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2016 Democratic National Convention

'A MOMENT OF RECKONING'

In her speech, Clinton draws contrast with Trump's 'bombast,' 'bigotry'



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From left, Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., former President Bill Clinton and Kaine's wife, Anne Holton, react as balloons fall during the final day of the Democratic National Convention.

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PHILADELPHIA — Hillary Clinton on Thursday night accepted the Democratic presidential nomination, asking Americans to reject the "bigotry and the bombast" of Donald Trump in favor of a vision of a country in which "children can dream, families are strong, communities are safe and, yes, love trumps hate."

After Democratic allies devoted much of this week at the Democratic National Convention softening her image, the first female presidential nominee of a major party went on the attack against Trump, whom she derided as an uninformed, thin-skinned egotist with delu-

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LIPO CHING/STAFF

Hillary Clinton speaks at the end of the 2016 Democratic National Convention on Thursday.

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Hillary Clinton, along with her family, Chelsea and Bill Clinton, acknowledges the crowd.

Big Sur blaze

Family fights to defend property

As the Soberanes fire nears 30,000 acres burned, vacation enclave owners dig in, unwilling to risk waiting for firefighters

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CARMEL VALLEY — For almost a week now, the Soberanes fire has been creeping closer and closer to San Clemente Rancho. Ash drifts like snowflakes onto the swimming pool, tennis courts, gardens and 103 cottages that make up this 2,600-acre private vacation enclave.

But the Dormody family's link to this land is fireproof, forged over decades of love, toil and trouble.

"We know it is coming, and

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To see a slideshow of firefighting efforts and those affected by the Soberanes fire, go to photos.mercurynews.com.



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Bruce Dormody talks about wildfire preparations Thursday at his family's San Clemente Rancho vacation enclave near Carmel Valley.

'Quiet resolve'

Coach mourns fallen player, Ranger hopeful

Parros, 21, died after a training session in the swelter of Fort Benning, Georgia

Bob Ladouceur, architect of the De La Salle High School football juggernaut, saw something special in Michael Parros. Though others played more snaps and compiled flashier statistics, Ladouceur noticed in Parros leadership qualities that transcended football.

"He had a real quiet resolve about him that was very internal," said Ladouceur, who coached the Spartans for 34 years before retiring after the 2012 season. "He wasn't loud. He didn't say a whole lot. He said it through his actions. He'd be there for everybody else. It didn't surprise me when he decided to go to West Point. I thought, that makes perfect

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GARY PETERSON
COLUMNIST

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Parros was taken to the hospital with hyponatremia, a condition in which the body's level of sodium becomes abnormally low. **PAGE B1**

State of the Lake report

Warmer water threatens Tahoe clarity

Climate change altering iconic Sierra landmark, UC Davis scientists say

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Lake Tahoe's average surface temperature last year was the warmest ever recorded, the latest evidence that climate change is altering California's iconic Sierra Nevada landmark.

In a report released Thursday by UC Davis, scientists said that the lake's waters in the past

four years have been warming at 15 times their historical average.

The air temperature at the lake is becoming steadily hotter too. The winter of 2014-15 saw just 24 days where the average temperature dropped below freezing at the lake, according to the report, and only 6 percent of last year's precipitation fell as snow — both all-time lows.

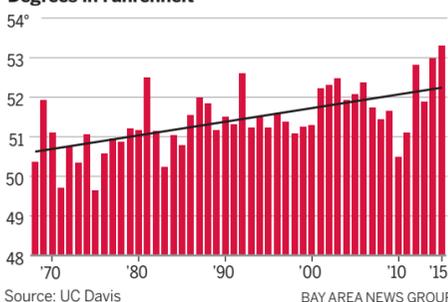
The ominous evidence threatens efforts in recent years to improve Lake Tahoe's famed blue clarity by reducing pollution. That's because the

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LAKE TAHOE WARMING

The average annual surface water temperature at Lake Tahoe last year was 53.3 degrees Fahrenheit, the warmest since UC Davis scientists began measuring it in 1968.

Degrees in Fahrenheit



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