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ELECTION 2024 COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

O'Neill Burke claims victory

Harris concedes razor-thin margin as returns have been dwindling all week

By A.D. Quig and Claire Malon
Chicago Tribune

Ten days after voters went to the polls in the Democratic primary for Cook County state's attorney, former Appellate Judge Eileen O'Neill Burke

secured the nomination over opponent Clayton Harris III.

With a rapidly dwindling number of votes remaining to be tallied after tens of thousands of mail-in and provisional ballots were counted in Chicago and Cook County suburbs since

Election Day, O'Neill Burke declared victory Friday evening with 50.15% of the vote. After Harris initially balked at conceding defeat, the university lecturer and former government official called O'Neill Burke to acknowledge the loss. The Associated Press also called

the race for O'Neill Burke. "It was worth the wait," O'Neill Burke said in a campaign release. "I'd like to congratulate Clayton Harris on a hard-fought campaign. While we may have had our differences in this election,

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Cook County state's attorney candidate Eileen O'Neill Burke and her husband, John Burke, appear at her election night headquarters on March 19. She declared victory in the Democratic primary Friday. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Large crane arrives near site

More hoists, barges to assist complex salvage operation

By Lea Skene and Brian Witte
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A crane that can lift 1,000 tons, described as one of the largest on the Eastern Seaboard, appeared near the site of a collapsed highway bridge in Baltimore as crews prepared Friday to begin clearing wreckage that has stymied the search for four workers missing and presumed dead and blocked ships from entering or leaving the city's vital port.

Maryland Gov. Wes Moore called the Francis Scott Key Bridge's collapse following a freighter collision an "economic catastrophe" and described the challenges ahead for recovering the workers' bodies and clearing tons of debris to reopen the Port of Baltimore.

"What we're talking about today is not just about Maryland's economy; this is about the nation's economy," Moore said at a news conference, the massive crane standing in the background. "The port handles more cars and more farm equipment than any other port in this country."

Moore went to the scene Friday and said he saw shipping containers ripped apart "like papier-mache." The broken pieces of the bridge weigh as much as

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In honor of Good Friday

Above: Jesus, played by Tony Diaz, carries a cross down 18th Street followed by hundreds of people in a Good Friday Via Crucis procession in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood on Friday.

Right: People watch as Jesus is put on a cross during the Good Friday Via Crucis procession in Pilsen.

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Under new leader, DCFS seeks fresh batch of workers

Agency has been target of criticism in recent years

By Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

Kristina Permitin traveled 90 miles from Roscoe, Illinois, to a job fair in a spacious basketball gymnasium on Chicago's West Side to see what working at the state's child welfare agency was all about.

Having studied health sciences at Northern Illinois University, she said she's willing to merely get her foot in the door at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, perhaps starting with an office job to work her way up to possibly investigating cases of kids being abused or neglected.

"I know there's a lot of



Illinois Department of Children and Family Services recruiter Stanisha Lang talks with job seeker Angela Zambrano at a job fair at the Rusu-McCartin Boys & Girls Club in Chicago on Friday. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

problems in our society and not only with children, but in general," Permitin said. "And I feel like I have this ... energy and knowledge to help them to solve their problems."

Permitin was among a

couple of hundred people who attended the employment expo at the Rusu-McCartin Boys & Girls Club to check out opportunities from DCFS and other

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Reporter held for year in Russia

Parents of Evan Gershkovich say "every day is hard" since the foreign correspondent for The Wall Street Journal was detained a year ago under suspicion of being a spy for the U.S. government while on assignment in Russia. **Nation & World**

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