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On Roe anniversary, sides hold firm

Two activist families fight contrasting abortion battles in Illinois and Indiana

By Angie Leventis Lourgos
Chicago Tribune

Every day, 19-year-old Hope Miller prays for an end to abortion. The young woman from north suburban Hawthorn Woods was elated in June 2022 when the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v.

Wade, the landmark Jan. 22, 1973, ruling that had guaranteed the right to terminate a pregnancy nationwide for nearly a half-century. Yet as the anniversary of the now-defunct decision approaches, Miller is thinking bigger. "We want abortion gone

completely," said the College of Lake County student. "We want it illegal across the nation." Miller is a third-generation anti-abortion activist, the granddaughter of the late Joseph Scheidler, who founded the Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League and was widely known across the country as the "godfather of pro-life activism." The teen is now carrying on his legacy through her own work opposing abor-

tion in Illinois, a longtime stronghold for reproductive rights in the Midwest. Just over the state line in northwest Indiana, another family is fighting a diametrically opposite battle to restore reproductive freedoms in a part of the country where they've recently been stripped. For years, Julie Storbeck and a small group of protesters have gathered every Tuesday at the Porter County Courthouse to rally

in support of abortion rights. She is president of the Indiana National Organization for Women, a pro-reproductive rights group that has condemned the state's near-total abortion ban, which went into effect in August. Her daughter Hannah Trueblood, 29, has also taken up the cause of reproductive justice, often demonstrating against abortion

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The sun rises Tuesday over the steaming, frigid waters of Lake Michigan at Montrose Beach in Chicago. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

DRAMATIC EFFECTS

How this cold snap has Lake Michigan steaming one day and covered in a thin sheet of ice the next

By Adriana Pérez
Chicago Tribune

As Chicagoans cozied up inside to avoid the bitter cold, puffs of vapor settled over the surface of Lake Michigan, making it look like a steamy cauldron of soup. Days later, the sun poked out, illuminating a thin, sparkling layer of ice along the shoreline. A historically warm start to winter followed by a plunge in temperatures last week likely created this curious phenomenon, then rapid transformation. "We went from such a warm December to extreme cold," Illinois State Climatologist Trent Ford said. "The lake is still responding to December; it hasn't caught up yet with January, so its temperatures are

UPCOMING FORECAST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 21 Low 19	High 34 Low 30	High 38 Low 32

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INSIDE: Parts of northwest Indiana saw a record 21 inches of snow due to an intense lake effect storm late Friday, while Chicago's weather remained frigid on Saturday. Chicagoland, Page 6

still above normal. It's a pretty warm lake reacting to some very cold air, and that's really why we're seeing this dramatic effect." The first 43 days of meteorological winter from Dec. 1 to Jan. 12 were the third warmest in Chicago after 1890 and 1878. That mild stint fittingly capped 2023, which experts say was the world's hottest year. "This has been an unusual winter. It was record warmth for much of the northern part of the country in December," said Steve Vavrus, a senior scientist at the Nelson Institute Center for Climatic Research at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. "January started off pretty warm too until last week, and

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Naranjo freed after serving half of a 40-year sentence

Critics say his case shows what's wrong with felony murder law

By Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

In 2002, Edgar Naranjo was a 26-year-old drug addict desperate for money. He hatched a plan to rob a flea market vendor he figured had a large supply of cologne he could unload for cash. His haphazard scheme went badly awry. After Naranjo and a teenage accomplice broke into their target's Northwest Side

home, the vendor's son, a Chicago police officer, shot and killed the younger intruder and wounded Naranjo, who was later arrested after seeking treatment. For his role in the home invasion, Naranjo wound up with a 40-year prison sentence under Illinois' felony murder rule, a controversial law that allows murder charges to be filed against a person committing certain felonies if someone is killed during the commission of those crimes. But Naranjo caught a break. Halfway into his lengthy prison

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Edgar Naranjo stands outside the home in Chicago where he lives with his family on Jan. 12. Naranjo was granted clemency last year by Gov. J.B. Pritzker after serving roughly half of a 40-year sentence. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO SPORTS

Options may be limited for Bulls

The team's core could be on its last legs with the NBA trade deadline approaching, writes the Tribune's Paul Sullivan. ■ DeMar DeRozan is adapting to fit the Bulls' needs — even if it results in lower scoring.

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