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CARL AZUZ, CNN STUDENT NEWS ANCHOR: We're glad to have you with us for a new day of CNN Student News. From the CNN Center, I'm Carl Azuz. Let's get things started today with a quick quiz!

Shoutout

MICHELLE WRIGHT, CNN STUDENT NEWS: Time for the Shoutout! Take a look at these people. What do they have in common? Are they all: A) presidential Cabinet members, B) Republican presidential candidates, C) Democratic presidential candidates or D) Governors? Here's a look at them again. You've got three seconds -- GO! These folks are Republicans hoping to become the next president. That's your answer and that's your Shoutout!

First Up: GOP Presidential Debate

AZUZ: And all of those White House hopefuls were in Iowa yesterday to debate the issues and each other. It's the last time that they'll all be on the same stage together before the state's presidential caucus next month. It's the first one in the nation and it's just three weeks away, which means it's crunch time for the candidates. Laura Taylor fills us in on what went down during Wednesday's debate.

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LAURA TAYLOR, CNN REPORTER: Republican presidential candidates debated for the final time before the January 3rd Iowa caucuses. Ron Paul said Americans should not have to make any sacrifices on the road to national debt reduction.

RON PAUL, (R) PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: We maintain an empire which we can't afford. We have 700 bases overseas. We're in 130 countries. We cut there.

TAYLOR: John McCain went to the head of the class with his stance on the quality of educators.

JOHN MCCAIN, (R) PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: We need to reward good teachers, and find bad teachers another line of work.

TAYLOR: Duncan Hunter said it's time to level the playing field on trade.

DUNCAN HUNTER, (R) PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: Stop China from cheating on trade.

TAYLOR: Joining the Republicans for his first major debate of the 2008 campaign, announced candidate and former ambassador Alan Keyes.

ALAN KEYES, (R) PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: I'm in favor of reducing global warming. I think the most important emission we need to control is the hot air emission of politicians who pretend and don't deliver.

TAYLOR: Seems all the GOP debates have had a reference to acting since Fred Thompson joined the lineup.

FRED THOMPSON, (R) PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: My goal is to get into Mitt Romney's situation, where I don't have to worry about taxes anymore. (laughter)

MITT ROMNEY, (R) PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: Five percent in your situation.

THOMPSON: Five percent? You know, you're getting to be a pretty good actor, actually. (laughter)

TAYLOR: Democratic candidates will debate on the same stage on Thursday. For CNN Student News, I'm Laura Taylor.

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Word to the Wise

WRIGHT: A Word to the Wise...

socioeconomic (adjective) based on a combination of the society and income levels of the people around you

Failing Grades

AZUZ: And a new report says that American students' socioeconomic status plays a big part in how well they do in school. Every few years, an international organization tests teenagers from around the world. The questions aren't just about what you learn in school; they're about how you might apply that information to real-life challenges. Christine Romans looks at the most recent results.

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CHRISTINE ROMANS, CNN REPORTER: American students' success is influenced more by their family wealth and socioeconomic status than children in other industrialized countries. This from an important international analysis of worldwide science and math scores.

GOV. BOB WEISS, ALLIANCE FOR EXCELLENT EDUCATION: One out of four of these students in the United States are low performing, and much of that is directly linked to socioeconomic status. And yet the American dream is that a good education gives everyone the ability to move ahead. Clearly, we are falling short on providing that good education.

ROMANS: The 2006 Program for International Student Assessment surveyed 15-year-olds in 57 countries. The newly released rankings alone are troublesome enough. American students rank 29 in science and 35 in math. But perhaps even worse: In America, a student's social and economic status has a stronger impact on their science and math scores, more than twice as much as the top scoring countries: Finland, Canada and Japan. Socioeconomic disparities have a strong impact on student performance in the U.S. Something must be done.

AMY WILKINS, THE EDUCATION TRUST: The formula is a pretty simple one. It is providing them with the very best teachers we have to offer. It is providing them with the sort of rich and challenging curriculum that middle class kids and more affluent kids get as a matter of course. It is expecting a lot from them. It is holding them to high standards.

