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Aspen has 153 new acres of terrain, an expansion that’s been a long time coming. But the Colorado enclave also draws museumgoers, gourmands and influencers.

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BREAKING NEWS AT CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM



What lies ahead for O’Neill Burke?

How state’s attorney nominee narrowly won, and what it could mean

By A.D. Quig and Madeline Buckley
Chicago Tribune

After days of uncertainty, Eileen O’Neill Burke emerged as the choice of voters to be the Democratic nominee for Cook County state’s attorney, with the former prosecutor turned defense lawyer, circuit court judge and appellate judge squeaking out a win by less than 1,600 votes.

O’Neill Burke bested Clayton Harris III, a former prosecutor himself who wound through City Hall and state government, academia and corporate lobbying. She will now face Republican Bob Fioretti in the November general election.

While any Republican is perceived as a long shot to win the post, whichever candidate comes out ahead is poised to transition the state’s attorney’s office into a new era after a period of unprecedented — and sometimes contentious — reforms implemented by outgoing top prosecutor Kim Foxx.

Should O’Neill Burke ultimately win, she would quickly face formulating her own reform agenda, making cases to tamp down Chicago’s persistent gun violence, and running an office struggling with morale issues.

“As much as numbers have gone down, the amount of street crime is extraordinarily high and has a tremendous impact on the community,” said Richard Kling, a clinical professor of law at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Based on the final hair-splitting results — which included 10 days of ballot counting following the March 19 primary — Democratic voters appeared evenly divided on whether more strident prosecutions or prioritization of diversion and prosecutorial discretion were the solution, said Jeremy Custer, the political director for Operating Engineers Local 150, which supported O’Neill Burke.

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‘America is watching’

As NCAA women’s basketball tournament breaks records, Chicago coaches, fans excited

By Rebecca Johnson | Chicago Tribune

DePaul University’s women’s basketball team started out its season playing Iowa in front of a record-breaking crowd for the sport — 55,646 fans.

DePaul head coach Doug Bruno recalls the bus ride to the outdoor game at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City and watching fans excitedly tailgating outside the football stadium before tipoff.

At that game in October, Bruno saw firsthand what he labeled the “catalyst” for the explosion in popularity of women’s basketball — the “Caitlin Clark effect.”

The Iowa superstar — and the national Player of the Year — was a main topic of interest this season, but other superb players, along with great games and intriguing storylines, put the sport in a brighter spotlight.

“I’m just so excited for the game of women’s basketball — that America is watching,” he said.

Millions across the country tuned in Friday night for the NCAA women’s basketball Final Four in Cleveland, featuring Iowa’s narrow 71-69 victory against UConn and South Carolina’s 78-59 defeat over North Carolina State. The championship game will air Sunday

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Above: Iowa fans Dani Pillman, center left, and Hannah Ludwig cheer as Iowa surges late in the second half of their women’s Final Four game against UConn on Friday. Fans took in the game at Whiskey Girl Tavern on North Clark Street in Chicago’s Edgewater neighborhood. Iowa beat UConn 71-69 to advance to Sunday’s championship game against South Carolina. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE

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Iowa looks to end South Carolina’s run

South Carolina hopes to finish a perfect season with the program’s third NCAA title. Standing in the way is Caitlin Clark and Iowa. On the men’s side, Purdue and UConn will play for the national championship on Monday. Coverage in Chicago Sports

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Dissecting, discussing shot technique

Mr. Big Shot: Connor Bedard’s signature delivery for the Blackhawks “comes off like a BB, a rocket.” Chicago Sports

The last abortion clinic in Missouri

Read an excerpt of Tribune reporter Angie Leventis Lourgos’ new book “Life-Altering: Abortion Stories from the Midwest.” Opinion, Page 16

Police district councils face discord 1 year in

Success hard to gauge amid slow steps toward community oversight

By Caroline Kubzansky
Chicago Tribune

Things had been tense on the Wentworth Police District Council for a while by the time Ephraim Lee walked out of the group’s December meeting.

He apologized to the room for the council’s dysfunction and said: “If you want to see this (unprofessionalism), then you can just go down to City Hall.” Then he left.

Lee had only served on the brand-new civilian council for the 2nd Police District for seven months, which was meant to represent the civilian voices of Hyde Park and Kenwood residents in the affairs of the Chicago Police Department. But rifts

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Erin Vogel, 9th Police District Council member, center, prepares for the council’s monthly meeting at the McKinley Park field house in Chicago on March 27. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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