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## Clinton promises steady hand

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — 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 might welcome

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## VICTORY LAP



### District graduates first driver's ed class in a decade

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SPRINGFIELD — Bay District Schools graduated its first driver's education class in almost a decade Thursday, handing out certificates to 47 new drivers.

The free program saw an 88 percent success rate for students passing their final exam. School district officials have expressed interest in expanding the program to two sites next year or adding more instructors.

Dasia Epps' journey came with a few bumps in the road — six curbs and two cones to be exact — but she was proud of her driving skills by the end of the class and earned a waiver to skip the driving portion of her exam.

But most importantly, she couldn't wait to let her car — a 16th birthday present — out of the gate.

"By the end, there were no more cones or curbs hit," the Bay High sophomore said.

North Bay Haven junior Dana Dudinsky said the most valuable lessons from the class were all the small things she didn't know that

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Above, Dasia Epps receives her certificate Thursday for graduating from Bay District Schools' driver's education program at Rutherford High School in Springfield. Left, Jody Hair talks to students graduating from the driver's education program about her daughter, Madison Hair, who became an organ donor when she died in 2012. Top, Florida Highway Patrol Lt. J.R. Fowler shows driver's education students what happens in a rollover accident.

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## \$3 million gift headed to FSU Panama City

### Largest in school history

By The News Herald

PANAMA CITY — As many as 80 students annually will have a chance to attend Florida State University Panama City with financial aid thanks to the largest gift in the campus' history, the university announced Thursday.

The \$3 million planned gift comes from the estate of Bob Fleming and will establish the Robert H. and Jacqueline K. Fleming Endowed Scholarship Fund. It is named after Fleming's late wife, who was a teacher.

"Education makes all the difference in the world," Bob Fleming said in a news release.

Fleming helped develop fabrics for athletic uniforms for well-known companies such as Champion, Wilson and Russell. He made the donation in conjunction with his current wife, Judy Fleming, who are both FSU fans who want to give back to the community.

"This gift is to help our community and the people in the surrounding area who really want an education and need a little support," Judy Flemming said. "We want to help deserving students who need it and would be appreciative of it."

According to a news release from the school, the

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Bay County Commission District 5 candidate Brian Rust answers a question Thursday as opponent Phillip Griffiths looks on during a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Bay County in cooperation with WJHG News Channel 7.

## Candidates field questions ahead of primaries

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PANAMA CITY — With a month left before the Aug. 30 primary elections, the League of Women Voters of Bay County hosted a forum Thursday at Florida State University Panama City for voters to meet and hear local candidates vying for numerous seats.

schools candidates were split by party, with Republican incumbent Bill Husfelt and Mackie Owens taking questions on their top budget priorities and what they felt was the most important role of a superintendent.

Husfelt touted school safety as his top priority, and said the district has a plan to spend about \$10 million in five years to improve safety.

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