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# Roof

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submitted by March 15 if the city to receive reimbursement.

Although Councilwoman Kathryn E. Leonard expressed opposition to the plan during the meeting and asked many questions, in the end she voted with the majority, also 7-0, in a second and separate vote to submit the application and plan to the state.

The architect and engineers reviewed all the work that would be necessary at Rogers High School to complete repairs and maintenance as part of a five-year plan. This was also done for the Newport Career and Technical Center, Thompson Middle School and Pell Elementary School, but the majority of the work would be necessary at the high school.

The five-year capital improvement plan is detailed and lists costs of each item. For example, replacing the running track would cost \$460,000; removing a 10,000-gallon oil tank would cost \$17,920; and replacing plumbing fixtures would cost \$81,750. The total cost to do everything on the list in all the schools would be \$26.49 million.

"This does not obligate the city to anything," City Manager

Joseph J. Nicholson Jr. told the council members. "It is an effort to get about \$945,000 by my estimation back in our coffers. The roof is the only thing with dedicated funding. I submit that a CIP (capital improvement plan) is a concept only. You make the ultimate decision on what to fund and not to fund."

"The Rogers roof has to be replaced no matter what we do tonight," Nicholson said. "The roof is in decrepit shape. The only question is whether we can do the project for \$2 million when it costs \$3 million."

If the heating system for Rogers High School breaks down in the future — which happened in City Hall last week — then the city only has a chance for future state reimbursement if the antiquated heating system is in the CIP, Nicholson argued.

Mayor Jeanne-Marie Napolitano said she and Vice Chairman Marco T. Camacho spoke at length with state Department of Education officials earlier in the day, and they agreed with Nicholson's assessment.

This week, Carlin, School Committee member Robert J. Leary and Leonard argued submitting the capital plan would obligate the city to picking up a significant portion of the total cost of the projects. Carlin

argued persistently Wednesday night that the taxpayers would have to pay at least \$13 million over the next five years to qualify for further funding beginning in the sixth year.

"Some members of the School Committee may not mind that a plan to request city taxpayers spend \$26 million, is sent to them with only 24 hours notice before a proposed vote," Carlin wrote in a posting on the Knowing Newport blog on Wednesday. "I am not one of those members."

He received multiple reactions to his criticism.

"This is an affront to all Newport taxpayers in it's blatant lack of process, deception and financial implications," wrote Robert S. Walker in response, calling himself a "Third Ward taxpayer."

"I hope the council will help stop this irresponsible, ill advised proposal dead in its tracks without delay," Walker wrote.

"The school board has run amok for years," Herb Armstrong wrote. "This is just a continuation of their path and results from a lack of any real oversight by either the City Council or the taxpayers."

Another resident of the Third Ward wrote that she had heard from Leonard that the

City Council would be asked to spend \$26 million for schools. Napolitano recounted statements like these and other claims, all of which she called "rumors."

"It is the politics of fear," she said.

"There is a lack of accountability when it comes to presenting facts," Councilman John Florez said. "People are entitled to their own opinions, but not to their own facts."

"As local representatives, we need to exercise caution about what we put out in the blogosphere," he said.

Florez said he was not directing his comments to any particular elected representatives.

"This act (of submitting the application and CIP plan) spends no money," Councilman Justin S. McLaughlin said. "It does not spend a dime."

The council majority, including council members Naomi L. Neville and Lynn Underwood Ceglie, praised the work that went into creating the plan, because it lists possible projects for the future and would allow the city to seek state reimbursement for them.

"It's a great document," McLaughlin said.

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## ELECTION 2016: PRESIDENT

# Hispanic issues are addressed in latest debate

MIAMI (AP) — Fighting for Florida and beyond, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders tangled in an intense debate Wednesday night over who's the true friend of American Hispanics, trading accusations over guest worker programs "akin to slavery" and the embracing of "vigilantes" against immigrants.

They had even worse things to say about Republican front-runner Donald Trump.

Facing off just six days before Florida gives its verdict on the presidential race, Clinton faulted Sanders for repeatedly voting against a 2007 comprehensive immigration reform bill; he faulted her for opposing a 2007 effort to let people who were in the country illegally obtain driver's licenses.

Had the immigration package passed back then, Clinton said, "a lot of the issues we are still discussing today would be in the rearview mirror."

Sanders retorted that he opposed the legislation because it included a guest worker program "akin to slavery."

The debate opened with a question that appeared to startle Clinton.

Univision's Jorge Ramos asked her if she would drop out of the race if indicted over the handling of her email while secretary of state.

"Oh for goodness, that is not going to happen," Clinton declared. "I'm not even answering that question."

The FBI is investigating the possibility of mishandling of sensitive information that passed through Clinton's private email server.

Sanders, as he has in the past, declined to bite on the issue, saying, "The process will take its course." He said he'd rather talk about the issues of wealth and income inequality.

Both candidates were bidding for momentum after Sanders surprised Clinton with an upset victory in Michigan on Tuesday.

