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**DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION**

## Clinton promises steady hand

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 steered for a volatile world. She aggressively challenged Republican Donald Trump's ability to do the same.

"Imagine him in the Oval Office 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 voters 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 ecological party. But her real audience

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Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Tim Kaine, and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton walk through the falling balloons.

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**SOBERANES FIRE**

## CREWS FOCUS ON PALO COLORADO



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U.S. Forest Service fire personnel look over debris at a home burned by the Soberanes Fire at Palo Colorado Canyon in Big Sur on Thursday.

### 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 black-

ened almost 30,000 acres and destroyed 41 homes and 10 out-buildings.

"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 firefighter 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 com-

plete 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.

On Thursday morning the winds were southwesterly at 6-8 mph with gusts up to 12 mph. Crews were working in warm, dry conditions in the higher el-

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**SOBERANES FIRE**

## Helicopters provide key support to firefighters

Pilots fly out of Carmel Valley, Monterey to aid ground crews

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**CARMEL VALLEY** » After poor visibility kept aircraft grounded earlier in the week, helicopters were taking off and landing frequently Thursday afternoon from the Carmel Valley Vintage Airport to fight the Soberanes Fire.

Kenny Dossey, a battalion chief with the Orange County Fire Authority who's working the efforts to contain the Soberanes Fire, said the airport has been used before to battle fires on the Central Coast. Crews set up an air traffic trailer as well as 13 helipads on the site. The airport closed in 2002, though Santa Claus is known to drop by during the Carmel Valley's annual Santa Fly-In.

"This has been nice (being able to use the airport) because the fire's not far from here as the crow flies," Dossey said.

Robert Fish, a Cal Fire spokesman, said helicopters are a versatile firefighting tool.

"Aerial support is always important."  
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Cal Fire crews load a helicopter at Carmel Valley Vintage Airport before heading out to fight the Soberanes Fire on Thursday.

**15-YEAR-OLD CASE**

### 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 A10



**DEVELOPMENT**

### Final EIR for Monterey Downs to be released

A final environmental impact report on the Monterey Downs project is set for release on Friday. PAGE A2

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- ↗ Standard & Poor's 2170.06 (+3.48)
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**HOME + GARDEN**

### Using water in small and large places

A water garden can be large and elaborate, or small and inexpensive, or anything in between. PAGE B5

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