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Clinton pledges a steady hand

Democratic nominee stresses unity in her acceptance speech

By Julie Pace and Robert Furlow
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PHILADELPHIA — Promising Americans a steady hand, Hillary Clinton cast herself Thursday night as a unifier for divided times, steeled for a volatile world by decades in politics that have left some Americans

skeptical of her character. "I will be a president for Democrats, Republicans, independents, for the struggling, the striving and the successful. For those who vote for me and those who don't," Clinton said as she accepted the Democratic nomination, becoming the first woman to lead a major

U.S. political party. She drew a sharp contrast with her general election rival Donald Trump, calling the Republican supremely unqualified for the White House. "Imagine him in the Oval Office facing a real crisis," she said. "A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons," she said. Clinton warned that Trump's words should "set

off alarm bells for all of us." She accused Trump of forgetting such people as America's troops, its police and firefighters, teachers and others. Clinton says Americans don't say, "I alone can fix it" but "we'll fix it together." Clinton called her presidential nomination a milestone on America's "march toward a



Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton speaks during the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia on Thursday. AP PHOTO/PAUL SANCYA

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The beacon of community



Church celebrates rebuilding of steeple

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PORTSMOUTH — The North Church of Portsmouth opened its doors to city officials and community members Thursday evening, exactly 10 years after a freak wind storm hit downtown, sending scaffolding and part of the historic steeple into Market Square. City Councilor Rebecca Perkins

visited the historic church, which was built in 1855, to take advantage of the tours being offered by church members high up into the clock tower of the steeple. "I think this is great and I read the (Portsmouth Herald) story and (City Councilor) Eric Spear told me he was going to be here so I thought I should come too," Perkins said shortly before she braved a series of

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Portsmouth City Councilors Rebecca Perkins and Eric Spear climb the wooden staircases to the clock tower during tours of the North Church in Market Square on Thursday. The day marked 10 years, July 28, 2006, that the spire and scaffolding crashed down during a gusty summer storm. PHOTO BY RICH BEAUCHESN/SEACOASTONLINE

PORTSMOUTH Councilors pitch plan for Worth lot use

Spear, Lown not limiting ideas to parking garage

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PORTSMOUTH — City Councilors Eric Spear and Brad Lown will ask city officials on Monday to look into options "for the redevelopment of the Worth lot." Spear said he believes it's crucial to consider ways Portsmouth can better use the city-owned surface parking lot off Maplewood Avenue. "The wording is wide open, I'm looking at it under the assumption the Deer Street garage is going to move forward," Spear said about his proposal. The City Council voted unanimously on May 4, 2015, to spend \$23.2 million to build a second downtown parking garage on Deer Street. But the city has not been able to complete the land purchase with Deer Street Associates, first because of soil contamination on site, then a series of negotiating snags and finally title claims held on the property by Pan Am Railways. Spear remains hopeful the Deer Street deal will get completed by the newest deadline on Aug. 15, but says he wants

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