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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

U.S. President Barack Obama pauses as he speaks during a news conference at the Landmark Mekong Riverside Hotel in Vientiane, Laos, Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016, after attending the ASEAN Summit. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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[Obama: Americans will reject Trump's 'wacky' ideas](#)

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — President Barack Obama said Thursday that Republican Donald Trump proves he isn't president "every time he speaks," adding that he is confident Americans will ultimately reject the brash billionaire.

Clinton, Trump confront weaknesses in security forum

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton confronted their key weaknesses in a televised national security forum with the Republican defending his preparedness to be commander in chief despite vague plans for tackling global terrorism and the Democrat arguing that her controversial email practices did not expose questionable judgment.

WHY IT MATTERS: Immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — THE ISSUE: An estimated 11 million people are living and in many cases working in the United States illegally. The questions of what to do with them and how to curb future illegal immigration have been a campaign issue for a decade. Never more so than now. Illegal immigration goes to the heart of Donald Trump's presidential campaign, a source of his strength among supporters, contention among critics and confusion over what he really intends to do.

ICYMI

In this Sept. 6, 2016, photo, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks to members of the media or campaign plane as she travels to Tampa. When Clinton met up with her brand new campaign plane, she greeted reporters who had climbed aboard and then made a surprise move: a bee-line to the dozens of journalists seated in the back. (AP Photo/Chris Harnik)

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