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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

CLINTON VOWS STEADY HAND



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Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton walk through the falling balloons during the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia on Thursday.

By Julie Pace and Robert Furlow
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA » Promising Americans a steady hand, Hillary Clinton cast herself Thursday night as a unifier for divided times, an experienced leader steeled for a volatile world. She aggressively challenged Republican Donald Trump's ability to do the same.

"Imagine him in the Oval Of-

face facing a real crisis," Clinton said as she accepted the Democratic nomination for president. "A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons."

Clinton took the stage to roaring applause from flag-waving delegates on the final night of the Democratic convention, relishing her nomination as the first woman to lead a major U.S. political party. But her real audience was the millions of vot-

ers watching at home, many of whom may welcome her experience as secretary of state senator and first lady, but question her character.

She acknowledged those concerns briefly, saying "I get it that some people just don't know what to make of me." But her primary focus was persuading Americans to not be seduced by Trump's vague promises to restore economic security and fend off threats from abroad.

Clinton's four-day convention began with efforts to shore up liberals who backed Bernie Sanders in the Democratic primary and it ended with an outstretched hand to Republicans and independents unnerved by Trump. A parade of military leaders, law enforcement officials and Republicans took the stage ahead of Clinton to endorse her in the general election contest with Trump.

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SOBERANES FIRE

Crews focus on Palo Colorado

Blaze blackens almost 30,000 acres in six days

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BIG SUR » Fire crews were focusing resources on the Palo Colorado area on Thursday in the battle against the Soberanes Fire which has now blackened almost 30,000 acres and destroyed 41 homes and 10 outbuildings.

"We have a number of break lines protecting the Palo Colorado area," said Henry Herrera, Cal Fire public information officer. "The winds are blowing southeast, taking the fire into the (Los Padres) National Forest."

A map posted outside the fire-fighter command post in Toro Park showed the fire's progression over the last six days, illustrating the concerted efforts of Cal Fire and the U.S. Forest Service have a long way to go. On Thursday containment was increased to 15 percent and complete containment isn't expected until Aug. 31. It had been at 10 percent since Monday. The fire broke out the morning of July 22 south of Garrapata State Park.

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LAKE TAHOE

Study: Warmest water temps ever recorded threaten clarity

By Paul Rogers
Bay Area News Group

Lake Tahoe's water temperature last year hit the warmest level ever recorded, the latest evidence yet that climate change is altering California's iconic Sierra Nevada landmark.

Meanwhile, last winter saw just 24 days where the average air temperature dropped below freezing at the lake, scientists reported Thursday, and only 6 percent of the precipitation fell as snow — both all-time lows.

Add to that, in the past four years, the lake's waters have been warming at 15 times their historic average.

"The lake is changing, and it is changing at an increasing rate," said Geoffrey Schladow, director of the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center.

The picture of a steadily warming lake, and a vacation

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ENVIRONMENT

Locals join fight to save endangered porpoise

Only 60 vaquitas, tiny toothed whales, remain

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MONTEREY » The Monterey Bay Aquarium has joined the international fight to save the va-

quita, the world's smallest and most endangered porpoise.

The 100-pound, 5-foot long, toothed whale only lives in the northern pocket of the Gulf of California, Mexico. Only 60 remain in the wild.

Vaquitas are accidentally killed by fishing nets for shrimp and illegal nets for endangered fish, which have cut the vaquita

population 92 percent since 1997.

On July 9, the aquarium released a video on the vaquita's plight, which garnered nearly 158,000 views on Facebook. It's also played in the aquarium's Baja California exhibit.

The video encourages viewers to sign an online petition to the U.S. ambassador to Mexico,

for the Mexican government to permanently ban gillnet fishing and increase enforcement of illegal fishing laws.

"We saw this as a crisis in California's backyard," said Aimee David, director of ocean conservation policy strategies for the aquarium.

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VIOLENCE

Experts try to analyze global surge of killings

The series of mass killings across the globe poses a challenge for experts trying to analyze them. PAGE A6



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Man won't be retried in Chandra Levy killing

Prosecutors say they will not retry a man convicted of killing Washington intern Chandra Levy. PAGE A15

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