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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump smiles after speaking to an overflow room during a campaign rally Sept. 6, 2016, in Greenville, N.C. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

DAILY WASHINGTON NEWS

Trump faces national security test with speeches, forum

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Republican Donald Trump is unveiling a plan for a major increase in defense spending and trying to convince skeptics in both parties that he's ready to lead the world's most powerful military.

WHY IT MATTERS: Education

WASHINGTON (AP) — THE ISSUE: Hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars are spent each year on the country's education system. The U.S. has record-high graduation rates, 82 percent, but also stubborn achievement gaps and dismally lagging reading scores compared with other countries. And university degrees are leaving millions mired in debt. Few issues affect more lives of families like the state of education.

Showcasing Lao culture, Obama pushes back on US isolationism

LUANG PRABANG, Laos (AP) — President Barack Obama ventured Wednesday to a remote mountain town in Laos to visit a centuries-old Buddhist temple, gently chiding Americans to resist turning a blind eye to the world outside their borders.

ICYMI

U.S. President Barack Obama drinks from a fresh coconut along the banks of the Mekong River in the Luang Prabang, Laos, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)



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