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Eleven GOP candidates fill the stage Wednesday during the CNN Republican presidential debate at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, Calif. From left: U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, retired pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson, real estate mogul Donald Trump, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, Ohio Gov. John Kasich and N.J. Gov. Chris Christie.

GOP hopefuls debate Russia, immigration — and Trump.

By **JULIE PACE**
and **STEVE PEOPLES**
The Associated Press

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — Along with the back-and-forth bickering over Donald Trump, the Republican presidential contest took a substantive and serious turn in Wednesday's prime-time debate, with candidates wrangling over immigration, gay marriage and foreign affairs.

The policy shift quieted Trump, the brash billionaire who has roiled the GOP field, for long stretches during the three-hour debate and appeared to come as a relief to other candidates who have struggled to break through.

Carly Fiorina, the only woman in the GOP field, was one of the main benefactors, launching an emotional plea for defunding Planned Parenthood, touting her experience in business and taking aim at Trump for derogatory comments he made about her appearance.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who came into the debate facing questions about whether he had the grit to take on Trump, also engaged directly with the real estate mogul while still trying to fulfill his promise to run a joyful campaign.

In one exchange that typified the broader battle within



Real estate mogul Donald Trump and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio answer questions at Wednesday's CNN presidential debate.

the Republican Party, Bush and Trump clashed over the influence of big-money donors who have helped the former governor raise more than \$100 million. Trump, who is largely financing his own campaign, said of campaign contributors: "I understand the game, I've been on the other side my entire life and they have a lot of control over our politicians."

Voters' frustration

Trump's unexpected rise and surprising durability is seen as a reflection of voters' frustration with Washington and career politicians. As the son and brother of presidents, Bush more than any other candidate is seen as a representative of the status quo.

Fiorina, the former Hewlett-Packard executive, is also seeking to capitalize on her outsider status. She was making her first appearance on the main debate stage after a standout performance in an undercard event last month.

Fiorina emphasized how her business background would help during negotiations with difficult world leaders, including Russia's president.

"Vladimir Putin would get the message," she said. A third outsider — soft-spoken retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson — entered the debate with high expectations after a recent rise in the polls that determine debate participation. But he largely faded to the background on the crowded debate stage.

Even in a lengthy debate, the 11-candidate field limited the amount of time each participant had to make his case to the American people.

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio sought to take advantage of his moments, reminding voters about his compelling personal story, including his parents' move to the U.S. from Cuba. He also argued he was most qualified to be commander in chief in a turbulent world.



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Paula Francis, left, and Ginny Sassaman are walking across the country to boost awareness of Gross National Happiness. They are committed to spreading the idea that happiness can be measured on a scale.

Measuring the Gross National Happiness

Two women are walking across country to ask folks what makes them happy.

By **SAM BURROUGHS**
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For these two women, problem-solving is a matter of connecting at the heart, but getting from one heart to the next can involve a lot of walking.

Paula Francis and Ginny Sassaman have been a part of a movement that involves walking across the country to spread the idea that happiness can be measured on a scale.

The idea is called Gross National Happiness. It takes the concept of quantifiable, nearly-tangible data and applies it to the concept of being happy to measure a nation's richness.

It is based on the concept of gross domestic product or gross national product. They believe that while those are good measurements for some things, it does not do the job

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— Paula Francis

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Paula Francis and Ginny Sassaman call their journey a listening project. They are going to walk around the country — an estimated 8,000 miles — to ask people what makes them happy and collect their responses.

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of measuring the overall happiness of a nation.

"It's used inappropriately or put out there as something that we measure ourselves against," Francis said. "It was never intended to be a measure of well being. What we have instead is nothing that really captures the full richness of life."

According to the Gross National Happiness USA website, the movement wants to provide a framework for personal and systemic decision making.

Francis and Sassaman call it a listening project. They are going to walk around the country — an estimated 8,000 miles — to ask people what makes them happy and collect their responses.

They walk with the outcome of each day depending on the people they encounter. On Tuesday, they were in Macclenny when someone stopped to ask if they wanted a ride to Lake City.

"It's an incredible journey for us because it really makes a person more optimistic and hopeful because all of these strangers step forward and open their hearts and open their homes," Sassaman said.

The greatest danger they said they've faced is animals. Francis has been nipped at by a dog, and they've found carcasses of a poisonous snake called a water moccasin on their path.

They've run into veterans who have sat at the feet of Rosa Parks, been stopped and given bug spray, taken rides from people and have stayed

at the homes of complete strangers.

"Two days ago we had one friend who had flown in from California to join us for a couple of days and then she dropped us off and we were just getting our things together in front of the Jacksonville Zoo to get ready to walk and this family pulled up — mom, dad, a couple of kids," Sassaman said.

