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## Clinton: 'Sky's the limit'



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In her speech Thursday night in Philadelphia accepting the Democratic Party's nomination for president, Hillary Rodham Clinton talked about her motivation for public service and thanked her family, President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, and others, including Sen. Bernie Sanders.

### Nominee says Americans don't go it alone but work together

By Dan Majors  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PHILADELPHIA — Hillary Rodham Clinton accepted the presidential nomination of the Democratic Party on Thursday night with a rejection of fear and a pledge to find the solution to America's challenges in the unity of Americans.

"When there are no ceilings, the sky's the limit," she said as she became the first woman nominated for president by a major political party.

Mrs. Clinton began with a history lesson that warned against a future envisioned by her Republican opponent, Donald Trump, reminding the thousands in the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia that "what happened here 240 years ago still has something to teach us today. Our founders embraced the enduring truth that we are stronger together."

The message was a direct dismissal of Mr. Trump, who she said has taken the Republican Party "from morning in America to midnight in America."

"Americans don't say 'I alone can fix it,'" she said. "We say we will fix it"

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Delegates listen to the national anthem on the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

### Trump reiterates: Putin's leadership tops Obama's

By Ashley Parker  
The New York Times

Donald Trump called President Vladimir Putin of Russia "a better leader" than President Barack Obama, offering the praise in an interview with "Fox and Friends" on Thursday, just a day after saying he hoped Russian intelligence services had successfully hacked

Hillary Clinton's email.

Asked about comments he had made Wednesday at a news conference in Florida, where he said "Putin has much better leadership qualities than Obama," Mr. Trump reiterated his views in slightly starker terms.

"I said he's a better leader

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### Wolf, McGinty take stage

By Tracie Mauriello  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PHILADELPHIA — Two of Pennsylvania's Democrats took advantage of time on the party's big stage Thursday to thank the delegates for visiting and to make a pitch for votes in November.



Gov. Tom Wolf

Gov. Tom Wolf and Katie McGinty, the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate in this year's election, spoke before what might have been the biggest audience they've ever had — nearly 20,000 in the Wells Fargo Center and millions more across the nation watching the biggest night of the four-day convention on television.

Mr. Wolf, who is not on the ballot this year, said it was an honor to host the convention in the state, then seized the opportunity to focus on his support of Hillary Clinton for president. That meant launching a few barbs at her Republican opponent.

"Donald Trump?" said Mr. Wolf, a former businessman. "He runs businesses so that they only help — you

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### Lawsuit alleges overbilling by some at UPMC

By Kris B. Mamula  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Neurosurgeon J. William Bookwalter was examining a colleague's patient who had back troubles when he made an unusual discovery: The operation that his colleague billed Medicare for was far more extensive than the one actually done, according to allegations contained in a lawsuit.

A review of two more back operations performed by UPMC neurosurgeon Ghassan Bejjani on another patient yielded the same result, including once when an insurer was billed twice for removal of the same back vertebrae. Another neurosurgeon who examined one of Dr. Bejjani's patients two months later found the same billing discrepancy that Dr. Bookwalter uncovered, which resulted in higher reimbursement for UPMC for work that was not done, the lawsuit said.

"I certainly don't review all of Dr. Bejjani's cases, but occasionally see someone as a second opinion," an unnamed UPMC neurosurgeon complained in a letter to UPMC Shadyside Hospital officials, a 2012 whistleblower lawsuit unsealed July 25 said. "If only a fraction of those had a post-operative myelogram to definitely

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### In Poland, pope draws attention to immigrants

By Joanna Berendt  
The New York Times

KRAKOW, Poland — Before an international crowd of 600,000 gathered for the World Youth Day celebration Thursday, Pope Francis urged people to welcome migrants and refugees, a stance resisted by the Polish government.

"A merciful heart is able to be a place of refuge for those who are without a home or have lost their home," the pope said. "It is able to build a home and a family for those forced to emigrate;

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Teen boxer seeks to reconnect with Cuban relatives

### Boxing event helps Pittsburgh native

By Craig Meyer  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

From the time he was a baby unable to understand the words being said, Nehemiah Hollinger had heard stories about Cuba.

His father, Alex Ruiz, spoke of his boyhood home's beaches and unmitigated beauty, of the old Spanish-style buildings and cars of a bygone era gliding down city streets. Even the mangos, he was

told, were different, much sweeter and juicier than the ones he grew up eating in Pittsburgh.

More than anything, though, Nehemiah heard about the family his father had to leave nearly a quarter-century ago, one separated by a slice of an ocean and decades of codified detachment. He had seen them before in pictures and videos. But much like the beaches and antique automobiles of Mr. Ruiz's tales, they existed

largely as mental images, almost like figments of his imagination.

Earlier this year, thanks to the sport he loves, Nehemiah finally got the opportunity to connect with the family he loved but never truly knew.

In May, the 15-year-old Brookline resident traveled to Havana with fellow Pittsburgh amateur boxers to train with and

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### STEELERS WHEELS

Steelers receiver Antonio Brown makes a flashy first impression at training camp at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, stepping out of his custom Rolls-Royce. **Camp coverage in Sports, C-1**

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