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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

Former Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., waves to delegates before speaking during the first day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, Monday, July 25, 2016 (AP Photo/Scott Applewhite)

DAILY WASHINGTON NEWS

[History and hostility as Clinton ascends to nomination](#)

A glass ceiling is shattering at the Democratic National Convention as Hillary Clinton ascends to the presidential nomination with Tuesday's roll call of the states, making her the first woman to lead a major party into a White House race. But as history is being made, hostility is being heard, too. Rhetorically, at least, die-hard Bernie Sanders' supporters also are breaking some glass, loudly protesting his treatment by the party and still cold to Clinton even as Sanders appeals for Democrats to unify and defeat Republican Donald Trump, "a bully and a demagogue."

[In 10th convention speech, Bill Clinton faces tougher crowd](#)

Bill Clinton was once the Democrats explainer-in-chief, electrifying the convention crowd with his support of President Barack Obama. Today, he increasingly seems to be explaining himself. In the four years since the party's last national convention, the center of gravity in Democratic politics has shifted decidedly to the left. Clinton must finesse some of his administration's biggest achievements.

[Democratic emails: All about the hack, the leak, the discord](#)

First came the hack, then the leak. Now, the Clinton and Trump campaigns are fighting over Russia's role in the release of thousands of internal Democratic National Committee emails. At least one thing is clear: The email uproar is an unwelcome distraction at the launch of the Democratic National Convention.

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Demonstrators make their way around downtown Monday, July 25, 2016, in Philadelphia, during the first day of the Democratic National Convention. On Sunday, Debbie

Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., announced she would step down as DNC chairwoman at the end of the party's convention, after some of the 19,000 emails, presumably stolen from the DNC by hackers, were posted to the website Wikileaks. (AP Photo/John Minchillo)

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