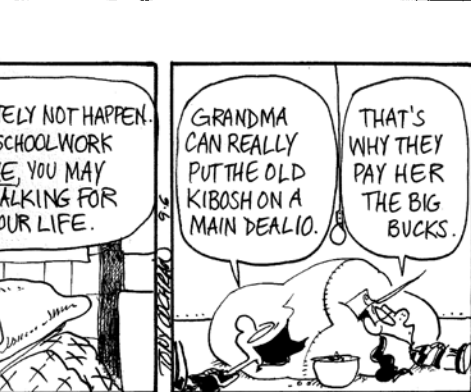
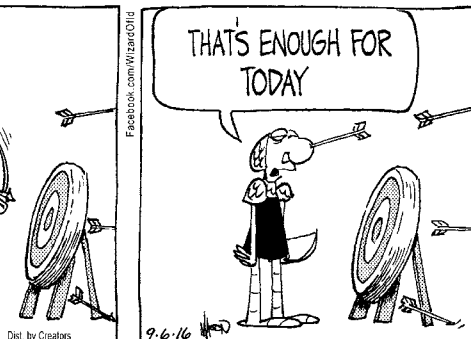
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 6, the 250th day of 2016. There are 116 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 6, 1916, the first self-serve grocery store, Piggly Wiggly, was opened in Memphis, Tennessee, by Clarence Saunders. (The store was set up to allow customers to hand-pick their groceries from shelves, rather than request them from a clerk standing behind a counter.)

On this date: In 1861, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant occupied Paducah, Kentucky, during the Civil War.

In 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz (CHAWL'-gawsh) at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. (McKinley died eight days later; Czolgosz was executed on October 29.)

In 1925, the silent film horror classic "The Phantom of the Opera," starring Lon Chaney, had its world premiere at the Astor Theater in New York.

In 1939, the Union of South Africa declared war on Germany.

In 1943, 79 people were killed

when a New York-bound Pennsylvania Railroad train derailed and crashed in Philadelphia.

In 1954, groundbreaking took place for the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in western Pennsylvania.

In 1966, birth control advocate Margaret Sanger died in Tucson, Arizona, at age 86, eight days before her birthday. South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd (fehr-FOORT') was stabbed to death by an apparently deranged page during a parliamentary session in Cape Town.

In 1970, Palestinian guerrillas seized control of three U.S.-bound jetliners. (Two were later blown up on the ground in Jordan, along with a London-bound plane hijacked on Sept. 9; the fourth plane was destroyed on the ground in Egypt. No hostages were harmed.)

In 1975, 18-year-old tennis star Martina Navratilova of Czechoslovakia, in New York for the U.S. Open, requested political asylum in the United States.

In 1985, all 31 people aboard a Midwest Express Airlines DC-9 were killed when the Atlanta-bound jetliner crashed just after takeoff from Milwaukee's Mitchell Field.

In 1991, the Soviet Union recognized the independence of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Russian lawmakers upheld a decision by residents of Leningrad to restore the city's pre-revolutionary name, St. Petersburg.

In 1997, a public funeral was held for Princess Diana at Westminster Abbey in London, six days after her death in a car crash in Paris.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush acknowledged for the first time that the CIA was running secret prisons overseas and said tough interrogation had forced terrorist leaders to reveal plots to attack the United States and its allies. Anibal Sanchez threw a no-hitter in his 13th career start as the Florida Marlins beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 2-0.

Five years ago: A man with a rifle opened fire in an IHOP restaurant in Carson City, Nevada, killing three of five uniformed National Guard members.

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| ACROSS | DOWN | | |
| 1 Make suitable | 1 Passed with flying colors | 9 She's honored in May | 35 McIntosh or Delicious |
| 6 Overly proper | 2 Titled British woman | 10 Smallest acceptable amount | 38 Up-or-down walk-around |
| 10 Pays for | 3 Sound boosters | 11 Great Salt Lake state | 43 Bird on an "It's a Girl!" sign |
| 14 Bit part for a big star | 4 5 Down, for one | 12 Meditative exercise | 46 Bad-tempered |
| 15 Make over | 5 Peke or Chihuahua | 13 Erupt | 48 Mischief maker |
| 16 Resting on | 6 Self-satisfied neighbor | 18 Terse in speech | 50 Stovetop cooker |
| 17 Blowhard's false claim | 7 Package of paper | 23 Spooky | 51 Shopping center |
| 19 Fury | 8 Picks from a lineup | 24 Clueless look | 52 Opera solo |
| 20 __ Moines, IA | | 25 Beauty parlor | 53 Tidy |
| 21 Percussion instrument | | 26 Car parker | 54 Grade, for a test |
| 22 Donkey's sound | | 27 Martini garnish | 55 Trousers support |
| 24 No longer valid | | 28 Saudi Arabia | 56 Puts frosting on |
| 25 Appear to be | | 29 New staffer | 57 Gumbo vegetable |
| 26 Sea journey | | 30 Spirited horse | 60 Lion constellation |
| 29 Han Solo portrayer Ford | | 31 Having debts | 61 Cable film channel |
| 33 Baldwin of 30 Rock | | 32 Lariat loop | |

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NFL

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an eye-popping start that was capped by a playoff appearance and being selected Offensive Rookie of the Year. Injuries and inconsistency marked the rest of his tenure, eventually losing his starting job to Kirk Cousins. Career stats: 8,097 yards passing, 40 TDs, 23 INTs; 1,480 yards rushing, 8 TDs. MALIK JACKSON, DL, JAGUARS

A key player on Denver's Super Bowl-winning defense, Jackson was in high demand in free agency this offseason after five sacks, a safety and seven passes defended last season. He signed a six-year, \$90 million deal with Jacksonville, making

him one of the NFL's highest-paid defensive linemen. Career stats: 134 total tackles, 14 sacks, 15 passes defended, 2 forced fumbles.

