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Trump has record of siding with Putin on issues

MOSCOW — Donald Trump has refused to condemn Russia's military takeover of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, saying if elected he would consider recognizing it as Russian territory, in the latest of a series of statements that have raised eyebrows about the Republican candidate's intentions toward the Kremlin. "We'll be looking at that. Yeah, we'll be looking," Trump told reporters on Wednesday. **P2**

Experts confront explanations for mass killings

NEW YORK — The relentless series of mass killings across the globe poses a challenge for experts trying to analyze them without lapsing into faulty generalizations. Terms like contagion and copycat killing apply in some cases, not in others, they say, and in certain instances perpetrators' terrorist ideology intersects with psychological instability. **P4**

STATE

AG's office says Duckworth lawsuit settlement is final

A settlement in the workplace retaliation lawsuit against Democratic U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth is final and the plaintiffs can't back out even if no paperwork was signed, the Illinois attorney general's office said Thursday. **P15**

LOCAL

Waverly home damaged by blast

WAVERLY — Multiple law enforcement agencies are investigating an early-morning explosion at a home in Waverly that seriously injured the resident Thursday. **P15**

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION



Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton waves after taking the stage during the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia on Thursday. PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clinton casts herself as unifier for divided times

Accepts nomination for president

By Julie Pace and Robert Furlow
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Promising Americans a steady hand, Hillary Clinton cast herself Thursday night as a unifier for divided times, steered 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 took the stage to roaring applause from flag-waving delegates. But her real audience was the millions of voters who may welcome her experience 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 anxious Americans to stick with a Democrat for a third term and put aside their frustration with those who have been entrenched in the political system.

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JOB MARKET

Health care hiring keeps local jobless rate lowest in state

By Tim Landis
Business Editor

Springfield-area unemployment was the lowest in Illinois for the second month in a row in June, thanks mostly to 1,100 more jobs in health care and social services.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security reported Thursday that 19,000 people

Health care trend

Springfield area health care-social services compared with state government from June 2007 to June 2016:

- 2016: 19,000; 17,400.
- 2015: 17,900; 17,400.
- 2014: 17,900; 17,400.
- 2013: 18,100; 17,300.
- 2012: 18,100; 17,200.
- 2011: 17,700; 17,200.
- 2010: 17,300; 17,100.
- 2009: 16,600; 17,200.
- 2008: 16,000; 17,100.
- 2007: 15,800; 17,200.

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security.

worked in health care and social services in Sangamon and Menard counties last month, a figure that was up by 20.2 percent in a decade. By comparison, the state government workforce — traditionally the area's largest single employer — was unchanged from June 2015, at 17,400, and has changed little in the last decade.

The local unemployment rate of 4.7 percent in June was down from 5 percent in June 2015. Lake County at 4.9 percent, down from 5.1 percent a year ago, was the

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NORTHSTAR SUCCESSOR

Illinois seeks private manager for lottery

By Sophia Tareen
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Aiming to avoid past troubles, Gov. Bruce Rauner announced Thursday that the state is seeking bids for a new private manager to run the Illinois Lottery after moving to terminate Northstar Lottery Group's contract last year.

State officials released a request



Rauner

for proposal on a new 10-year, \$300 million contract with revamped terms geared at a wider swath of companies.

Under former Gov. Pat Quinn, Illinois became the first state to privatize management and marketing of its roughly \$2 billion-a-year lottery

games when it awarded a 2010 contract to Northstar. The Chicago-based group did initially report record sales, but fell far short of its goals and was criticized for its performance and marketing. Quinn first took steps to fire Northstar in 2014, but Rauner's administration renegotiated the termination agreement the following year, a move they said immediately saved Illinois

\$22 million.

"Our Illinois Lottery has been very poorly run and failed to meet expectations for years," Rauner said at a Chicago news conference.

Lottery officials said it took nearly a year to start the search for a new manager because of complexities in crafting the contract.

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