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'When there are no ceilings, the sky's the limit'

Hillary Clinton officially accepts Democratic Party presidential nomination

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PHILADELPHIA — Hillary Clinton built on a week of potent testimonials from the Democratic Party's biggest stars, crystallizing her vision for the nation as she reintroduced herself to voters Thursday night as the first woman to accept a major-party nomination for president.

"America is once again at a moment of reckoning," Clinton said. "Powerful forces are threatening to pull us apart. Bonds of trust and respect are fraying. And just as with our

founders, there are no guarantees. We have to decide whether we're going to work together, so we can all rise together."

Clinton's speech bookended a week that started off rocky for the party as restive delegates supporting Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders booed on the convention floor and embarrassing email disclosures forced the resignation of the party chair. But Democrats finished strong after leaders of varying factions delivered pitch-perfect appeals for unity.

She accepted her party's nomination, she said, "with humility, determination and boundless confidence in America's promise."

Her nearly hourlong address amounted to a sharply worded rejoinder to Donald Trump's I-alone-can-fix-it address to the nation one week ago.

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Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton accepts the nomination of the party during the last day of the Democratic National Convention at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia on Thursday.

How will tax, bond measures affect Lodians?

By Christina Cornejo
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The election this year will be a momentous one, with America voting for a new president. However, this November will be important for more than just the race for the White House. A number of bond and tax measures to help fund agencies from the state to the local level will also be on the ballot.

On the ballot this year are several measures to generate revenue for things like updating and building new schools, improving parks, funding police and firefighter staffing and promoting disease prevention programs, among other such projects.

One reason behind the number of initiatives on the ballot in the General Election, rather than the June Primary, is a change in law that mandates initiatives only appear on the November ballot, according to Kevin Smith, an associate professor of political science at the University of the Pacific.

It has also been easier to get ballot initiatives through this year due to the low voter turnouts of previous years, which reduced the amount of signatures required, he said.

Economic recovery from the recession has come far along and state budgets have improved.

"Voters are not so anti-spending than when the state budget was so out of balance," Smith said.

Looking at the number of measures and propositions is a bit daunting at first.

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Lodi Library brings the wild indoors



Left: Wild Things' Jojo Kerschner carries alligator Izod during the Wild Things Animal Show at the Lodi Public Library on Thursday afternoon. Wild Things provides homes for displaced wildlife and uses the animals as wildlife ambassadors at events like the one at the library. Below right: Keeper Kelsey Weinroth holds Aya, a red tailed hawk, during the show. Below left: Peter Silva, 11, feeds a banana to Nike, a kinkajou.

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Nonprofit brings 'wildlife ambassadors' to educate Lodi children

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Wild things took over the Lodi Public Library on Thursday afternoon to teach people more about conservation with presentations of live animals including a lemur, an alligator snapping turtle, a red-tailed hawk, kinkajou, a striped skunk and an alligator.

The presentation was from Wild Things, Inc., a nonprofit organization based in Weimar. Children gathered in the front of the room to get an up-close look at



these animals. They shared what facts that they knew about each. Some laughed after learning new information from Wild Things presenter Jojo Kerschner.

Josiah Morris, an 11-year-old in the crowd raised his hand often to

answer questions. He was most excited about the seeing the lemurs.

"I really liked the skunk. They are misunderstood, and are cute," he said.

Kerschner brought out the

kinkajou named Nike to eat a banana from the outstretched hands of a child.

No one seemed to be able to guess what the creature was.

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Celebrate history at Hill House Museum Ice Cream Social



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This weekend will mark 25 years that the people of Lodi and surrounding areas will gather in the Hill House Garden for an old-fashioned ice cream social sponsored by the Lodi Historical Society.

The annual event, scheduled for Saturday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., is a fundraiser for the Hill House Museum, located at 826 S. Church St. The event brought in almost \$2,000 last year.

Admission to the event requires a \$5 donation for adults. Children younger than 6 get in free with an adult donation.

Several prizes will be raffled off. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$1

each, or six for \$5.

The event will feature musical entertainment along with ice cream sundaes with a variety of toppings and other snacks and light refreshments, according to Mary Jane East, chairwoman of the event.

She said this event is one of the main fundraisers for the Hill House Museum along with an annual yard sale. The museum is supported by membership fees, dona-

tions and grants and is currently in need of volunteers to give tours.

Several locals visit the museum and are in awe because they've lived in Lodi all their lives and never been inside, East said. The museum receives visits from many out-of-town visitors who are also impressed with the museum.

"It's an absolutely remarkable residential museum," she said.

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Left: Mary Jane East, a member of the Lodi Historical Society and chair of the annual Hill House Ice Cream Social, holds a newspaper announcing the Titanic accident at the Hill House Museum on South Church Street in Lodi Thursday. The Ice Cream Social raises money for the museum to continue tours and update exhibits.

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