Clinton stressed that she has a strong lead in the delegates, declaring, "This is a marathon,

and it is a marathon that can only be carried by the kind of campaign I am running."

Sanders said his Michigan surprise was evidence that his message is resonating.

"We are going to continue to do extremely well," he said, adding that he expects to convince superdelegates who are backing Clinton to switch to his column.

Immigration commanded considerable attention for good reason: Florida is home to nearly 1.8 million Hispanics, including about 15 percent of the state's Democrats.

Hispanic voters have made up about 10 percent of voters in the Democratic primaries so far this year, and Clinton has been getting about two-thirds of their votes to about one-third for Sanders. The Vermont senator stresses that he's making progress on winning over younger Hispanics.

Clinton at one point accused Sanders of supporting legislation that would have led to indefinite detention of people facing deportation, and for standing with Minutemen vigilantes. He called that notion "ridiculous" and "absurd," and accused Clinton of picking small pieces out of big legislative packages to distort his voting record.

"No, I do not support vigilantes and that is a horrific statement and an unfair statement to make," he said.

For all the disagreements, the overall tone of the candidates was considerably less tense than their Sunday faceoff. Sanders even paused at one point to make fun of his own pronunciation of "huge" as "yuge."

Both found agreement in pointing to GOP front-runner Trump as markedly worse on immigration than either of them.

Clinton mocked Trump's plan for a wall on the Mexican border, saying he'd build "the most beautiful tall wall, better than the great wall of China" to be "magically" paid for by Mexico. That, she said, is a fantasy.

# Trump

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Sen. Marco Rubio on Wednesday, and planned to meet with Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich today, said Kristy Campbell, Bush's former campaign spokeswoman. She provided no details.

Bush and Trump engaged in heated confrontations throughout Bush's campaign, repeatedly referring to each other as a "loser."

Rubio took Bush's attacks a step further in recent weeks, poking fun at Trump's tan, hair and hand size. Now, in the midst of a weeklong march through Florida to save his candidacy, Rubio concedes he made a mistake.

"My kids were embarrassed by it and if I had it to do over again I wouldn't," he said on MSNBC Wednesday night.

Cruz intensified his own bid to blunt Trump's momentum with an endorsement from a former rival, retired business executive Carly Fiorina, who offers him an immediate dose of credibility with his party's

skeptical donor class.

Acknowledging many mainstream Republicans fear Cruz is too conservative, Fiorina told a Miami crowd that she's "horrified" by Trump.

"The truth is that Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are two sides of the same coin," she charged. "It is time now to unite behind the one man who can beat Donald Trump, who can beat Hillary Clinton."

As the competing calls for unity suggest, the Republican Party's 2016 contest is far from settled a week before the high-stakes contests in Florida and Ohio that could finish off home-state candidates Rubio and John Kasich or resurrect their anemic candidacies.

On the Democratic side, Bernie Sanders surprised front-runner Hillary Clinton with a win Tuesday night in Michigan, a victory that breathed new life into his White House bid and forecast a longer Democratic contest. But Clinton, who won Mississippi, padded her delegate lead and is now halfway to the number needed to clinch the nomination.

Tuesday's contests in

Michigan, Mississippi, Idaho and Hawaii signaled bad news for Republican officials across the country who fear that both Trump and Cruz — the day's only GOP winners — are wholly unelectable in a general election.

"The Republican establishment is in its death throes," said longtime tea party leader Mark Meckler. "The only remaining candidates are 100 percent anti-establishment."

Trying to put the focus back on Clinton, the Republican National Committee on Wednesday filed a federal lawsuit against the Obama administration trying to force the release of additional communications between Clinton's State Department, her campaign and senior aides.

"If this administration claims to be the 'most transparent in history,' and Clinton the 'most transparent person in public life,' then they should prove it, release these records, and allow the American people to hold her accountable," RNC chairman Reince Priebus said.

Yet the 2016 political conversation still focused largely on

Republican infighting as the fight to stop Trump shifted to five states that will vote next Tuesday — none bigger than Florida and Ohio.

Trump has won and 15 of 24 Republican nominating contests so far but he still must do better to win the nomination before the GOP's national convention this summer.

His lead over Cruz grew by only 15 delegates Tuesday. That's because all four states awarded delegates proportionally, so even the second-place finisher got some. In the overall race for delegates, Trump has 458 and Cruz has 359. Rubio has 151 delegates and Kasich has 54.

It takes 1,237 delegates to win the Republican nomination for president.

For Democrats, Clinton has accumulated 1,221 delegates and Sanders 571, including superdelegates. Democrats need 2,383 delegates to win the nomination.

The delegate math highlights the importance of primaries in states like Ohio and Florida, which allocate all of their delegates to the winner.

# Google

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testing, but, in a first, accepted at least partial responsibility for this crash.

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority released the video and post-crash photos this week to The Associated Press under a public records request.

Though it was a low-speed collision, the impact crumpled the Lexus' front left side, flattened the tire and tore off the radar Google installed to help the SUV perceive its surroundings.