LAMAR MILLER, RB, TEXANS

After a successful four-year run in Miami that included nearly 2,000 yards rushing and 16 touchdowns the last two seasons, Miller signed with Houston for four years in March. The 25-year-old running back showed good versatility while with the Dolphins and is expected to carry much of the workload in the Texans' backfield. Career stats: 2,930 yards, 19 TDs; 117 catches, 887 yards, 3 TDs.

DeMARCO MURRAY, RB, TITANS

Murray went from being the NFL's rushing leader in 2014 with Dallas to becoming

a frustrated and sometimes-forgotten part of Philadelphia's backfield under Chip Kelly last season. The two-time Pro Bowl selection had just one 100-yard game with the Eagles, who traded him to Tennessee in March. He'll try to revive his career while teaming with rookie Derrick Henry in the Titans' powerful backfield. Career stats: 5,228 yards, 34 TDs; 215 catches, 1,522 yards, 2 TDs.

JOSH NORMAN, CB, RED-SKINS

The chatty, opinionated and extremely talented cornerback is coming off a career breakthrough with Carolina that was capped by a Super Bowl appearance, his first Pro Bowl selection and included an on-field back-and-forth with the Giants' Odell Beckham Jr. during a game. The Pan-

thers placed the franchise tag on him in the offseason, but then rescinded it when they couldn't come to a long-term agreement. He became an unrestricted free agent and signed a five-year, \$75 million deal with Washington. Career stats: 7 INTs (2 for TDs), 181 total tackles, 37 passes defended, 4 forced fumbles.

ERIC WEDDLE, S, RAVENS

The three-time Pro Bowl pick and two-time first-team All-Pro was known for his bushy beard and ballhawking skills in nine seasons with San Diego. He was the glue of the Chargers' defense and led them in tackles five times, but friction between Weddle and the team led to a bitter divorce. Career stats: 19 INTs (3 TDs), 850 total tackles, 6 1/2 sacks.

ASTROS

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the first and scored when Altuve doubled. Bregman's home run came off Jeff Man- ship, who relieved Clevinger in the second.

The Astros called up Bregman, who has reached base in 19 consecutive games, from Triple-A Fresno on July 25.

"It's been fun because we've been winning," he said. "That's all I'm focused on. I couldn't care less what my numbers are at the end of

the year."

Houston added three runs in the seventh on Yuli Gurriel's sacrifice fly, a throwing error by Cleveland second baseman Jason Kipnis and an infield single by Colby Rasmus.

Clevinger made his sixth start of the season, but first

since Aug. 13 after five relief appearances.

Tomlin, who was 0-5 in six August starts, allowed an infield single in the ninth. Perci Garner, Joe Colon, Dan Otero, Bryan Shaw and Cody Anderson also pitched for Cleveland.

BRISTOL

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Three years earlier, the company needed nine days to install turf in StubHub Center in Los Angeles for the 2012 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl.

A drivers' meeting room was reconfigured into a locker room for Tennessee. A tire mounting area now is Virginia Tech's locker room. The coaches' boxes and radio booths are where NASCAR officials generally monitor races. Technology was installed to allow instant replay and communication between

coaches.

"It's a bit surreal," Caldwell said. "It's been a lot of fun to take people in who haven't seen it. The common word they use is 'breathtaking' to walk in and see this place completely converted. It feels like a football stadium."

But of course, it's not.

Rather than having video scoreboards at each end zone, Bristol has Colossus — a 700-ton overhead scoreboard with four high-resolution screens that is suspended above the infield. The seats and coaches' boxes are much farther away from the field here than at a typical football sta-

dium. Tennessee assistant athletic director for events management David Elliott said, "We're telling both teams to have a ton of binoculars up in the coaches' booth so they can see better there."

Both teams plan to visit the field for a walk-through Friday. Virginia Tech coach Justin Fuente said he doesn't do that for all road games but feels it's essential this week so his players get acclimated to this unique environment and coaches can get a sense of their perspective from the boxes. Jones said the biggest challenge is making sure players focus on

football and not the atmosphere.

All this work isn't just for one football game.

A week after Tennessee-Virginia Tech, Football Championship Subdivision programs East Tennessee State and Western Carolina will play here in front of a significantly smaller crowd. ETSU athletic director Richard Sander says it's still "a once-in-a-lifetime situation to play in that venue."

It's certainly a step up for an ETSU program currently playing home games on a high school field while waiting for its new stadium.

After that game, Bristol will be converted

back into a racetrack. Stahlbaum said the stone base used to even out the infield will be reused around the property, while the field will be rolled up and stored.

In the meantime, speedway officials will look for the next opportunity for this type of event.

"Our hope is that this will lead to other things," Caldwell said. "Motorsports will remain our core business, it's who we are, but we really think this will open us up to new opportunities, other football games, possibly other sports or other entertainment events."

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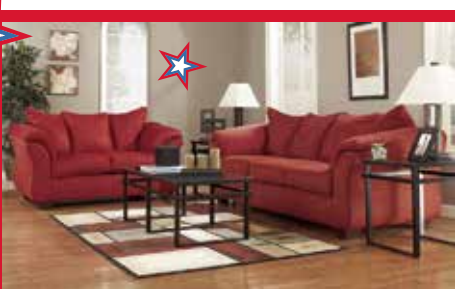
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