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Returning to White House, former president may tap old friends, new backers for key roles in DC

By **Michelle L. Price and Alex Connor**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump will return to the White House accompanied by a crew of longtime friends and aides as well as newfound, splashy allies. The Republican president-elect has barely begun naming key figures in his administration, but he has kept a rotation of associates

with him on and off the campaign trail in recent weeks. Here's a look at some key figures in Trump's orbit as he prepares to again occupy the White House.

Susie Wiles

For the second time, Trump has won the White House with a woman steering his campaign. Wiles, who joined his 2024 effort early, served in effect as his campaign manager and was named

Thursday as his new chief of staff. She has been credited with being a steadfast and quiet power behind Trump's third White House campaign, running a largely disciplined and ultimately winning operation.

Wiles is a longtime Florida-based Republican strategist who ran Trump's campaign in the state in 2016 and 2020.

Before that, she ran Rick Scott's 2010 campaign for Florida governor and briefly served as the manager of former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman's 2012 presidential campaign.

Lara Trump

In business and in government, Trump has always kept relatives in key roles. If physical proximity is any sign of power, it's worth noting that the person standing to Trump's right at his victory party was Lara Trump.

She is married to the former president's middle son, Eric, and since the spring has been her father-in-law's handpicked choice to serve as co-chair of the Republican National Committee.

At the RNC, she's been a

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Illinois families adopt and train 59 miniature horses dauntingly rescued from 'gut-wrenching' hoarding situation on a farm in southern part of the state



HAPPY NEIGHS ARE HERE AGAIN

By **Rebecca Johnson**
Chicago Tribune

Maggie Fischer leads her brown miniature horse Eve out of her pasture and begins her training with a walk through her backyard in Sycamore in DeKalb County. The horse, known for her voluminous mane that reminds her owners of Tina Turner, shoves as many fallen leaves in her mouth as she can fit. Moving at a slow walk at first, she eventually speeds up to a trot.

The "loving on her" portion of Eve's training comes next. Fischer, 16, pets the horse, including on her sensitive areas such as belly and hooves. She also loosely wraps a rope around Eve, who twists around to escape, called an "unraveling trick."

Maggie Fischer runs with her miniature horse, Eve, on their farm in Sycamore on Thursday. Fischer is training Eve and helping to socialize her. Eve was one of 59 horses rescued from a hoarding situation in downstate Illinois. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

These seemingly simple tasks are important for Fischer to bond with Eve, and help the horse readily accept new people and new environments. Eve was one of 59 mini horses the Woodstock-based Hooved Animal Humane Society rescued in August from a farm in southern Illinois. In what the nonprofit called a "truly awful" and "gut-wrenching" hoarding situation, the horses didn't have access to a clean water source or vet care. Most had never been touched by humans.

About two months later, most of the horses have been welcomed into new families who are patiently teaching them that humans aren't a threat.

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Judge rejects Illinois' gun ban

Decision appealed quickly by state AG

By **Jeremy Gorner**
Chicago Tribune

A downstate federal judge on Friday ruled that Illinois' sweeping gun ban is unconstitutional and can no longer be enforced after 30 days.

The ruling comes nearly two years after the ban on certain high-powered guns and high-capacity magazines was signed into law by Gov. JB Pritzker in the wake of a fatal mass shooting during the 2022 Fourth of July Parade in Highland Park.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul immediately appealed the decision from U.S. District Judge Stephen McGlynn, who was appointed to the bench in 2020 by then-President Donald Trump.

McGlynn cited several U.S. Supreme Court rulings in his decision, which said the ban unconstitutionally deprives law-abiding citizens of their right to arm themselves with "weapons that are in common use" for protection.

"While the Court is sympathetic to those who have lost loved ones to gun violence, such tragedies are not an excuse to restrict the rights guaranteed to the Illinois public by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution," McGlynn wrote in his 168-page decision. "Regardless of state governments' desire to restrict law-abiding citizens' Second Amendment rights under the guise of crime control, the Second Amendment conclusively protects law-abiding citizens' right to defend themselves utilizing weapons that are in common use."

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Suburban men charged in Capitol riot

By **Jason Meisner**
Chicago Tribune

Two suburban men, one a retired professional boxer and another a convicted burglar, have been hit with federal charges alleging they stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and scuffled with police while chanting "Whose House? Our House!"

The charges against Michael Mollo Jr., 44, and Emil Kozeluh, 41, are the first Chicago-area cases to be brought involving the events at the Capitol since the election earlier this week of Donald Trump, who repeatedly said on the

campaign trail he'd consider issuing pardons if he returned to the White House.

Mollo, of Oak Lawn, and Kozeluh, of Palos Heights, were each charged in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., with felony counts of disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, as well as a host of misdemeanor charges, including civil disorder and unlawful demonstration, records show.

The complaint is dated Nov. 5 — the day of the presidential election.

Kozeluh was arrested by the FBI early Friday and appeared before

a magistrate judge at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, where he was ordered released on bond.

It was unclear from court records whether Mollo had been arrested as of Friday afternoon.

Kozeluh's attorney Steve Greenberg, told the Tribune Friday that his client was "a peaceful protester that day."

"He should not be prosecuted just because he was there, which appears to be the case," Greenberg said. "In this country, you should be allowed to support whomever you want and protest wherever

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Michael Mollo Jr., a retired professional boxer, is one of two suburban men newly accused of storming the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021. **LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE 2013**