ROMANS: But education advocates say the system is failing. These results seem to correspond with another recent analysis from the bipartisan Economic Mobility Project; finding the American Dream is not shared equally in this country. That report found only 6 percent of children born to parents at the bottom of the income scale ever make it to the top. Christine Romans, CNN, New York.

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Recruiting James Bond

AZUZ: If having a View to a Kill doesn't scare The Living Daylights out of you, then we've got a story that's For Your Eyes Only. MI6; It's home to arguably the most famous spy ever -- James Bond -- and the agency is recruiting. But it doesn't want any 007 wannabe's. Phil Black fills us in on what Her Majesty's Secret Service is looking for.

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PHIL BLACK, CNN REPORTER: Sometimes, James Bond's job doesn't seem that appealing.

JAMES BOND (FROM MOVIE): Do you expect me to talk?

GOLDFINGER (FROM MOVIE): No, Mr. Bond. I expect you to die.

BOND (FROM MOVIE): Oh no you don't.

BLACK: Sometimes it does. Bond is the iconic image of a British spy. Harry Ferguson was a real spy, a former MI6 officer. In the age of global terrorism, the British government needs lots of people who are like Harry, and many who are not.

HARRY FERGUSON, FORMER MI6 OFFICER: We want tall, short, fat, old, young; preferably young, because you get more mileage out of them when you train them. So, there shouldn't be a typical intelligence officer.

BLACK: So great is the demand for new talent in Britain's intelligence services, they are recruiting more openly and more creatively than ever before. The Government's Communications Headquarters, or GCHQ, is Britain's high-tech listening post. And now, to find computer-savvy new blood, it is posting job ads inside online video games.

ALAN THOMPSON, GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS: People who need to react in very quick time scales to deliver the needs for our services.

BLACK: MI5, Britain's domestic security service, has its own recruitment Web site. So does MI6, the foreign spy agency, where hopefuls can take an online test to see if they've got what it takes. And for the first time, MI6 officers and its chief recruiter have given a radio interview, shooting down the Bond myth.

MARK , MI6 HEAD OF RECRUITMENT (BBC RADIO): It does tend to turn up quite a lot of thrill seekers and fantasists, and we're really not interested in them.

BLACK: MI6 is based in this building on the River Thames. We know this because it was in a James Bond movie. So, working over there has nothing to do with fast cars, beautiful women or being licensed to kill. Those who've done the job say, in general terms, it's about getting other people around the world to reveal their secrets, often while risking their lives. They say it's hard work, never glamorous; but there are rare moments that almost live up to the hype.

FERGUSON: Because you're dealing with other countries' security, because you're dealing with terrorists, there are moments when it is the best job in the world.

BLACK: Gone are the days when spy recruits were tapped on the shoulder by university professors doubling as talent scouts. Britain now wants non-British-looking spies who speak obscure languages. Suave, trigger happy womanizers or man eaters need not apply.

WOMAN (FROM MOVIE): Who are you?

BOND (FROM MOVIE): Bond. James Bond.

BLACK: Phil Black, CNN, London.

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Before We Go

AZUZ: Before we go, history repeats itself, fashion style. The zebra stripes, the crazy colors; Zubaz are back! Now, you won't remember these patterned pants, but your teachers might. Back in the late 1980s, Zubaz were everywhere: on the street, at the gym, even on the sidelines of pro football games. But the fad flopped when the business went bust a decade ago. Then last month, one of the original creators relaunched the line.

DAN STOCK, ZUBAZ FOUNDER: What product can you buy that's gone down in price over 20 years, you know? Same quality. Same fit. We haven't changed or cheapened anything.

AZUZ: Except maybe the fashion industry. This wild wear might qualify as kitsch couture, or it could fall out of favor as a fashion faux pas. Either way, we say welcome back.

Goodbye

AZUZ: Because, let's face it, Zubaz is just fun to say. And that's where we say goodbye for today. But we hope to see you again tomorrow. Have a great day. I'm Carl Azuz.

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