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« **HILLARY CLINTON** at Democratic National Convention:

Steady hand in dangerous times



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DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE HILLARY CLINTON speaks Thursday during the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Casts Trump as supremely unqualified for White House

BY JULIE PACE AND ROBERT FURLOW | 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 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 con-

cerns 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

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7-year-old to testify in dog attack trial

In hearing, judge found boy mentally capable of testifying

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A Weld County Court judge determined the 7-year-old boy police say suffered an attack by a German shepherd in March can testify in the case against the dog's owner.

In a pre-trial hearing Thursday, Weld County Court Judge Charles Unfug said after hearing Davion

Diaz give testimony and answer questions under cross-examination, he found the boy mentally capable of testifying in court.

That means jurors in the Aug. 28 trial could hear a first-hand account of the attack that resulted in charges of owning a dangerous dog and child abuse involving negligence against Robert Castillo and his dog Jewelz.

Police say Jewelz attacked the boy at the Castillo family's home, sending him to the hospital with severe injuries — cuts and punctures to his head and neck, and part of his ear torn off.

However, in court Thursday the

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SILVA TRIAL

Expert discusses flail used in 2013 murder

By Tommy Simmons
For The Tribune

Greeley police officer John Zakavec is no stranger to blood.

By the time prosecutors called him as an expert witness Thursday in the case of Greeley gang member John Anthony Silva, Zakavec had read 13 textbooks on bloodstain pattern analysis, been trained in that subject as well as crime scene analysis, and had worked with the Greeley police for 12 years. Prosecutors in Silva's case wanted to ask him about a murder he'd analyzed in 2013.

That's because they are trying Silva under the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act, requiring them to prove he demonstrated a pattern of racketeering during his 20-plus years of gang affiliation. To do that, they are examining evidence and testimony crossing almost 20 years of Greeley's gang history. The 2013 murder of Gumerindo Munoz-Vizcaino is one of the more recent cases in which prosecutors allege Silva played a part.

It was also an unusual case for Zakavec.

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The trial of gang member John Anthony Silva under the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act is expected to last through Aug. 12. You can follow its progress live each day at www.greeleytribune.com/silva.



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