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## "WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

Dixville Notch's first voter, Clay Smith, drops his ballot in the box as moderator Tom Tillotson watches on Tuesday in Dixville Notch, New Hampshire. Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton beat Republican Donald Trump 4-2 there as the billionaire ended up winning the post-midnight vote count 32-25 after two nearby small towns weighed in. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — After nearly two years of bitterness and rancor, America will elect its 45th president Tuesday, choosing Hillary Clinton the nation's first female commander in chief or choosing billionaire businessman Donald Trump, who has upended U.S. politics.

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ICYMI

The line of voters waiting to cast an early ballot at the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' office winds into the atrium Monday, Nov. 7, 2016, in San Jose, California. State election officials are bracing for a robust turnout. Unsubstantiated claims by GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump that the election is rigged and competing claims by Democrats that Republicans are planning to send vigilante observers to the polls have heightened tensions. (Ramman Kenoun/Santa Clara County Register of Voters via AP)

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