The Lexus had to be towed. Neither the Google employee in the driver's seat — who must be there under California law to take the wheel in an emergency — nor the 16 people on the bus were injured.

The transit agency has concluded based on the footage that the bus driver was not responsible, spokeswoman Stacey Hender Ross said. An independent claims adjuster has not yet determined liability, she said.

Here are a few other things to know about the crash and Google's self-driving cars:

**IS THIS THE FIRST CRASH FOR A GOOGLE CAR?:** No. The Feb. 14 crash is the first in which Google has acknowledged its car made a mistake that led to a collision.

Google has reported that between September 2014 and November, its prototypes drove themselves about 400,000 miles on city streets near its Silicon Valley headquarters without causing a collision.

Its fleet has likely driven an additional 100,000 miles since then, though the company won't be specific. According to Google's accounting, its cars have been hit nearly a dozen times on the streets in or around its Mountain View headquarters since road testing began in spring 2014.

**HOW DID THE CRASH HAPPEN?:** The Lexus intended to turn right off a major boulevard but stopped after detecting sandbags around a storm drain near the intersection, according to an accident report Google filed with the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

Photos show two small, black sandbags on either side of a drain at the curb. The right lane was wide enough to let some cars turn and others go straight, but to avoid driving over the sandbags, the Lexus needed to slide to its left within the lane. The bus and several other cars that drove straight were to the left of the Lexus, in the same lane.

When the light turned green, several cars ahead of the bus passed the SUV. Google has said that both the car's software and the person in the



This photo provided by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority shows damage to a self-driving Lexus SUV, operated by Google, that collided with a public bus in Mountain View, Calif.

driver's seat thought the bus would let the Lexus into the flow of traffic. The Google employee did not try to intervene before the crash.

**WHAT DOES THE VIDEO SHOW?:** The footage shows angles from eight onboard cameras.

In one clip, passengers gazing out on a sunny afternoon are jolted to attention by a scraping, crunching sound and the impact, which causes several hand straps to sway.

In another clip, the Lexus RX450 can be seen bouncing off the side of the bus. Photos show a long scratch mark traversing the side of the bus. The car's radar unit ended up wedged in the crack where two side passenger doors of the bus join, cracking a glass panel.

A camera trained on the driver shows him open his mouth in surprise, then gesture as if to say, "Why did you just hit my bus?"

Damage to the bus was between \$2,000 and \$3,000, the transit agency said Wednesday. Google would not disclose the cost to fix its car.

**SURPRISING MOVE:** Google has said that safety is its guiding principle in developing the cars, and that once mature, the technology promises to reduce collisions and deaths dramatically.

The software that controls the cars is programmed to follow all traffic laws and to drive conservatively, the company said.

The law-abiding algorithms that rule the SUV's onboard computer make its decision to try and slip in front of the bus surprising.

Footage shows there was not much more than a full car length between the bus and the GMC Yukon in front of it.

Google said it has tweaked its software to "more deeply understand that buses and other large vehicles are less likely to yield to us than other types of vehicles."

because of years of child abuse, Myers said, and that prevented him from acting with premeditation the morning he stabbed Chiodo.

"(James was) impaired to control his impulses, impaired to control himself that morning on that bus," Myers said.

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## WEATHER

### COASTAL RHODE ISLAND

Today, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain after noon. High near 56. Tonight, rain, patchy fog. Low around 46.

### EXTENDED

Friday, cloudy through mid-morning with a chance of rain before 8 a.m. Gradual clearing. High near 54. Friday night, mostly clear. Low around 39.

Saturday, sunny. High near 52. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Low around 44.

Sunday, partly sunny. High near 52.

### MARINE

Today, southwest wind 5-10 knots. Waves 1 foot or less. Tonight, southwest wind 5-10 knots, becoming northwest after midnight. Waves 1 foot or less.

### TIDES, ETC.

Today's high tides: 8:34 a.m., 8:55 p.m. Low tides: 1:56 a.m., 2:13 p.m.

Today's sunrise 6:04, sunset 5:47.

Wednesday's temperatures: high 57, low 41.

## LOTTERIES

### Wednesday's numbers

**RHODE ISLAND**  
Numbers Midday: 1-2-5-7  
Numbers Evening: 7-6-9-8

**POWERBALL**  
14-23-32-34-68  
Powerball 3

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### PUBLIC MEETING NAVAL STATION NEWPORT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING

**Wednesday, March 16, 2016**  
**Courtyard Marriott, Middletown**  
**9 Commerce Drive**  
**Middletown, RI**  
**Meeting begins at 6:30 pm**

You can meet fellow citizens and representatives from the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and you can help plan studies and restorations of cleanup sites.

Additional information regarding the Naval Station Newport Environmental Restoration Program is available at <http://go.usa.gov/DyNw>

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# Trial

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had met with James at the request of defense attorneys. Myers said he reviewed some of his medical records and interviewed James and his sister.

James has had PTSD since early adolescence