

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Democratic presidential nominees since 1920, the first year women from every state were allowed to vote



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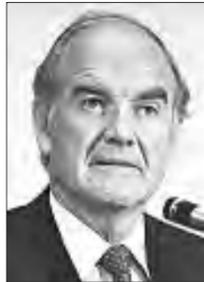
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BARACK OBAMA



HILLARY CLINTON

REFLECTIONS ON A GLASS CEILING

American women weigh in on what Hillary Clinton's nomination as the first female major-party presidential candidate means to them

Los Angeles Times staff

Whatever you may think of Hillary Clinton — and few are neutral — her accomplishment this week cannot be denied. Just as Barack Obama's election held deeper meaning for black voters, Clinton's nomination as the first female presidential candidate of a major party has a special resonance for women. That "highest, hardest glass ceiling" she famously put 18 million cracks in back in 2008 may finally give come November. We asked women of varying ages, back-

grounds and political leanings what they make of Clinton and this moment in history. Some embrace her wholeheartedly, saying it is long past time for a woman in the Oval Office. Some think the more meaningful barrier came down in 2008, when Americans elected the first black president. Some are ambivalent; the symbolism is important, they say, but the candidate is lacking. But there's one thing on which they all can agree: No matter who becomes the 45th president, this is a watershed moment for women in America. [See Women, A14]

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TRUMP RIDING A BIG BOUNCE IN POLL

The effect of Clinton's convention won't be known for days.

BY DAVID LAUTER

PHILADELPHIA — Donald Trump has gotten a significant boost from his party's nominating convention last week; now, Hillary Clinton will try for her own.

Clinton and her supporters won't know for several days how much Thursday's acceptance speech will improve her standing with voters — polls lag behind the events they measure because gathering accurate data takes time.

In Trump's case, the post-convention bounce started to show up in a significant way on Sunday in the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Daybreak tracking poll of the presidential race. The boost continued to build for several days, and Trump now holds a 7-percentage-point lead, 47% to 40%.

That represents a significant convention bounce — not a record, as Trump recently claimed, but a larger boost than candidates have averaged recently. Bill Clinton's 1992 convention holds the record for the biggest bounce, as much as 14 percentage points in some polls.

Already, Trump's increase in the poll has leveled off, but the full impact of the Democratic convention won't show up in the poll for days. That's because the Daybreak tracking poll presents a seven-day rolling average of responses. Four days of the current week of polling took place before the Democratic convention started.

Regardless of how voters ultimately respond to the Democratic gathering, Trump's success in the poll so far provides a cautionary note about convention analysis.

The GOP convention, particularly its first couple of days, got widely panned. Big-name speakers were absent, divisions within the party were on full display. [See Poll, A12]

In China, a question-filled journey back from death

BY JONATHAN KAIMAN

XIANGTAN, China — Nobody doubted the dead man's identity. He had been disfigured in the crash, but the white hair, the short stature — it all pointed to Ma Jixiang, who had gone missing in 2009.

Still, officials required a DNA test, and its results quelled any doubts.

His brother wept at the news. He had the body cremated and built a lavish tomb in the mountains. He put the tragedy behind him. No more waiting anxiously, no more haunting dreams.

And then, late last year, Ma Jixiang came home.

Now 58, he is still unable — or unwilling — to account for his six-year absence, but his family believes he was



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MA JIXIANG'S saga points up the plight of the mentally disabled.

kidnapped by human traffickers, sold to an illegal brick factory and released when he was too old and frail to work.

And although his story still contains unanswered questions — who actually died in that collision? — the astonishing mix-up shines a light on the invisibility of China's mentally disabled and the reality that despite being ruled by one of the world's most control-obsessed governments, citizens regularly manage to slip through the cracks.

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The Ma brothers, Jixiang and Jianjun, had lived separately in Xinlong village, a remote sprawl of rice paddies and tile farmhouses [See China, A4]



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SPRINTER English Gardner wins her 100-meter heat at July 3 Olympic trials.

Her name's pure gold

English Gardner is carrying U.S. medal hopes at Rio Games. She's used to shouldering a load.

BY HELENE ELLIOTT

Monica and Anthony Gardner were sure their second child was destined to do great things, so they tried to think of a name that would stand out as much as she would.

"My mom wanted to create a name that sounded cool over an intercom and that was really hard to forget. She said, 'Whatever my

baby is going to be, it's going to be something spectacular and my baby is going to be on some type of world stage,'" said that child, now 24. "Thus, English Gardner was born."

The name is easy to remember. So is the person who bears it, winner of the 100-meter dash at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials in Eugene, Ore., with the second-fastest wind-legal time in the world this

year, 10.74 seconds. Wind-legal times are times recorded when the wind is less than two meters per second, meaning the athlete hasn't benefited from excessive aid. Only six other women have ever recorded faster wind-legal times.

As Monica Gardner intended, English Gardner's name sounded majestic when she was announced as the winner, giving her a spot [See Gardner, A12]

China adopts new ride-hailing rules

Uber welcomes the changes, which lift a cloud of uncertainty over its future in the country. **BUSINESS, C1**

A smart, relevant spy cocktail

"Jason Bourne" is a "model of what mainstream entertainment can be," writes Kenneth Turan. **CALENDAR, E1**

Weather
Mostly sunny.
L.A. Basin: 88/68. **B8**

