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Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton appears at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

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CLINTON STRESSES CONTRAST

Taking the stage: Democratic nominee's speech offers stark differences in tone, outlook and level of detail compared with promises made last week by GOP nominee Donald Trump.

Clinton's campaign manager keeps camp united: Few people who have risen so far, so fast in a presidential campaign are so uncolorful, and for Clinton, that has been a godsend.

Trump claims Russia comments 'sarcastic': GOP nominee explains his invitation to find and reveal emails of his rival for the White House.

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Exotic and excluded

Rural Beecher shelter rescues animals of many species

By DONNA VICKROY
Daily Southtown

It is a blistering afternoon in the far reaches of rural southeastern Beecher. Inside the somewhat cooler barn at Settlers Pond, a collection of canines, all once considered throwaways, gather around Dr. Larry Leininger as he X-rays a horse's injured right hoof.

The emaciated thoroughbred, newly named Remax because its condition is similar to that of Max, a quarter horse that was brought to the animal rescue farm in the same condition several months ago, was found abandoned just two days before on Delight Inn Road in Will County.

Airocolina "Pinky" Janota, who owns Settlers Pond with her husband Rolly, figures the equine is fallout from the newly closed Balmoral Park race track in Crete.

Whenever hardship or inconvenience befalls humans, animals inevitably suffer, she said. The reasons people give up, neglect or abuse animals are myriad: cost, illness, cruelty or simply, "I didn't know pot-bellied pigs could get so big," Janota said.

The lucky ones find their way, either via Animal Control, owner drop-off or word of mouth, to places like Settlers Pond, where Janota and her crew of eight volunteers run one of only five exotic animal rescues in the country.

With his portable X-ray machine, Leininger studies Remax's front hoof. He works under the watchful eyes of Greta, a dachshund who has bounced back



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Airocolina "Pinky" Janota describes the condition of an emaciated horse that was just brought to her shelter, Settlers Pond in Beecher. With some 500 animals being housed and cared for, Janota said, "I've never been this inundated. I don't know if it's the heat or what."

nically after coming in loaded with kidney stones; Pepito, a lively rat terrier/Chihuahua mix with an enlarged heart that was given up for dead a month ago; and Fred, a Pomeranian who was left at the rescue's front gate three Christmas Eves ago.

On any given day, Janota, a 53-year-old mother and grandmother, gets the call to pick up or take delivery of a wayward animal that belongs on a farm, in the wild, in a loving home or among

the untamed regions of the rain forest or Australian Outback.

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Recently, Settlers Pond took in 150 animals from the shuttered Riegel Farm in University Park. "About half have been adopted out," she said.

The remainder, a collection of goats, ducks, chickens and mice,

remain at the 60-acre facility. The tortoises were released into a 2,500-gallon pond on the property.

From monkeys to kangaroos

As the only exotic animal shelter in Illinois, Settlers Pond is a last resort for creatures not intended to live in Northern

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Duckworth case could go to trial

Woman seeks to retract lawsuit settlement against U.S. Senate candidate

By IVAN MORENO
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — One of two women who filed a workplace retaliation lawsuit against Democratic U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth said Wednesday she wants to back out of a settlement reached last month.

The decision could mean the case goes to trial just months before Duckworth faces U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk in a November contest that can influence which party controls the Senate. The development came the day before Duckworth was to speak at the Democratic National Convention.

The lawsuit alleges that Duckworth violated ethics laws in reprimanding Christine Butler and Denise Goins when Duckworth led the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

Butler told The Associated Press on

Wednesday that she changed her mind about the settlement because she feels Duckworth is trying to tarnish the women's reputations by stating the allegations are false.

"We were whistleblowers, and she's bullying us, and we're going

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KRIS FIORE PHOTO

Lincoln-Way girls meet, greet, compete

The summer rosters are big as the Lincoln-Way district's girls volleyball players look to a new season with only three teams instead of four. A day of sand volleyball and a visit to a local park for some ice cream helped smooth the transition for some players. **Baranek, in Sports**

Daughter a lifesaver in three-way kidney swap

Lansing women take part in program that finds correct matches

By ERIN GALLAGHER
Daily Southtown

A 21-year-old Lansing daughter made medical history when she donated a kidney that not only saved her mother's life, but also helped save the lives of two others in San Antonio, doctors said.

Dyamond Lindsey was the first in the Chicago area to donate a kidney to a stranger in a three-way swap that allowed her mother, Sonja Lindsey, 46, to receive a kidney from another stranger, according to Deepak Mital, the surgeon, and director



ADVOCATE CHRIST MEDICAL CENTER

Dr. Deepak Mital performs surgery on Dyamond Lindsey of Lansing earlier this month at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn. Lindsey donated a kidney as part of a three-way swap that allowed her mother Sonja to receive a donated kidney from someone else.

of the kidney transplant program at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn.

"For me it's a first; for the medical center, it's a first," Mital said.

San Antonio has the largest living donor transplant program in the country, Mital said, but, "They've never sent a kidney to Chicago before, so it's a bunch of firsts."

Dyamond wanted to help her mother, who had been on dialysis since December 2014 waiting for a kidney donor.

However, the mother and daughter were not a match.

This donor-recipient process, which is orchestrated through the Texas Transplant Institute at Methodist Specialty Transplant Hospital in San Antonio, allows hopeful living donors who do not match their own loved ones to exchange their kidneys for others' kidneys.

In this case, Dyamond do-

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