After hearing about the project, the family offered the women a place to stay.

"We ended up staying two nights there," Sassaman said. "This happens all along the way, and one of the beautiful, beautiful things about this walk is that you can get the impression that world is populated with lots of nasty people and certainly there are some ... (but) when you do this walk, so many people step forward and say, 'Can we help you?'"

For them, happiness operates on a metric system that they hope can be nationally applied to all aspects of life, and they've been walking the nation to gather the data to prove it.

"We've walked from Montreal, Canada, down to Jacksonville and now we're heading west," Francis said. "We've done this in sections because we have families back at home and what not, and so we are fitting it into our lives."

Home for them is in Vermont, where they both originally learned about the movement.

"We were inspired by this tiny, little kingdom of Bhutan," Sassaman said of the organization.

According to Sassaman, a king of Bhutan, a south Asian country, was asked what their gross national product was. His said he did not care about the gross

national product, what he cared about was the gross national happiness of his people.

Sassaman, a former communications director in Washington, D.C., and Francis, a former community organizer, quit their jobs to walk down this path.

"It took us a couple of years to figure out how we could set up our life and still go out on the road," Francis said. "So my kids are all grown, they are out on their own, so the door has kind of opened up."

Initially, in 2012, they walked from Vermont to Washington, D.C., recording what people said really matters most to them. The most common response: family.

"You would think (responses) would be all over the place," Francis said. "But what matters most in life is very simple and very clear, so far, is family and relationships. People need people in their lives and to be caring for one another."

The next year they did a walk up to Montreal and then back down to Washington.

It's a slow journey, and they connect every step. They walk from one point to the next. If they take breaks or detours, they go back to their last stopping point. Francis says they go

back to walk every step forward.

By Nov. 23 they plan to be around Baton Rouge. After that, they plan to be home for Thanksgiving and back on the road in January. By 2017, they plan to be in Seattle.

The logistics can get complicated, and it's not always a linear process, according to Francis. The point of it is to gather information that will allow people to recognize that happiness is something that can be achieved.

"This is really a call to action," Francis said. "We're saying don't just recognize what is important but do something about it because happiness doesn't just happen. There's got to be an intention, and it's something we need to work at."

Gospel music festival set Oct. 23-25 in Madison

From staff reports

The Jellystone Park Jam, a festival celebrating Southern gospel music, will be held Oct. 23-25 at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison, located in Madison County just south of the Florida-Georgia line.

More than a dozen musical acts are slated to perform, including the Masseys, the Backwoods Boys, LifeSong, Perfect Grace, Sounds of Joy,

Psalm 101, Mended Heart Quartet, Simple Faith Quartet, the Stephen Jones Band, Reflectsons, the Groves Family, Celebration Singers and Logan Smith.

Guest speaker Sunday morning is Dale Thigpen.

Admission to the three-day music fest is free, but love offerings will be collected.

Visit jellystoneparkjam.com or call 850-464-0114 or 229-300-3899.

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issued Wednesday.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement said 29,000 IP addresses were used in the cyberattack. IP addresses are meant to identify computers on the Internet, though they can be hijacked or spoofed.

"While some of the IP addresses used in this attack were based in the United States, most were believed to be in foreign countries," the agency said. "FDLE did not identify a suspect or a motive for the DDoS attacks."

The investigation appears to close out a stormy chapter in the history of the state's new test, known as the Florida Standards Assessment.

The attack was part of a series of embarrassing technological snags that hampered the spring roll-out of the assessment, the latest standardized

tests for the state's public schools. The attacks hit the testing platform operated by American Institutes for Research, a nonprofit group that signed a six-year, \$220 million deal to design the test.

While the attacks were blamed for some of the trouble that students had accessing the test, there were also widespread delays before the computer assault began. The state is pursuing sanctions against the group for the glitches.

As a result of the problems and a general public uproar about over-testing, lawmakers scaled back tests and required a third-party review of the test before it could be used for accountability measures such as school grades and teacher evaluations.

The Florida Department of Education announced earlier this month that the review found the test to be valid.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Lake City has tentatively adopted a budget for 2016. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

205 NORTH MARION AVENUE

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32055

BUDGET SUMMARY

CITY OF LAKE CITY

FISCAL YEAR 2015 - 2016

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY ARE 1% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Enterprise Funds	Total All Funds
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ESTIMATED REVENUES

Taxes:	Millage Per \$1000			
Ad Valorem Taxes	4.0444	\$ 2,742,206		\$ 2,742,206
Non Property Taxes		4,125,631		\$ 4,125,631

Sons of the American Revolution to meet Oct. 5