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## SECOND PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

# EYES ON THE PRIZE



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### At stake for Donald Trump

Republican needs rebound from tumultuous week

BY KEVIN McDERMOTT • St. Louis Post-Dispatch

**ST. LOUIS** • Practically every presidential debate these days gets billed as *the* make-or-break one. They usually aren't. But the one in St. Louis on Sunday really might be. It comes in the wake of Republican real estate mogul Donald Trump's widely panned performance against Democratic former Secretary

### At stake for Hillary Clinton

Up in polls, Democrat will be in Trump's crosshairs

of State Hillary Clinton in the first debate two weeks ago, which raised anew questions about his knowledge and temperament. Post-debate polls gave Clinton that contest by an almost 3-to-1 ratio. That was followed by the worst week in Trump's campaign and one of the worst in presidential campaign history — fat-shaming, porn

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## HOW DID WE GET HERE?

BY CHUCK RAASCH • St. Louis Post-Dispatch

**WASHINGTON** • Jeremy Walling was watching reruns of "The Golden Girls," the '80s and '90s hit sitcom featuring Bea Arthur and Betty White, when along came an "aha" moment. Arthur's character, Dorothy, butters up TV host Merv Griffin, whom she calls "bright" and

"charming." "You are the anti-Trump!" Dorothy declares. For Walling, it was the perfect sound bite connecting the rowdy politics and cultural chasms of this America, a predicate for the mixture of showmanship and Twitter attacks and the

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Five presidential debate moments that mattered  
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On Sunday, Washington University will host its fifth national political debate.

**Time** • 8-9:30 p.m.  
**Format** • It will be a town hall format in which hosts ask half the questions and members of an audience of undecided voters ask the rest. The candidates have two minutes to respond, with an additional minute for the moderator to facilitate discussion.

**Moderators** • Anderson Cooper of CNN and Martha Raddatz of ABC.  
**How to watch** • No tickets are available. The debate will be broadcast on all major networks and cable news channels. For the debate news and reactions from Post-Dispatch journalists, visit STLtoday.com.

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Gridlock under Clinton looks good for market  
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## Matthew batters coast, but Florida dodges worst-case destruction



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A highway in Flagler Beach, Fla., was partially washed away Friday by Hurricane Matthew. The storm spared Florida's most heavily populated stretch from a catastrophic blow but threatened some of the South's most historic cities with ruinous flooding and wind damage as it pushed its way up the coast.

Storm weakens, but threat remains as surge could spur dangerous flooding; officials push evacuation

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW  
Washington Post

**ORMOND BEACH, FLA.** • Hurricane Matthew churned along Florida's Atlantic Coast on Friday, looking increasingly as if its center would remain just off-shore as the storm battered the state with punishing rain, beach-swallowing sea surges and destructive wind gusts topping 100

mph. By late Friday afternoon, the strongest hurricane to menace the United States in a decade had weakened to a Category 2 storm, and it was clear that Florida had dodged some of the worst-case scenarios laid out by forecasters and public officials. Yet the danger wasn't past: See **HURRICANE** • Page A16



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