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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

Supporters of Sen. Bernie Sanders hold up a sign calling for Debbie Wasserman Schultz, chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee, to be fired, Sunday, July 24, 2016, in Philadelphia. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

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[Democrats seek display of unity despite leadership shuffle](#)

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Democrats are opening their national convention in Philadelphia eager to show off a forward-looking party united behind Hillary Clinton, but they face lingering bitterness among supporters of defeated rival Bernie Sanders and a fresh political mess of the party's own making.

[At Dem convention, Obama seeks to counter GOP doom-and-gloom](#)

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — And then the skies cleared and the sun shone. Or so it may seem this week, as Democrats stage a convention aimed squarely at countering the dark-and-stormy vision presented by Republicans. Where GOP nominee Donald Trump described "death, destruction, terrorism and weakness" at his convention last week, Democrats will point to stability, growth and hope. Trump vowed to restore safety, Democrats will promise to deepen progress.

[Hillary Clinton still hard to define despite her many roles](#)

Despite her high public profile as first lady, U.S. senator and secretary of state, Hillary Clinton is still struggling to get people to know her. That will be one of the top aims of the Democratic National Convention opening on Monday.

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The Democratic National Convention gets underway Monday with large protests, oppressive heat and some lingering issues within the party. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)



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