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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton takes the stage during the final day of the Democratic National Convention on Thursday in Philadelphia.

Clinton makes her case; challenges Trump's ability

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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 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 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



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A delegate holds up a sign during the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia on Thursday.

and it ended with an outstretched hand to Republicans and independents unnerved by Trump. A parade of military leaders, law enforcement officials and Republicans took the stage ahead of Clinton to endorse her in the general election contest with Trump.

"This is the moment, this is the opportunity for our future," said retired Marine Gen. John R. Allen, a former commander in

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Sanders delegate comes to terms with Clinton

Ungar says she was swayed by Obama speech

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Her voice hoarse from yelling at the Democratic National Convention and running on two hours' sleep, Gina Robinson Ungar wasn't ready on Thursday to get behind Hillary Clinton.

Ungar, a Bernie Sanders delegate from Warrick County, is still peeved by some of Clinton's statements and actions during the long nomination

battle with Sanders. She still thinks the primary election system and the national Democratic apparatus was tilted against Sanders, who she supported fervently. And she thinks apologies are warranted.

But Ungar, a 38-year-old small dairy farmer in Boonville, also is willing to keep an open mind about Clinton.

Speaking from Philadelphia hours before Clinton was to give a keynote address accepting

the Democratic presidential nomination, Ungar expressed hope that the party's divisions can yet be healed.

"(Clinton) hasn't won me back in terms of getting all excited about voting for her," she said. "I will say, President Obama's speech about her and her history and how hard she really works and how organized she is and how she gets things done — you know, seemed pretty believable."

"I can respect it. There are people who get a lot of

things done, and maybe they're still worth having even if they do some things that I don't like. And I'm not in their shoes, so I don't know the whole story about everything that happened."

Ungar said she looks forward to watching "how Hillary Clinton develops as probable president." She called Clinton "clearly better than Donald Trump."

"I am excited, I guess, to have a female president — but I never grew up doubting that we would have a female president," Ungar said.

The convention has

seen plenty of tension and anger between Sanders delegates and those supporting Clinton or the Democratic National Committee. The event got off to an acrimonious start with a WikiLeaks dump that included a trove of emails showing DNC officials arguing with Sanders supporters and criticizing the Vermont senator.

On Thursday, CNN reported that angry Sanders delegates from California were not ruling out more protests from the convention floor during Clinton's

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Local sports legend Gray dies

Known for flags, numbers

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For more than 50 years, Marvin Gray was a fixture at local sporting events.

He had his own seat with a nameplate at Bosse Field. Confined to a wheelchair in recent years because of congestive heart failure, he had his own spot in the wheelchair section behind the visitors' dugout.

Gray, who died Wednesday night at age 75, had a memory of numbers that was the stuff of legend. Former University of Evansville baseball coach Jim Brownlee and his wife, Candy, walked up the ramp to Bosse Field before an Evansville Triplets' game in the summer of 1980.



Marvin Gray

"Marvin was sitting there and (at that point) we didn't know Marvin at all," Brownlee said. "I heard him say, 'Jim Brownlee, 7-37, the worst record in the history of UE.' I kind of ignored it and kept walking. He started following me and repeating it. After the third time, I turned around. He had a shirt with a flag on it and I said, 'Who are you?' He said, 'I'm Marvin Gray, the flagmaster and you're Jim Brownlee, the UE baseball coach.' He started reciting my license plate and telephone number."

Thereafter, Brownlee said he and Gray were "tied at the hip. I loved that guy."

Gray operated Bosse Field's manual scoreboard for many seasons, and had a sharp memory — names, scores, dates, athletic achievements and more — that he would recite when seeing old friends and ball players.

Gray was also well-known for raising (and later lowering) the American flag at Bosse Field events. He had a collection of more than 1,000 flags — including dozens from all but about a dozen of the world's countries, according to Gray's friend Gordon Jones.

"Marvin was an institution," said Bill Bussing, a local attorney and owner of the Otters, Evansville's Frontier League franchise. "It seemed like he was everywhere, at sporting events of all kinds at every

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